



Welcome to OAS's 'No Boundaries' newsletter!

OAS provides life-changing outdoor recreation experiences to individuals with disabilities. Participants gain confidence, build self-esteem, and strive for independence leading to an enhanced quality of life.

We believe every person plays a part in our great community, yes, this includes you! We are glad to have you as a part of our community and hope to see you out with us sometime breaking boundaries! Our e Newsletter goes out every other month. Happy reading!

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

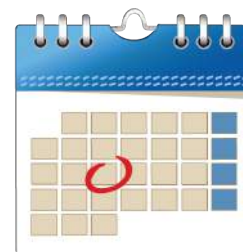


Welcome home Lucy! We always know when it is time to put away our puffy-jackets and bring out the shorts when Lucy Swaffield, our Summer Program Director arrives at our door step and Jeremy heads south to the California deserts. This will be our third summer program pilot year, and we are all excited to learn and experience more summer activities with our participants and volunteers. This summer we will be sending staff to targeted training with the DSUSA for golf, cycling and kayaking, expanding our knowledge and sharing within our community. OAS will also be working on expanding our reach through our community through various outreach activities. Keep

your eyes open this summer for the OAS crew, and make sure to say hi when you see us out and about.

- Suzanne Lafky

SEASON SUMMARY



April 16-17:
Banff Mountain Film Festival

April 18:
Walk for MS

April 21:
Awesome Pitch

April 24:
Breaking Barriers Conference

May 16:
Pole Pedal Paddle

July 11:
Tour Des Chutes

August 8:
Bigstock



OAS experienced a tremendous season at Mt Bachelor. We assisted 244 individual adaptive athletes for a total of 638 skier days which is an increase of 11% in skier days from 2014-2015 season! We were able to provide support thanks to over 5100 hours of volunteer help from our amazing crew of volunteers. Additionally, our staff instructors supplied an excellent level of professional instruction. The only downsides to OAS' winter was we were only able to provide 1 lesson at Hoodoo due to closure for lack of snow, and the Meissner snow park was open for a small portion of the winter.

OAS assistance to adaptive athletes comes in variety of ways: scholarships, snowsports instruction, ski buddies, equipment rentals, and others. Over 50 athletes received individual scholarships this winter to offset lesson costs. Additionally, over 100 athletes received discounted group rates. Thanks to OAS' donors we are able to provide great financial assistance to so many athletes.

Veteran instructors Matt Eitel, Dave Weil, Mark Jarvis, Ben Sparrow, Kendall Cook, and Melodie Buell brought a great depth of experience; new instructors Grace King and Ryan Ellers stepped in like pros; Brett Crandall did a great job managing the Mt Bachelor operations and lesson assignments; and, Cara Frank as Office Coordinator and instructor was the glue that held it together. What a crew!

Speaking of a great crew, check out the 34 volunteers below who put in ten or more days of on-snow volunteering this winter! OAS is grateful for the commitment this crew brought to the mountain.

Sure, we got more rainy days than epic powder days this winter. But if OAS' success is measured by the smiles on faces, friendships made, and fun had-then the 2014-15 snowsports season was a banner year.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer,

Jeremy Fox, Winter Program Director

Rookie Volunteer of the Winter Award
Return Volunteer of the Winter Award
 Volunteer of the Winter Honors

Michael Ahmuty
 Hailey Arnold

Ann Farley
 Lisa Gentz

Kadee Mardula
 Larry Peck

September 7:
 Great Duck Race

September 21:
 Buddy Walk



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

"Sending everybody at OAS a HUGE thank you!!! You are 100% responsible for making Daniel's Spring Break the best one ever. From a beyond grateful Mom."

- Mother of a participant

"Words really can't capture what you did for my friend. All of sudden 'going skiing' was a real part of his life again after you took him out. The gift you gave him of being able to ski with his daughter, well, it's impossible for me to sum up what that meant to him. The smile on his face as he was riding up the chair with her was pure joy."

- Friend of a participant



Help support OAS in their continuous mission to provide life-changing outdoor recreation experiences to individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities and, concurrently, to provide their families with the education and skills to enjoy these experiences together. Many of our participants,

JP Avery
 Charles Bartlemay
 Sharon Buell
 Jim Buerer
Seth Burts
 Sean Cariss
 Sally Deitchler
 Brenda Einstein
 Adam Engstrom
 Jackie Eshelman

Annick Goldsmith
 Jess Hamm
 Devin Harrigan
 Allen Heinly
 Bob Hoffman
 Jeremy Holbrook
Julie Khapoya
 Erica Kite
 Kelly Lawson
 Rachel Mackey

Kerie Raymond
 Rebecca Reightly
 Barb Smith
 Steve Smith
 Kellie Standish
 Alan Teshima
 Candace Theberge
 Henry Whitehouse
 Jason Wahl

athletes and families leave with an experience they claim is unforgettable and ultimately life changing.

Funds raised will provide scholarships to individuals and groups who cannot afford to participate otherwise. Without your donations, OAS wouldn't be able to meet the increase demand, continue to develop programming, or pay for staff training and wages. Please consider supporting Oregon Adaptive Sports and help enhance the quality of life for our participants & athletes.

[Click here to make a donation!](#)

If you would like to get more information on sponsorships or donating, please call Suzanne Lafky at 541-306-4774 or email:

suzanne@oregonadaptivesports.org

SUMMER KICK OFF

This summer members of the OAS family will be found paddling the waterways, biking local paths, hitting the links at Awbrey Glen Golf Course and hiking around Central Oregon. The kiddos will have the chance to explore Central Oregon as part of our kid's adventure day camps. I urge you to join us to learn a new sport and enjoy the outdoor beauty that our area offers!

Lucy Swaffield, Summer Program Director



OAS SUMMER PROGRAMS

Adaptive Golf Clinics
 Awbrey Glen
 May 7 * June 19 * July 10 * August 14

Adaptive Cycle Sessions
 1st Session: May 27, June 3, June 10
 2nd Session: August 13, August 20, August 27

Adaptive Kayak Private lessons
 Starts June 20th, call to schedule lesson

VI Hikes
 June 9 * July 14



WISH LIST

Maybe you have something sitting in your garage that we could put to use! Our current wish list for in-kind donations is:

- Kayak Paddles**
- Tandem Kayak**
- Water bottles**
- Golf bags**
- Ipad, 2-3 years old**
- Wheelchair accessible van**
- Office supplies**

Your in-kind donation helps create a more efficient, safe, and fun

August 11 * September 8

KID ADVENTURE DAY CAMP

Jr Explorers Mini-Camp

ages 5-8 year old with a physical or intellectual disability
June 24-26

Camp OASIS

Ages 8-12 years old with a physical or intellectual disability
July 27-31

YAK camp: Teen paddle camp

July 13-16
August 17-19

More registration information to come.

If you want to receive updates on our summer programs, shoot us an email at info@oregonadaptivesports.org and we'll add you to our summer email list!

environment for our participants.

To make an donation please call us 541-306-4774 or email suzanne@oregonadaptivesports.org

Mortgages 4 Good

Kent Cramer with [Skyline Home](#) is committed to making a difference in Central Oregon by raising funds and awareness for children and families facing unique challenges. 'Mortgages 4 Good' partners with OAS, Kids in the Game, Abilitree & Education Foundation.

When you complete a loan with Kent, choose which partner organization you want to support and Kent will donate a portion of his commission to the selected organization.

[Learn more about 'Mortgages 4 Good'!](#)

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: JULIE KHAPOYA



*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."
-Margaret Mead*

We need volunteers for outdoor programs, administrative assistance and such skills as marketing, fund-raising and program administration.

[Interested? Click Here!](#)

In many ways, OAS volunteers are ambassadors to our organization - they are the face of OAS and the help they provide directly personify our organization and the life-changing experiences for people with disabilities. We want to recognize one dedicated volunteer, Julie Khapoya for her commitment and energy.

After Julie had a positive experience working as a peer tutor in High School for a student with both physical and cognitive disabilities, she

wanted to continue to work with people of all abilities. Since then, "OAS has had the fortune of working with Julie" says Brett Crandall, OAS Winter Program Coordinator, "She instantly became a solid, reliable addition to our daily operations."

When the avid snowshoer is asked of her favorite OAS moment, she claims doesn't have a favorite but rather one with each person she's skied with. Her husband can attest to hearing all her OAS stories at the end of each day. Julie, on behalf of OAS and all the people we serve, we thank you for the amount of time and energy you devoted on the hill. We look forward to seeing you again on the slopes!

*Interested in volunteering with OAS this summer?
Please
send in an [summer volunteer application!](#)*

BIGSTOCK APPROACHING

August 8th, 2015

Bigstock is OAS's annual musical festival set in an intimate natural amphitheater in Bend, Oregon. It is a celebration of life, love, and music.



www.bendticket.com

The event consists of live music, a silent auction, and the promotion of Oregon Adaptive Sports' mission.

Featuring:

Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real
Devon Allman
Lefty Williams
Franchot Tone

Tickets to go on sale
May 12th

TANDEM BIKE RAFFLE



Neal Hueske - President

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Collen Dougherty

Joseph "J.J." Jones

Kendall Cook

Rod Ray

Eric Ballinger

Peter Gilmore

Jason Montoya

Kevin McCormack, honorary member

[Read more about our board members!](#)



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We love hearing from you. Whatever it is, drop us a line!



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What are you doing at the local Freedom Bike Ride? We have the perfect accessory for the annual red, white and blue bike-a-palooza! Our sweet red classic tandem bike built for two from the Gottfried fleet needs a home! This 21-speed flamboyant red bike from the late 60's is the perfect ride for the local Freedom Bike Ride on July 4th!

Visit us at Pole Pedal Paddle on May 16 to check out this sweet ride and to purchase raffle tickets in person!

We will have photos available online soon as well as the option to purchase raffle tickets online. More information to come.

Raffle Drawing: July 1st - just in time for the freedom ride!

[Follow us on Facebook to receive raffle updates!](#)

Thank you for being a valuable part of helping OAS break boundaries. We appreciate you.

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Many thanks to our partners!



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