



Lift Lines

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Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208



Upcoming events & trips

November is our usual time to renew your club membership and sign up for trips. You can do it at one of these two places:

Nov. 4 - 6: At our booth at the **SkiFever & Snowboard Show**

Nov. 7: Mt. High annual **Kickoff party**

WINTER TRIPS. The **Mystery trip** (Jan. 19-22) is almost full. The **Powder Alliance trip** (Feb. 25 - March 4) is full, but we started a waiting list in case of cancellations. So, don't wait till November. Sign up now.

The **Leavenworth trip** (March 17-19) still has plenty of space, but this trip has usually filled up completely in past years.

The multi-club **Salt Lake City, Utah trip** has plenty of room too, unless the hotel fills up. You need to plan for your own transportation.



Oct. 29: Mt. High Highway cleanup



Oct. 29: History of Skiing



Nov. 4-6: SkiFever Show, Expo Ctr.



Nov. 7: Mt. High Kickoff party



Nov. 12-13: Ski Swap - Grant/Cleveland



Dec. 14: PACRAT bib pickup day

To Do List

- * Renew your club membership
- * Sign up for a trip or two
- * Join a PACRAT race team
- * Buy a Snopark permit
- * Buy a Season pass or 5 or 10 day
- * Vote in November
- * Join us on the slopes in December
- * See upcoming events, pages 4 - 5.

Note the color code.
Our club is blue.

2016 CALENDAR

Blue: Mountain High events
Red: NWSCC / FWSA / Multi-club
Black: General events

OCTOBER

Oct. 29 (Sat.): Mt. High Highway Cleanup
Oct. 29 (Sat.): History of Skiing Mt. Hood Museum

NOVEMBER

Nov. 4-6: Portland Ski Fever Show
Nov. 7 (Mon.): Mt. High Kickoff Party
Nov. 11-13: Ski Swap Grant/Cleveland High
Nov. 28 (Mon): Mt. High Board meeting

DECEMBER

NWSCC meeting and
Dec. 14 (Wed): PACRAT bib pickup day

2017

JANUARY

Jan. 19-22: Mystery trip
Jan. 28 - Feb. 4: FWSA Ski Week - Breckenridge

FEBRUARY

Feb. 12-18: Utah trip - Salt Lake City
Feb. 19 - 25: Whistler/Blackcomb trip
Feb. 25- Mar. 4: Powder Alliance trip
- Whitewater, BC + Schweitzer Mt., ID

MARCH

Mar. 12-19: FWSA European ski week
Mar. 17-19: Leavenworth trip

From the Prez



The weekend of November 4-6, all NWSCC clubs have been invited to set up a booth at the *Portland Ski Fever and Snowboard Show*. In lieu of the Council holding the Ski Fair this year, we'll have the opportunity to showcase and promote our individual clubs throughout this weekend.

Our **Membership Kick-Off Party** will be held on November 7. We've invited several of those partners to attend our Kick Off party, and speak about their individual resorts. We've received commitments from *Tanis Black*, of *Silver Star Mountain Resort*, and *Alyssa Cartmill* from *Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation*. We may also see *Schweitzer* and *Brundage Mountain Resort* Representatives.

We will have a table set up for them to display their brochures, and talk with people throughout the evening.

Our charity for this year, again, will be **Sleep County Foster Kids Program**. We had an overwhelming outpouring from our members in 2014 with gently used outdoor clothing. We'd like to bump this up a bit and ask you to not only donate coats/jackets, but also those no-longer-worn hats, gloves, scarves, and any other winter clothing taking up space. All will be appreciated!

The other thing that we will be collecting, for the **VFW**, will be Travel-Sized soaps, shampoos, lotions, etc. The lodge will, in turn, take these items to the Veterans Hospital. Let's show that wonderful generosity, and bring your items to this year's Kick Off party!

Debbi

Seafood Party

Oct. 8 (Sat.) 6:30 pm.

We had a great Seafood Social. Fifty of our members turned out for baked halibut, halibut enchiladas, baked salmon and so many other yummy dishes brought by other club members. The event was organized at the Senior Center in Wilsonville, Oregon. We had a very pleasant, relaxed evening.



Photo by Emilio Trampuz



Photo by John Davis

See many more photos at www.mthigh.org/Photos.htm.

Columbia River Gorge bike ride

October 9. Sunday. 10 am.

Eight intrepid members showed up despite the rain that pounded Portland on this day. Fortunately, by the time we drove past Hood River, the rain began to taper off. At The Dalles, the riverfront trail was almost completely dry during our whole ride.

We were glad we came, because it turned out to be a great day. We had several things on our agenda:

1. A 12-mile round trip from The Dalles to the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center.
2. See some of the famous historical murals.
3. Have lunch at the Baldwin Saloon. It was closed, so we ate at the "Petite Provence" restaurant.
4. Do a short hike to the Mosier Falls swimming hole. Skipped it because of rain there.
5. Bike the Twin Tunnels trail from Mosier to Hood River. We skipped it because of the rain.

The Dalles was mostly dry, and the temperature was pleasant, around 69°F. Everyone had a good time. We saw lots of history in and around The Dalles!



See many more photos at www.mthigh.org/Photos.htm.

NWSCC / PACRAT 101 Meeting at EVO

October 13. Thursday. 6:00 - 8:30 pm..

The combined NW Ski Club Council and PACRAT Racers' meeting was held at the EVO sports store at 200 SE MLK Blvd. in Portland.

The NWSCC unveiled its new web site. It has the same address as before, but brand new content in a brand new format. See it at: <http://nwskiers.org/>.

Participants were mostly familiar faces, but there were a few new people who joined a club and/or signed up for recreational PACRAT racing.

Sylvia Kearns, NWSCC President, talked about the NWSCC activities and news.

Andy Hobart and Amanda Moran talked about PACRAT racing.

Doug Fish talked about the upcoming Snowvana event. Emilio Trampuz spoke about the SkiFever Show.

Lots of valuable door prizes were given out, and Ryan Roper's name was drawn as the winner of the Mt. Hood Meadows season pass. It was quite an evening!



MOUNTAIN HIGH

Upcoming Events

SNOWSPORT CLUB

Mt. High

Highway Cleanup

Oct. 29 (Sat.). This was originally scheduled for October 15, but was postponed due to stormy weather.

We'll meet at **10 am** in Skibowl's parking lot, and spend about 2 hours removing stuff people throw out along the highway. Let's see who will find the most interesting object! Bring some gloves. We will provide garbage bags and garbage pickers.

At **noon**, lunch will be provided for all who participate in the cleanup. Most likely at the Ice Axe brew pub or at The Taco Shoppe in Government Camp.

Please RSVP by contacting **Debbi Kor**, 503-314-7078 or ijustwannarun1@comcast.net



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Mt. High Cookbook



Please contribute a recipe for our club's cookbook.

Please send your contributions to **Debbi Kor**,
ijustwannarun1@comcast.net

History Happy Hour

DATE: Oct. 29 (Saturday)

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: Mt. Hood Museum
Government Camp
503-272-3301



TOPIC: History of Skiing

Ski Historian and author **E. John B. Allen** is the featured speaker. Did you know skis are older than the wheel? Allen will share the history of skiing around the world and in America from ancient times to the 1940s.

See the event's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/247696782294651/>

Social History Happy Hour events take place the last Saturday of the month at the museum. Each session will feature local beers and wine for purchase. There is a \$5 admission.

Ski Swaps

1. **Ski Swap at the SkiFever & Snowboard Show** at the Expo Center, November 4-6.
2. **Grant/Cleveland High School Ski Swap**, November 11-13.

See our club's web site for more info. Also, you can bring some of your stuff to sell at our annual **Kickoff party** (Nov. 7), but remember that this is an informal, unsupervised swap.

Mt. High

Ski Hosting Another Club

Good karma!



February 8, 2017 (Wednesday). How would you like to be a ski host for a day? Or how about earning some good karma? Here's your chance!

Let's help the **Sanctuary Ski Club** from Chicago, IL. They will be visiting Oregon for 5 days, February 7 - 12. They could use our help on **Feb. 8**.

Their trip leader is our very own **Debbie Geiger**, who lived in Illinois for several years but is now back in Oregon. She wants to show her ski buddies what it's like to ski on Mt. Hood. They will ski Timberline, Meadows, and Skibowl. They'll be staying at the Best Western in Government Camp.

Let's go skiing with them on their first day in Oregon, Wednesday, Feb. 8. Let's show them our favorite spots at Timberline. Debbie says she would like to see us join them on the mountain.

Now, here's the good karma part. They are finding it difficult or impossible to find transportation from Govy to Timberline. So, if you are coming to ski with them, can you also stop in Govy to help transport them up?

Emilio is helping to organize the carpooling. Contact Emilio at Emilio2000@earthlink.net, 503-378-0171, or Debbie Geiger at: Debinhp@gmail.com, 971-716-9949. So far, we have 3 volunteers. We need 7 or 8.

Mt. High booth at the Portland SkiFever & Snowboard Show

Nov. 4 - 6, 2016 (Fri - Sun.)

The **Northwest Ski Club Council** and **SkiFever & Snowboard Show** have joined forces to kick off the winter ski season.

Our club, just like all the other NWSCC ski clubs, will have a 10 x 10 display space at the Show. It will be our home for 3 days of SkiFever, November 4 – 6, 2016 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) at the Portland Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Dr., Portland, OR.

You can come to our booth and **renew your club membership, sign up for trips, and find out more about our club.** Pay by check, not cash.

Volunteers who want to help staff our booth, please contact **Karen Michels**, skiklynn@gmail.com or 503-984-9210. Tell her which day and what time of day works for you.

SkiFever packs the entire ski & snowboard universe all under one roof™. With 108,000 square feet of exhibition space, SkiFever provides live acts, interactive

exhibits and ongoing giveaways that provide visitors with non-stop entertainment. Enjoy the new **SkiFever BrewFest**, with beer from Deschutes Brewery, **Oregon WineFest**, and regional spirits.

Save big. Up to 70% off on top brand gear, clothing and accessories!



Dream. Check out resorts for winter destination vacations to get discount travel and lift packages!

Taste. Walk and shop through the new SkiFever BrewFest, and Oregon WineFest, and regional spirits!

Thrill. Watch past and future Olympic and X-Game medal winners perform tricks and stunts on the Les Schwab Main Stage and Hillcrest Sports Rail Jam!

Party. Throw your hands in the air at the SkiFever Pray For Snow Party with Government Camp's favorite band, Phamous Phases. Enjoy Free Beer & Pizza while it lasts and the best live music!

Mt. High

Mt. High Kickoff Party + Mini Ski Swap

November 7 (Monday), 6:30 - 9:00 pm.

Our biggest party of the year, marking the start of a new ski season. Come enjoy the following:

- * Free food, and door prizes. Lots of good swag.
- * **BYOB.** The place has some rules about alcohol needed to be poured by a bartender, but they don't have one, so our very own Terry White will fill in.
- * Meet your fellow club members.
- * Renew your membership (\$25 singles; \$40 couples)
- * Sign up for trips. (They are all fun!)
- * Join a PACRAT racing team (It's fun.).
- * Bring a friend.
- * Bring something to sell or swap. But please be there

to sell it yourself. This is not an organized ski swap. We don't have anyone to watch over the stuff.

Location: VFW - Veterans of Foreign Wars, 104 S Tumwater, Oregon City 97045 See [MAP](#).

More info on our web site: www.mthigh.org/#Kickoff_Party

NOTE: Even though this is only the beginning of the season, this event is actually the last opportunity to pick up a trip flyer and sign up for the trip in person. Try to decide on a trip or two by this night.





Speed Racers Corner

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PACRAT News

Pacific NW Area Clubs Recreational Alpine Teams



Alan Bean
Mt. High Racing Director

Happy October race fans.

November is barreling in, so time to get signed up and ready to fly....or just finish ahead of your last race, or your peers; lots of ways to score for your team in this league one week or another.

Old and new captains along with myself will be contacting both old and new riders via e-mail or phone in the near future to chat, confirm your interest, and get your signatures and info and remind you to mail the check in or drop it off at Ski

Fever or the kick off party.

We are working towards e-signatures for PACRAT docs currently but a couple more approvals to go, so stayed tuned. In any event, feel free to contact me to discuss or express interest in finding a team to race on or just to let me know you're hoping to form a team.

The PACRAT schedule and other opportunities to train (open NASTAR races) or compete (Masters races) are listed here; but do look for updates on the PACRAT.org website as Meadows dates are in the pending approval stamp process.

Don't count yourself out of this **great social activity** we call PACRAT Racing just because you have never ran a recreational race course. Our highest scoring racers every year are those that have never raced before. Racing is easy, is set on moderate slopes, and at natural turning radius of about 18 meters.

We are especially interested in reaching out to **snowboarders** looking for a new challenge and we hope to find a couple of well connected boarders to help form majority snowboarder teams; all Mt High teams are co-ed and consist of 10 riders (I should mention that snowboarders get an automatic 15% reduction of time to even the playing field.)

I see my primary job duties here as facilitating forming new teams and helping complete existing teams. There are always teams in desperate need of new racers and we have all flavors of teams, so drop me a note and let me know what's on your mind at Racing@Mthigh.org.

Go Speed Racer Go !!

Alan

2017 race dates

Jan. 8: NASTAR Open race #1 - Skibowl

Jan. 22: PACRAT Race 1 - Skibowl

Jan. 29: PACRAT Race 2 - Meadows (?)

Feb. 19: PACRAT Race 3 - Skibowl

Feb. 26: NASTAR Open race #2 - Skibowl

Mar. 4-5: Masters races - Skibowl

Mar. 19: PACRAT Race 4 - Meadows (?)

Mar. 26: PACRAT Race 5 - Timberline

Apr. 2: PACRAT Makeup race - Timberline

Apr. 9: PACRAT Alt. Makeup / Fun race - Timberline

Apr. 14: PACRAT Rat Attack awards dinner (?)

NOTE: A question mark means the date is still unconfirmed.

For more info, see the PACRATS web site: www.pacrats.org, or our RACING EVENTS page: www.mthigh.org/Racing_Events.htm

PACRAT Racing fee

The annual racing fee has increased this year to **\$110** per person. That covers the whole season of racing.

It includes 5 races and 5 parties, discounted lift tickets for racers, and the opportunity to win door prizes.

PACRAT and NASTAR Races

PACRAT races require that you join a 10-person team and commit for the winter season. It costs \$110 and it includes 5 races, 5 parties with food and drinks, plus an end of season awards dinner.

NASTAR races are open to all. Anyone can simply show up and try it. See how it feels. It costs \$10 for 2 runs, or \$20 for unlimited runs.

Mt.High Oregon's Small Gems

Any ski hill can be fun, especially when the snow is good and there is a layer of fresh powder on top. On such a day, even the smallest ski area can be a lot of fun.

If you are an advanced powder skier, don't smirk at the smaller slopes. Consider that there will probably not be any other advanced powder skiers there. That means you'll have all the fresh powder to yourself.

Smaller ski areas are often produce future Olympic skiers. **Bode Miller** grew up skiing on Cannon Mountain ski area in New Hampshire. **Phil and Steve Mahre** learned to race at White Pass, WA. **Lindsey Vonn** and **Kristina Koznik** both learned to ski and race at Buck Hill, Minnesota, which has a total of 310' vertical.

So, let's not ignore the smaller ski hills. Let's support them. Besides, if there were no smaller ski areas, we'd all be paying **\$149** lift tickets. That's the current lift ticket price at Vail, Colorado.

If you would like to explore local small gems in Oregon, even some you have never heard of before, contact **Emilio** at Emilio2000@earthlink.net, 503-378-0171.

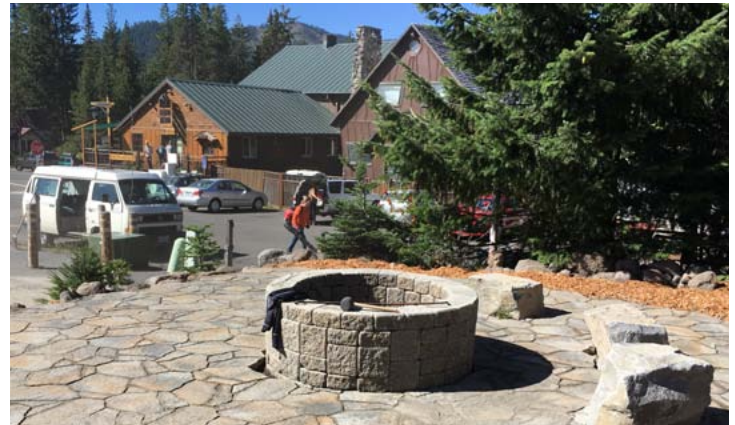
New Firepit at Cascade Lodge

Cascade Lodge in Government Camp has a new firepit in front of the lodge. It was built in memory of its manager, **Joe Schuberg**, who passed away earlier this year.

Our very own Mountain High club member **Jackie Lane** was the lead designer builder.

That's **Lee Perry's** van in the background. He was the bringer of needed tools: floats, trowels, buckets and a sponge and a wheel barrel!

Thanks to **Jon Waldum** for this news update.



Highway 26 Improvements are Completed

After 3 years of rock blasting, earth moving, and traffic delays west of Government Camp, we can finally see the results. So much work, so much effort, plus \$25 million spent, and there are very few visible results.

WIDTH. The highway is not really any wider than it used to be, except for a bit of extra room for the concrete median. There are no additional lanes of traffic. There was some talk of a bicycle lane, but it appears that a single bicycle lane is now in place only for about a mile from the Mirror Lake trail-head to Government Camp. There is no bike lane through the curves. The only thing obviously wider is the highway's shoulder and drainage.

SAFETY. The road is now somewhat safer due to the concrete median in the curves. Also, the rock walls are a little farther from the road, making it less likely that rocks might fall on the roadway. That is really the only improvement. But we paid for it with further destruction of remnants of the old Mt. Hood highway.



THE MEDIAN prevents collisions, but it creates its own problems. There is now no access to the Mirror Lake trail-head from the east (from Government Camp), and leaving the trail-head, you have to drive to Skibowl before you can turn back toward Portland. Access to Laurel Hill is now even harder than before.

TRAFFIC FLOW has not been improved. We will still have the same traffic jams after a day on the slopes. The road still narrows down to one lane in the same places.

Renew your membership



It's time to renew your club membership. Our membership year starts October 1st and runs till the end of September of the following year.

Annual membership is \$25 for individuals or \$40 per couple.

Please renew in one of 3 ways:

1. **By mail:** Send your check and the Dough Transmittal form to: Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208.
2. At our annual **Kickoff Party**, Nov. 7, 6:30 - 9:00 pm at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building, 104 S Tumwater, Oregon City 97045.

Let's ski together!

Let's connect and ski together. Use the following tools.

- a) **Forums.** These are actually Google Groups incorporated into our web site. Just go to www.mthigh.org and click on either the All-club Forum or the Mid-Week Forum. Click on "Join this group" and participate in the chat.
- b) **Emails.** Watch for announcements for days when at least some of us plan to go skiing / riding. Organize an outing yourself and announce it by emailing the club at info@mthigh.org. We'll pass the word on.
- c) **Meet us in Sandy** on the days we pre-announce. If you miss us there, try to connect with us on the slopes by tuning your **2-way radio** to channel **6-19**.

TRIPS web page

Yes, a **day trip** to Mt. Hood is also a trip, so check out the **TRIPS** page on our web site, and look for announcements about either mid-week or weekend trips to Mt. Hood. Then join us on the slopes on the pre-announced days.

Facebook Page



Our club's **Facebook** page is another way for our members to communicate with each other, in addition to emails, our web site, Bulletin Board, and our two Forums.

Check out the Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1528330064067232/>

Join this Facebook group and post your thoughts and photos there!



Mt. High Forum(s)

Use our club's Forum to:

- Make announcements;
- Ask questions;
- Find buddies to ski with;
- Discuss gear & other issues.
- You can also post a photo!

Join in the fun. Check it out by going to www.mthigh.org, and clicking on the **Forum** button. Or, just click on the word **Forum** here.

If you are new to the Forum, you can view all the messages, but if you want to post your own, please click on "**Join this Group**" in the upper right of the Forum page.

Note that we have a separate forum for mid-week skiers.



If you plan on taking a ski trip to Canada, make sure your passport will still be valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of your visit. Renew it now if necessary.

See: www.mthigh.org/Articles/Passports.htm

Thought of the Day

The more you participate in club activities, the more you will get out of it, the more people you will meet, the more fun you will have.



Mid-week skiers

Q How can I join the mid-week skiers?

A These are regular club members, just like you and me, who like to ski during the less crowded weekdays, especially when there is fresh powder.

The group was started by **Harry & Lisa Scribner**. Then **George Yun** took it over, and right now the man in charge is **Ken Brundige**, KenBrundidge@comcast.net



Ken Brundige
Mid-week skiing
coordinator

Email him your questions, but also join the **Mid-week Forum** and you will then receive email updates every time someone posts they are going skiing..

Mt. Hood Fusion Pass



With the Fusion Pass, you get 6 days of free skiing on our Powder Alliance trip. And one free day on the Leavenworth trip.

On top of that, you get unlimited skiing at both Timberline and Mt. Hood Skibowl, plus 3 free days at each of about a dozen other ski areas

You can buy your Fusion Pass online, starting at: www.mthoodfusionpass.com, but you will still need to eventually have your picture taken and pick up your pass at Timberline or Skibowl.

Since October 22, the early season adult price of \$499 has gone up to \$519. After November 12, the price will go up to \$699.

Whistler/Blackcomb trip

February 19-25, 2017. 6 nights lodging / 5 days, Breakfast lunch and dinner + lodging = \$350.

Cost= \$350 includes lodging, and daily breakfast, lunch and dinner. Everyone encouraged to cook a dinner and participate in cleanup.

Lodging at the Beautiful Alpine Lodge at Whistler. Look it up. Take the tour.

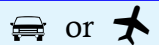
Transportation: Carpooling to Whistler. This is a trip to Canada. **A passport is required.**

Skiing: Buy your own Lift Tickets. Look on Line - Oct-Nov. To get the best prices, lift tickets should be purchase by Nov. 15.

There will be a pre-trip meeting in January at Bill Leeper's home. Contact **Bill Leeper**: 503-639-2603.

Bergfreunde + Mt. High

Salt Lake City, Utah trip



February 12 - 18, 2017 We will stay in Salt Lake City with free shuttles to all 4 nearby ski areas: Alta, Snowbird, Brighton, and Solitude.

This is kind of a do-it-yourself group trip, with unique flexibility. We have arranged for a special **\$106 per room/per night** rate (not per person) at the Crystal Inn in downtown Salt Lake City (breakfast included). You will

contact the hotel directly with our special code and book the room directly for the dates you want - providing them with your (and your roomie's) contact info, which they will forward to Bob Burns, Trip Captain.

The "official" trip is Sunday, February 12 to Saturday, February 18th, but the code is good for +/- 3 days from those dates. So, you can come in earlier, or later to hit the weekends. Stay for as little or as long as you want.

Downhill: The Ski City Super Pass is available for purchase at the hotel, from 3 to 10 days. It's good at Alta, Brighton, Snowbird or Solitude. The Pass covers transportation to and from the resorts on the UTA ski buses.

Cross-Country: The Solitude and Alta x-country areas are on the ski bus line. Fares vary from \$2.25 to \$4.50, depending on age. There are about 4 other areas, too. Special transportation from the hotel, or rental cars can be arranged, if needed.

Transportation: Chances are that most of us will fly in to Salt Lake and take the free hotel shuttle. If anyone decides to drive and needs a passenger, let Bob Burns know and he'll email blast it. Also, Bob will maintain a roommate wanted list. (Remember, the worst that happens is you have a single at \$106 per night.)

Pre-trip meeting: We'll have a pre-trip meeting in January to meet others on the trip, work out any problems and answer any questions you may have.

The hotel - Crystal Inn, 230 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. It is located in the center of dining and nightlife. It has an indoor pool and spa. To book your rooms at the Crystal Inn and Suites in downtown Salt Lake City, call 801-533-6221 and tell them you are with the NW Ski Club Council trip, Special Code: **NWS212**.

Rooms booked after January 12 are subject to availability.

Contact: Bob Burns, 503-524-5261, bob@inkjetman.com

More ski trips info at: www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm.

MOUNTAIN HIGH

Trips

SNOWSPORT CLUB

Mt. High and Ski Kats

Mystery trip



January 19 - 22, 2017. (Thursday - Sunday)

3 nights / 3 days skiing. -- Our first 3-day mystery trip!

2 days at Mystery location 1. + 1 day at Mystery location 2.

We'll stay in the same hotel all 3 nights. The hotel has a hot tub and indoor swimming pool. It also has free Wi-Fi and free breakfast. This will be a unique trip, shrouded in mystery. Let us take you some place fun for 3 days and nights! Experience something new.

Price: 1. With downhill lift tickets for 3 days: **\$475** per person.
2. With no lift tickets = **\$370**



Price includes all bus transportation, 3 nights lodging, and 3 lift tickets. Two lunches and one dinner are included. Depending on the number of people that sign up (the more the better), if we end up with any surplus, we will include another dinner.

See more details at: http://www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm#Mystery_trip

To reserve your spot: Please use the [Dough Transmittal form](#) on the Forms & Docs page on our web site and send in a deposit check of \$175 per person, preferably by November 15, 2016. Full payment due by December 15, 2016. No refunds after December 15. **As of the end of October 2016, this trip has only 4 spots left.** Contact trip leader: Emilio Trampuz, 503-378-0171, Emilio2000@earthlink.net

Mt. High, Ski Kats, & Bergfreunde

Powder Alliance trip



Schweitzer Mt.

February 25 - March 4, 2017 -- Saturday - Saturday.

We'll spend 3 days skiing at Whitewater (British Columbia), and then an additional 3 days at Schweitzer Mt., Idaho. Thanks to the [Powder Alliance](#) deal, anyone with a [Fusion Pass](#) (to Timberline/Skibowl) will ski for free on all 6 days.

Whitewater, BC is 15 minutes from the charming town of Nelson, where we will be staying. It gets an average annual snowfall of 40 feet. It has 2044 vertical feet, 1,200 acres, served by 3 lifts. There are also 15 km of groomed trails and 10 kilometers of snowshoe trails. **NOTE: Make sure your passport is valid at least 6 months beyond the date of the trip. If needed, renew it NOW.**

Schweitzer Mt., Idaho. offers 2,900 acres and 2,400 vertical feet, served by One high-speed six-pack; two high-speed quads; one triple chairlift; three double chairlifts; 1 T-Bar. It is famous for its powder skiing. This time we will stay in the nearby town of Sandpoint, at a Best Western hotel right next to Lake Pend Oreille.

Prices: 1. Adult full price = **\$1,133** 5. Adults with Fusion Pass = **\$765** <== recommended
2. Senior full price (65 to 74) = **\$1,086** 6. Seniors with Fusion Pass = **\$765** <== recommended
3. Super-Senior full price (75-79) = **\$949** 7. Base Price without any lift tickets = **\$765**
4. Nordic full price (all ages) = **\$825** 8. Free skiing is only for those 80 and over.

Price includes all bus transportation, 7 nights lodging, and 6 lift tickets, 2 lunches and a dinner.

As of the end of October, this trip is now full.

Full payment due by January 1, 2017. No refunds after January 1 unless you can fill your spot. See our Mt. High Trip Cancellation Policy Use our [Dough Transmittal Form](#) each time you make a payment.

More trip details at: http://www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm#Powder_Alliance_trip

Contact trip leader: Karen Michels, skiklynn@gmail.com, 503-984-9210

Mt. High

Leavenworth trip

**Mission Ridge + Stevens Pass****March 17-19, 2017 - 2 days/ 2 nights.**

Maximum 50 people on the bus; inquire about driving options if bus is full, if you want to bring your family, or if you are coming from another city. The bus trips are usually our club's best and most fun events. We will leave Friday at 3 pm, and return Sunday night by 9:00 -9:30 pm. We'll visit:

1. **Mission Ridge**. 2,250' vertical. 1 Express Quad, 3 Doubles. You can ski by a World War II bomber that crashed on the mountain. Get a 15% dining discount by showing your group lift ticket.

2. **Stevens Pass**, lots of tree skiing, front and back + lots of cruisers! 1,800' vertical on 3 sides of 2 different mountains, served by 3 Quads, 4 Triples, 3 Doubles. Note that if you buy a [Fusion Pass](#) this year, you will be able to use that pass for free skiing at Stevens Pass and your trip price will be reduced by \$37 (our very special group rate).

Lodging: We'll stay in the charming town of Leavenworth. We have booked almost the entire Obertal Inn, right in the middle of Leavenworth, just for us! A very nice "expanded continental breakfast" is included for everyone. The Obertal has expanded their breakfast room and their already excellent menu, now including an egg dish every day. Most rooms have 2 queen beds, though there are a few king rooms available. Full disclosure: the Obertal has 3 stories with no elevator. In addition, we have booked three 2 bedroom/2-1/2 bath fully equipped townhomes directly across the street.

The townhomes have one king master suite, one queen bedroom with bath in the hall, and a sleeper sofa downstairs with a half bath (that person has to shower upstairs). We can put 5 people in a townhome with one person on a sleeper at no additional pp cost (\$20 price reduction for the person sleeping on the sofa bed); for more privacy, if you want 4 in a townhome add \$30 pp for 4 people.

All people staying in townhomes have to agree to stay together; we will not assign people who don't know each other into that setting. There is an additional 3 bedroom/2 bath townhome a block away. Breakfasts will not be included for the people staying there.

Two dinners included! The club will provide a Bavarian Banquet Dinner at the Andreas Keller Restaurant in Leavenworth on Saturday night (drinks, appetizers, and alcoholic beverages on your own).

You will also get a buffet dinner at Old Country Buffet in Bellevue on the bus trip back home on Sunday night.

Price: (per pers.) includes: bus, 2 nights lodging, 2 dinners, depends on your age and if you have a Fusion Pass.

Standard Adult, PP/DO with 2 lift tickets \$360

Standard Adult, PP/DO with Fusion Pass (Stevens Pass free) \$323

Super Senior, 70+, PP/DO with 2 lift tickets \$310

Super Senior, 70+, PP/DO with Fusion Pass (Stevens Pass free) \$295

Non-skier on the bus, including meals \$280

Four people in a townhome instead of five (all 4 must agree) add \$30 pp.

If you are interested in driving over (i.e. if the bus is full, you want to bring your family, or you are coming from another city) contact Linda McGavin for special pricing

To reserve your spot: Please send in a deposit check of \$150 per person.

Full payment due by February 20, 2017. No refunds after February 20, unless you can fill your spot. See our Mt. High Trip Cancellation Policy

Please use the [Dough Transmittal form](#) on the Forms & Docs page on our web site, or on the next to last page in our newsletter. Make check payable to Mountain High Snowsport Club, and mail it to: Mountain High, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208

Contact: trip leader **Linda McGavin** (trip leader) at 503-652-2840, Trips@mthigh.org or **Emilio Trampuz** (co-captain), 503-378-0171, Emilio2000@earthlink.net



January 28 – February 4, 2017 Annual ski week organized by the Far West Ski Association.

Breckenridge has five interconnected peaks, which offer an amazing variety of skiing for all skill levels, spread out among peaks 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Lodging at the Mountain Thunder Lodge, an elegant stone-and-timber condominium lodge situated in a beautiful wooded area along a ski run. The lodging is ski-in, with only a short walk to the base gondola in town that goes to Peaks 7 & 8. See pictures of the lodging at: <http://www.breckresorts.com/lodging/mountain-thunder-lodge/overview.aspx?cmpid=PPC303950342>

Lodging and Amenities Package per person, double occupancy = **\$1025.**** This price does **not** include lift tickets or transportation. What is included is: 7 nights lodging (double occupancy), Welcome Party, Pub Crawl, Northwest Ski Club Council Night Dinner, Mountain Picnic, Après Ski Party, Activity Fee - Racing and Scavenger Hunt, Banquet with Dancing. ** For private bedroom add single supplement: **\$675.**

Anyone who chooses to purchase an Epic Pass (various Epic Passes are available) through Sports America Tours will receive a \$50 discount on the Basic Package price. Here's the link to view the pass options: <https://www.sportsamerica.com/epic-fwsa> Please contact the trip leader if you are interested in this option.

For most of us, significantly discounted group lift tickets are the best option for this trip and cost as follows:

5 of 6 day adult \$375, with the option of a 6th day for an additional \$35.

5 of 6 day senior (65 and over) \$332, with the option of a 6th day for an additional \$25.

Your multiple day lift ticket is good at all Vail Resorts (Breck, Keystone, Vail, and Beaver Creek) and at A-Basin. There is free Summit County bus service to Keystone and A-Basin. We'll have an optional mid-week chartered bus trip to Vail. See trip flyer: <http://www.mthigh.org/Trips/2017-FWSA-Ski-Week-Breckenridge-Flyer-01.pdf>

NOTE: This trip might be full by now. There might be space enough for one more person or perhaps a couple. Questions? Contact Rod Robinson at rdrobinson@aol.com or 541-344-7170.

To sign up: Make your check payable to: **Northwest Ski Club Council**. Mail should be addressed to: NWSCC, Breckenridge Trip, Rod Robinson, 5230 Overbrook Ln., Eugene, OR 97405

Lift tickets and Season Passes

This is a very short comparison chart of season passes. See a more complete chart in our August and September issues of "Lift Lines". Also remember that Meadows and Timberline will be offering **Spring Passes** valid for March, April and May, for about \$100 - \$130.

Ski area / Name of Pass	1 Day	4 or 5 Day	10/12 Days	Season Pass	Senior Season	Season Pass description
Fusion Pass/Powder Alliance Timberline + Skibowl + 3 free tickets at Stevens Pass, Schweitzer, Bridger Bowl, Snowbasin, Sierra-at-Tahoe, China Peak, Mountain High, Arizona Snowbowl, Angel Fire, Crested Butte, Silver Star, Whitewater (BC), Kiroro (Japan).	--	--	--	\$499	\$249	Unlimited skiing at Timberline and Skibowl + 42 other free lift tickets, 3 tickets at each of 14 other ski areas. Not valid on Saturdays. Super seniors (over 71): only \$50. Prices will increase after Oct. 23, and again after Nov. 12. Don't wait till the SkiFever Show in November to purchase this pass.
Mountain Collective Pass 2 lift tickets at: Taos, Thredbo, Coronet Peak/Remarkables, Jackson Hole, Stowe, Whistler/Blackcomb, Aspen/Snowmass, Alta/Snowbird, Mammoth, Lake Louise, Sun Valley, Squaw/Alpine Meadows, Revelstoke, Telluride.	--	--	28-time pass \$409	--	--	A 28-time pass, with just 2 days at each of 14 destinations, but additional days at each resort are 50% off. No blackout dates. To make the most of it, visit as many ski areas as possible.
Epic Pass (Vail Resorts): 4 days at Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Heavenly, Northstar, Kirkwood, Park City, Arapahoe B., plus 4 days at Afton Alps, Mt. Brighton, or Wilmot.	--	4-day \$399	7-day \$609	season \$809	season \$809	4 free days at 9 western ski resorts, plus 4 free days at mid-west ski areas. Whistler/Blackcomb will not be included until 2017/2018. No blackout dates. increased after Sept. 5.

More ski trips info at: www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm.

MOUNTAIN HIGH**Contacts / Club info****SNOWSPORT CLUB****Man & Woman of the Year**

Karen Michels, our Membership director, has led a number of bike rides last summer and organized one of our best ski trips to Canada so far.



Steve Royce, our club Secretary, has been one of the pillars of our ski club and has served on several Board positions over the years.

Mountain High Meeting

Usually last Monday.

November 28 (Mon.): Open to all who want to get involved with the club. Gather at **6 pm**. Start at **6:30 pm**.

Location: Round Table Pizza, 10070 SW Barbur Blvd. (near Capitol Hwy.)

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY: ☐ New membership or ☐ Renewal

Name(s): _____ Birthday (MM/DD) _____

Address: _____

Phone (Hm): _____ Phone (Wk): _____

Email (Hm): _____ Email (Wk): _____

I certify that I am 21 years of age or more. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my own safety and conduct. I hereby agree to be bound by all Mountain High Snowsport Club bylaws and regulations, including the Trip Cancellation Policy. I hereby release Mountain High Snowsport Club, and any of their agents (officers, directors, trip captains, and any other Club representatives) from liability for personal injury, property damage, or any other liability of any kind connected with my participation in any club-related activity. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify and hold the Club and any of their agents harmless from any and all liabilities of any kind which may be incurred or asserted against the Club or any of their agents in any way relating to my negligence or willful misconduct connected with my participation in the club's activities.

Email Preferences: - Newsletter (once a month): ☐ yes, link only ☐ yes, complete file ☐ no
☐ No changes - Club news & events (between newsletters): ☐ yes ☐ no
 (same as last year) - Other ski news (NWSCC, FWSA, ski areas, trips...): ☐ yes ☐ no
 - Is it OK to share your email address with other club members? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please take my money, and apply it toward the following Ski Club fun stuff:

	Deposit?	Paid in full?
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Membership (Oct. 1, 2016 - Sept. 2017): Single (\$25); couple (\$40)	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> PACRAT Racing (2017) \$110 for the whole season. Team: _____	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mystery trip (Jan. 19-22, 2017). Deposit = \$175. Total cost = \$475.	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Powder Alliance trip (Feb. 25 - March 4, 2017) Deposit = \$250.	\$ _____	_____
Trip options: Age bracket (_____). Will you have a Fusion Pass? [Y / N]		
<input type="checkbox"/> Leavenworth trip (March 17-19, 2017). Deposit = \$150. Total = \$360 or \$323.	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	\$ _____	_____
Total:	\$ _____	_____

Comments (For whom you are paying. Roommate requests,...): _____

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

See our Trips cancellation policy on our web site: <http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/Trip-Cancellation-Policy.pdf>

Checkmark all desired options.

Club membership = 245 Newsletter Distribution

The November issue is posted on our web site. Also:

277 copies sent via email (as PDF files)

16 paper printed copies sent via US Mail.

Copies are also sent to potential members, other clubs, the National Ski Club Newsletter, etc.

Count Your Ski Areas

Set up your own counter of ski areas visited. Use a modified form of John and Jewel's spreadsheet with 3 added columns, for up to 3 more people. Make one of these your own. Enter a "1" for every ski area visited. See: <http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/North-American-Ski-Areas-2014-5-25.xls>

A few more thoughts

Winter Weather. Forecasters have modified their predictions for this winter. Instead of a mild La Niña, we will most likely have a neutral year. But they also point out that even in some neutral years we've had some great snowstorms. In other words, things are totally unpredictable right now.

Passports: Anyone signing up for our Powder Alliance trip must have a passport that is valid at least 6 months beyond our trip. People with passports that are expiring soon may have problems at the border. Renew your passport now, if needed.

Trips: Sign up for trips now! Don't wait till November. Some trips are already full, or almost full.

Racers: Please note that the PACRAT Racing fee has increased this year to \$110 per person for the whole season.

Shred Hood

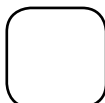


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