



CAMP ABBOT TRADING COMPANY NAMED AN ACE 2018 ‘COOLEST HARDWARE STORE’

Ace Hardware Corporation recognizes local store for customized service

OAK BROOK, Ill., February 26, 2018 – Ace Hardware Corporation is pleased to announce that Camp Abbot Trading Company of Sunriver, OR, has been named a 2018 “Coolest Hardware Store.” Ace Hardware, the world’s largest hardware cooperative, selects only a handful of Ace stores annually to receive this coveted recognition – all based on how each Ace store differentiates its product offerings, services and culture to meet the needs of the community.

Camp Abbot Trading Company was named after a U.S. Army camp that originated in the community back in 1942. The building entrance is framed with wood and stone from the local area, and the interior has barn wood walls and polished concrete flooring reminiscent of the original Camp Abbot buildings. The exterior road sign was designed to replicate the original highway signs used during the time period.

The Sunriver area is well known for golfing, fishing, hunting, hiking, skiing, and many other outdoor activities. The store has a total of 32,000 square feet with 21,000 square feet of retail. It is tailored to serve the needs of the local and resort community with nearly half of the space dedicated to Ace Hardware and the other half featuring a variety of sporting goods, clothing, housewares, gifts and notions. The store also includes a pet and rural farm supply section.

Camp Abbot Trading Company has a unique and localized product mix that includes kayaks, rafts, canoes, Big Green Egg, Stihl, Yeti, Weber, Traeger just to mention a few. The outside area covers over three acres and includes a full rental yard, live goods, a greenhouse, and stone and concrete materials. During the holiday season, the yard becomes a winter wonderland with a large tree and a variety of holiday decorations on display. There is also a full size sleigh that brings Santa Claus to delight customers of all ages.

Owners, Bob and Marcie Mitchell, are very involved in the local community through various service organizations. They are also passionate supporters of their local schools and Children’s Miracle Network.

“We are honored to be named a 2018 ‘Coolest Hardware Store’,” said Bob Mitchell, owner of Camp Abbot Trading Company. “We pride ourselves on providing a great experience for every customer, every time they visit our store.”

“Of the more than 5,000 Ace locations around the world, no two are exactly alike,” said Dan Miller, Vice President of Retail Operations and New Business, Ace Hardware Corporation. “This, along with the service, convenience and quality our customers have come to expect, is just another reason why Ace stands the test of time. The team at Camp Abbot Trading Company certainly exemplifies the Ace way – helpful, unique and always changing to meet the needs of the community.”

The Camp Abbot Trading Company team was honored for their “Coolest Hardware Store” recognition at the company’s 2018 Pinnacle Conference in Las Vegas earlier this month.

For more information about Camp Abbot Trading Company located in Sunriver, OR, [visit their website](#).

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About Ace Hardware

For more than 90 years, Ace Hardware has been known as the place with the helpful hardware folks in thousands of neighborhoods across America, providing customers with a more personal kind of helpful. In 2017, Ace ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction with Home Improvement Retail Stores, Eleven Years in a Row," according to J.D. Power. With more than 5,000 hardware stores locally owned and operated across the globe, Ace is the largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative in the world. Headquartered in Oak Brook, Ill., Ace and its subsidiaries operate an expansive network of distribution centers in the U.S. and also have distribution capabilities in Ningbo, China; Colon, Panama; and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Its retailers' stores are located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and approximately 55 countries. For more information on Ace, visit acehardware.com or the company newsroom at newsroom.acehardware.com.

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