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USA Climbing Awards the 2019 & 2020 USA Climbing: Bouldering National Championships to Deschutes County Fairgrounds Expo Center in Bend, OR

(Boulder, Colo. – Feb. 6, 2018) USA Climbing, the United States National Governing Body for the sport of Sport Climbing, announced today that it has awarded the 2019 and 2020 USA Climbing: Bouldering National Championship events to Deschutes County Fairgrounds Expo Center in Bend, OR.

The 2019 USA Climbing: Bouldering Open National Championship competition will take place on February 1 and 2, 2019. The 2020 USA Climbing: Bouldering Open National Championship competition will take place on January 31 and February 1, 2020. The 2019 USA Climbing: Bouldering Youth National Championship competition will take place on February 8, 9, and 10, 2019. The 2020 USA Climbing: Bouldering Youth National Championship will take place on February 7, 8 and 9, 2020. These events will feature elite climbing adult and youth athletes in the country, competing for a place on the U.S. National Team and U.S. Youth National Team, in the discipline of bouldering.

“We’re thrilled to be the host city for Bouldering Nationals,” said Kevney Dugan, Visit Bend CEO. “Smith Rock State Park is regarded by many as the birthplace of American sport climbing, so it’s exciting to offer a venue that’s just a stone’s throw away. We look forward to sharing all our amazing winter recreation opportunities with athletes and fans.”

“As the birthplace of sport climbing in the United States, it is a dream come true to announce that we’ll be bringing the biggest competition in North America to our friends in Bend, OR and the Pacific Northwest,” said Kynan Waggoner, CEO of USA Climbing. “Kevney and his team at Visit Bend have put together a package that is going to ensure that competitors and spectators have an experience that





they will never forget!"

About Visit Bend: Visit Bend is a non-membership, non-profit economic development organization dedicated to promoting tourism on behalf of the City of Bend. We're a leading provider of information on Bend, Oregon hotels, restaurants, activities, and Oregon vacation planning. To learn more or to order a complimentary Official Visitor Guide to Bend, contact Visit Bend at 1-800-949-6086 or visit www.visitbend.com. *For more information contact:*

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About USA Climbing: USA Climbing is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee as the National Governing Body for the sport of sport climbing. The organization manages the disciplines of Bouldering, Speed and Sport climbing as well as the Collegiate and Adaptive series. USA Climbing, a member federation of the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC), also hosts IFSC World Cup events and sends athletes to participate in the IFSC's World Cup circuit and the World Climbing and Adaptive Climbing Championships. *For more information contact:*

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