



Northwest Ski Club Council

**NWSCC December 2021 Newsletter,
Industry News and FWSA News**

Deadlines to Buy Passes!

AUCTIONS OPEN NOW!

**PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CLUB
MEMBERS! THERE IS A LOT OF INTERESTING AND
TIMELY INFO IN THIS NEWSLETTER!!**

The next NWSCC Council meeting will be held December 15, 2021, via ZOOM!! Everyone is invited - please tell your club members! Special Guest Speakers will be Mt. Hood Skibowl and Timberline, and Tanya Carter of the National Ski Patrol Junior Program for Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

Date: December 15, 2021

Time: 6:45 pm PST call in; meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83276275381?pwd=cjNkV1p6ZG84VXZrblV3KzZ3TmtVUT09>

Meeting ID: 832 7627 5381

Passcode: SNOW

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2021 NWSCC Online Auction Now Open!
For those gifts your family didn't know you wanted
Auction ends December 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

[Link to Auction](#)

Bid on an INDY PASS, Lift Tickets at Mt. Hood Meadows, gift cards at Mt. Hood Skibowl, lift tickets to Big White Ski Resort, a gift certificate for lodging at Kandahar Lodge at Whitefish Mountain Resort, and MORE!

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Note deadlines to purchase ski passes before sales END!

Too late - the [Mt. Hood Fusion Pass](#) sales ended on November 28.

[Mt. Hood Meadows passes](#) are dynamically priced, and the price goes up the longer you wait (season pass prices have increased 3 times since last spring). All Access passes and multi-time passes (10x, 5x) will be discontinued when the limit is reached, and it is possible that even the Value Passes may be discontinued for the year at a certain sales level. Bottom line: if having a season pass is important, then purchase now to get the best price and to assure availability.

The [Indy Pass](#) pricing will go up December 1! This pass gives 2 tickets to 80 independent ski areas, and the numbers keep going up (Powder Mountain in Utah has been added recently)! Note that NWSCC has partnered with the Indy Pass and will have one Indy Pass in our online auction in December.

The [Epic Pass](#) is still available at 20% off last year's prices - sales end December 5!

The [Ikon Pass](#) is still available, but only until December 9!

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The 4th Annual **National Ski Council Federation Virtual Silent Auction** is now open for bidding! You will find clothing, sports equipment, lift tickets and lodging from all over the country - and even outside the US! The auction ends December 30 at 5 pm EST (2 pm PST). Go [HERE](#) to check out the auction!

For lots of interesting news from around the country, see the [NSCF November 2021 Newsbeat!](#) Also see [this article](#) about How to Personalize Your Ski Equipment Without Compromising Your Safety.

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FWSA Ski Week 2022 Aspen/Snowmass: The trip dates are January 29-February 5, 2022. See NWSCC website for details; click on the flier and the registration links on the NWSCC home page and/or the [Trips](#) page. Note: the cancellation policy has changed from prior years. Be sure you read it. **The trip is currently full, but names are being taken on a waiting list.** Contact Rod Robinson at rdrobinsonskier@gmail.com with questions.

The latest annual issue of **The Far West Skiers' Guide** is now complete and is available on the the NWSCC home page: click on the waving icon on the right side or click [HERE](#).

NWSCC and Social Media:

Beyond the informative monthly newsletter from NWSCC and other notices distributed by email, we continue to spread helpful and interesting news and ski world articles by Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NWSkiers> Be sure to like our page, join our facebook group and stay informed throughout the month. NEW AND GROWING FAST is our **NWSCC Facebook Group** - it is growing by leaps and bounds - from starting in April it now has over 1500 members!

Another important source of information is [Northwest Snowsports Advocates](#), follow them on Facebook and learn the latest in the ski industry world. Check it out!!!

NWSCC INDUSTRY MEMBER NEWS

MT. HOOD MEADOWS www.skihood.com

Drink beer and eat snacks for a great cause: get tickets to the Celebrate the Season with pFriem event! Join Meadows and [pFriem](#) in Vertical on Saturday, December 11 for this exclusive, afternoon tasting event featuring samples of pFriem beer, assorted charcuterie, live music, and talks from the brewers. The cost is \$35 per person, with \$5 of each purchase going to [The Next Door](#) in Hood River. Seats are limited, so [reserve your spot](#) and purchase your tickets soon!

Later that evening, [Cooper Spur Mountain Resort](#) will be hosting a Winemaker's Dinner from 7-9 PM! The culinary team at Cooper Spur will be serving a delicious, seasonal, five-course dinner paired with some fabulous wines from [Mt. Hood Winery](#). Enjoy courses such Spiced Sweet Potato and Peanut Puree (paired with White Riesling), Maple Glazed Pork Chop (paired with Cooper Spur Red Blend), Roasted Pumpkin Cheesecake (paired with Pinot Noir Port), and more! [Click here](#) for additional info, or call 541-352-6692 to make your dinner reservations!

We're proud to once again be a part of [Ski Area Management \(SAM\) Magazine's](#) 2021 Terrain Park Contest! We're up for the "Favorite Feature" award for the absolutely epic "Megalodon" jump built by our talented Parks crew last spring, but we need your votes! Go to the SAM Magazine website at the link below to [vote for Meadows](#) in the Features category; you can vote once per day through the end of the contest on December 15. Thanks for your support, and we hope to get you on the mountain for some more parks laps soon!

Winter is coming... are you ready? Make sure you're all set for when the snow starts piling up on the mountain and get your Season Pass! All Access, Value, 10 Time, 5 Time, Beginner Progression, Night, and Nordic Passes are all available in our online store. Remember: Season Passes are on a dynamic pricing model, which means prices will increase as sales increase, and the sale of some or all pass products may eventually be cut off entirely in order to help manage visitation, particularly on peak days. Click [HERE](#) to purchase your 2021-22 Season Pass! Also, if you prefer to purchase in person and are in the Portland metro area, you can get your pass at Meadows PDX, located at [1639 NW Northrup!](#)

Hard to believe, but Winter Break is only a couple months away! If you're looking for something fun and enriching to do around the holidays, consider checking out one of our [3-Day Camps](#)! Open to both [youths](#) and [adults](#), skiers and snowboarders, from first-timers all the way to advanced, these camps are a fantastic way to develop skills on the slopes, featuring four hours of instruction each day that build on the previous day's lessons. Already have plans over Winter Break? No worries! We also have Spring Break 3-Day Camps too.

Life can be unpredictable... help safeguard your season by adding [Pass Protection and/or Gear Check](#) onto your pass! Whether it's an illness, job loss, relocation, or a natural disaster that makes your primary residence uninhabitable, Pass Protection helps secure your season against unexpected occurrences by reimbursing you a prorated amount of the cost of your pass. And with Gear Check, your equipment will be stored with our attendants at the main lodge to ensure it doesn't get stolen. You can add on Pass Protection for just \$10, or bundle with Gear Check for just \$34... a small price to pay for peace of mind for the entire season. Head to the link below for full program details and restrictions, but don't delay! The deadline to add these products onto your pass is December 1, 2021.

Come join the team at Meadows! We're continuing to hire for the upcoming season (and beyond) and have some [great opportunities](#) in multiple departments throughout the resort: Food & Beverage, IT, Lessons & Rentals, Transportation, Parks, Guest Services, and others. Meadows' starting wages range from \$15-\$21+ an hour, and we offer some amazing [perks and benefits](#), such as a free season pass for you and your dependents, \$25 a day onsite daycare, pro deals, resort discounts, a \$200 vaccination incentive, free employee transportation, and a whole lot more! Head to our [Jobs page](#) to browse current positions and learn more about working at Meadows!

Fall is in full swing on Mt. Hood! The foliage is beautiful, the crowds have dissipated, and the mountain is getting dusted with snow. Take advantage of some of these [incredible lodging deals](#) Cooper Spur Mountain Resort has going on this fall and come up for a visit:

- Fall Lodging BOGO: Stay any weeknight (Sunday-Thursday) and receive a second weeknight free! Offer valid now through December 16

December 4: [Season Kickoff Party](#)
 December 18: [Winter Brew Fest](#)
 December 18: [Winter Brew Dinner](#)
 December 22 & 23: [Breakfast with Santa](#)
 December 31: [New Year's Eve](#)
 January 17: [Rotary Night](#)

U.S. OUTDOOR STORE usoutdoor.com

Check the website for specials! U.S. Outdoor has EVERYTHING you could want for outdoor activities, including camping, climbing, water sports, supplies for your pet to join you, etc. Check out their Gear Guides to help you decide the best products for you!

U.S. Outdoor is committed to providing the best service and gear to everyone who sets out to discover, pursue, and live their passion in the outdoors. By selecting the best outdoor brands and gear for whatever your passion is, we strive to provide the best value possible. Visit our Portland, Oregon store, located in The Pearl District, meet our great staff, maybe some ambassadors, long-time customers, and likely a few of our shop dogs. We are here to do everything we can to be Your Outdoor Store! New address: [600 NW 14th Ave, Suite 100 - Portland, OR USA 97209](#). Call us at 503-223-5937

Sign up for our mailing list (at the bottom of our website) to be kept in the loop with the latest updates.

Show your NWSCC membership card to get a 10% discount on full price items!

MT. HOOD SKIBOWL www.skibowl.com

What's new at Mt. Hood Skibowl for this year?

- Tubing has started for the year - sign up online for times!
- We have partnered with Oregon Energy Trust to upgrade our metal halide lights with LED replacements. These LED replacements will reduce our energy consumption by half and provide a much better visual night experience for our guests. Last year we were in the testing phase to hone-in on what would be the best product for our guests. This is a multi-year project to retrofit the entire mountain, in which this year we are replacing lights in the Skibowl west base area and on Lower Bowl and Multitorpor chairlifts.
- New Skibowl Food Truck, complete with a full kitchen. It is conveniently located in the Skibowl west courtyard will focus on grab and go seasonal menu items and beverages.
- We have installed all new carpet in the Guest Services/Ticket/Retail area.
- We've added additional outdoor kiosks for lift ticket redemptions.
- We are in the process of upgrading our online purchasing store to make desktop and mobile purchases more user friendly. Targeting to launch in January.
- We are currently making snow at Skibowl east in preparation for opening the day after Thanksgiving with our Snow Tube and Adventure Park.

TIMBERLINE www.timberlinelodge.com

SUMMIT PASS: Summit Pass (formerly known as Summit Ski Area) is officially part of the Timberline ski area, increasing our vertical terrain to 4,540 feet, the longest in the United States. [Learn more.](#)

WORK AT TIMBERLINE: Timberline is currently hiring for full-time and seasonal positions in several departments. Timberline offers a very competitive employee benefits package. [Explore employment.](#)

Stay in the historic Timberline Lodge, or in our CONDOS IN GOVERNMENT CAMP: Staying at Timberline's luxury condominiums—The Lodge At Government Camp—makes for a fun and unique mountain town experience for your next family ski vacation. [Discover our condos.](#)

DINING AT TIMBERLINE: Timberline Lodge and Mt. Hood Brewing Co. are currently open with 50% capacity due to current county COVID restrictions. Thank you for dining with us! [Explore our restaurants](#). Note that holiday dinners are only available for hotel guests only.

BIG WHITE SKI RESORT www.bigwhite.com

We are excited that the border is again open between the US and Canada and we can visit Big White again!!

Check out their website for specials like stay 4 nights or more, get 1 night free.

KANDAHAR LODGE, Whitefish, MT www.kandaharlodge.com

See [specials](#) on NWSCC website for 15% off!

Excerpts from *Far West News Flash*

NOVEMBER 2021

Far West Ski Association

POWDR LAUNCHES FAST TRACKS: Powdr is launching *Fast Tracks*, a daily ticket or season pass upgrade option for express lift access via dedicated lanes at four of its resorts: **Copper Mountain, CO, Killington, VT, Mt. Bachelor, OR, and Snowbird, UT.** *Fast Tracks* will be available to purchase in advance beginning Nov. 1, at the four resorts to all guests—day ticket holders, ticket pack holders, resort passholders, and Ikon passholders—and will be available every day until sold out. Guests can purchase *Fast Tracks* in advance, online, when buying a day ticket. Passholders can add it online for a specific date. It can also be added the day of on-site at the ticket window. Many local passholders in the **Bend** area have pointed out on social media that maximizing time for a select few could reduce on-snow time for others—like them. Some resent the fact that this new program was announced after they had bought their own season passes for the season. Some discourse over the program has prompted many opponents to the program, to sign a petition requesting that the program be abandoned. Stay tuned.

CHALLENGES AHEAD FOR SIERRA-AT-TAHOE: Significant damage sustained from the *Caldor Fire*—a 221,000-acre forest fire that tore through the Tahoe Basin in late August and September—will impact operations at Sierra-at-Tahoe for the coming season. The damage is far greater in scope than initially estimated. Fire-weakened trees throughout the property's entire 2,000 acres will need to be evaluated and potentially removed, particularly in areas around lift lines and ski trails. Sierra is also in the midst of repairs to several of its chairlifts—a task that global supply chain and shipping issues has made more difficult. The resort still intends to open this season but has told current passholders to look for an email regarding options related to their 2020-21 season pass.

SOLITUDE EXTENDS LIFT OPENING HOURS: Starting in mid-December, select chairlifts will have extended lift hours on weekends and holidays, opening an hour early. Then, in mid-March, lift operations for the whole mountain will "spring ahead" with daylight saving time all lifts will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day through the end of the season

NSCF VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION: National Ski Council Federation is excited to announce that the highly popular *NSCF Virtual Silent Auction* is back for 2021. It will go live online Nov. 15 at 12 noon and run to Dec. 30 at 5 pm EST. A flyer is attached that you can send to your members and put on your websites and in your newsletters. Anyone can bid, so pass it along to your family members and others. The auction is at this link: [NSCF Silent Auction](#).

FAR WEST TRAVEL

FWSA SKI WEEK 2022: *Aspen/Snowmass Resort* is the destination for the 2022 annual Far West Ski Week. Dates are **January 29 – February 5, 2022**. We will be staying in Snowmass Resort and participants have a choice of ski in/ski out lodging or units a short walk to the ski hill. The Snowmass base area has many new restaurants, lodging, and activities such as a climbing wall and ice rink. The *Alpine "Breath-taker" Mountain Coaster* now traverses the mountain slopes. Put the dates of this trip on your calendar, and contact your Council Trip Leader now for more information.

FWSA INTERNATIONAL SKI WEEK: *Space Still Available, but you have to decide soon!!* *Solden, Austria* is the destination for the 2022 International Ski Week. Dates are **February 26 - March 5th** and will include 7 nights lodging at the 4-Star *Tyrolerhof Hotel*, including daily breakfast & dinner at the hotel. We'll be offering an optional day tour during the week if one chooses to explore the local culture. There will be an extension to the *Black Forest, Germany, March 5-11, 2022*. If one chooses to not go to *Solden*, but wants to do the *Black Forest extension*, we will fly you from the US to join us for the extension trip – we call this the “Stand Alone” trip. For more information, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: fwsaintltravel@prodigy.net.

FWSA MINI SKI WEEK: We still have spots on the *Zermatt Utah Trip*. This will be a great trip and you don't want to miss out! Trip dates **March 20-25th** with prices starting at \$595 for 5 nights lodging, FWSA Happy Hours, and Farewell dinner. This is a flexible trip. Arrival and departure dates can be adjusted to fit your schedule. The *IKON* pass is good at Deer Valley and the *EPIC* pass is good at Park City. Free daily shuttle to both resorts. We will plan one day for a trip to Sundance Ski Resort. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader: garski2011@gmail.com; 661-800-8229.

FWSA INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE 2022: There's still time to sign up for the *Denali Tour and Alaska Cruise*. Participants can sign up for the *Denali Tour, June 21–25, 2022* or *Alaska Inside Passage Cruise, June 25-July 2, 2022*, or for the combined two trips. The Denali Trip starts with two days in Fairbanks, AK, followed by two days in Denali, and ends in Anchorage for those doing this portion only. The Inside passage Alaska Cruise starts in Whittier and travels southward with stops in Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan before docking in Vancouver, BC. Trip information and registration available on the FWSA.org website or contact Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net; (530) 414-8261.

FWSA INTERNATIONAL “ADVENTURE TRIP”: Far West's Trip to *Croatia* will be **September 2-11, 2022**. Departure date from the U.S. will be September 1st. Right now, we have a **waiting list**, but for further information, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: fwsaintltravel@prodigy.net.

INDUSTRY MEMBERS

NWSCC would like to thank our Industry Members for their generous support. Without their help, it would be impossible for NWSCC to accomplish our goals of supporting ski clubs and the ski industry. Please visit these businesses that support NWSCC.

NWSCC is always accepting memberships at all levels. If you are interested, or know a business that is, please contact IndustryMember@nwskiers.org.

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[Cooper Spur Mountain Resort](#), Mt. Hood, Oregon
[Indy Pass](#) - Ski 2 days at 80+ independent ski resorts

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