

SISTERS, OREGON AIMS TO DRAW BUDGET TRAVELERS & ECO-TOURISTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Geocaching, full-moon snowshoeing, yurt skiing, wildlife walks promoted



SISTERS, OREGON (December 1, 2009) - Capitalizing on the Pacific Northwest's winter recreation appeal, Sisters, Oregon has produced a full calendar of holiday ideas to inspire visitors to take satisfaction in simple pleasures, especially those outdoors.

"It's a season to celebrate with relatives, friends and the family dog, and we want folks to know they can do that in Sisters without breaking the bank," notes [Sisters Area](#)

[Chamber of Commerce](#) executive director Erin Borla. "It's just a magical time of year to be here, with furry livestock and lights all strung downtown and snow in the mountains. We want to give people ideas for enjoying everything about the season, without losing sight of what the holidays are really about."

The gateway to Central Oregon, the Sisters Country sits at the intersection of high desert and the snowy Cascade Mountains, surrounded by Pacific Northwest national forestland. It's both a mecca for outdoor recreation and a traditional Western town with a history rooted in ranching.



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The [Cowboy Christmas event calendar](#) includes a Dec. 18 geocaching "stampede," with a complete [Sisters Winter Edition Charm Bracelet](#) hidden in a local cache. The first



collector to locate it keeps the 13-charm bracelet. Tips on harvesting a \$5 Christmas tree, sledding hills, local shopping bargains, places for that special holiday dinner—and just curling up by a lodge fire with a good book—are also listed.

The Chamber also encourages "voluntourism" with ideas for building charitable works into vacation time. "We're a community that always does its part, so we've listed some easy ways to give back during the season of

giving,” such as donating supplies to the local food bank, or participating in the annual Christmas bird count, explains Borla.

View the [Cowboy Christmas calendar](#) for holiday travel ideas in Sisters, Oregon. Visit the [Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce Web site](#) for more details on Sisters, Oregon getaways. [Subscribe](#) to The Sisters Country online newsletter for updated events and attractions.

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