



BREAKING BOUNDARIES SINCE 1996

# NO BOUNDARIES Spring 2014



**Spring is Here.....**  
and OAS is busy

**OAS now at West Village Lodge**  
**until last ski lesson on April 13th**

## Special OAS Week-End at Mt. Hood:

The OAS team is traveling to Mt. Hood Meadows on Saturday, April 12th for the Ski to Defeat ALS day, a fun packed day with ALS Association of Oregon and SW Washington. On Sunday, April 13th, OAS staff will drive around the corner to Timberline to help out with a day of skiing with Troops Triumph.



## GETTING READY FOR SUMMER TIME

**Welcome Back Lucy!! Lucy Swaffield resumes her role as our Summer Program Director starting Monday, April 7th. Lucy will jump into Summer Program planning immediately with the goal of building a structured program that we can expand year after year. Look for us out and about on land and water. Please contact Lucy with any questions.**



COME JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE PPP  
OAS TENT at the LES SCHWAB AMPITHEATER  
SATURDAY, MAY 17th

### TEAM SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Three adaptive teams will represent OAS in the Adaptive division of Pole Pedal Paddle, contact Suzanne Lafky if interested

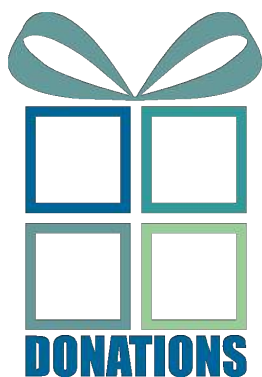
## END OF THE SEASON PARTY

**FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH, 6pm**  
**OAS OFFICES ON OB RILEY**  
 BBQ, Stories, Awards, OAS Swag,  
 Raffle and the coolest people ever



## Newest Member of the OAS team

We are so delighted and honored to announce the addition of our newest Board Member; Peter Gilmore. Gilmore is retired from the athletic shoe industry, having worked for both adidas and Nike in the Portland area, before moving to Bend in 2004. Gilmore also operated his own retail shoe store for six years. Prior to moving to Portland, Gilmore worked as a journalist, teacher, coach and college admissions counselor. He has a bachelor's degree from Emerson College and masters degree from Harvard University.



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 at  
**Reed Market Pub**  
**7pm every Tuesday**



## *Suzanne's Spot Light*

### Notes from the Executive Director's Desk

"It will show up," that was my quote all winter. Growing up in Bend, it was a rare winter when the snow did not grace our land eventually. Of course, never on anyone's timeline. Many years I remember snow on the Fourth of July.

This year being no exception, we finally have the snow pack we deserve just as the season is winding up. Given the challenges the weather patterns provided this winter, OAS was not tarnished. Hoodoo snow conditions proved a bit challenging at times but our team, along with Hoodoo staff, remained positive through out the season. We were able to hold our 7th annual and largest Heros in Sisters event as planned and once again it was a special, unforgettable week-end



for all.

Our operations at Mt. Bachelor were at full steam, ending our busiest and most successful season to date at Bachelor. The lack of fresh "pow-pow" actually provided the perfect conditions for adaptive lessons. The mountain bachelor team did an excellent job of serving many Hoodoo participants at Mt. Bachelor and hosted one of our favorite Hoodoo events, the Junior Race Day (formerly WOW).

Speaking of our team, amazing! Volunteers came out in full force this winter, a crew of over 300 assisted us with alpine and Nordic lessons and many other specials events and projects. This season OAS employed approximately 15 part-time devoted and outstanding instructors, many working more hours than planned. And our participants, they provided us with smiles and laughter that transcended what it means to be human.

The last few months have been a world wind of energy and emotions, working hard and meeting many people. The work at OAS is challenging and thrilling but it is the people that make this job, it's the people that make this organization. Snow or no snow, stormy weather, sunny skies, Oregon Adaptive Sports is about the people that have gathered with amazing stories of strength, courage and human spirit. What an honor.





## OAS Nominated for Sage Award - Non Profit of the Year

**Oregon Adaptive Sports has been nominated for the 2014 Non Profit Organization of the Year Award. The SAGE Awards Gala is Bend's premiere red carpet event honoring the accomplishments of area businesses, nonprofits, and citizens throughout the year by the Bend Chamber of Commerce.**

**Way to go OAS!!!**

### Jeremy's Notepad

Message from the Winter Program Director...

The 7th Annual Heroes in Sisters event was the largest Heroes event yet, and 25 veterans with disabilities and their family members skied and snowboarded with OAS instructors and volunteers. Fortunately the window of good weather at Hoodoo allowed for this event to take place at that wonderful mountain--thanks you Hoodoo staff and management for your support of the event!



OAS wouldn't be the quality program it is without the hours and dedication from the staff instructors and volunteers. People like Paul and Nancy Marshall--these two volunteers have brought their previous adaptive volunteer experience to OAS this winter, Paul helping immensely with mono and bi-ski lessons and Nancy with countless two-track and youth lessons. Both have taken on leadership roles with OAS and the participants have really appreciated their involvement. People like Henry Whitehouse, Melanie Betti, Ryan Ellers, and Annick Goldsmith--new volunteers this winter who have also taken on leadership roles and picked up many of the skills that OAS requires of its instructors. OAS is loving the energy from these and so many other new volunteers! And then there's the long-time volunteers like Barb Smith, Sally Dietchler, Wayne Smith, Devin Harrigan, and Jeremy Holbrook--OAS relies heavily on these folks for their experience and positive interactions to help pull off those busy weekends. And talk about positive--how about the newest instructors Allie Hively and Matt Eitel?!? Both have become integral components of the instructor staff, filling roles both as adaptive ski and snowboard instructors. Their

new presence with OAS has helped create such a stellar winter season.

There are many others deserving of praise (too many for this short newsletter!), but on behalf of the staff and participants, OAS gives a huge thanks to this winter's crew of volunteers. With a few weeks to go I am confident that OAS will keep on offering the highest level of service to our adaptive athletes.



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