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SKI FOR SCHOOLS FUNDRAISER EXPANDS TO FIVE DAYS OF FUN
Ski Mt. Bachelor for just \$20 and support schools!

The Mt. Bachelor “Ski for Schools” fundraiser to benefit the Education Foundations for Bend-La Pine and Redmond Schools will run from November 30 through December 4, 2009. The event is in its fifth year but this is the first time it will be held for a week rather than a single day.

Skiers and snowboarders are urged to purchase a \$20 Ski for Schools ticket and then redeem it at Mt. Bachelor any one day during the Ski for Schools week for a single day lift ticket. Tickets for the event will be on sale starting Friday, October 30th through Friday, November 28th at the following Central Oregon locations: all Mid Oregon Credit Union locations, Skjersaa’s, Powder House, Pine Mountain Sports, Side Effect, Twenty-Eight, Zydeco, 4 Season’s Recreational Outfitters (Sunriver), all three Redmond McDonald’s locations (Redmond only), Jody’s Drive-In (Redmond), the Bend-La Pine School District Office, and the Redmond School District office. A total of 2,500 tickets will be made available for this event and they will not be available at the Mt. Bachelor ticket windows, so get yours early at any of the listed distribution locations.

Mt. Bachelor donates all Ski for Schools ticket revenue back to the Foundations and the event has helped raise more than \$70,000 to benefit local schools over the last five years. “Ski for Schools gives people an opportunity to hit the slopes at a great rate for a great cause,” says Julie Hill, Board President of the Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools. “Mt. Bachelor is a wonderful community partner and we’re so pleased to have their support for the fifth year in a row. By holding the event for several days this year, we hope that more people than ever will come out and ski to support our schools and our students.”

More information on the Ski for Schools event can be found on the Mt. Bachelor web site at www.mtbachelor.com or the Education Foundation web sites at www.bendlapineschoolsfoundation.org or www.Redmond2jeducationfoundation.org.

About Mt. Bachelor:

Mt. Bachelor is the sixth largest ski resort in North America, offering 3,683 acres accessible by lifts. The mountain features 7 Express Quads, 3 Triple Chairlifts, 2 Tubing lifts and a Wonder Carpet, with an average annual snowfall of 370 inches. Mt. Bachelor also features terrain parks, 56K of groomed and tracked cross country trails, snowshoeing, tubing and dog sled rides. Summer operations include scenic chairlift rides to 7,800-feet, sunset dinners, special banquet or BBQ events, hiking, disc golf and USFS interpretive talks. For weather conditions, news and events visit www.mtbachelor.com.

About the Education Foundations

- **The Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that promotes and supports exceptional public education as a way of enriching our local community. Since its inception, the Foundation has granted more than \$350,000 to 187 classroom projects in Bend-La Pine schools. The Foundation has also provided over \$100,000 in Activity Fee scholarships to help more than 1,200 deserving students participate in athletics, music, drama, and arts. To learn more about The Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools, visit its website at: www.bendlapineschoolsfoundation.org
- **The Redmond Education Foundation** Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$209,000 for enrichment programs in all of the Redmond schools in broad spectrum of activities from smart boards, and climbing walls, to field trips and vocational education. The Redmond 2J Education Foundation was chartered in April of 1998 as a separate, tax-exempt organization. Our mission is to enhance the efforts and goals of the Redmond School District, and to provide the best education possible for each student, by developing resources through community involvement and support. Please visit our website at www.Redmond2jeducationfoundation.org.

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