



## **Tamarack Academy Earns Accreditation**

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Tamarack, Idaho (July 14, 2008) – The Tamarack Sport & Education Foundation (TSEF) announced today that Tamarack Academy has been granted provisional accreditation status by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (NAAS). Founded in 1917, NAAS is among the oldest and most respected accreditation organizations in the country, with over 1,900 member schools in seven states.

“Tamarack Academy is off to a great start, and NAAS is proud to be part of its continued success. While accreditation does not imply that a school is perfect, it does promise that the school has the resources, leadership, and vitality needed for ongoing improvement, and it helps upgrade the quality of instruction and the school’s program of study,” said Dr. David Steadman, Executive Director of the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools.

“It is quite an achievement to become accredited, especially by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools, and it is an important step in our pursuit of building a world-class school at Tamarack Resort,” said Wolfe Ashcraft, president of the TSEF board of directors.

According to Bill Leaf, Head of School at Tamarack Academy, “Accreditation is a major milestone for our school. It puts us on the map, so to speak, and serves as a catalyst for us to continue to get better. In addition, accreditation helps ensure that credits earned at Tamarack Academy are transferable among other accredited schools in the region and the nation.”

Tamarack Academy is a private, college preparatory academy for grades 6-12. In addition, Tamarack Academy offers an Independent Study program on a seasonal basis, along with a Homeschool Help program for local students who wish to take advantage of the academy part-time. Students at Tamarack Academy can also opt to participate in Team Tamarack, which offers both competitive and recreational sports programs.

**About the Tamarack Sport and Education Foundation**

The Tamarack Sport and Education Foundation, Inc.'s mission is to provide youths the opportunity to excel athletically and academically, while developing critical life skills and creating special memories. As a public charity, TSEF develops programs, scholarships, and a donation policy supporting deserving youths in Idaho. TSEF operates both Tamarack Academy (college prep for grades 6-12) and Team Tamarack (competitive and recreational sports programs). For more information on programs, sponsorship opportunities, or donations, please call 208.325.1118, email [info@tsef.org](mailto:info@tsef.org), or visit [www.tsef.org](http://www.tsef.org).

### **About the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools**

The Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (NAAS) was founded in 1917 and has accredited over 1,900 member schools in its seven-state region of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Nevada, and Alaska. The mission of NAAS is to advance excellence in education through the process of accreditation. For more information, visit <http://www.northwestaccreditation.org>.

### **About Tamarack Resort**

Tamarack Resort, the first all-season resort to open in the U.S. in more than two decades, has received national attention for its world-class mountain for skiing, hiking and mountain biking; Osprey Meadows, a Robert Trent Jones, Jr., signature golf course named America's Best New Course in its category for 2006 by *Golf Digest*; and beautiful Lake Cascade, ideal for swimming, sailing, fishing, sea kayaking, and boating. A key element of the Tamarack community is The Club at Tamarack for homeowners, their families, and guests. Nestled in Idaho's Payette River Mountains, Tamarack is a luxury boutique resort with a variety of lodging options all within walking distance of the four-season amenities. Call 877.TAM.RESORT or visit [www.tamarackidaho.com](http://www.tamarackidaho.com) for more information about Tamarack Resort.

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