

During the dreary, damp and dank days

of winter, we wondered just what people do in the Northwest to beat the blahs. So the *Journey* crew ventured out—in our finest galoshes—and asked several Washington and northern Idaho personalities the simple question (nice and big over there to the left). From the real Batman, Adam West, to your fellow AAA members, here's what they said—and feel free to steal any of their ideas for your own winter-blues escape.

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In late fall, my favorite time in my part of Idaho [Ketchum], I go to the river. I don't like to see the summer fade away so soon, but the change is beautiful here. Our kids usually arrive for Christmas, and the winter postcard they see is impressive every time. Because I travel and spend time away working, it's always good to come back and breathe the cool, clear air. —**Seattle-born Adam West**, TV's *Batman* and voice of *Mayor Adam West* on *Family Guy*

I'm off to Buenos Aires to immerse myself in tango.

—**Robin Held**, chief curator, *Frye Art Museum*

My favorite place to go is down to Wallowa Lake. I go ice fishing down there for kokanee. —**Nathanael Tucker**, owner of *La Bohème* restaurant and café in Lewiston, Idaho

In December, I am on a sold-out trip to Antarctica, and then in January, February and March, I will be leading three international photo tours in India, Japan and China. —**Art Wolfe**, *Seattle* photographer and TV host

I'm going to Panama during the February Carnival or I'll head to Colombia's Island of San Andrés. —**Jaime Méndez**, news anchor, *KUNS 51/Univision Seattle*, and Spanish commentator for *Sounders FC*

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We're working with the online travel community to raise enough money to build a village in India.

—**Pam Mandel**, one of the founders of *Passports With Purpose*

I am hosting a "hoarders" party for some friends. When we travel, we always bring back something—food, wine, candy—that we keep at home. We all bring what we have been hoarding and cook with it. —**Kathy Casey**, owner of *Dish D'Lish cafes and other ventures*

I am working on finishing my second book and planning a trip to Jamaica. —**Robert duRosier**, *Alaska Airlines flight attendant*

This winter, I am very pleased to be welcoming my second son into the world! In other news, I'll be traveling to Ethiopia in December to meet with several coffee farmers from the region. —**Paul Odom**, founder and president of *Fonté Coffee Roaster*

"It was just last year I discovered Nordic skiing and Echo Ridge. I've found that Echo Ridge is one of the most wonderful Nordic ski destinations in Washington state."

—**Clint Campbell**, *Campbell's Resort on Lake Chelan*

I'll be busy in the kitchen creating homemade sauces, jams, breads and pancakes, so our guests can indulge in a warm breakfast before hitting the slopes or exploring the Wenatchee Valley.

—**Ruth Leslie**, innkeeper at *Huckleberry Haven Bed & Breakfast, Wenatchee*

epic days on MOUNT HOOD, MOUNT BACHELOR WEST POWDER! —**Mayor Timothy D. Leavitt**, *City of Vancouver, Wash.*

I plan to co-coach some college [soccer] games at Miami's Barry University with my son, because if I win 10 games, I will become the winningest coach in American collegiate history. I also might climb Mount

Rainier. —**C. Cliff McCrath**, *secretary-rules editor, NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee*

Our family will snowshoe in the Blue Mountains at Tollygate and take in performances at the Little Red Theater. We also take advantage of enjoying the Walla Walla Symphony, which happens to be the oldest running symphony west of the Mississippi River. —**Corey Braunel**, *winemaker, Dusted Valley winery*

This winter will be busier than ever as we coordinate our ongoing yoga and surf retreats in Sayulita, Mexico, and manage our new retreat locations in Costa Rica and Todos Santos. —**Kelly Kemp and Michelle Gantz**, *co-founders of Via Yoga*

Stringing lights on three yachts for the holidays, illuminating the way as we cruise Lake Washington and Lake Union. It's cold out there, but warm inside! —**Hilton Smith**, *president, Waterways Cruises and Events*]