

Suttle Lodge is a Sisters getaway

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People all across the Pacific Northwest think of The Suttle Lodge as a summertime place, a place of family vacations at the lake, of canoes and kayaks and waterskis, of hikes along the trail and old-fashioned dinners at The Boathouse.

And it is all of these things. In recent years, though, The Suttle Lodge has also become a winter refuge for folks in Sisters and Central Oregon looking to get away without having to travel too far down winter roads.

According to Rebekah Bellingham, the staff at The Suttle Lodge has created a menu of culinary, visual, and musical arts events to “ramp up content and culture to drive people there. It’s been very successful at that.”

Bellingham said that it’s important to the staff that people in Sisters feel like The Suttle Lodge is “their space” — a place to come and enjoy an evening even if they are not a guest there.

“The biggest win is seeing more locals come as regulars,” Bellingham said. “A lot of the programming I create there is for this community.”

A centerpiece of the “off-season” is a series of chef’s dinners, featuring some of the culinary stars of the Pacific Northwest presenting multi-course meals, paired with the region’s wines.

The dinners are served in an intimate setting inside the Lodge. While the price point reflects an extraordinary culinary experience, the staff makes sure that the atmosphere is highly convivial and unpretentious.

The next chef’s dinner features Ben Bettinger of Laurelhurst Market with Timothy Malone Wines on Saturday, February 23. Laurelhurst Market is a brasserie-inspired



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A chef dinner earlier this year featured chef Aaron Barnett of St. Jack.

steakhouse, full-service butcher shop, and neighborhood bar with chef-owners David Kreifels, Jason Owens, and Benjamin Dyer of Your Neighborhood Restaurant Group. Timothy Malone Wines is a small family-owned and -operated winery in the Willamette Valley. Wines are made with minimal-intervention winemaking practices inspired by Oregon’s vintner forefathers, resulting in authentic wines that are reflective of a time and place.

The dinners run into April; more information may be found regularly in *The Nugget* and at www.thesuttlelodge.com/happenings.

Bellingham particularly enjoys booking music for the weekly Fireside Show, an intimate evening of music on Thursday nights a couple of times each month. As the name implies, the venue is next to the fireplace in the Lodge.

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FEB 21 THUR **The Belfry Sisters One-Act Plays** 7:30 p.m. Silent Echo Theater Company will premiere 8 one-act plays at the 4th annual “Now You’re Talking...” Theater Event. Call 541-719-8862.

Paulina Springs Books Author Presentation with Megan Griswold 6:30 p.m. “The Book of Help” is the story of one woman’s life-long quest for love, connection and peace of mind. For more info call 541-549-0866 or go to paulinasprings.com.

Cork Cellars Tasty Thursday Hosted Wine Tasting 5 to 7 p.m. For additional information call 541-549-2675 or go online to corkcellarswinebistro.com.

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FEB 22 FRI **Downtown Sisters 4th Friday Art Stroll** 4 to 7 p.m. Galleries and shops feature live entertainment and refreshments, every fourth Friday of the month! For additional information go to sistersartsassociation.org.

Hood Avenue Art Plein Air Painters of Oregon Artists’ Reception 4 to 7 p.m. With live entertainment and refreshments! For more info go to hoodavenueart.com.

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Hardtails Bar & Grill Karaoke Night with Rockin Robin 9 p.m. Every Friday, no cover! For additional information call 541-549-6114 or go to hardtailsoregon.com.

FEB 23 SAT **Caldera Arts Center Artists in Residence Open Studios** 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Program begins at 1 p.m. Call 541-595-0956 or go online to CalderaArts.org for more information.

Cork Cellars Live Music with Eric Leadbetter 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. No cover! For information call 541-549-2675 or go online to corkcellarswinebistro.com.

Sisters High School The Snow Queen 6:30 p.m. Missoula Children’s Theatre Production. Requested donation at the door \$5 per person, \$10 per family. Call 541-549-4979.

The Belfry Sisters One-Act Plays 2 & 7:30 p.m. Silent Echo Theater Company will premiere 8 one-act plays at the 4th annual “Now You’re Talking...” Theater Event. Call 541-719-8862.

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FEB 24 SUN **The Belfry Sisters One-Act Plays** 3 p.m. Silent Echo Theater Company will premiere 8 one-act plays at the 4th annual “Now You’re Talking...” Theater Event. Call 541-719-8862.

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FEB 26 TUES **The Belfry Algorithms and Artificial Intelligence: Science Takes on Fake News** Sisters Science Club presentation by Dr. Daniel Lowd. 7 p.m. Social Hour at 6 p.m. \$5 admission. Call 541-912-0750 or go to sistersscienceclub.org.

Sisters Saloon Trivia Night 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sign-up is at 6:15 p.m. Free, every Tuesday! For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net.

FEB 27 WED **Sisters Saloon Poker Night** 7 p.m. Every Wednesday! \$20. For information call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net.

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