

## Spin away winter hours pioneer style

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For those interested in renewing the ways of the good old days in the form of a "new" hobby, winter need never have a dull moment. Learning a pioneer craft can be a challenging and exciting experience that will undoubtedly be passed on to both friends and family for years to come.

The Damascus Pioneer Learning School offers classes in spinning, weaving, knitting, stitchery and quilting, along with a wide variety of workshops covering everything from pine needle basketry to Seminole Indian patchwork. All of the classes are scheduled

for 10 week terms and meet once a week from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuition ranges from \$25 to \$45, depending on the class taken. All equipment (spinning wheels, looms, etc.) is supplied by the school and students can work on individual projects during the week as often as they wish.

According to Barbara Miller, spinning teacher, the popularity of several pioneer crafts runs in cycles. "This year weaving and Navajo weaving seem to be most popular, while last year it was spinning," she said.

Popular or not, the classes are kept small to allow for a lot of individual instruction. "Our largest class, which is weaving,

is stopped at about 12 students," said Miller.

The school also has a yarn shop in which yarn from Finland, New Zealand and Oregon is sold. Toika loom weaving equipment, hand wool carders, spinning wheels and other various handicraft articles are for sale.

The school began as a dream of Amy Miller, retired spinning instructor who acquired the building in 1966. The schoolhouse itself is more than 100 years old. The Damascus Pioneer Learning School is located at 14711 S.E. Anderson Road in Clackamas. For more information about classes, call 658-2704 and ask for Barbara Miller.

## Take cold cash along to slopes



This season, with old man winter dropping all that white stuff on the globe, many enthusiasts have been trekking up to the mountain, fastening wooden boards to their feet, and calling it skiing.

Every year at this time, new "green" skiers are introduced to the sport. Of course, these new comers do not go all out and buy hundreds of dollars of equipment for their first trip, and many novices of the sport still do not own their own equipment.

Fortunately the popular ski resorts furnish rentals on skis, boots and poles. They also sell lift tickets and rope tow passes. Some even furnish transportation.

To help the beginner, or novice, get the best buy, The Print obtained a "price chart" of all the mountain resorts.

children. Rope tows are \$4. The number to call is 337-2222.

Multorpor Ski Bowl, at Government Camp, should remain open through March. They have four chair lifts and eight rope tows. Weekend chair lift prices are all day or swing shift \$9.50, afternoon or evening \$6.50. Children age 11 and under are \$6 and \$4.50; weekdays all day or swing shift \$8.50, morning or evening \$4.50. Rope tows are \$4. Seniors pay half-price. Call 272-3522 or 224-9221.

Summit Ski Area, near Government Camp, should be open through mid-April. They have a T-bar and four rope tows. Price for all lifts is \$4. children \$3, half day \$2.50. The beginners rope tow alone is \$1. They're open weekends and holidays. Their number is 272-3351.

Timberline Lodge, six miles north of Highway 26 at Government Camp, has four chair lifts and two rope tows. Lift prices are weekend \$9.50 adults, and children \$5.50. On week days \$8.50 adults and children \$4.50. Half-day prices \$6.50 adults and children. Full day and night \$11. more than day prices. rope tow is \$4 adults and children. The number to call for more information is 272-3351.

Mt. Hood Meadows, Highway 35 between Government Camp and Hood River, hopes to stay open through June. They have six chair lifts and three rope tows. Weekend prices, day-night, are \$10 adults and \$7 children. Weekday prices, noon and swing is \$10 adults and \$7 children. For weekdays they are \$9 adults and \$7 children.

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