

Tommi Tyndall Nomination

MT. BACHELOR

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We are honored to nominate **Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort** for the Tommi Tyndall award, in recognition of its outstanding support of the skiing public, local community, the environment and Far West Ski Association.

Mt. Bachelor, operating since 1958, was formed 11,000 to 15,000 years ago as a volcano shield. The resort is one of the largest in the Pacific Northwest with 3,683 skiable acres, a vertical drop of 3,365 feet and rises over 9,000 feet. Mt. Bachelor is about to get bigger with a new chairlift and associated trails, replacement of some existing lifts, expanded snowmaking coverage, construction of a lift-served downhill mountain bike park and additions to the Nordic trail.

This year Mt. Bachelor hosted the second annual FWSA mini ski week. It was a huge success with lots of skiing and innovative events including a moonlight snowshoe walk.

In its fifth year, "Mt. Bachelor Charity Ski Weeks" provides assistance to several charitable/non-profit organizations in Central Oregon. Mt. Bachelor provides lift ticket vouchers to non-profit organizations that can be redeemed for a \$25 full day lift ticket to be used during Charity Ski Weeks. Mt. Bachelor contributes 100% of the proceeds back to the non-profit organizations.

For the past seven years Mt. Bachelor has supported Ski-For-Schools Program fundraiser to benefit the Education Foundations for Bend-La Pine and Redmond Schools. Mt. Bachelor generously donates ALL Ski-for-Schools revenue back to the Foundations, raising more than \$135,000 to benefit local schools over the last seven years.

In addition, Mt. Bachelor supports Riders For The Cure, Oregon Special Olympics Winter Games, Stuff The Bus food drive, Shred Camp with U.S. Ski Team member Laurene Ross and National Ski Safety Week with a focus on chairlift safety for kids.

Mt. Bachelor has been at the forefront of the environmental movement within the ski industry. Over the past decade, they have developed a strong environmental presence that has brought them to a leading position within the industry. This year and for the past several years, the Ski Area Citizen's Coalition recognized Mt. Bachelor as one of the top 10 environmentally conscious resorts in the U.S.

Mt. Bachelor's continued support of the Far West Ski Association has remained solid. Mt. Bachelor ranks high among our industry partners in their financial support of the Association's programs. This year's Convention will mark Mt. Bachelor's 28th year of participation in our Silent Auction.

We feel that Mt. Bachelor is the perfect candidate for the Tommi Tyndall award.



Photo courtesy Mt. Bachelor.