



Oregon Adaptive Sports  
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**UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS:**

- April 16: Banff Mountain Film Festival
  - April 18: Walk for MS
  - April 21: Awesome Pitch
  - April 24: Breaking Barriers Conference
  - May 16: Pole Pedel Paddle
  - July 11: Tour Des Chutes
  - August 8: Bigstock
  - September 7: Great Duck Race
  - September 21: Buddy Walk
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**NO BOUNDARIES**

*Breaking boundaries since 1996*



**SPRING NEWSLETTER 2015**

“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-

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

- Neal Hueske - President
- Jason Epple - Vice President
- Kelly Brawner - Secretary
- Collen Dougherty
- Joseph “JJ.” Jones
- Kendall Cook
- Rod Ray
- Eric Ballinger
- Peter Gilmore
- Jason Montoya
- Kevin McCormack, honorary member

**WISH LIST:**

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

Enclosed is our donation envelope. Your gift will help us towards our vision of a world when everyone has the opportunity to experience the benefits of outdoor recreation, regardless of ability.

Instructor, Matt Eitel with Abigayle Hammer & Carson Gump  
[www.oregonadaptivesports.org](http://www.oregonadaptivesports.org)



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOTES

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, Executive Director



## TANDEM BIKE RAFFLE



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 Peddel 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!

## SEASON SUMMARY

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, how about the 34 volunteers 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:

*Michael Ahmuty*	Ann Farley	*Kadee Mardula*
*Hailey Arnold*	Lisa Gentz	Larry Peck
JP Avery	<b>Annick Goldsmith</b>	Kerie Raymond
Charles Bartlemay	Jess Hamm	*Rebecca Reightly*
Sharon Buell	Devin Harrigan	Barb Smith
Jim Buerer	Allen Heinly	Steve Smith
<b>Seth Burts</b>	Bob Hoffman	*Kellie Standish*
*Sean Cariss*	Jeremy Holbrook	Alan Teshima
Sally Deitchler	*Julie Khapoya*	Candace Theberge
Brenda Einstein	*Erica Kite*	Henry Whitehouse
Adam Engstrom	Kelly Lawson	*Jason Wahl*
Jackie Eshelman	Rachel Mackey	

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



Julie Khapoya & Daniel Helin

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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."

**"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."**

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!

## BIGSTOCK APPROACHING



We are getting stoked for our Bigstock benefit coming up on August 8th!

Featuring:

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

Tickets on sale: May 12th  
www.Bendticket.com

## 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. WE 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

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

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