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Hello Snowdrifters,

As we move into September, I can't help but reflect on the summer season. It was a season of fun, relaxation, and adventure. As the days get shorter and the temperatures begin to moderate, we can begin to anticipate the leaves changing color, embrace the beauty of fall, and enjoy those typical fall activities such as apple picking, fall color drives, hiking, fall festivals and Oktoberfests, and many more.



Fall is a good time to schedule any needed ski and snowboard tuning and think about any new ski gear for the upcoming season.

We have several planned upcoming events. Our Kickoff Party at the Aurora Athletic Club is planned for Monday, September 18th. There will be more details to follow. Our 2nd Golf Scramble is planned for Sunday, October 1st with registration nearing capacity. For our October meeting, we are planning to have Viking Ski Shop as our guest speaker. Our November meeting is being planned to provide some winter season conditioning tips.

Ski the Porkies (Porcupine Mountains State Park ski area) went on sale on August 15th. This is a great family weekend trip with many planned activities and panoramas of Lake Superior. Winter Park, Big White Canada, and Lake Placid ski trips continue to add participants so don't wait too long to sign up.

I thought I would share some information on the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council ("CMSC"). CMSC was formed in 1957 as a not-for-profit organization and now has 61 member clubs throughout the Chicago metropolitan area and neighboring states, representing over 7,500 skiers and snowboarders. CMSC's primary goal is to promote and support our member clubs in their effort to further the interest in skiing, snowboarding and year-round activities - social activities. CMSC sponsors trips in the US, Canada, and Europe. They also host the annual ski seminar with resorts and ski tour operators, an annual picnic, and various social events. Their publication, the *Ski & Ride Club Guide*, and their web site keep us all up to date with events and news of the ski industry, council, and clubs. CMSC is managed entirely by volunteers who are members of our clubs. Ski clubs appoint delegates to the CMSC to represent their club.

The Labor Day holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

Have a Happy Labor Day weekend!

John Walsh

President



New Members

Please welcome our newest members:

- Monica Eorgoff
- Bob Zander
- Jill Schwartz

Cathleen Downs McDonald

Membership

Trip Coordinators' Corner:



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.

There are still openings available for our ski trips to, Ski the Porkies (UP Michigan), Winter Park, Big White, and Lake Placid. Be sure to check out the Lake Placid trip and all of the extra activities! Don't wait too long!

Also be sure you are current on your trip payments since there are upcoming payments due to the vendors.

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

FOX VALLEY
SNOWDRIFTERS
KICK OFF
PARTY

SEPT 18
6 PM

Aurora Athletic Club
550 Clearwater Dr,
North Aurora,

REGISTRATION
Coming soon

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



CMSC 2023 BASEBALL TRIP



VS



Sep. 30 & Oct. 1, 2023

First Pitch Sunday @ 2:10pm

WHERE WE'RE GOING...



WHERE WE'RE STAYING...



WHERE WE'RE MEETING...

SUBURBANITE
BOWL

WHERE WE'RE OKTOBERFESTING...
(OPTIONAL)



\$247
(per person)

Join CMSC for a weekend of "Bier", Brats, Hot Dogs and Baseball in Milwaukee when the Brewers take on the Cubbies.

Package Includes:

- Game Ticket:** Seats - Section 226, Rows 4-10
- Bus Transportation:** To/From Suburbanite Bowl
201 W. Ogden Ave.
Westmont, IL
Departure Time TBD
Drinks and snacks available.
Departing after the game - approx. 6:00pm
- Saturday Lodging:** Motel 6
5485 N. Port Washington Rd.
Glendale, WI 53217
- Tailgate Party:** 3 hours prior to game (11:10am)
At reserved area of bus parking lot.
Brats, Burgers, & Hot Dogs will be grilled.
Drinks and snacks will be available.
- Optional Night Out:** Oktoberfest in Heidelberg Park
(Saturday night) at the Bavarian Bierhaus.
Only a short walk from hotel.

You deserve a weekend away, so catch your favorite ball team and have a great time with fellow CMSC members.

Deposit: \$125 due at sign up. Balance (\$122)
due by August 08, 2023.

Cancellation Policy: Up to 8/30/23 - \$10.
After 8/30/2023 - \$10 plus any unrecoverable
costs (possible total forfeit).

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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

Bob Hoffman



After a couple of discouraging attempts at skiing in my mid 20's a co-worker suggested that I join his ski club and take the lessons that they sponsored at Villa Olivia. That's back when they were teaching via the GLM (graduated length method) where you are on 3-foot long skis for two weeks, then 4-footers, and finally up to 5 foot skis. This is a terrible way to learn and I still have to fight the habit it gave me to skid the end of my turns. Here is some obscure trivia: ex-Cub Hall-of-Famer (and White Sox for a year) Ron Santo was taking lessons there at the same time, though not in my class, so I don't know how he did. I never knew what the technique of carving a turn was until I saw a diagram of it in Ski Magazine. I tried that and soon realized how easy it was.

When I took a new job and moved down where I grew up on Chicago's south side, I joined a different club. It was a good group and it was with them that I took my first trips to Lake Tahoe and Aspen. However, after two years I decided to take a job in Batavia, which led to my move to the Fox Valley. Soon afterward I got married. I didn't ski much for the duration but after my divorce I decided that I was going to start doing the things that I liked again.

I saw a notice about the Snowdrifters in the St. Charles Republican so I decided to check them out and I went to a meeting in the autumn of 1986. That's when the meetings were held at the Batavia Moose. I'm pretty sure that was also the first meeting for Rich Smith. The president at that time was John Blakely. Rich and I became friends and were roommates on several trips. The only person at my first meeting who has remained active was Sarah Richardson (before she was Sarah Richardson). I went to another couple of meetings and liked the group so I have been a member ever since.

Shortly after becoming a member, the singles in the club started getting together on Friday nights at various restaurants and bars in the tri-cities. That was a great opportunity to better know each other and build close friendships. I really needed that and I am forever grateful. It even led to me meeting my future wife, Lynn. I had a conversation with her when she was sitting near me at Ristorante Chianti one Friday and one thing led to another. After going together for 28 years, we finally tied the knot in 2019.

I served as treasurer in six different years and secretary in two years. I have also led several trips and organized a few social events. During the 1990's irregularities started to occur in sign-ups for trips and some members were unfairly blocked from participating in the trips of their choice. The then president, Joe Waldeck, asked me to chair a committee to review and update the by-laws governing trip sign-ups. I appreciate the efforts of the other committee members and the comments from the remainder of the club that enabled us to complete that task.

When I joined the club it only offered one western trip per year. Since a large number of members were teachers, that trip was always scheduled at vacation time in late March. Dave Wallace was finally able to convince the board of directors to add a second western trip to the schedule, and that trip to Whistler in January, 1988 was such a success that it showed that the club could support an expanded schedule. Another regular feature, the European trip, was added in 2001 when Jim

Haley organized and ran a terrific trip that included three areas in the Innsbruck, Austria area.



As has often been emphasized, we are not just a ski club. It makes me really happy that the club keeps attracting new people who have brought in new ideas and that so many members take part in organizing and running our trips and activities. It is wonderful to see the high level of participation from members who have joined in recent years, which lets me know that the club will remain strong for years to come. I am extremely thankful for all the friends that I have made through my membership in the Snowdrifters.

Portillo, Chile

We are finally leaving for Chile!

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.*)

- 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

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.

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.

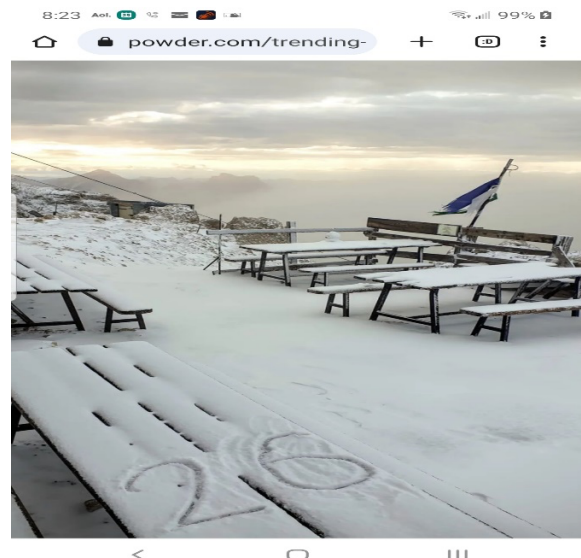
JAN. 26th to FEB. 7th, 2024

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:

- 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>

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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

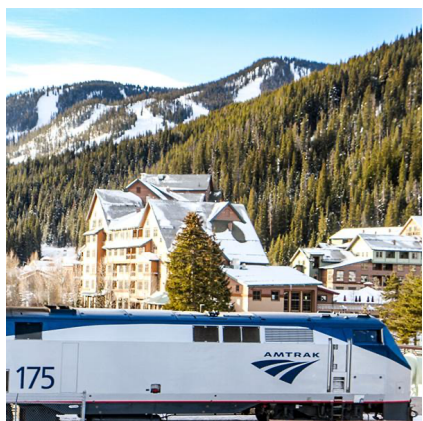
4-day lift tickets \$340

*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



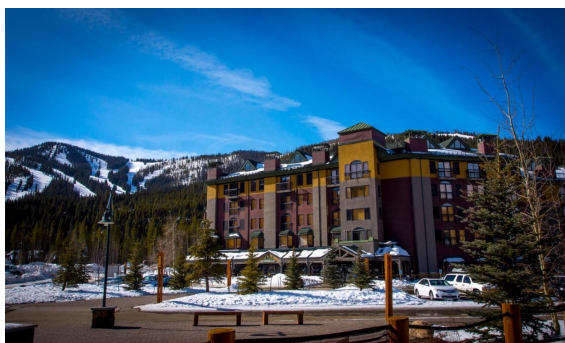
Winter Park Resort is a year-round resort located about a ninety minute drive from Denver, CO. The mountain opened in 1940. The resort consists of three interconnected mountain peaks which share a common lift ticket. There is skiing for all abilities, from beginner to tree skiing and moguls, and it was 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 September - \$1,000
- October - \$250 or balance due
- November - Balance Due

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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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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 - \$1,000
- 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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Olympic Estravaganza @ Lake Placid, New York



March 19th – 24th, 2024

**MAY BE THE TRIP OF THE YEAR! CHECK OUT
ALL OF THE EXTRA ACTIVITIES!!**

Price:

Land Only \$994
Land & Air \$1,549
Land + Air + Adult lift ticket \$2,025
Land + Air + Senior lift ticket \$1,909

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
BTVORD HK30 4:48P 6:27P

Also currently working on Luge or Bobsled options.

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



For more information, please contact the trip leaders:

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Snowdrifters' Calendar

September 1st – 10th Last Ski trip of the 2023 season
Chile here we come!!

September 18th 6:00 PM Ski Season Kick Off Party
@ Aurora Athletic Club

Sept 1st – Oct 1st CMSC 2023 Baseball Trip

October 1st Snowdrifter Golf Scramble
@ Pottawatomie Golf Course

Fox Valley
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