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Hello Snowdrifters,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer with vacations and travel, meetups with family and friends, and enjoying the outdoors with walks, bike rides, golf, boating and sailing, sport events, and the many festivals throughout the area.

Summer picnics are also a great way to meetup with friends and enjoy the sun and summer breeze, food and drinks, play games, and engage in lively conversation. The August 26th CMSC Annual Picnic is a "free" event for the Snowdrifters to meet and enjoy the day. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided by the CMSC. You can bring your own picnic supplies, blankets, chairs, shade, and any alcoholic beverages. No registration is required. Just show up and enjoy the day with fellow Snowdrifters. See the newsletter for more information. Note that this event is separate from our regularly scheduled monthly ski club meeting on August 15th.

Sales of our 2024 Ski Trips are progressing well. While the Big Sky and Val Di Fassa Italy trips are sold out, we still have some great ski trips planned for Winter Park, Big White Canada, Lake Placid, and Chestnut Mountain. Sign up for these trips soon as they continue to add trip participants. The Midwest Family Ski Weekend in January 2024 is being planned and will be on sale soon. Let's not forget that a group of skiers are preparing for a lifetime ski adventure to Portillo Chile in September.

The July 18th meeting at D&G Brewing was a hit with a beautiful summer evening and a Japanese drumming demonstration by Aeko Yoshikawa. Several of you had the opportunity to try your drumming skills. Thanks again to Aeko for volunteering for this meetup! We welcome all club members to provide ideas and / or participate in planning our club meetings and events.

On September 16 is the Heart and Soul bike ride - Follow the Fox Ride - from Batavia's Laurel Park to Lake Geneva, WI. The ride is to raise money and awareness for Cal's Angels, a non-profit pediatric cancer foundation, and the Batavia Bike Commission.

***As John Muir said – "The Mountains are calling, and I must go."
Sign up for a ski trip today !***

John Walsh

President

Trip Coordinators' Corner:



Hope you are enjoying the summer and staying cool during the current heat wave. If you have not already signed up for a ski trip this coming season, NOW IS THE TIME! Our Big Sky and the Italy trip have already sold out and are in a "Wait List Status." Openings are still available for our Ski trips to Winter Park, UP Michigan, Big White, and Lake Placid.

Recently, we have experienced some issues with purchasing Travel Insurance from our Web site, but the problem has been resolved. We highly recommend that you purchase ski insurance, especially for international ski trips.

Our last ski trip of 2023 is to Portillo, Chile leaving September 1st. All members going on the trip should experience a great time and enjoy the snow experience while the rest of us can only think about skiing for the upcoming winter season. Keep those skis ready!

John and Frank

Trip Coordinators

General Meeting Topics

In the past we have asked for volunteers to present to the members on any number of topics. We have had several of you step up and share a passion, arrange for a speaker, or cover a topic of interest to members.

Got a hidden talent or passion you'd like to share?? Contact Maureen Joy or John Walsh. We would LOVE to have you talk to the membership!

SOCIAL

Kane County Cougars Stadium – End of the Year Party

Almost 70 Snowdrifters attended the End of the Year party at Kane County Cougars Stadium on June 20th. Arriving at 5:30 p.m., the Snowdrifters had a private super suite located above home plate. President, John Walsh, started the event with a short meeting honoring the past and current board members and activity leaders.



Our tickets not only allowed us to sit inside and watch the game but we also had an outdoor semi-private seating area. We had access to the bar in the hallway and had an all-you-can-eat buffet of hamburgers, chicken, brats, and desserts.

Although the home team lost a good time was had by all and I have heard from many that this was an outing worth repeating!



CMSC PICNIC – AUGUST 26 2023

ENJOY A SUMMER PICNIC !!!

The CMSC PICNIC IS SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 2023 AT NORGE SKI JUMP.

HOME to OLYMPIC ATHELETES From 2018 South Korea & 2022 China.

**THE PICNIC IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND FAMILY!!
COMPLMENTS OF Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC)**

Norge Club House is available Friday night. This is a great opportunity for any clubs looking to get out & have game night or a club outing.

Camping will be available: Friday and Saturday nights for those wishing to stay over before and/or after the picnic. A bonfire will take place both Friday & Saturday nights

Grilled food: Burgers, Hot Dogs & World-Famous Brats & Polish Sausage. Nonalcoholic beverages are also provided to keep you hydrated.

Gates open at noon on Saturday

B.Y.O.B. Participants are allowed to bring in their own alcoholic beverages.

Participants are to bring their own chairs, blankets, small tables, and shade if desired

Group participation Games will be available throughout the day. Volleyball, Horseshoes, Bags & some Trivia to sharpen the mind.

Yes!! There will be a Ski Jumping!!!

Watch out when the world recognized Norge flyers take to the skies!!!!

No registration is required. Just show up and enjoy the day with fellow Snowdrifters.

Attached is a full-page flier:

**SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 2023 CMSC PICNIC
NORGE SKI JUMP
100 Ski Hill Rd
Fox River Grove ILL.**

2023
CMSC

Annual Picnic



AUGUST 26TH

FREE CAMPING ON THE 25TH & 26TH

**NORGE SKI CLUB
FOX RIVER GROVE**

100 SKI HILL RD.

Gates open at Noon
Food at 2:30pm (BYOB)
Ski jumping at 4:00pm

**COME FOR THE
FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT,
ENJOY THE GAMES
AND BONFIRE...
STAY FOR THE CAMPING**



ENTERTAINMENT
ALL DAY BY

DJ & KARAOKE
(815) 404-0225



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REGISTER ONLINE AT SKICMSC.COM



Fox Valley Snowdrifter's Ski Club
9-Hole GOLF SCRAMBLE OUTING

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Pottawatomie Golf Course

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

First Tee Time 11:10 AM - Last Tee Time Noon

Fall Rate, Only \$18/person for 9 holes to Walk - 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

The course is an enjoyable walk - Pull carts are available to rent for \$4

Get-together After Golf at a Place to Be Determined

SIGN-UP ON-LINE at FOX VALLEY SNOWDRIFTER'S WEB SITE

SPACE LIMITED TO 1ST 24 Players

Pottawatomie Golf Course combines the best of both worlds for any golfer – a scenic, beautiful and challenging par 35 design that can be enjoyed by players of all ages.

This rolling course was designed with all skill levels of golfer in mind. The fairways are fairly wide open and are tree lined. The Fox River comes into play on four of the nine holes. This short layout has three sets of tees for a varied golfing experience.

Whether you're a scratch golfer or just picked up the game, the layout at Pottawatomie offers a challenge, but keeps the game fun on each of its 9 holes.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Aeko Yoshikawa



Aeko joined Fox Valley Snowdrifters Ski Club in May, 2021. She credits Gail Daley for introducing her to the Club. Gail wore a Snowdrifter jacket to pickleball and that all it took to spark her interest.

Aeko started skiing when she was 12 years old and continues to love the sport. She taught skiing at Kirkwood and Heavenly-Vail Resorts in CA. She no longer teaches but continues to be a member of PSIA - Professional Ski Instructors in America.

Aeko is happy to share her love of Japanese Drumming called Taiko (tie - ko). She has played taiko for over 30 years. Aeko is currently a member of MBT Taiko in Chicago.

Aeko – Taiko (tie-ko) Japanese Drumming

At our July meeting, our very own Aeko Yoshikawa presented for us her skill and knowledge of Taiko Drumming. Aeko gave us some background information on Japanese drumming, shared her journey in learning and performing this art form, demonstrated her talent, and gave members a chance to give Taeko a try.

Thank you, Aeko!



August, from Fun Facts About

1. August was once the 6th month of the year: In the Roman calendar, August was known as “Sextilis,” the Latin word for 6. It wasn’t until 700 BC when [January](#) and [February](#) were added to the calendar, than August was bumped down to become the 8th month of the year.

2. How many days are in August? Come on, August! Make a choice! The number of days in August has changed many times. First it was 30 days. Then 31. When January and February came onto the scene, August got reduced to 29 days. Then, Julius Caesar changed it back to 31. Thankfully it has remained that way ever since.

3. August has an identity crisis: While “Sextilis” does have a somewhat naughty ring to it, it was in 8 BC when it was dropped and Augustus became the official name. The month was named in honor of [Augustus Caesar](#), the Roman emperor and adopted son of Julius Caesar. Eventually, Augustus was shortened to simply, August.

4. No other month with the same starting day: Here is one of the more interesting August facts – in a regular year, no other month starts on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year, that other quirky month, [February](#), will start on the same day of the week as August. It’s interesting the way the days fall within a month, isn’t it?

5. The lion and the virgin: No, we’re not in a Madonna music video! The two zodiac signs that represent the month of August are [Leo](#) and Virgo. Leos, represented by the lion, are people born from August 1st to August 22nd. Virgos, represented by the virgin, are people born from August 22nd to August 31st.

6. The underrated birthstone of August: A birthstone of the highest beauty, period. Errr, we mean [peridot](#). Peridot is a stunning green gem that is forged in lava. While it may not be the most well-known of the birthstones, its stunning range of color from electric grass to subtle olive, will make anyone green with envy.

7. August is for holidays and vacations: The residents of major European cities often go on vacation in August. If you’re traveling to [Paris](#) or [Rome](#), you will notice that mostly everyone around you are fellow tourists. Don’t worry though, while many residents are gone, the service industry remains to take your tourist dollars!

8. The strange days of August: There are many strange days celebrated in the month of August, but here are a few of our favorites. August 3rd is National Watermelon Day. August 10th is National Lazy Day. Maybe our favorite, August 16th is National Roller Coaster Day. And finally, August 28th is fancy, it’s National Bow Tie Day!

9. August is the month of...Sandwiches! This makes sense because the sandwich was invented in August of 1762 when the [Earl of Sandwich](#) (yes, that’s a real guy) requested two pieces of bread with meat inside. But shouldn’t the cook who made the sandwich get the credit? Either way, now all we want is a good sarnie!

10. August is also the month of...Weeds! In the days of the Anglo-Saxons, August was known as “Weod Monath” or Weed Month, because it was when weeds and [plants](#) grew the fastest. Here is one of the coolest fun facts about August. Bamboo in August can be seen growing with the naked eye at up to two inches an hour!

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)

- July 25th Balance Due

Trip Leader for additional questions:

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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**

SOLD OUT – WAIT LIST

See the June newsletter for more details.

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

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. Big Sky accepts the Ikon Pass.

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

- August - \$300
- September - \$300
- October - \$300
- November - Balance due

American Airlines – direct flight

Jan 6	AA 1501	ORD/BZN	9:55 AM – 12:16 PM
Jan 12	AA 1501	BZN/ORD	1:00 PM – 4:53 PM

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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>

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COMING SOON

Ski the Porkies

**Porcupine Mountains State Park – Michigan's Largest State
Park**

Jan 18- 21, 2024

“The Winter Sports Area”

With a vertical drop of 641 feet, Porcupine Mountains Alpine Ski Area is one of the Midwest's tallest. The scenery is unsurpassed. Panoramas of Lake Superior, and the ever-changing ice floes, provide a backdrop to slopes divided by virgin stands of hemlock, maple, and pine.”

- Porcupine Mountains Companion by Rafferty & Sprague

Porcupine Mountains Winter Sports Complex

The [Porcupine Mountains Winter Sports Complex](#), located just inside the entrance of the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, offers a breathtaking view of Lake Superior to skiers and snowboarders in Michigan's Upper Peninsula

The ski hill offers 15 groomed trails, as well as four glade trails. [Cross-country ski trails](#) are also accessible from the ski area, as well as ski and snowshoe rentals. With views this special, there's no rush to get to the bottom of the hill.

Mountain stats

20 downhill runs: 3 Beginner runs, 8 Intermediate runs, 9 Expert runs

3 lifts

1 Triple chairlift, 1 Rope tow, 1 Paddle tow

Natural terrain park

Tree trunk rails, huge boulders and several small to medium cliffs you can use for jumps.

200" annual snowfall

670' Vertical

800' Hikeable

250+ Skiable acres

Tree runs

Glades cut between every run provide wide open spaces and untouched powder.

<https://www.michigan.gov/skitheporkies/plan-your-visit/rentals-and-lessons>

LODGING: Konteka Black Bear Lodge Resort, White Pine, MI

14 dbl queen rooms available.

This is a perfect opportunity for a lower cost family ski vacation. Kids can stay free in the room and discount or free lift tickets are available. Pull out beds are available for a nominal fee.

Amenities: restaurant & bar, pool table, games, gas station, bowling alley, hot tub & sauna

We are working to confirm the use of the A-frame at the base of the mountain as a location for Snowdrifters to gather during the ski days (Friday & Saturday).

Friday night we have the entire bowling alley reserved a Snowdrifters bowling tournament and pizza party. Additional games are 3 games for \$7.00. \$1 Shoe rental available. Lanes, darts, pool, air hockey & more.

Saturday night we have a Snowdrifters Dinner at the Konteka Black Bear Lodge. The Konteka is a supper club and we have our room with a smaller menu from which to choose.

John and I anticipate that the cost will be around \$450/person with 2 days skiing. We are still working with vendors to confirm pricing. You have multiple outdoor options if you prefer not to downhill ski both days: cross country skis and snowshoes are available for rent and lots of trails as well snowmobile rentals. The Porkies are right on Lake Superior and a must see in the wintertime!

Once registration opens we will be using the priority sign up system due to limited lodging.

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON
REGISTRATION!**



Val Di Fassa, Italy & Side Trip to Sicily \$3,300 (SINGLE: \$3,885)

SOLD OUT – WAIT LIST STATUS

Updated flight information: We are now flying on Air France and Delta for our trip to Italy and back.

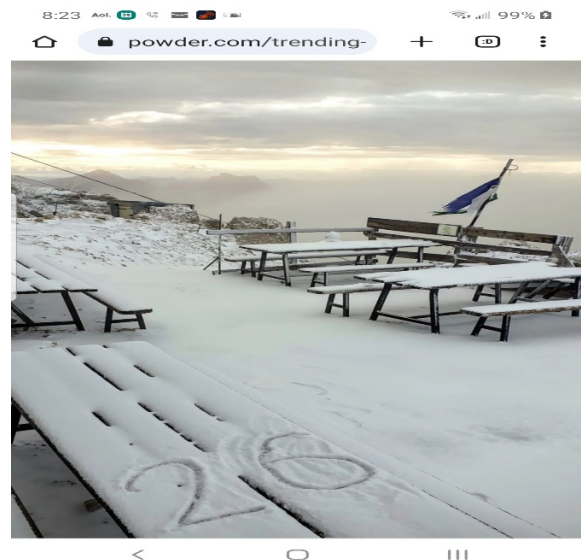
JAN. 26th to FEB. 7th, 2024

The trip includes:

- Air Chicago/Paris, Venice; Milan to Catania; Catania/Rome/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

Italian Sunrise Reveals Fresh July Snowfall

The Italian Dolomites woke up to a beautiful coating of fresh summer snowfall this morning, July 26th, 2023. Check out the photo captured by [Carlo Budel](#) on Punta Penia (10,968 ft.), the highest peak of Marmolada, the tallest mountain in the Dolomites. Marmolada is known as the 'Queen of the Dolomites.'



Payment Schedule:

- August - \$500
- September - \$500
- October - \$500
- November - \$500
- December - Balance due

UPDATED AIR INFORMATION:

- **Air: Air France/Delta**
- AF 137 26JAN ORD CDG 525P 820A (27JAN)
- AF 1426 27JAN CDG VCE 940A 1120A
- AZ 1723 03FEB LIN CTA 1255P 240P
- AZ 1736 07FEB CTA FCO 700A 825A
- DL 67 07FEB FCO ATL 150P 710P
- DL 1423 07FEB ATL ORD 955P 1152P

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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FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY TRIP
CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN RESORT
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10TH 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
SKI & SNOWBOARDING

ADULT LIFT TICKETS ONLY (7 AND OLDER): \$75

ADULT LIFT, RENTAL (SKI OR SNOWBOARD RENTAL): \$105 - INCLUDES A FREE GROUP LESSON!

CHILDREN 6 AND YOUNGER LIFT TICKETS ONLY: \$20

LIFT TICKETS & RENTAL (SKI OR SNOWBOARD RENTAL): \$55

HELMETS: \$6

LESSONS: MUST BE 7 YEARS OLD TO BE IN THE GROUP LESSONS. THERE ARE CHILDREN'S LESSONS AVAILABLE ON WEEKENDS BUT THOSE ARE BOOKED SEPARATELY.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICES LISTED ABOVE

A PRIVATE ROOM TO HANGOUT, WARM UP & KEEP GEAR

LUNCH ALONG WITH SOFT DRINKS & WATER

SNACKS & TONS OF FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!!

NON-MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THIS FUN DAY, HOWEVER THEY MUST BE REGISTERED ON THE SNOWDRIFTERS WEBSITE AND COMPLETE THE LIABILITY FORMS

QUESTIONS: CONTACT MICHELLE ETHERTON AT CAREY_MICHELLE@LIVE.COM OR TEXT/CALL 630-777-8549

KATHLEEN MCGRATH AT KMQM207@GMAIL.COM OR TEXT/CALL 630-621-8364



REGISTRATION:

[HTTPS://FVSSC.WILDAPRICOT.ORG/](https://fvssc.wildapricot.org/)

CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN RESORT & HOTEL

8700 W. CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN RD.

GALENA, IL 61036

[HTTPS://WWW.CHESTNUTMTN.COM/](https://www.chestnutmtn.com/)



Winter Park, CO on the Ski Train

Saturday, Feb. 24th, through
Friday, March 1st, 2024

Prices: Coach seat on Train, Air, and Lodging: \$1,195
2-person shared Roomette on Train, Air, Lodging: \$1,566 (per-person)

Land Only: \$870

Single Supplement at hotel \$484

3-day lift tickets \$255

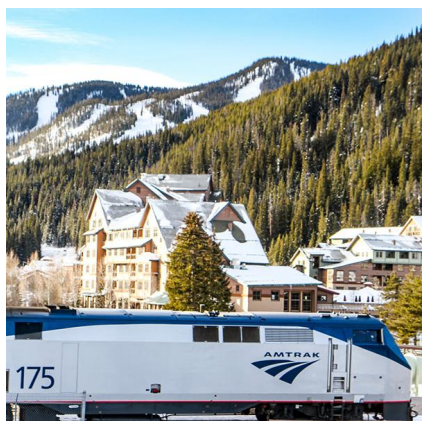
4-day lift tickets \$340

*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

Winter Park Resort



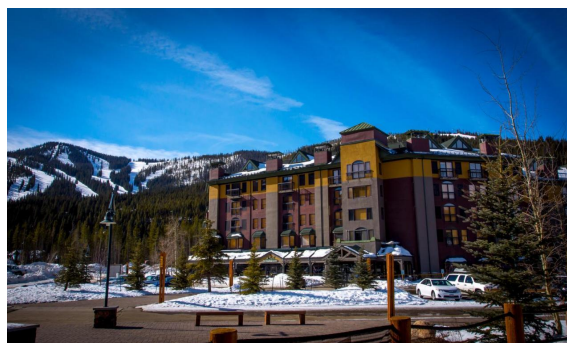
Winter Park Resort is a year-round resort located about a ninety minute drive from Denver, CO. The mountain opened in 1940. The resort consists of three interconnected mountain peaks which share a common lift ticket. There is skiing for all abilities, from beginner to tree skiing and moguls, and it was 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. For us non-Denver residents, we will board the “California

Zephyr” in Naperville, which uses the same tracks as the Express out of Denver, and takes us right into Winter Park.

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 July - \$750
- September - \$250
- October - \$250
- November - Balance Due

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Hank Lobbes, 630-643-5597, hanklobbes@outlook.com

BIG WHITE, CANADA BC

March 7th – 12th, 2024



Prices:	Air, Land, Adult, four-day skiing	\$1,825
	Air, Land, Senior (65+), four-day skiing	\$1,790
	Land, Adult, four day skiing	\$1,475
	Air, Land only	\$1,165

The trip includes:

- Round trip air from Chicago to Kelowna, BC
- 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 - \$750
- September - \$250
- October - \$250
- November - \$250
- December - Balance due

FLIGHTS: Alaska Airlines

AS 587 07 MAR ORD-SEA 600A 846A
AS 2517 07 MAR SEA-YLW 1200N 112P
AS 2517 12 MAR YLW-SEA 225P 333P
AS 538 12 MAR SEA-ORD 600P 1159P

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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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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

August 15th

6:30 PM Board Meeting
7:30 PM General Meeting

August 26th

CMSC Annual Picnic

October 1st

Snowdrifter Golf Scramble

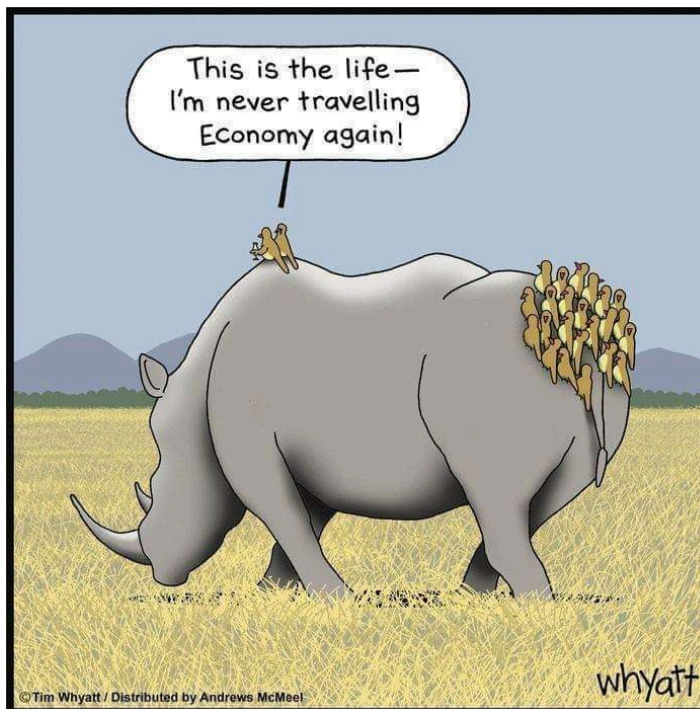
Hey, that Golf Scramble was a lot of FUN!

When is the next Snowdrifter 9-hole Golf Scramble?

Sunday, October 1st, 2023

Same course?

You bettcha! Pottawatomie Golf Course, St. Charles!



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