

SCHWEITZER MOUNTAIN IS READY for WINTER

SCHWEITZER MOUNTAIN, ID – Like the majority of ski resorts in the Pacific Northwest, Schweitzer Mountain Resort is eagerly hoping that the long-term forecast of La Nina holds true for the entire 2017-18 ski season.

Last winter's La Nina weather event saw Schweitzer receive 320 inches of snowfall in the base area with 100 inches of snow falling in February alone. If the 2017-18 projections carry through, it could be another strong winter for great skiing in North Idaho.

Anticipating another cold and snowy winter at Schweitzer makes a great excuse for you to start planning a trip. With new direct flights from the Spokane International Airport to Dallas, Chicago, San Francisco and Sacramento, getting to the resort's uncrowded slopes is easier than it has been in years.

Drive time from Spokane International Airport is 1.5 hours on major highways with no mountain passes to tackle. Schweitzer has several ski and stay packages for destination guests including free skiing for kids when families stay five nights or more. These packages are available in the Schweitzer's Selkirk or White Pine Lodges located at the base of the mountain. More information on this package and other lodging deals can found on the resort's website at: www.schweitzer.com

The 2017-18 season also marks the second winter of operations for Sky House on the summit of the resort. The 9000-square-foot building was completed and opened to the public in December 2016, offering a full restaurant and bar, The Nest, as well as a grab-and-go cafeteria, The Red Hawk Cafe. Sky House has also been the host location for winter and summer private group events, evening themed dinners and wedding receptions. Schweitzer is looking forward to developing other options at the summit as the season progresses.

Over the summer, Schweitzer Mountain Resort spent over \$1 million in capital investments, including two new

vehicles for the transportation fleet, upgrades to the sewer and water system, new winter uniforms from Patagonia and new rental ski and snowboard equipment from Rossignol. The resort also purchased a new Piston Bully 2017 Park Pro for building features in the resort's three terrain parks.

Also for this winter, Schweitzer is pleased to announce that the Powder Alliance has added Bogus Basin, Idaho, and La Parva, Chile, to the already impressive list of resorts. Schweitzer unlimited pass holders will now receive 43 days free at 15 other resorts throughout the West and overseas. Learn more at www.powderalliance.com

About Schweitzer Mountain Resort

Schweitzer Mountain Resort is quickly rising in the ranks of the nation's top destination resorts with 2,900 acres of amazing terrain and renowned tree skiing.

Located in the rugged Selkirk Mountains of the northern Idaho panhandle and the northwest Rocky Mountains, Schweitzer overlooks the town of Sandpoint and Lake Pend Oreille.

Schweitzer is well known for its two massive bowls, uncrowded slopes, breathtaking views and amazing gladed terrain. For more info on Schweitzer Mountain Resort call 1-877-487-4643 or visit: www.schweitzer.com

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Schweitzer Mountain Resort Events 2017-18 *

Dec. 1	Opening day (dependent on snow)
Dec. 9	Community \$10 Day Fund Raiser 100% of ticket proceeds benefit local non-profits
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Dec. 23	Santa Skis! Santa will be on the slopes visiting and delivering treats
Dec. 24	Santa Skis and visits for last minute wishes. Santa and Mrs. Claus are visiting to ski, host a balloon parade for all the kids and hear last minute wishes in the Selkirk Lodge
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Parties Parties for all ages – tickets go on sale December 1 on Eventbrite
Jan. 5-26	Junior Race Series Friday Nights in January on NASTAR Sponsored by the Independence Race League
Jan. 13	Northern Lights at Schweitzer Fireworks and Torchlight followed by live music in Taps
Jan. 13-15	MLK Weekend – Night skiing on Sunday Lots of special activities will keep you busy over this holiday weekend
Feb. 2- Feb 23.	Starlight Racing on Friday Nights on NASTAR 4 weeks of evening racing followed by fun and fabulous parties in Taps
Feb. 17-19	President's weekend – Sunday night skiing
Feb. 18	Coca Cola "Let it Glow!" Night Parade & fireworks
Feb. 22-25	Masters Racing and Clinics – SARS event
Feb. 23	Final Starlight Party
Feb. 25	Get the Girls Out by She Jumps
March 3	PAFE MegaDemo Alpine Ski Demo Day
April 1	Easter (sunrise service)
April 7-8	Schpring Finale and the Rotary Ducky Derby Celebrate spring with great music and tons of fun!
April 8	Closing day

* All dates and information are subject to change.

For more events and up-to-date information, visit: www.schweitzer.com or call Schweitzer's Activity Center 208-255-3081 for the most up-to-date information.

MT. BACHELOR IMPROVES GROOMING and HAS WIDER RUNS on TAP THIS WINTER

This gem in Central Oregon is one of North America's top resorts

BEND, OR – With 4,318 acres of skiable terrain, Oregon's Mt. Bachelor is the six-largest ski and snowboard area in the United States. POWDR, a family owned adventure lifestyle company and Mt. Bachelor's parent company, is investing \$2.5 million to make the Mt. Bachelor guest experience better than ever for the 2017-18 winter season.

Mt. Bachelor's newest chairlift, Cloudchaser, opened last December to rave reviews. The lift added 635 acres of new terrain and 14 new runs across the mountain's weather-protected east side.

This winter, skiers and snowboarders can take advantage of wider and smoother runs off the Cloudchaser lift since Mt. Bachelor crews removed trees and stumps, graded the terrain and improved transitions between trails. Additionally, guests will have an easier time navigating through the resort's east side with the installation of new signage.

Three factory-new and more environmentally friendly snow cats are joining Mt. Bachelor's grooming fleet, allowing guests to carve turns in manicured snow on popular runs such as Snapshot Alley, Osprey Way and Wanoga. On the Nordic side of the mountain, cross-country skiers can expect a smoother snow surface this winter with the arrival of a new Nordic tiller.

Inside the lodges, guests will enjoy upgrades to the food and beverage experience. Mt. Bachelor has hired an executive chef to develop an enhanced menu, while investments in new kitchen equipment have improved food quality, menu diversity and operational flow through the resort's higher-volume outlets.

Already Spectacular

Mt. Bachelor has been calling to snow lovers for generations, evolving into the premier ski and snowboard resort in the Pacific Northwest. The tallest resort peak in the Cascades with a lift-served summit of 9,068 feet, Mt. Bachelor towers over

vibrant Bend, Ore., 20 miles to the east. The mountain receives an average of 462 inches of light, dry powder each year, creating among the most reliable snow packs in North America. Moreover, the snow riding season typically lasts from Thanksgiving weekend through Memorial Day weekend.

Bend and the resort village of Sunriver, 25 minutes to the southeast, put lodging, nightlife and endless outdoor pursuits in close proximity to the lifts, yet far enough away to maintain Mt. Bachelor's unspoiled wilderness setting.

Central Oregon's impressive range of lodging choices includes everything from luxury resorts and condos, to boutique hotels and historic homes. In addition, with 30 local craft breweries in the region and an emerging culinary scene, off-slope fun is not hard to find.

Getting to Mt. Bachelor has never been easier. Redmond Municipal Airport (RDM) is just 20 minutes north of Bend and is served by Alaska, American, Delta, and United airlines, with daily nonstop flights to and from Denver, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Seattle.

All to Enjoy

Mt. Bachelor is welcoming to all, no matter age or skill level. Kids 12 and under ski free with the advance purchase of an adult three-days-or-more lift ticket. Mt. Bachelor's award-winning "SKI or RIDE in 5SM" lessons program promises to turn beginners into lifelong lovers of snow sports. Moreover, an easy ride up and gentle slope down can be found on Carrousel, the free beginners chairlift.

Mt. Bachelor grooms more than 30 runs each night, placing seamless corduroy across all ability levels of trails. The more experienced can ride any direction from the summit, with 360 degrees of powder-filled options. Experts can bomb down the steeper glades off the Northwest Express lift, while terrain park

enthusiasts can jump and jib in five designated parks, a half pipe and boundless natural features across the mountain.

Mt. Bachelor is also home to a cross-country facility with 56 kilometers of trails and the longest groomed Nordic season in North America. Other on-snow activities include Iditarod sled dog rides, snow tubing and free snowshoe tours guided by the U.S. Forest Service. Gravity Sports, the largest specialty retail shop in Oregon, adds to a list of amenities that includes lesson services, rentals, demos, dining and events.

All-year Adventure

With 40 consecutive years of May skiing, unique spring opportunities arise. Each spring morning, snow riders enjoy turns down typically sunny slopes. By afternoon, it is time to enjoy one of Central Oregon's many other outdoor pursuits, including golf, mountain biking, rock climbing, fishing and more. In addition, special events like Memorial Day weekend's "Springtacular" celebration, which includes pond skimming and the BrewSki beer festival, have made spring at Mt. Bachelor a must.

Save time and money by pre-purchasing Mt. Bachelor lift tickets, equipment rentals and other services online.

Multi-day lift tickets are available at discounted rates when purchased at least four days in advance.

For More Information

With a planned closing date near the end of May, Mt. Bachelor once again intends to offer one of the world's longest ski and snowboard seasons. Mt. Bachelor has reliable snow year after year, receiving 462 inches of snowfall on average.

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SKI BANFF & LAKE LOUISE in the CANADIAN ROCKIES

BANFF, ALBERTA, CANADA – Bigger than your brain can comprehend, the mountains that surround you in Canada's Banff National Park are so rugged, their jagged and twisted shapes tower into the sky. Glaciers plunge to the valley floor far below while the lakes and rivers at their base lie frozen and still. The terrain is so astounding that it feels surreal. As you make turn after turn, floating through the light, silky snow, a massive grin erupts on your face. The feelings of joy and exhilaration are something you will remember forever.

Banff and Lake Louise is a paradise for skiers and snowboarders. Three world class resorts, the rugged terrain of the Rocky Mountains, light and fluffy snow and the most stunningly scenic backdrop you will ever experience all add up to a must-visit location for snow lovers.

Home to three excellent ski and snowboard areas, visitors can pick the resort of their choice each morning with a SkiBig3 Lift Ticket that provides unlimited access to Banff Sunshine, Lake Louise Ski Resort and Mt Norquay. The unique combination of cold light snow, diverse terrain, stunning scenery and warm and enthusiastic people makes Banff and Lake Louise one of the world's favorite destinations for skiers and snowboarders. The skiing and snowboarding is uniquely accessible. All three ski resorts are short, easy drives from the town of Banff and the hamlet of Lake Louise and offer huge variety for skiers and riders of all ages and abilities.

Mt. Norquay

Mt. Norquay, located only 10 minutes from Banff, is a place you can make turns while looking over the town and valley. With such quick and easy access, it is the perfect place for when you can sneak away for a day on the slopes. It is a great ski hill for families, with diverse terrain for beginner, intermediate and advanced skiers and riders in addition to the very popular Tube Town tubing park. You can also ski when the stars are out, with night skiing and snowboarding on Fridays and Saturdays.

Lake Louise Ski Resort

The Lake Louise Ski Resort is one of the largest ski areas in North America, offering spectacular views, long runs and lots of terrain for all ability levels. With 139 runs, there is a huge variety for beginner, intermediate and expert skiers and riders, making the Lake Louise Ski Resort a great choice for everyone. Big open bowls and gnarly chutes and gullies offer a lot of fun for intermediate and expert skiers as well. It is a five-minute drive from the hamlet of Lake Louise or a 45-minute drive from the town of Banff.

Banff Sunshine

Topping out at 8,954 feet above sea level, Banff Sunshine occupies a lofty position. When you stand at the top of a run, you are high up on the Continental Divide, far above tree line with clear views of the surrounding peaks. Banff Sunshine is just 20 minutes from the town of Banff. It has more than 3,300 acres of ski and snowboard terrain, including the massive 12-acre terrain park. For advanced skiers, Delirium Dive and Wild West have some of the most extreme in-bounds terrain in the country.

Stacked with world famous Rocky Mountain powder and awe-inspiring scenery, the ski resorts of Banff National Park are something special. With a SkiBig3 Lift Ticket giving you access to all three resorts, there is an endless amount of fun and adventure to enjoy.

Easy Access to Banff

Banff National Park is located in the Canadian Rockies. Flying into the destination is easy. The Calgary International Airport (YYC) is the closest arrival point for Banff and Lake Louise. With a wide choice of direct flights from many major US cities to select from, visitors will be there in no time.

Kick back, flip on a movie and zip there from Seattle in 1.5 hours, Denver in 2.5 hours, Dallas in 4 hours, Chicago in 3.5 hours and so many more. Plan it right with an early morning

flight, and you could be in Banff for lunch. You have landed in Canada and your excitement levels are bursting at the seams, so your vacation officially starts now.

From Calgary, you can opt to get a rental car or board one of the airport shuttle services that depart frequently from Calgary International Airport and deliver you directly to the front door of your hotel.

Banff is an easy 90-minute drive along the all-weather, four-lane Trans-Canada Highway, and Lake Louise is just a short hop 40-minute further west. There are no scary curves, no white-knuckle mountain passes and no traffic congestion. Relax and savor the scenic, stress-free trip into the heart of the Canadian Rockies.

If you would rather leave the driving to someone else once you are in Banff and Lake Louise, you are in luck. Each of the three ski resorts offer a ski shuttle service from many Banff hotels that goes directly to the slopes.

Each shuttle offers a variety of pick-up and drop-off locations, so you will never be more than a few steps away from a ride. The best part is shuttle transportation is included with your SkiBig3 Lift Ticket.

U.S. - Canada Dollar Exchange Rate is Good

This is a great year to visit Canada. The dollar exchange rate is in favor of U.S. travelers to Canada by about 25 percent. This means lift tickets, meals and lodging are all discounted by 25 percent, and all you have to do is get there.

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