

SKIBACS Mt. Bachelor Trip Report 2024
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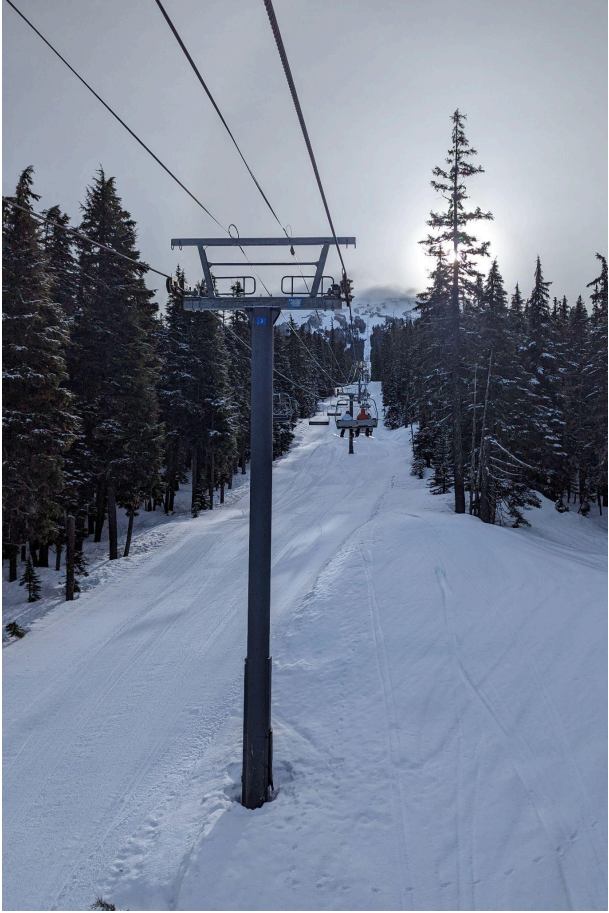
We've just gotten back from a wonderful trip to Mt. Bachelor. While much of the northwest was desperate for fresh snow, 19 skiers and snowboarders were able to find plenty of powder at Mt. Bachelor. To save on trip expenses, we skipped a charter bus in favor of organizing carpool groups, and on Saturday 6 cars made their way from Seattle WA to Bend OR. Some cars elected to leave early in the morning, and were rewarded with a half-day of skiing Saturday afternoon. Others slept in, and completed the 6 hour drive to Bend just in time to check into the hotel. We were staying at the Campfire Hotel, which was the perfect place for a ski retreat with a perfect atmosphere. Once everyone had settled in, we made our way over to Kobold Brewing for a reception, only to find that a pub crawl had taken over the brewery. We pivoted to Deschutes Brewery across the street, and had a wonderful evening with craft beers, warm jumbo pretzels, chicken wings, and pub fries.

Starting on Sunday, we had 3 days of wonderful skiing. Sunday proved challenging as we faced heavy winds and fog, and icy conditions on many runs. But the group powered through as we explored the mountain. And on Monday we were rewarded, with 5" of snow overnight and more falling throughout the day. Winds remained blustery throughout the day, but it was well worth it for the powdery wonderland we were skiing through. And Tuesday also offered excellent conditions, with a few inches of fresh powder lying over freshly groomed trails. And with the Northwest Chair closed for maintenance, many of us were able to enjoy even more lovely untouched powder by venturing through the trees to reach fresh trails. Unfortunately, we never got to see the Summit Chair open, as the heavy fog and wind kept it closed, but there were so many trails available elsewhere on the mountain that we were never lacking.

And while skiing was excellent, so was the company. Our crew had fun meeting up for lunch at Pine Marten Lodge, swapping stories around the hotel's massive campfire, relaxing in the pool and hot tub, and taking turns at Monday night Karaoke in the hotel bar. On Tuesday evening we had our group dinner at J Dub's restaurant in town, before everyone got a good night's sleep to prepare for the journey home. It was a fantastic trip all around.



Enjoying the atmosphere of the Campfire Hotel



Scenic shots of Mt. Bachelor's snow

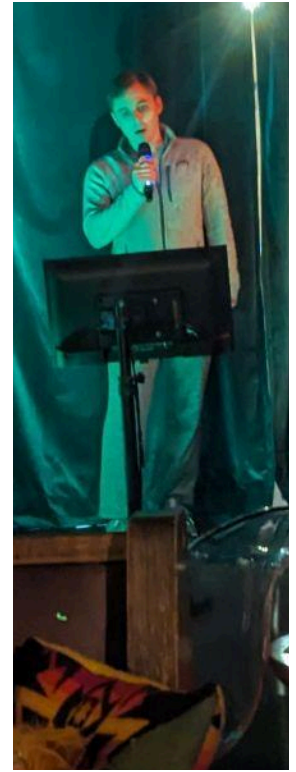
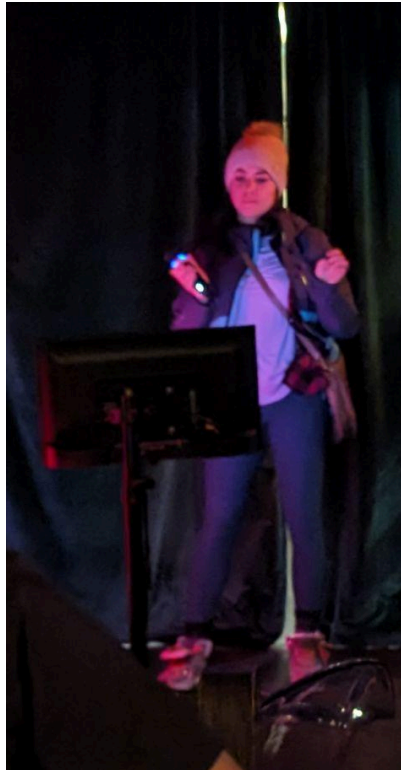


Group Dinner at J-Dub



Group Lunch at Pine Marten Lodge





Karaoke Night at the Campfire Hotel