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June 1st kicks off the summer season, a great time of year to get out and enjoy the warm temperatures and wonders of nature with friends and family. The Snowdrifters will be enjoying the month of June with planned social events for golf, biking, and breweries, and enjoying one of America's favorite sports – baseball during our June 20th End of the Year party at the Kane County Cougars!

It is also a good time of year to sit back and plan your ski trip adventures for 2024! Our Trip Coordinators and Trip Leaders have been working hard over the last several months to plan our 2024 ski trips. We plan to put most, if not all, the trips on sale June 27th at a special meeting dedicated to trip sales.

So, start thinking and dreaming...do I want to ski under the "Big Sky" of Montana and maybe take a day off to visit Yellowstone in winter, plan a trip to Winter Park with 3000 skiable acres, and ski Whiteface Mountain near Lake Placid, 3400' of vertical the most in the east, along with its Winter Olympic legacy and venues. We are also planning a weekend "family adventure" in the upper Midwest as well as a day trip to a nearby Midwest ski resort.

For our international trips, we have selected "Big White", one of the largest ski resorts in British Columbia, Canada. In Europe, ski the expansive "Italian Dolomiti Superski area" – the world's largest interconnected ski area, as well as experience the culture and food of Italy's Northern Alps, and then an extension to Sicily to enjoy the culture, history, and views of the Mediterranean and Mt. Etna.

Forty club members went to the Comedy Vault in Batavia on May 12th and enjoyed lots of laughs, some of them directed at the ski club, since we were a large presence in the audience (free publicity). This is a great venue in downtown Batavia and is near restaurants and bars in the area. We will want to do this again, along with other creative new meetup events. Let us know what ideas you have.

8 members planning ski trips went to the 2023 CMSC Trip Seminar on May 20th to participate in ski industry discussions related to ski trip planning, club administration, and a chance to meet industry Tour Operators. What we



did learn is that trip pricing continues to be dynamic based on demand, resorts and tour operators have staffing issues impacting timely response on booking requests, and ski clubs are seeking younger members to offset aging demographics. Word of mouth referrals and increasing use of social media are the primary tools to promote membership.

Enjoy your summer and have a Happy Father's Day!

John Walsh

President



The Web Master

The Board has requested that everyone in the Club sign the liability waiver form, even non-skiers. Accidents can happen anywhere, and this form protects the Club in case of an injury at a Club-sponsored event. You can sign the waiver at: <https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/61aa9a3ca7cb8/web/>. You can also find this link online. From our home page go to "Member-only pages," "Club Forms and Documentation," and locate "Trip Liability Waiver and Refund Policy forms" to find this link.

Last month the Board approved updates to our Bylaws, primarily affecting trip signup priorities on opening night. The Bylaws can also be found on the "Club Forms and Documentation" page.

While in the "Member-only pages" check out the gallery of "Member Photos." If you've ever wanted to put a face with the name of a Club member, this gallery is for you.

And for more photos, don't forget our Facebook page. You can get there from the link at the top of our home page.

Chuck Salsbury

Website

Trip Coordinators' Corner:

Trip sign-up priorities (excerpts taken from the Bylaws)

Trip sign up procedures on opening night use a priority system rather than a simple first-come, first-served system. This ensures that the most active Cub members will be able to sign up for trips regardless of the time that they arrive at the opening night meeting. This is one way to thank people for stepping forward to volunteer in our Club, and it may encourage others to volunteer as well.

Further, at the discretion of the Board, people who participate in running the Club (e.g. priorities 1, 2, and 3 as defined below) may sign up for a trip and be added to the trip roster before the official opening night. This can be provided as a reward for Club leadership and is expected to reduce confusion about the number trip openings available to other Club members during the sign-up meeting. It is also expected that plenty of openings will be available for these other members.

Subsequent to the opening night, registrations come from commitments made on a first come, first served basis.

On the opening night, the trip roster will be filled from the registered members along with one other family member or significant other using the following priorities:

1. The trip leader and assistant trip leader.
2. Any current Board member, or Committee Chair, or trip leader or assistant on another trip in the current year.
3. A Club member that has led or assisted on a trip or social event in the previous year.
4. A Club member that traveled with the club on at least one trip in the prior season. If there are more people registered than there are spots, all registered members names will be placed in a pool and drawn at random to add the member and companion to the trip roster. If all spots are filled and names remain in the pool, they will be drawn at random and wait-listed in that order.
5. If any trip spots remain, then new Club members and Club members that did not travel with the club in the prior season will be placed in a pool and their names drawn to fill the trip spots. If all spots are filled and names remain in the pool, they will be drawn at random and wait-listed in that order.

Once the process is completed, the trip roster and wait-list will be announced by the trip leader. Once added to a trip roster, Club dues are not refundable.

John and Frank
Trip Coordinators



Member Spotlight

Patrick "Paddy" Fox



I was born in the UK, coming to the US to study for a PhD in theoretical particle physics. After the PhD, and some postdoctoral positions at several US universities, I became a scientist at Fermilab. I then acquired a wife, a dog, and a son (who is now 10). I have been living in Geneva for coming up on 15 years.

I was born in England but quickly moved to Scotland and then when I was barely a teenager we moved to Northern Ireland. I also briefly lived in New Zealand. It was in Scotland that I got my first taste of skiing. Despite this being on a plastic ski slope with less than 100 ft of vertical drop and a very slow Poma lift (not to mention the ever present risk of substantial friction burns from a fall), I was addicted! My dad would drop me off on the weekends and pick me up hours later, and the kind ski slope employees would only charge me for one hour of rental. All I ever wanted for Christmas was my own pair of ski boots, rear entry of course! But my parents never obliged, claiming I was growing too quickly. Now that I have a child of my own I appreciate their point of view a lot more. Nevertheless, I use this unsatisfied desire as an excuse/explanation when my wife complains of an ever growing pile of ski gear in the basement.

I have been a member of Snowdrifters since 2019. I was introduced to it by my then neighbor, Stan Davis. So far I have been on 3 fantastic trips and I hope to go on many more. Apart from the very early starts to O'Hare, I find the trips with Snowdrifters a lot of fun and a great way to see a variety of new ski areas all across the country (so far I have not been on any trips outside of North America). Everyone on the trips is friendly and welcoming. The trips are also fantastic value for money, and so well organized that I feel all I have to do is show up at the fairgrounds with my skis and follow the person in front. My wife is a snowboarder and my son has taken a liking to skiing so in addition to a Snowdrifters trip, I try to take a family trip every year. I am also getting into backcountry skiing on big peaks out West, and hope to do more of that over the coming years. In addition to skiing and physics, I like to ride my bike, brew beer, and play and watch football (although I hear round here it is called soccer).

New Members

Please welcome our newest members:

- Michael Hertel
- Brian Klein

Cathleen Downs McDonald

Membership



KVON (comedian)



Michele Wohlschlegel Kinzler

May 13 · 🧑🧑

Plan on this outing, if you want to laugh the night away. Last night, 40 Snowdrifters had a great time at Comedy Vault, in the old First State Bank building, corner of Wilson and Rt 25. Saw 3 comedians, but the headliner was Kvon... if you can go tonight(2 shows) he will have you rolling ! Really, 2 of the 3 worked the Ski Club into their jokes... so great.. venue holds about 110 people.



SOLD OUT

Snowdrifter 9-Hole Golf Scramble Outing

Sunday, June 4th

Pottawatomie Golf Course

845 N. Second Avenue • St. Charles, IL 60174

The golf scramble is sold out

After golf, we will gather at The Evergreen in St. Charles at 3:30.

Any questions, please contact Nancy Lazarz, 630-542-1638.

First Tee Time 12:20

\$20/person for 9 holes to walk. The course is an enjoyable walk - Pull carts are available to rent for \$4. Pay at the Course Plus \$12 per person for riding golf cart – Maximum 2 riding carts per tee time.

Availability of Riding Carts is Not Guaranteed.



BIKE HIKE TO BREWERIES

Saturday, June 10th

Only one spot open!!

Hosted by: Marie and Stan Bryl and Joe Hopp



Time: Meet at 1 PM

Meeting Spot: 2011 Gillenwater Street, Batavia, IL

Where: Bike to Pollyanna Brewing Company and Sturdy Shelter Brewing

Distance: R/T distance will be about 16 miles at a leisurely pace

Calling all bikers! Join us on Saturday, June 10th for a leisurely ride up and down the path along the Fox River. We will meet at the Bryl's house located at 2011 Gillenwater Street in Batavia at 1 PM. We are located just a very short ride from the path along the beautiful Fox River. We will ride first to Pollyanna Brewing in St. Charles where we will have some fun refreshments, then we'll turn south and head to Sturdy Shelter in Batavia. From there, it is a very short ride back to the Bryl's house. For those that are available, we'll meet up at the Bryl's for some post ride fun. We have a large patio and yard for everyone to gather. Stan and Marie will supply brats to grill. Feel free to bring a dish to pass (or just bring yourself) along with extra lawn chairs. Bring cash/credit to purchase refreshments on the ride.

RSVP to Marie Bryl at: mcbryl@yahoo.com



SOLD OUT

Let's have a ball!

Snowdrifters End of Year Bash

**TUESDAY JUNE 20 DOORS
OPEN 5:00, GAME 6:30**

Kane County Cougars
34W002 Cherry Ln, Geneva, IL

Includes:

Private Air conditioned suite
Game Tickets
2 hour All-You-Can eat buffet
2 adult beverages
General lot parking pass

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
MAY 10 LIMIT 60**

IF registration is closed
please contact
mojoy@comcast.net
BEFORE MAY 17
as additional spots are
available at increased cost

Portillo, Chile

Let's ski in the southern hemisphere!!

Sept. 1st – 10th, 2023

\$3,500 per person

Once in a lifetime experience!!

Airfare to and from Santiago on Delta Airline

Transportation to Hotel Portillo at the Portillo Ski Area 4 nights

Over the past 60 years, Portillo has earned a reputation as an excellent destination for skiers and snowboarders from all over the world. The snow quality in Portillo is excellent and is often likened to that of the Rocky Mountains. Skiers of all skill levels find what they are looking for on a mountain and come back year after year.

Here is a general breakdown of the terrain:

- Beginner -15%
- Intermediate – 30%
- Advanced – 30%
- Expert – 25%

The ski area features 1,235 acres of skiable terrain, 14 lifts and 35 runs. Beginner and intermediate runs are groomed nightly, off-piste runs are challenging and steep, and the powder is often deep. The bowls and shoots perfectly collect the light, dry snow and the above-tree-line landscape turns into a white playground. Pair this with frequently sunny, blue skies and it is easy to understand why many guests, even professional skiers, say they've had some of their best ski days at Portillo.

Bus Trip back to Santiago.

Hyatt Centric 3 nights - Santiago - Sept. 7th – 10th

Hyatt Centric Las Condes is one of the 5-star hotels in Santiago, Chile, located in the modern district of Las Condes. Offering an ideal location to explore the city, the hotel is close to metro transit, providing a convenient connection to discover Santiago's popular historical spots. This bustling area is surrounded by trendy restaurants, specialty shops, local cafes, and more.

Payment Schedule (per person)

- Deposit \$1,900
- June 25th \$1,000
- July 25th \$900

Trip Leader for additional questions:

John Gamble: 630-761-9550, john@johngamble.net

Co-Trip Leader: Michelle Etherton, carey_michelle@live.com



BIG SKY

<https://bigskyresort.com>

Jan 6th - 12th, 2024

\$1,600 **

****Base Package includes land & air only
Lift tickets extra – see below**

The trip includes:

- Direct flight from Chicago to Bozeman on American
- Ground transportation to the resort
- Six nights lodging at Huntley Lodge
- Daily breakfast buffet
 - Note: Big Sky accepts the IKON pass

Surrounded by the beauty of the Greater Yellowstone Region, wide-open spaces meet dramatic peaks and create transformative mountain experiences. Northern Rocky Mountain snow falls consistently on 5,850 acres of skiable terrain, ranging from groomers ready for your widest turns to bucket list descents that challenge even the best athletes. Whether you're looking to push the limits on rugged mountain adventures or escape from the bustle of high-paced life, you'll find reward in an escape to Big Sky no matter the season.



The Biggest Skiing in America awaits you. 300 degrees of skiing off of Lone Peak, surrounded by three other mountains, spans 5,850 acres of terrain to explore. If you're just starting out on the snow, 2,300 of those acres are beginner and intermediate terrain that's perfect for learning and improving your technique. For the experts, Big Sky provides lift-served access to some of the most aggressive in-bounds terrain in the world.

Navigate the mountain via the most technologically advanced lift network in North America—from Ramcharger 8's heated seats and weatherproof bubbles to Swift Current 6's unprecedented speed as the fastest chairlift in North America. With four bubble chairlifts in total, warm-up breaks and cross-mountain traverses don't have to interrupt your day.

Explore the growing hub of adventurism in Big Sky's Mountain Village. With slopeside lodging like the newly remodeled Huntley Lodge and Summit Hotel, shopping, and dining, Mountain Village is the heart of it all.

Huntley Lodge:

Located in the middle Big Sky Mountain Village, the landmark property of our mountain retreat. All rooms have two queen beds with a mini refrigerator, Keurig Coffee maker, and an Honor bar. The Huntley is a ski in/out with the lift only a short walk from the back door. Also included is a Daily Breakfast Buffet and a Group Welcome Gift.



American Airlines – direct flight

Jan 6	AA 1501	ORD/BZN	9:55 AM – 12:16 PM
Jan 12	AA 1501	BZN/ORD	3:36 PM – 7:40 PM

Big Sky By the Numbers:

- 5,850 skiable acres
- 4,350 vertical feet
- 300 named runs
- 38 lifts
- Run Breakdown:
 - 23% beginner (green)
 - 25% intermediate (blue)
 - 34% advanced (black)
 - 13% expert (double black)
 - 5% extreme (you may not want to go there)

Lift Tickets:

Big Sky has posted lift ticket pricing for 2024 flex passes ,however, our SkiGroup travel agent has recommended that we wait until Big Sky establishes their group flex pass pricing which will be lower and offered as an add on to the base price for your convenience. The June newsletter Big Sky article will be updated once SkiGroup has the group flex pass pricing. We expect that the group flex pass pricing will be available before the June 27th Ski Trip Sign-up Meeting. Big Sky accepts the Ikon Pass.

Payment Schedule for a base package: package including lift tickets will be a different payment schedule.

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| • Deposit June - | \$300 |
| • July - | \$300 |
| • August - | \$300 |
| • September - | \$300 |
| • October - | \$300 |
| • November - | Balance due |

Trip Leaders: Joe Hopp	jhopp23@hotmail.com
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Eileen Parsons	eparsons4@yahoo.com

The First Annual Snowdrifter Family Ski Trip

Jan. 18th – 21st, 2024

Details will be announced once finalized

Trip Leaders: Maureen Joy, Joe Hopp & Breana Cullen



Val Di Fassa, Italy & Side Trip to Sicily \$3,300

JAN 26th to FEB 7th, 2024

The trip includes:

- Air Chicago/Frankfurt, Venice; Milan to Catania; Catania;/Frankfurt/Chicago
- Ground transfers
- Seven nights lodging at Hotel Astoria – Canazei, Italy
 - Daily Breakfast & Dinner
 - Savory and Sweet Afternoon Buffet
 - Weekly aperitif and Candlelit dinner & live music
- Tour of Bolzano & Legendary Winery
- Four-night Hotel Villa Diodoro – Taormina, Sicily
- Lift Tickets Extra

Air: Lufthansa

- LH 431 26JAN ORD FRA 410P 725A (27JAN)
- LH 324 27JAN FRA VCE 845A 1000A
- Milan/Sicily AZ 1723 03FEB LIN 1255P CTA 240P
- LH 307 07FEB CTA FRA 100P 340P
- LH 432 07FEB FRA ORD 515P 805P

Canazei

<https://www.fassa.com/en/discover-val-di-fassa/villages/canazei>

We will be staying in Canazei where you'll find the biggest ski center in Val di Fassa. It comprises the slopes at the foot of the Pordoi, Sella and Fedaia passes and is divided into the four areas of Belvedere, Ciampac, Col Rodella and Marmolada, all of which can be reached quickly and easily from the village. With its modern lifts and direct links to the Sellaronda, **Canazei** is one of the most popular winter sports areas in the entire Alpine region. The **Sellaronda** is well-known and is amongst the most **impressive ski circuits in South Tyrol** and indeed in the whole of the **Alps**. The well-connected lifts and superbly prepared pistes will allow you uninterrupted skiing on almost 30 kms of ski runs in one single day. On the Sellaronda, there is really no need for you to take off your skis and you will never have to cover the same stretch twice. The Sellaronda is one of the best-known ski routes in the world, encompassing four Dolomite passes around the Sella group. You will ski across the Ladin valleys of Val Gardena, Alta Badia, Arabba and Val di Fassa, covering 40 km, 27 km of which are pure skiing fun.



LIFT TICKETS

- Val Di Fassa accepts the IKON pass
- <https://www.dolomitisuperski.com/en/Ski-pass/Prices>



LODGING: HOTEL ASTORIA

Situated in the resort center of Canazei, our Hotel Astoria is located only 500 yards from the Belvedere cable car providing guests with direct access to the Giro dei 4 Passi ski area. The hotel is decorated in a contemporary mountain style, with wooden furnishing and cozy finishes. All the bedrooms come complete with WIFI.

Hotel Astoria **** <https://hotel-astoria.net/en/>

Our stay includes:

- rich sweet and savory buffet breakfast
- sweet and savory afternoon buffet served at the bar
- à la carte dinner with traditional local and Mediterranean dishes - drinks not included
- weekly aperitif and typical candlelit dinner with live music
- 750m 2 spa with saunas and Jacuzzi, swimmable pool
- spa kit: comfortable wellness bag with soft terry bathrobe, pool towel and slippers
- Hotel shuttle to the Belvedere cable car (DolomitiSuperSki - Sella Ronda) which are 700 meters from the hotel from 8:30 AM til 10 AM and from 3 PM until 5 PM (every 5-10 min)
- Val di Fassa Skibus stop at 50 mt (ticket 9 euro for the entire week)
- Ski room with heated lockers
- rental of trekking/nordic walking sticks, snowshoes free
- information package with ski maps and trails in the woods
- free wireless internet connection in all rooms and common areas

Also: weekly program of activities for non-skiers (snowshoe excursions with a mountain guide, dinner in a mountain hut, sledding, walks) at a special price.

AFTERNOON TOUR OF BOLZANO & LEGENDARY WINERY



Thanks to its double perspective, Bolzano can mesmerize tourists who come from all over. Its two lifestyles, one Northern European and the other more Mediterranean, combine to make the perfect union, which can be clearly seen in the historic and artistic treasures of this city. Bolzano is a city in the South Tyrol province of north Italy, set in a valley amid hilly vineyards. It's a gateway to the Dolomites mountain range in the Italian Alps. In the medieval city center, the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology features the Neolithic mummy called Ötzi the Iceman.

Nearby is the imposing 13th-century Mareccio Castle, and the Duomo di Bolzano cathedral with its Romanesque and Gothic architecture.

FOUR NIGHT EXTENSION TO TAORMINA, SICILY



Taormina sits atop a hill on Sicily's east coast, before a backdrop of golden sandy beaches, the glittering Ionian Sea, and the geological grandeur of Mount Etna – an active volcano veined with trails. From flourishing Greek to Roman town, Taormina's history is everywhere you look. Check out the labyrinth-like medieval streets of its old town, as well as the Teatro Antico di Taormina: the dramatic ruins of an ancient Greco-Roman theater, which is still used today. In Taormina you can fill your days by strolling the pedestrianized main street for souvenirs, dining on authentic Sicilian fare, or watching the sunset with a tangy limoncello.

TOURS

We are looking into possible tours while we are in Sicily and will provide additional information later:

- Taormina and Etna Volcano
- Siracusa & Avola
- Excursion to Catania and Villa Romana del Casale in Piazza Armeri

LODGING: HOTEL VILLA DIODORO

Our Hotel Villa Diodoro features a hillside position and an outdoor pool with panoramic sea views, a 5-minute walk from the historical center of Taormina. Its elegant restaurant serves Sicilian and international dishes.

Rooms at Villa Diodoro are bright and include a mini-bar and private bathroom. Some have views over Mount Etna or the Bay of Naxos. The hotel is just 650 feet from the town's Greek-Roman Theater. Mount Etna Regional Park is 40 minutes away by car. Guests can relax with a cocktail or a glass of Sicilian wine at one of 2 bars, one of which is by the pool and open only during summer. There is also a Technogym area, a sun terrace and 2 relaxation rooms for aromatherapy treatments.

Payment Schedule:

- Deposit June - \$500
- July - \$500
- August - \$500
- September - \$500
- October - \$500
- November - \$500
- December - Balance due

Note: In some cases, unexpected expenses, taxes, or charges beyond our control may be incurred on a trip. In such cases, trip prices will be adjusted accordingly. For this trip, a passport is required and your passport expiration must be more than 6 months after our return to the USA.

Trip insurance is recommended for this trip but is NOT part of the package price. Get more details on our web page: <https://fvssc.wildapricot.org>

For more information, please contact the trip leader:

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John Walsh:	jrwexplor@sbcglobal.net	(630)777-9008

Snowdrifter One-Day Trip to Chestnut Mountain
Galena, IL
Feb. 10th, 2024

Details will be announced later this year
Trip leader: Michelle Baker-Etherton



Winter Park, CO on the Ski Train

Sunday, Feb 25th , through
Friday, March 1st , 2024

Prices: Coach seat on Train, Air and Lodging: \$1,195

2-person shared Roomette on Train, Air and Lodging: \$1,566

Land Only: \$870

Single Supplement at hotel \$484

3-day lift tickets \$255

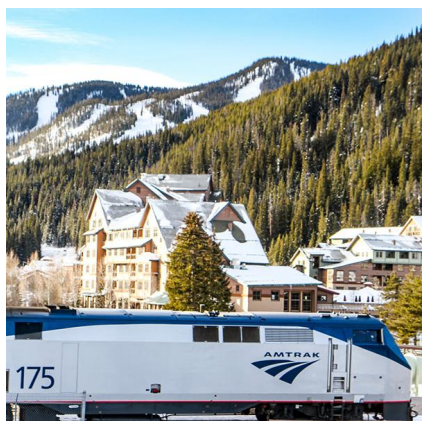
4-day lift tickets \$340

*These group rate lift ticket prices are below the senior rates!
And Winter Park is on the IKON Pass.*

The trip includes:

- Overnight sleeper train to Winter Park, return by air to Chicago
 - Coach offers a fully reclining business class size seat at a more affordable price, meals available for purchase in cafe car.
 - 2-person Roomette option includes meals on your journey, assured window seat, a little more privacy.
- Ground Transfers
- Five nights lodging at Vintage Hotel
- \$15 Food voucher per person at resort

Winter Park Resort

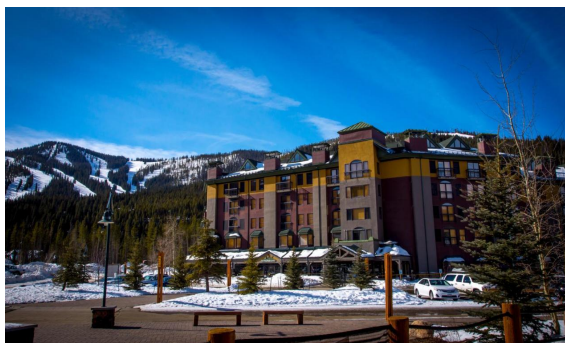


Winter Park Resort is a year-round resort located about a ninety minute drive from Denver, CO. The mountain opened in 1940. The resort consists of three interconnected mountain peaks which share a common lift ticket. There is skiing for all abilities, from beginner to tree skiing and moguls, and it was voted “Best Ski Resort in North America” in 2018 and 2019. There are 23 lifts, and a skiable area of 3081 acres.

For nearly 70 years, a popular way for Denver residents to arrive was by the Ski Train, which arrives right at the resort’s base area. It stopped operating for a time in 2009, but it’s running again, re-started in 2017 as the Winter Park Express. We can board this train in Naperville.

Lodging

The Vintage Hotel is located in the center of the Winter Park ski village. The ski resort is reached by a 5 minute ride on the free Village Cabriolet cable car. In the evenings guests can enjoy beverages at the Five Mountain Tavern, the hotel’s lounge bar. A ski storage service is provided daily and free Wi-Fi is provided in all common areas.



Payment Schedule:

- Deposit June - \$250
- July - \$250
- August - \$250
- September - \$250
- October - \$250
- November - Balance Due

Trip insurance is recommended for this trip but is NOT part of the package price. Get more details on our web page <https://fvssc.wildapricot.org/sys/website/?pagelid=1319705>

For more information, please contact the trip leader:

Michael Shimkus, 630-447-9529, mgshimkus@gmail.com
Hank Lobbes, 630-643-5597, hanklobbes@outlook.com

Note: In some cases, unexpected expenses, taxes, or charges beyond our control may be incurred on a trip. In such cases, trip prices will be adjusted accordingly.

BIG WHITE, CANADA BC

\$1,825/\$1,790 (SENIOR 65+)

NON-SKIERS: \$1,475

March 7th – 12th , 2024



The trip includes:

- * Round trip air from Chicago to Kelowna, BC
FLIGHTS: ALASKA AIRLINES
 - AS 587 07MAR ORDSEA 600A 846A
 - AS 2517 07MAR SEAYLW 1200N 112P
 - AS 2517 12MAR YLWSEA 225P 333P
 - AS 538 12MAR SEAORD 600P 1159P
- * Ground transportation to the resort with a grocery stop
- * Five nights lodging at Inn at Big White (ski-to-/ski-from)
 - Superior Hotel Rooms (2Q)
 - Heated outdoor pool with indoor entry
 - Three outdoor hot tubs
 - Complimentary secure overnight storage for your skis
- * Four-day Adult Lift Pass
- * Club Party

[Big White](#) is Canada's largest totally ski-in/ski-out resort village, located one hour from the Kelowna International Airport, has everything you would expect from a world-class resort. Spectacular scenery of the Monashee Mountains, groomed and powder runs and a state-of-the-art lift system, the resort is blessed with ideal ski and snowboard conditions, receiving over 300 inches of dry powder snow annually! Big White is the third largest resort in British Columbia, after Whistler-Blackcomb and Sun Peaks.

Big White resort was recently named the fourth best ski resort in North America – second in Canada, after Whistler – by Condé Nast Traveler®. It also ranked 10th on The Times UK's 2022 Best Ski Resorts for beginners – the only mountain in North America recognized. There is a multitude of reasons for Big White's shining accolades, with terrain for every ability, consistent champagne-powder snow coverage.

The mountain summit is 2,319 m (7,608 ft) tall with a vertical drop of 777 m (2,549 ft), serviced by 16 lifts. The mountain receives 750 cm (300 in) of annual snowfall. It has 1,119 ha (2,765 acres) of overall skiable terrain.– With 15 ha (38 acres) of night skiing, Big White has western Canada's largest resort night skiing area. It has a central village classified as a designated place by Statistics Canada, which offers accommodations, eateries, bars, and shops. The village is 1,755 m (5,758 ft) above sea level.

LODGING: INN AT BIG WHITE. The [Inn at Big White](#) features ski-to, ski-from convenience, huge outdoor heated pool, outdoor hot tub, ski lockers, galley kitchen equipped with cookware and utensils, induction cooker, microwave, coffeemaker. Waking early for first tracks will be easy with complimentary in-room tea and coffee, though if you are a keen caffeine drinker, you are covered with 24-



hour service, complimented by an inhouse front desk occupied 24/7. After all, you never know when you will need a refill on your complimentary caffeine supplies or to pick the brains of the staff for those secret spots on the mountain. As the sky shifts from day to night, take up your front row seats at Cantina Del Centro for après hour and watch the sky dance with cotton-candy colors. If Mexican food is not your vibe, stroll the 2 minutes into the village and delve into the variety of bars and restaurants.

Payment Schedule:

- Deposit June - \$250
- July - \$250
- August - \$250
- September - \$250
- October - \$250
- November - \$250
- December - Balance due

Note: In some cases, unexpected expenses, taxes, or charges beyond our control may be incurred on a trip. In such cases, trip prices will be adjusted accordingly. For this Canadian trip, a passport is required and your passport expiration must be more than 6 months after our return to the USA.

Trip insurance is recommended for this trip but is NOT part of the package price. Get more details on our web page: <https://fvssc.wildapricot.org/page-1319705>

For more information, please contact the trip leader:

Frank Hodowal: fthod@aol.com 630-222-6160

Assistant trip leader is needed



Lake Placid, New York

March 19th - ???, 2024



Boasting 3,430 feet of vertical, Lake Placid's Whiteface ski resort is a skier's and rider's East Coast dream. The New York ski resort offers terrain for every skiing ability, whether you're a beginner or an Olympian. Whiteface's renowned vertical drop tells only part of the story. Whiteface has genuine Olympic credentials, as its nearby town, Lake Placid, was the host of the 1932 and 1980 winter Olympics. Located 61 miles from Burlington Vermont our direct flight town from O'Hare.

We are staying at the newly remodeled, centrally located Grand Adirondack Hotel. The hotel offers locally inspired menus at Marcy, artisanal hand-crafted cocktails and regular live entertainment at Marcy Bar, have a drink by the fire at the Great Room bar or see Lake Placid from a different perspective at our seasonal, rooftop Cloudsplitter Bar. In town you have your choice of everything from the ubiquitous pizza to wild game and fine wine. If you're looking for something to do after a day on the mountain, Lake Placid is a vibrant town offering an abundance of options.



A very tentative proposed schedule:

Arrival day, March 19- Flight: UA 786S 19MAR TU ORDBTV HK30 10:42A 1:57P

Day 1 - in the evening we can have a quick tour of the 1980 Arena and have a group curling session, and I understand it makes a good happy hour.

Day 2 - Enjoy a full day of skiing.

Day 3 - Morning Ski Jumping session (anyone interested can take the free shuttle to the jumps)

Day 4 - enjoy a full day of skiing.

Day 5 - Afternoon Olympic Museum Legacy visit at the Arena

Day 6 - March 24 -Return: UA 1424H 24MAR SU
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Also currently working on Luge or Bobsled options.

Projected cost still pending but will include transportation, lodging, lifts, with some of the Olympic activities also included and some optional.

Trip Leaders are needed – call Frank or John if interested



Snowdrifters' Calendar

June 4 th	 Annual Spring Snowdrifters Golf Scramble
June 10 th	 Bike Hike to Breweries
June 18 th	Happy Father's Day
June 20 th	 End of Year Bash
June 27 th	Special Ski Trip Sign Up Meeting 6:30 PM @ Old Towne Pub

*I could not have wished for a better friend,
companion, and father.
Thank You Dad.*

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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