

LOUP LOUP NEWS

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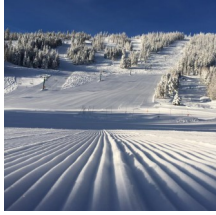
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Loup Loup Ski Education Foundation (LLSEF) is excited to announce the appointment of our new Executive Director, Brent Nourse. Brent brings a solid foundation of leading organizations and sports teams to work to achieve their mission and visions. We are excited to welcome Brent to the Loup family and we look forward to supporting his leadership of the Loup Loup Ski Bowl.

Brent has a long history in Okanogan County, the Methow Valley, and the Loup. Brent grew up between El Paso, Seattle, and Winthrop. His father, Steve Nourse, and step-mother, Jane Gilbertsen purchased their property along the Methow River in 1986 and shortly thereafter, introduced Brent to the Loup Loup Ski Bowl. Brent "fondly" remembers the old T-bar to the top of the hill (including the embarrassment of falling off the t-bar halfway to the top).

Brent has enjoyed alpine and cross country skiing for nearly 40 years, and brings to the Loup both a passion for outdoor recreation together with professional and non-profit experience. Brent comes to the Loup from Methow Recycles where he worked for 2 years as their Campus Operations Manager. Brent has also developed and guided other sport and youth non-profits. In Bellevue, Brent helped establish and develop one of the US's largest and notable youth rugby organizations, and Brent also helped guide the New Mexico Tech Men's and Women's Rugby Clubs.

Brent is excited to help the Loup expand into a four-season regional outdoor recreation hub, and looks forward to enhancing the entire Okanogan experience from the top of the pass. Welcome Brent!

Fall Season's Pass Sale has Just Begun!



Our Fall Season's Pass sale has just begun and we're excited to announce that we have held our season's pass prices from last year. That means that you will enjoy the same great prices skiing and snowboarding as last year if you sign-up before the sale deadline of November 30th. Don't wait though, these are the best Season's Pass prices for this upcoming season!

Go to the following link to purchase your 2021-2022 Season's Passes <https://skitheloup.com/passes-tickets/>

Our Capital Campaign has Reached it's Goal and Our New Day Lodge is Ready for this Season!



LLSEF is so excited to announce that, through the tremendous generosity of our supporters, we have reached our goal of raising \$1,000,000 to build our new Day Lodge and expand our Rental and Ski Shop building! These facilities are now complete and are ready for the season. The new Day Lodge increases our seating space by 150% and adds an efficient kitchen and food services area that will allow us to improve both the quality of the food, as well as improve availability of the foods that you want, so you can get back on the hill.



We cannot wait to show off our new facilities to you, but here are a few pictures to give you an idea of what a very special place this will be for our communities!



Lastly, we want to sincerely thank all of our supporters. All of your support, both large and small are greatly appreciated and we humbly open our arms to you all to come and enjoy these terrific facilities for many years to come!



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LLSEF is participating again in this year's Give Methow Campaign. Give Methow is an online fundraising campaign supporting 37 nonprofits this year across the Methow Valley from October 1st - 31st.

Last year, Give Methow raised over \$522,000 that directly benefitted the Methow Valley community. This year, we are hoping your generosity continues, as we know the challenging year it has been.

Whether you support food and housing services, trails management, land conservation, youth programs, or other community enhancements - there are many ways you can make a difference in the Methow! The nonprofits of the Valley have come together to create this [short video introduction](#) to the work we do together to care for this Valley and community. We hope you'll be inspired to support the missions you've long cared for and perhaps find some new ones!

Please consider supporting the Loup Loup Ski Education Foundation through Give Methow. Here how you can help. Visit <https://GiveMethow.org> from October 1st-31st to donate to one or more Methow Valley nonprofits. Minimum donation is just \$10 and 100% of your donation goes to the nonprofits you support - we cover the credit card fees.

Volunteer Work for your Loup Pass



The Volunteer Work for your Loup Pass is a great way for everyone to earn your Season's pass by volunteering 40 hours to the Loup before the ski season begins. The program starts on October 9th, and each weekend is available from October 9th until we open. No advance sign-up is necessary, please be at the hill by 8:00am. Work requires appropriate outdoor work attire, gloves, other personal protective equipment. Activities will include brush cutting and clearing, and other labor on the mountain in preparation for the season.

Find more information here (<https://skitheloup.com/wp-content/uploads/Loup-Loup-Ski-Education-Foundation-Season-Pass-for-Work-Policy.pdf>), or contact our Mountain Manager, Allen McKinney at LoupMaintenance@skitheloup.com

Loup Acquires a Second Prinoth Bison Snowcat



The Loup continues to invest in our guest's mountain experience and is taking measures to ensure we can open as early as possible each season. LLSEF has acquired a second Prinoth Bison snow grooming machine this summer which adds to our sustainability, and provides additional operational resilience as an organization. These Prinoth Bison are much faster than our previous groomers, and have the ability to groom the mountain with thinner initial snowpack, allowing us the opportunity to open sooner with less snowpack. That is a win for us as an organization, and a win for all of our guests!! Thanks Allen McKinney and his crew for the awesome corduroy each year, and this year is shaping up to be great as well, especially with the dual fleet of Silver Bullets!

Loup Loup Annual Virtual Auction

Please stand by to hear news of the Loup Loup Annual Virtual Auction coming up in the second week of November. We will be holding this virtually due to the COVID pandemic, but we are sure that it will be equally fun and will be a great fundraiser for the Loup. More news to follow shortly on this great event that you will not want to miss!

Finally, we want to thank you so very much for the terrific support you have given to the Loup over the years, and most recently during our Capital Campaign. We are dedicated to bring you the very best community-based mountain experience at reasonable rates that our communities can afford. We believe in our mission and vision and look forward to expanding our winter recreation operations to a four-season operation in the future.

Be safe and well, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at the Loup this winter.

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