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Ski for Light to Rendezvous in West Yellowstone

The secret is out! Ski for Light inc. (SFL) will celebrate its 52nd international week in West Yellowstone, Montana, where active adults with visual or mobility impairments will gather to learn the basics of cross-country skiing January 17-24, 2027.

Participants will follow in the footprints of the First Americans, mountain men and fur trappers as they glide along the Rendezvous Trail System in the Custer Gallatin National Forest. The Forest Service, Destination Yellowstone, and West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation work together to provide quality cross-country skiing opportunities within the West Yellowstone community.

“West Yellowstone is a perfect skiing venue for the 2027 Ski for Light International event,” Smiles Event Chair Scott McCall. “The terrain includes long flat areas that will be perfect for beginners as well as hills that will challenge and thrill more advanced skiers.”

Each visually or mobility impaired participant is paired with an experienced, sighted cross-country skier who acts as instructor and on-snow guide for a week of skiing, sharing and learning. First time skiers will be introduced to basic technique while returning skiers will have an opportunity to enhance existing skills.

“The trails start right from town, so skiers can walk directly out to the start of the system,” says veteran guide Amy Christiansen of Lakewood, Colorado. “The trails offer a wide variety of interlocking loops through beautiful forested landscapes.”

“It is a very beautiful area,” echoes skier John Paxman of St. George, Utah. “I have gone to West Yellowstone to ski for several years and these are some of the best trails I have ever skied.”

Founded in 1975, Ski for Light is an all-volunteer non-profit based on a Norwegian program called the Ridderrenn. While the focus of the week is cross-country skiing, there are plenty of after ski activities where participants have an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Join participants from across the U.S. and around the world. Applications and additional information will be available in the summer at www.sfl.org; meanwhile, join our community on Facebook (Ski for Light, Inc.), and check out our YouTube channel (Ski for Light International).

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