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MT BACHELOR CULMINATES 2007-2008 SEASON WITH 7th ANNUAL

LIBERTY BANK POND SKIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

(*Bend, Ore.*) - Mt. Bachelor will put an exclamation point on its 2007-2008 season this Sunday, May 18, when the resort hosts the seventh annual Liberty Bank Pond Skimming Championships. Crews from Mt Bachelor will excavate an 80 foot pond 4 feet deep adjacent to Sunrise Lodge, and invite athletes from around the region to test their skills crossing it.

"Pond skimming combines comedy, costume, and skill to represent the spring transition with entertainment and a blowout party. We are hoping for good weather and great close to a great season," said Frankie Labbé, spokesperson for Mt Bachelor.

Held in two rounds, athletes must reach the end of the pond to proceed to the second round, which is then judged on costume and style/technique. Sponsors of the 2008 Pond Skimming Championships include Liberty Bank, Combined Communications, The Source, Joe's Sports, Aspect, Burton, Salomon and more. Sponsors will provide 'celebrity' judges to score the event.

Each competitor will receive a Liberty Bank Pond Skimming T-shirt and matching beach towel, and is automatically entered to win an unlimited 2008-09 season pass regardless of score. The top three participants will receive a new snowboard or wakeboard, and prize bag including Native eyewear and other products.

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Emcee Dee Shaw with DJ's David Miller and Kevin Byrne will guide spectators through this comical event and after party, and spectators will have the opportunity to receive a variety of prizes launched into the crowd at the start of the after-party. Spectators can also enjoy a beer garden with a snow-sculpted bar and outdoor BBQ.

The Liberty Bank Pond Skimming Championship is scheduled to start at 11am to maximize skiing and riding in the morning prior to the event. Sunrise and Summit chairs will run from 8am-1pm with Skyliner lift also running as a bonus chair. The cost to participate in the event is \$25.

For more details, rules and regulations, and entry forms, please go to www.mtbachelor.com <<http://www.mtbachelor.com/>> .

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About Mt. Bachelor:

Celebrating its 50th anniversary during the 2008-2009 season, Mt. Bachelor is the fifth largest ski resort in North America, offering 3,683 acres accessible by lifts. The mountain features 7 Express Quads, 3 Triple Chairlifts, 2 Tubing lifts and a Wonder Carpet. Average annual snow base is between 150 and 200 inches. The resort features four terrain parks, 56K of groomed and tracked cross country trails, snowshoeing, tubing and dog sled rides. This season, the mountain presents a new parks program, two new grooming cats and new ski school programs including free first lessons. For weather conditions, news and events visit www.mtbachelor.com.

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