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S'mores, Saddles & Sunshine: Highlights from the 2025 BBSC Campout

We start our story with an entertaining video from Steve Carlson. Click [HERE](#) to enjoy the fun.

For over 20 years, the Bogus Basin Ski Club has hosted its annual summer campout, and this year's gathering—held June 27–29, 2025—was another memorable one. SISCRA's Willow Creek Campground, a charming spot nestled on a 66 acre peninsula along Lake Cascade near Donnelly, offered the perfect backdrop for a weekend of sunshine, shared meals, and outdoor fun. With 34 campers in attendance, the energy was high and the camaraderie strong.



Site assignments came together smoothly: Stan and Margie Ridgeway took the largest site for their spacious motorhome, Jordan Stallknecht claimed the ADA-accessible spot, and two early Thursday arrivals set up ahead of the Friday crowd. Several campers were late signups—including Chris Barnes and Marla Holmes—who squeezed in at cozy site '11½.' By the time everyone settled in, the sun was shining, smiles were wide, and the good times were already rolling.

Meals Made with Love



Friday evening marked the beginning of our culinary journey, as Margie Ridgeway and Debi Mahler fired up a classic BBQ in the pavilion. They served briquet-cooked chicken, homemade potato salad, and hearty baked beans, filling the air with that irresistible campout aroma.

We celebrated Stan Ridgeway—longtime club member and dear friend—with delicious birthday cake as the sun dipped behind the mountains, his joyful grin lighting up the evening.



Saturday morning started strong: Margie and Debi were up early cooking breakfast, serving biscuits smothered in sausage gravy and fluffy scrambled eggs in two rounds to suit our early morning horseback riders. Meanwhile, Clyde had risen at the crack of dawn, ensuring fresh-brewed coffee was ready to fuel everyone's day.



Saturday evening, Brent Meyer and Arlene King delighted us with a hearty dinner of steak stroganoff made from prime cuts of beef, complemented by a refreshing cucumber salad. Their culinary expertise was evident in every bite. Brent enjoys cooking for the crew so much that he's already volunteered to prepare meals again next year.



Sunday morning's breakfast was a delight: Brent Meyer and Arlene King handled griddle duty, serving up fluffy blueberry pancakes, perfectly cooked bacon, and fresh

fruit to round out the meal. Meanwhile, the ever-present community coffee pot, tended by Clyde, bubbled away—its steady aroma a cozy, familiar backdrop to our relaxed morning gathering.

Special thanks to those who contributed side dishes—your culinary contributions added flavor and variety, making our meals even more memorable. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped prep, serve, and clean. Your teamwork made the weekend smooth and enjoyable for all.

Activities Galore

Our annual Bogus Basin Ski Club campout always brings fresh adventures, and this year was no exception—each activity was led by dedicated volunteers:



- **Robin Charlesworth wrangled the crew for horseback rides.**

Robin arranged a scenic ride through meadows and creeks with Juniper Mountain Outfitters in Stolle Meadows. There were so many laughs during the ride, many attributed to Chris's itchy horse, Judy's escape artist, and Liz's cranky mare. Afterward, the group split: some headed to lunch at North Shore Lodge on Warm Lake, while others relaxed at Trail Creek Hot Springs. No saddle sores anyone?



- **Steve Strickland launched the lake adventure.** A group of five launched kayaks from the private dock at camp, eager to explore the serene waters of the northern inlets. As they paddled, they were treated to multiple sightings of elegant blue herons gliding overhead. The water was perfectly glassy, reflecting the clear skies above. Adding to the spectacle, a majestic bald eagle soared by its powerful wings cutting through the air.



- **Lynda Clark blazed a trail for cyclists.** Lynda had mapped out a gorgeous route through Ponderosa State Park, aiming for the Huckleberry Loop and the Overlook—but an adventurous detour sent them rolling onto Fox Run instead. It turned out to be a happy mistake: unlike the rocky, technical sections of Huckleberry, Fox Run winds gently past Lily Marsh, offering scenic views and smooth terrain. The group capped off the ride with a well-earned stop at Broken Horn, refueling local food truck, and refreshing beers—

with chips and queso from a making for a perfect after-ride celebration.

- **Doug Baker stepped up to lead the hike to Boulder Lake.** For a touch of wilderness magic, seven adventurous hikers trekked to Boulder Lake, where crisp mountain air, wildflower meadows, and shimmering water created a breathtaking experience. The trail winds through shaded groves and babbling creeks, then opens into an alpine basin ringed by jagged peaks—a stunning payoff that will stay with the group long after the hike.



- **Ellen MacGregor rolled out the fun with tabletop games.** Ellen brought a collection of fast-paced and fun tabletop games to play. Meanwhile, spirited competition broke out with cornhole, bocce, and horseshoes—the friendly rivalries were as entertaining as the games themselves!



Steve Strickland got the party

started with Happy Hour Margaritas. When Steve returned to camp after his paddle on Cascade Lake, he kicked off happy hour in true mixologist style. His tradition brings fresh squeezed lemon and lime juice, top shelf tequila, and his own creative blend of liqueurs—crafted in large-batch fashion that’s classic and crowd pleasing. Folks always gather early, knowing Steve’s concoctions disappear fast. It’s become one of the weekend’s most anticipated—and delicious—rituals!



Evening Fun

- **Pat Pyke fired us up with S’more Trivia.** On Friday night, Pat teased us with a promise of S’more trivia the next evening. Saturday, we had a blast guessing answers—laughter under the stars! Candy prizes were tossed to winners (one even took a plunge into Steve Strickland’s red wine).
- **Julie Robertson delivered ooey-goey campfire genius, Girl Scout style.** Julie taught us to make Girl Scout-style s’mores: banana, all the fixings, wrapped in foil, roasted over the fire—ooey-goey perfection.
- **David Fitch brought the campfire charm.** With a guitar in hand and stars overhead, David filled the night with sing-along favorites and feel-good tunes, making Friday evening feel like a scene from a summer movie—complete with marshmallows and magic.



As the final pancake was flipped and the last camp chair folded, it was clear that the 2025 Bogus Basin Ski Club campout had once again lived up to its legacy of laughter, adventure, and community spirit. From trail rides to trivia, lakeside paddles to live music, this weekend was packed with moments that will carry us through until the snow flies. A huge thank you to everyone who pitched in, played hard, and made it all feel effortless. We’re already counting down the days until next summer’s campout—so go ahead and start prepping your camping gear, tuning your guitars, and sharpening your bocce skills. We can’t wait to do it all again in 2026!





Story by Liz Loomis, Photos by Steve Strickland, Liz Loomis and others.

Far West Ski Association Charities & Our Community Service Project



Lynda Clark, our BBSC president, was awarded the Charities & Community Service recognition at the Far West Ski Association Convention this June in Palm Springs. Sigrid Noack of FWSA is the Chair of the Charities & Our Community Service Project. Paul Vlasveld of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council produced a video of the clubs and councils who participated in the project.



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**Bogus Basin Ski Club (BBSC)
has donated over
\$17,000 to local nonprofits.**

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evening ticket sales went to Rec Unlimited.

In 2014 the team added a Saturday evening show and Bogus Basin Ski Patrol was added to the recipient list. A \$463.50 donation went to BBSEF, a \$915 donation went to Rec Unlimited, and \$784.50 was awarded to Bogus Basin Ski Patrol.

In 2015 the team made a decision to equalize the donations and all three nonprofits received \$834. That process continued forward until 2019 when Bogus Basin Recreational Association was added to the list of nonprofits and the total of 10% of the ticket sales was divided among the four nonprofits. With the exception



Here is the story of the BBSC photos that were in the 2025 video. Our story starts with our logo followed by our logo imprinted with the amount of total donations over the years.

Our donations started in 2011 with \$688.50 from Warren Miller ticket sales to Rec Unlimited, now known as BASE (Boise Adaptive Snowsport Education).

The following year, a \$480 donation from the Thursday evening ticket sales went to BBSEF and a \$868.50 donation from the Friday evening ticket sales went to Rec Unlimited. Why different? Each nonprofit had its own sponsored evening show.

In 2013 the same process was followed. A \$669 donation from the Thursday evening ticket sales went to BBSEF and a \$1,051.50 donation from the Friday

of 2020 when Covid-19 prevented the movie from showing at the Egyptian Theatre, donations continued. That year, BBSC without receiving any funds from Warren Miller ticket sales, decided to continue to make a donation to the four nonprofits from our own funds.

In 2021 Warren Miller returned to the Egyptian and BBSC transitioned to donating to the Bob Greenwood Snowsports Scholarship to individually support BBSEF skiers and snowboarders. Each year we awarded scholarships to talented skiers and snowboarders who were members of BBSEF.

Move forward to 2024/2025. BBSC donated \$1,351 to the four nonprofits in addition to \$1,000 each to three talented snowsports participants from BBSEF, as well as a one-time donation of \$1,000 to the Bogus Basin Mountain Hosts. Following are the rest of the images sent to FWASA for the Charities & Community video.



Lynda Clark, BBSC President, presenting a \$1,351 check to Becki Walters of Boise Adaptive Snowsport Education (BASE)



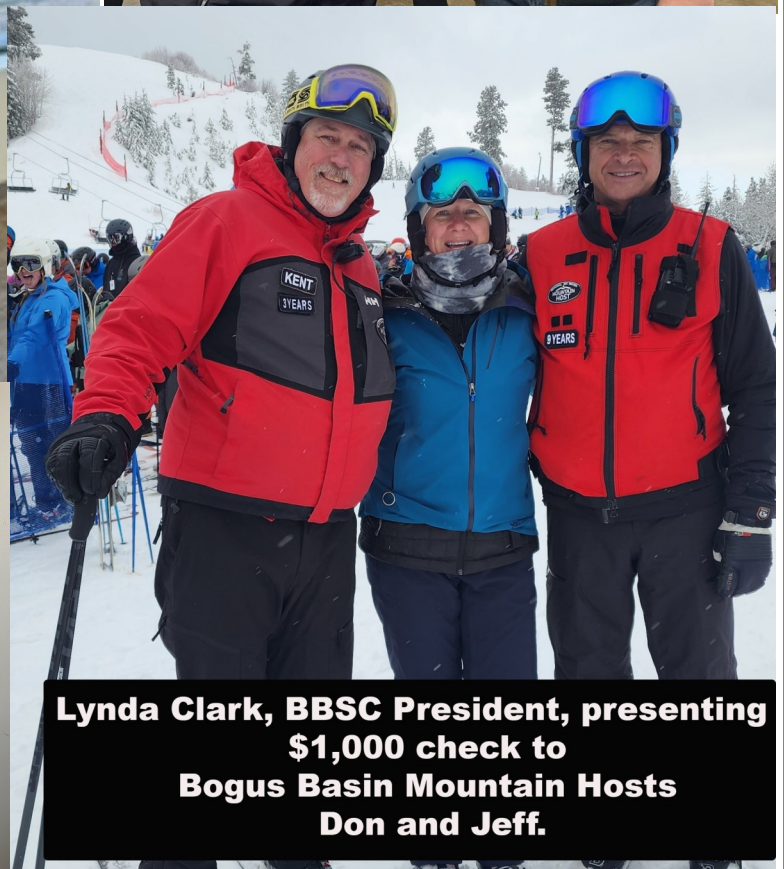
Carol Peterson, BBSC Communications, presenting a \$1,351 check to Pete Muskat, Bogus Basin Ski Patrol (BBSP)



BBSC Sussette Newsom presenting a \$1,351 check to Colette Wright, Bogus Basin's Event Coordinator



Carol Peterson, BBSC Communications, presenting a \$1,351 check to Kim Hovren, Chair of the Bob Greenwood Snowsports Scholarship



Lynda Clark, BBSC President, presenting \$1,000 check to Bogus Basin Mountain Hosts Don and Jeff.



**Noah Thomas,
24/25 \$1,000 scholarship award**

Since 2022 January, we have awarded Bob Greenwood Snowsports Scholarships to 16 BBSEF skiers and boarders.



**Bennett Oakey,
24/25 \$1,000 scholarship award**



**Nadege Lee,
24/25 \$1,000 scholarship award**

Looking toward 25/26 and beyond, with your help and support of the Warren Miller movie event and the Bob Greenwood Snowsports Scholarship, we plan to continue our contributions to these four nonprofits and the talented participants of BBSEF.

It is a privilege and an honor to be part of a club that gives so generously to support others.

Click [HERE](#) for a link to the FWSA Charities & Our Community project.

Story by Carol Peterson, Photos by many with photo labeling by Steve Carlson.