

are near Bend in the Deschutes national forest of central Oregon where the Skyliners ski club has a playground ten miles west of Bend for easy access. A forest service lodge, used as a 4-H camp in summer, serves as a snow sports center in winter.

Miss Marianne Gerke, Skyliners, reports major activities of her club take place at Hoodoo ski bowl, 45 miles west of Bend at Santiam Pass. A road from the highway to the bowl has been under construction, but will probably not be in use this year, entailing a walk by trail at present of less than one mile from U.S. Highway 20.

The Central Cascade recreational council, composed of representatives of all clubs using the Santiam ski area, cooperates with the forest service in supervising ski activities and programs. Last year the council furnished a free ski school on Sundays and volunteer ski patrol service on weekends.

Skyliners club, reactivated last year, is planning on a busy winter, with emphasis on junior skiing in the thought that "today's juniors will become tomorrow's champions." Activities this year include ski trips by high school groups, ski schools by the Portland and Bend junior chambers of commerce. In the past Bend has produced such outstanding skiers as Olaf Skjersaa, pioneer class A jumper, Phil Gillis, top ranking junior racer in the last few seasons, Phil and Sam Peoples and Ster and Jim McGarvey, Oregon state college varsity ski team members. Best known is Gene Gillis, member of the 1948 Olympic team.

Ed Thurston, operator of Hoodoo ski bowl, had planned to have a new chair lift and 50 room ski lodge in operation for 1948-49, but early snow-fall delayed plans until next season.

In operation during the current season will be four rope tows handling 3000 riders per hour and ranging in length from 600 feet to 4000 feet, with a maximum rise of 1000 feet. A ski jump is available for leaps up to 100

feet. Facilities will be primarily in operation over weekends and holidays and by special arrangements other times.

Accommodations for Hoodoo ski bowl visitors are available at a forest service lodge at Santiam Pass, where dormitories are also in operation. Facilities provide for 100 people, including meals, ski rentals and sales. Cabins are also available at Suttle Lake, Camp Sherman and Sisters.

Skiing in the Bend area continues late in the season, as the steep open terrain of Bachelor Butte, 25 miles from Bend on the Century Drive, offers excellent skiing until as late as June and July. However, this area is not accessible until late spring when roads are opened to travel.

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