

Gloria Raminha



Gloria Raminha, Born in San Luis Obispo in 1952

I grew up on a cattle ranch in Cayucos, California, and attended a small country school from first to eighth grade—always as the only student in my grade. After grammar school, I went to high school in Cambria. My childhood days were filled with horseback riding, fishing, playing in Toro Creek, and helping my dad with ranch chores.

I began working right after high school, starting as a server in local restaurants, then moving on to a hardware store in Morro Bay, followed by an electronics plant in Paso Robles. Eventually, I joined Chevron Pipeline Company, where I spent several years as a Pipeline Controller before retiring in 2012 as a Petroleum Measurement Specialist.

I've always wanted to learn how to ski, and at twenty-four, I finally gave it a try—and was instantly hooked. I skied for years at China Peak, teaching my two kids to ski there, and later explored other resorts. After relocating to Taft, California, I joined the Kern Singles

Ski Club in Bakersfield, which eventually became Avalanche Ski and Sports Club. As a member, I started racing with the Central Council Race League and eagerly joined club and council trips whenever possible.

Over the years, I've held many leadership roles with both Avalanche Ski and Sports Club and Central Council. Since the early 1980s, I've taken part in at least 38 North American Ski Weeks, several International Ski Weeks, and numerous FWSA Adventure trips. In 2004, I joined the North American Travel Staff, learning a great deal about organizing ski travel for FWSA. Three years later, I was elected as FWSA VP of North American Travel, a position I held for six years. My first ski week as VP took us to Whistler with over 740 participants. I continued serving on both the North American and International Travel Teams, became a FWSA trustee in 2014, chaired the Board of Trustees from 2015 to 2018, and served as President for four years beginning in 2018. In 2024, just when I thought I might slow down, I stepped into the role of VP of International Travel. FWSA has truly been a major part of my life, enabling me to visit many parts of the world. I've also acted as a Trustee for the Far West Ski Foundation for many years, supporting fundraising efforts for Adaptive Sports grants.

These experiences have given me treasured memories and lifelong friendships. Skiing isn't just a sport for me — it's a lasting passion and source of adventure that continues to fill my life with excitement and camaraderie.