

Sisters skier headed to nationals

Eighteen-year-old Minam Cravens of Sisters will compete in the 2018 U.S. Alpine National Championships and the 2018 U.S. Alpine Junior National Championships. The events will be held in Sun Valley, Idaho, March 20-30. The selection process is based on U.S. Ski and Snowboard National points and qualifier race results.

Cravens is a Mount Bachelor Sports Education Foundation athlete. He is also a team member of the Western Region Elite Ski Team (WEST). The team is made up of seven men and nine women from the nine Western states (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Nevada, California and Alaska). The 2017/2018 WEST training projects have been held in Chile, Germany, Italy, and multiple locations across the United States.

Last season Cravens was awarded the Schwabe Award for outstanding athlete in the Pacific Northwest Ski Association Division (PNSA). In March of 2015, Minam won the slalom, second in giant slalom, 10th in super giant slalom and won



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Minam Cravens will ski at the end of the month in the U.S. Alpine National Championships and 2018 U.S. Alpine Junior National Championships.

the overall at the Western Region Junior Olympics.

He is a lifelong resident of Sisters and a graduate of Cascades Academy. He was a center defender for the Sisters High School State Championship soccer team in 2016. At the age of 15 months he started skiing with his parents at Mt. Bachelor. His father, Rob Cravens, is an alpine coach for Mount Bachelor Sports Education Foundation (MBSEF) and a former Bend Fire Department captain/paramedic. His

mother, Teresa Cravens, is a former Nordic coach for MBSEF, and a current race administrator for MBSEF and the PNSA division. She is also the owner of a small business in Bend.

Minam is coached by MBSEF Program Director Nils Erickson, MBSEF Head FIS (Federation Of International Skiing) Coach Kent Towlerton, Western Region Head Coach (former US Team/World Cup athlete) Will Brandenburg and his father.

Exploring the science of megafires

It may not feel like it outside, but fire season is on its way. This March, local partners are coming together to offer presentations of Era of Megafire for Central Oregonians. The Deschutes Land Trust, Sunriver Owners Association, and Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District are sponsoring events in Bend, Sunriver, and Sisters.

The Sisters event, with Dr. Paul Hessburg, hosted at The Belfry, is sponsored in part by the Sisters Science Club.

Last year was a record fire year with 9.1 million acres burning in the U.S. More than 680,000 acres burned in Oregon alone, in at least 33 different fires, one of which was a megafire that burned over 190,000 acres. Dr. Hessburg will present to the audience an engaging multimedia presentation about wildfire, its natural role in our local forests, and how that role has changed. Dr. Hessburg will present the multiple options available to our community to

reshape the wildfire problem and how we can all better learn to live with fire.

Attend the event in Sisters on Thursday, March 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Belfry. Tickets will be available at the door, donations will be accepted but not required (pre-registration is not required).

Paul Hessburg, Ph.D., is a research ecologist with the Pacific Northwest Research Station, U.S. Forest Service. He has been studying historical and modern-era forests of the Inland West for the last 32 years, publishing extensively in leading national and international journals. His work documents large changes in forest conditions and how these changes, along with climate change, have set the stage for large and severe wildfires. This presentation is an outgrowth of his research and his concerns for the future.

The Belfry is located at 302 E. Main Ave.

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