



FMSAC Summer 2008 Update

SEEKING BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FMSAC is seeking interested individuals willing to serve a 1 year term on our board of directors. Commitments include 2 official meetings annually in January and July as well as participation in at least one committee. Committees include Fundraising, Public outreach, Finance and Planning. Applicants should have a keen, if not obsessive, interest in backcountry activities, be creative in dealing within the confines of government regulations and have a positive outlook toward the future of the Mount Shasta Avalanche Center. Interested individuals should email FMSAC at friendsmsac@gmail.com or approach any existing board member for details.

FUNDING FOR THE 2008/2009 WINTER SEASON

In April of this year FMSAC board and committee members met with Pricilla Franco of the USDA Forest Service to discuss the current funding issues for the Avalanche Center. We came away with a more solid understanding of the budgeting situation but not any immediate solutions. The general message is that we need to remain open and flexible to funding possibilities and to think outside the box in terms of where to look for funding. With our new independent 501c3 nonprofit status, FMSAC has renewed its commitment to do just that. In the coming year we plan on strengthening our committees looking for both short and long term funding solutions and we look forward to your help in the process. Please become involved by contacting FMSAC at our email address.

WEATHER STATION UPDATE

We have resolved most of our weather station transmitting problems thanks to hard work and many hours by Eric White and Snowdog Engineering, but some minor issues are still being worked out. Please note that MSAC stations will be switched off for the summer months to protect equipment, but by the time the snow flies next Fall we hope to have all data fully and consistently accessible to the public.



2008 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE SOON

Scholarships to the International Snow Science Workshop in Whistler September 21-27th will be available soon. Check for updates on our website with application announcements. If you don't receive a scholarship, try to attend anyway! These workshops are a lot of fun and very educational too. Speakers from all over the world introduce you to more than you ever wanted to know about snow with lectures, field trips, special guest speakers, movies and, well, you're in Whistler! For more info please visit www.issw2008.com.

ROAD SIGNS

After unforeseen delays, FMSAC has received our metal Avalanche Center advisory hotline and website address signs for Everett Memorial Highway and will be putting them up this Fall. Our hope is that more backcountry users will be prompted to call the Advisory hotline on the way up the hill and then be reminded to call or check online before their next outing with a reminder on their way down. Look for them next winter.

SNOWBALL 2009!

It's never too early to mark your calendars. Our 7th Annual Snowball will be held JANUARY 24th, 2009- Look for event details this Fall and we'll see you there!

