

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SKI COUNCIL WINTER CARNIVAL AT MT. BACHELOR JANUARY 26, 2019 TO FEBRUARY 2, 2019

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Bend Oregon, it's where you go to play! Life is an adventure, let's take this one together! I've been told that Bend, Oregon is where you go to play. So, bring out the child in you and join us in Mt. Bachelor, Oregon.

Remember when you were in school and you spent your winter evenings in front of the television hoping for a snow day? As a child, few things were more thrilling than a snow day. Well now you can recapture that excitement at Mt. Bachelor. It has a unique landscape, a volcanic cone in the Cascade Mountains. One can head out in any direction to the mountain's circumference of 101 or more trails. Mt. Bachelor has the highest elevation in both Oregon and Washington. The mountain has 10 lifts, seven are Express quads and an average snowfall of over 400 inches. If you want to mellow a bit, check out the Nordic trails for a slower paced version of skiing, or try snowshoeing which is just hiking with tennis racquets strapped to your feet (kind of). Want a break from skiing, go to one of the Sno-Parks, build a snowman, make a snow angel, snowball challenge or grab a toboggan. Let's play!



Our lodging is at The Double Tree, in downtown Bend, located within walking distance to shopping, restaurants and brewpubs. The Double Tree offers a complementary buffet each morning. Fuel up with eggs, potatoes, sausage, bacon or waffles to get started for the day. If soaking your bones is a good way to beat the chill of the snow, the hotel offers 24-hour access to indoor pool. Another option, McMenamins Old St. Francis School, a 1936 Catholic schoolhouse, has a soaking pool surrounded by luminous stained glass and open-air ceiling to check out the evening sky.

If snuggling by a fireplace is your idea of fun, there are dozens of fire pits all over town. Including a collection of them around the Old Mill District. You want to cozy up to a fire and enjoy a pint and a sandwich, then Crux Fermentation Project is the place to go.



If you'd rather warm up from the inside out, try some spice rum from Oregon Spirit Distillers or try Bendistillery's Hazelnut Espresso Vodka with some cocoa and whipped cream.

If your idea of fun is a pint or two with friends, Bend has 14 craft breweries. Discover the Bend Ale Trail, get an Atlas and passport and try each one. There is the Brew bus with Wanderlust Tours, it will pick you up at the hotel, visit three of the breweries with a progressive meal at each stop. Old St.

Francis School also has a pub, brewery and on Wednesday evening McMenamins hosts a band that starts at 7:00 PM. Now we are talking adult fun!

On Friday evening many businesses stay open late serving food and wine transforming their venues into mini art galleries. What a nice way to end our week with a stroll through town.

If you have gone to an EPSC Winter Carnival, you'll know there is much more included than in a normal ski trip. There is an EPSC happy hour with drink specials, apes ski party, ski racing; mountain lunch and a farewell reception. This year the theme is Volcanic Confluence Party including Hokulea Dancers and Spinsterz Fire Dancers.

Sign up early on July 17th for \$1,829 and save some kala! This price includes 5 day lift tickets. After August 21st the price is \$1,904. Hope to see you there. Questions contact me at fedgirl@gmail.com.