

# VOS CONFERENCE 2023

Big Sky, Montana

COME FOR THE LEARNING, STAY FOR THE FAMILY

## Know Before You Go

*Please read this document carefully. We look forward to seeing you soon in Big Sky!*

### CONFERENCE DATES AND LOCATION:

March 11-18, 2023

#### **Big Sky Resort**

50 Big Sky Resort Rd  
Big Sky, MT 59716  
(800) 548-4486

### CONFERENCE CHECK IN:

We encourage all attendees to join us in the Yellowstone Conference Center upper atrium for the Registration and Opening Ceremony from 6pm-8pm on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Beer, wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be available while attendees check in and receive their registration packet. Conference check in will continue throughout the conference every day.

### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

For the most up to date schedule, visit our website below.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5571dbd0e4b02ba2bd5bdfdc/t/63f79a5289b92c2202f8dc10/1677171282543/VOS-2023-Program.pdf>

### TRANSPORTATION:

Arrangements have been made with Big Sky Shuttle for transportation from Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport to Big Sky and back. Reserve your shuttle and use code VOS23 for a \$10 discount. Discount applies March 9-19. Be prepared with your travel information when you reserve.

<https://bigskyshuttle.net/>

## LIFT TICKETS AND EQUIPMENT RENTALS:

For discounted lift tickets:

<https://shop.bigskyresort.com/s/veterinary-orthopedic-society-2022/c/veterinary-orthopedic-society-2022-2>

To Sky Card Express Boxes on-resort. Simply use the machine to scan the QR code in your confirmation email and it will print out your Sky Card loaded with your lift tickets. **Find a Sky Card Express Box.**

Big Sky Resort has a lift ticket option for only the blue bubble and explorer lifts for \$48/day.

Ski school reservations can be [booked online](#). For day care, parents can book half or full days online as well.

To reserve ski and snowboard equipment:

<https://shop.bigskyresort.com/s/group-rentals/>

## DOWNLOAD THE VOS APP:

Please follow the instructions below to download the mobile app.



Scan the QR code to download the app

1. Download the app and click open
2. On the 'Welcome to VOS Events' page, click on Sign Up or Sign In
3. Register your info, including your own personal password and accept terms
4. Click on the '50<sup>th</sup> Annual VOS Conference' picture
5. Click on 'Join' and use event code VOS2023

## COVID POLICY:

The VOS recommends following CDC guidelines to protect your health and the health of others. Vaccination is encouraged, but we will not be requiring proof of vaccination.

Masks are optional at this time. If you are ill, please self-isolate and follow the guidance provided [here](#) prior to returning to group activity.

### FRANK RAPP MEMORIAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD RACE:

The Frank Rapp Memorial Ski and Snowboard Race will take place on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am on Ambush Trail. Sign up at the VOS registration desk. Race spectators must ski down the hill beside the trail and wait at the bottom, no spectators on foot will be allowed.

### MOUNTAIN PICNIC:

The mountain picnic is a ticketed event after the ski and snowboard race on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-1:30pm in the Summit Hotel's Talus Room.

### VOS EDUCATION FOUNDATION SILENT AUCTION:

This year we will be using **Silent Auction Pro** again. To sign up and begin bidding, [click here](#). Or text G1963 to (888) 990-9876 to receive a link to sign up on your mobile device. Once you input your credit card information, you will be all set to bid. View auction items [here](#).

### FOUNDATION NIGHT KIDS PARTY:

The kids party will take place on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> in the Cheyenne Room at Huntley Lodge from 7pm-11pm. "406 Nannies" will be there with movies and games for our kids ages 4-12. Pre-registration is **required**. Inquire at the VOS registration desk if you have not signed up yet.

### ELECTRONIC PROCEEDINGS:

Download and view the electronic proceedings using the link below. Note: The proceedings on this link will be updated with any changes as we get closer to the conference.

<https://tinyurl.com/VOS2023proceedings>

### RESORT INFORMATION:

A few tips and reminders about Big Sky Resort:

- Check in for all rooms begins at **5pm**
- If arriving early, the resort can hold onto your bags and call you when your room is ready
- Complimentary breakfast is available for Village Center, Shoshone, and Huntley rooms
- [Spa](#) Reservations must be made on site, cannot be made prior to arrival
- Valet ski is only available at a cost except if you are staying at the Summit
- Resort offers room delivery for equipment



## VOS Mountain Scavenger Hunt!

Who doesn't love an old fashioned scavenger hunt, especially when great prizes like Apple Air Pods are up for grabs?!

We are excited to announce a new event that promises to be fun and will stoke our competitive spirits.

### **What you need to know:**

- Free to participate
- Teams of up to 5 people- guests and family can all participate but there must be at least 2 VOS attendees on the team.
- Pick up the list of items to "collect" at registration on Saturday or Sunday. Additional instructions will be provided at that time.
- "Collection" will involve taking a digital picture of the item.
- Completed lists can be turned in (emailed or texted) any time after the Ski Race on Wednesday. Get started early for your best chance at winning!
- One item on the list will be that at least one member of your team participates in the Ski/ Snowboard Race on Wednesday. Make sure to register for the ski race when you sign up for the Scavenger Hunt!
- Items to "collect" will be found on and off-slope; but none will be accessed only via black diamond slopes. This game is intended to include all ages and levels of ski/snowboarders.
- Prizes will be awarded to the team that "collects" all items first, as well as for most creative "collections" and team spirit.
- Thank you to Zoetis for supplying grand prizes!

# WINTER ACTIVITIES



## BIG SKY TOWN CENTER ICE RINK

Full size rink in Town Center. Skate rentals available. Rink schedule available at [bssha.org](http://bssha.org)



## SNOWSHOEING

Snowshoe rentals and trail info available at many local retailers. Big Sky Resort offers 2 hour tours from Mountain Village at 9:45am and 1pm. Book online or onsite.



## ICE CLIMBING

Contact [Montana Alpine Guides](#) for excursions and gear rentals.



## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Lone Mountain Ranch has 50+ miles of trails. Ticket required and can be purchased at Lone Mountain Ranch or Big Sky Nordic Center. Rentals available at Big Sky Resort.



## SNOWMOBILING

Miles of back country available in Big Sky or explore Yellowstone National Park. [Find a provider.](#)



## SLEIGH RIDES

Enjoy a winter horse-drawn sleigh ride and dinner with a [local provider.](#)



## FLY FISHING

Guided tours available in Big Sky's Gallatin River or other legendary rivers nearby. [Find a provider.](#)



## SNO-GO BIKING

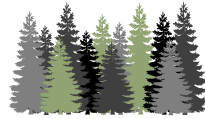
Available at Madison Base. [Bike rentals and lessons available.](#)

# WINTER ACTIVITIES



## HEADLAMP NIGHT SKIING

Available 7pm-9pm Wednesdays through Saturdays. Guided experience for up to 7 people. [Book now.](#)



## ENCHANTED FOREST

Lights guide you through the trees in the Enchanted Forest. [Reservations required, book by 4pm day-of.](#)



## ZIPLINE TOURS

Choose between a nature or adventure zipline tour at Big Sky Resort. [Book online and save!](#)



## HORSEBACK RIDING

Guided tours from 1 hour to all day can be enjoyed while viewing wildlife, scenic vistas, and Big Sky country. [Find a provider.](#)



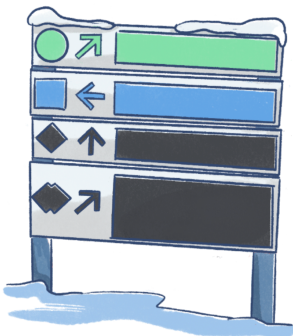
## DOG SLEDDING

See the beautiful Big Sky country by dog sled with [Spirit of the North Tours.](#)



## SNOWCOACH TOURS

Private or public tours of Yellowstone available. [Find a provider.](#)



## SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING

Big Sky Resort boasts 5,850 acres of skiable terrain and minimal lift lines. Lessons, backcountry skiing, and rentals are all available at Big Sky Resort. Use the link above to purchase your discounted lift tickets and reserve discounted equipment. [Explore the mountain here.](#)

# DINING OPTIONS

## **BIG SKY RESORT DINING:**

There are plenty of dining options at Big Sky Resort designed to satisfy every palate.

**Reservations are strongly recommended.**

[View resort dining here.](#)

## **BIG SKY TOWN CENTER DINING:**

Take the skyline shuttle down to the town center for more dining options.

**Reservations are strongly recommended.**

[View all dining options here.](#)

## **DOWNLOAD THE OFFICIAL VISITORS GUIDE OF BIG SKY HERE.**

This visitors guide will give you information on:

- Adventures
- Guides and outfitters
- Yellowstone
- Maps
- Dining
- Shopping
- Events
- ...and MORE!