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Hello Snowdrifters,

Fall has arrived! The leaves are just starting to turn from green to reds, yellows, oranges, and purples. The first snows have begun in the western US, Canada, and Europe. The trip leaders are busy planning and preparing for our slate of awesome ski trips. Don't wait too long if you are still thinking about signing up for a trip as air and hotel commitments will be coming due.

The Kickoff Party and Octoberfest celebration was well attended and a fun social event. The venue along the Fox River was scenic and accommodating for our party and we had moderate temperatures for this outdoor gathering. Octoberfest party favors were distributed and a bonfire was available to gather around. Several members dressed for the occasion and prizes were awarded for the best Octoberfest gear. Next was a beer stein holding contest to test the arm strength and determination of the participants.

The Club has several upcoming events in October including our 2nd golf scramble on October 1st and the monthly Club meeting on October 17th. Viking Ski Shop will be the guest speaker to cover the latest industry trends. Come prepared with your questions for the upcoming ski season.

There are also two meetup opportunities in October. On October 14th and 15th, Norge Ski Club is hosting their fall ski jump tournament (Jumptoberfest). October 25th is the 2023 Warren Miller Ski Film at the Downers Grove Tivoli theatre. Refer to the newsletter for more information.

We are in the process of updating our Club trips and events photos on the website under "Club Photos." Enjoy a view down memory lane.

We still have a Committee Chair opening for our Social Media position. This position will administer and help to promote the Club's happenings on websites such as Facebook, Meetup.com, and other social media. This is a great way to get involved with the Club.

Related to our 2024 ski trips, as Warren Miller said - ***"If you don't do it this year, you will be one year older when you do."***

Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!

John Walsh
President



New Members

Please welcome our newest members:

Gordana Cekich
Daniel Govoni
Brett Henry
Stan Huculak
Min Maung

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words....

How many times have you said “That was such a great ski trip!!” or asked “What is that Member’s name again??” In response, we are updating the pictures on the Snowdrifters website for recent trips and events (on the public viewing website) and for members (on the private members-only pages).



To view or add pictures from recent ski trips and events, please log into your Snowdrifters account and go to Club Photos and select a season/year, trip or event. You can then view and/or upload pictures to the album to share. Please remember that this is a public viewing Album.

To view the Members pictures, log into your Snowdrifters account and go to Member Admin Pages and select Member Photo Directory. To add a picture, please email me (cathleendowns1@gmail.com) the picture with the members' names and I will add it. Also, let me know if you want to replace or delete any picture on the Members Photo Directory Album.

Pictures posted for 2014 and earlier trips or events will eventually be deleted to allow space for our new pictures. Please review those pictures and download any you want to save.

Whether you have pictures to add or not, please go to relive and laugh at memories of trips and events past and think of fun photos to take and add for the upcoming season!

Cathleen Downs McDonald

Membership

Trip Coordinators' Corner:



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!

Please note that 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.

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

Fall Kick-Off – Oktoberfest Style!

With the Fox River as the back drop on a lovely September night over 60 Snowdrifters gathered at the Aurora Athletic Club for an evening of food, camaraderie and fun!

DAMO BBQ provided pulled pork, pulled chicken, potato salad, and Italian street corn. Yummy stuff – even though the BBQ sauce ran out! (Next time I will ASK if it is included and not assume☺)

THANKS to everyone who brought such delicious sweets! From cookies to pies to cakes to fruit and everything in between. It was the perfect finish!





Only a few Snowdrifters came in full Oktoberfest regalia – Dirndls were fashioned by Julie Bizer and Kathleen McGrath.

Lederhosen were on display by Greg Bohmann, John Gamble, Hank Lobbes and Tom Rovtar.

The winners of the dress contest were Hank Lobbes and Julie Bizer. Each won an 'official' Snowdrifter Stein

There were a few takers on the stein holding contest: Hank Lobbes, Paul Nepermann, Carlos Salgado, Dennis Nicklaus, Tom Rovtar, John Gamble, Heather Bunyard, And Kathleen McGrath.

Winning the Snowdrifter Stein: Kathleen McGrath and Dennis Nicklaus



Only 3 brave men joined the LITER Stein Holding contest: Sandy Etherton, Brett Boor and Greg Bohmann. Brett was the winner of a framed ski puzzle (courtesy of Heather Bunyard).



PROST to a fabulous season with the Snowdrifters!
Thanks to all for coming out and enjoying the evening.

Norge Ski Club
100 Ski Hill Road, Fox River Grove, IL
Annual Fall Ski Jump Tournament
October 14 & 15, 2023



[BUY BUTTONS NOW](#)



Purchase buttons online \$20.00

Purchase buttons local merchants \$20.00, mid-September

Purchase buttons at gate \$25.00

Free admission for children 12 & under

Bring blankets & lawn chairs

All sales are final. No refunds will be granted.

This is an opportunity for a fall ski club informal meetup to socialize and support the Norge ski club. No Club registration is required, just purchase your buttons online through the Norge Ski Club and show up. Members typically meet up inside the park to sit together.

The Big Hill event on Sunday October 15th is the preferred time to attend.

A Weekend of Fun for the Entire Family!

- Saturday Oct 14: Gates Open at 10:00AM. Junior Tournament small hills starts at 11:00AM

- **Sunday Oct 15: Gates Open at 11:00AM. K70 Big Hill Tournament starts at Noon.**
- Ski jumpers from around the world compete on our 70 meter hill.
- Great Food and Beverage
- Children 12 and Under Free
- Free Parking
- No Carry-Ins Allowed
- No Dogs Allowed
- Norge Ski Jump is held rain or shine



October 14th Saturday - GERMAN DINNER at Elburn Lions Club



Come join us at the Elburn Lions Club Famous German Dinner! We plan on meeting at 3:15 PM at the Elburn Lions Park at 500 Filmore St, Elburn. Over the past few years, we have enjoyed this Buffet Style Dinner with choices consisting of: Bratwurst, Pork Loin, Spaetzel Dumplings, Gravy, Horseradish, Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage, German Potato Salad, Pretzel Rolls, and Dessert & Coffee. There is a Cash bar featuring German Beer and Wine.

Annual German Dinner



Bring this ad for
\$1 off one dinner

**All you can eat (dine in only) includes
bratwurst, pork loins, sauerkraut,
spaetzle, red cabbage, German potato
salad, rolls, and dessert. Cash bar.**

Saturday, October 14, 2023
3:00pm-7:00pm Dine in and Carryout

Elburn Lions Club	Adults: \$16
500 Filmore Street, Elburn	Seniors (65+): \$15
www.elburnlions.com	Children (4-11): \$9
630-365-6315	3 and under: Free

Pre-order your dinner at www.elburnlions.com.

Warren Miller's 2023 Ski Film
October 25, 2023
Tivoli Theatre – Downers Grove
5021 Highland Ave, Downers Grove, IL

Showtime – 7:30 pm – Doors open at 6:30 pm
Tickets can be purchased in advance (\$20) or at the door.



Narrated by and featuring Jonny Moseley, ALL TIME dives deep into the stuff of which snowy dreams are made. From the evolution of mountain culture and the birth of ski towns to icons and innovators like the original hotdoggers, ALL TIME is a celebration of the past seven decades that defined winter sports. The film also weaves in new footage shot on location at Palisades Tahoe, California, and Park City, Utah.

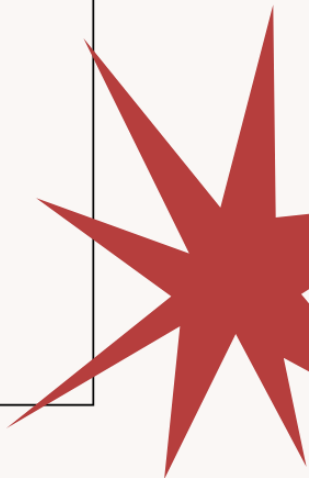
ALL TIME isn't a greatest hits collection. It's a film experience reimagining the moments that got us to where we are today, the compelling people, and the outlandish locations in the history of skiing and snowboarding. It's a nod to the legacy of Warren Miller and a glimpse into where the sport will go next.

Snowdrifters' Christmas party planning has begun...



SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 12, 2023



You don't want to miss this one!



This trip was an adventure before the actual adventure began. The trip to Portillo, Chile went on sale in 2019 and because of Covid and the resort closing, 13 Snowdrifters didn't depart for South America until September 1st, 2023. Our travels to Santiago went very smoothly, we all made it and no lost luggage. We were greeted by our new friend and guide, Leonardo Cuzmar. Little did we know at that time how well we would get to know him. We started our journey to Portillo but the one road in and out of the resort was closed due to a recent snow fall. One of the best restroom breaks of all times was at the base of the mountain where the road was closed. It was at Restaurant SOL y Nieve that we enjoyed homemade empanadas right out of the wood stove, wine heated over a stove and some rather small beers. Leonardo also introduced the Club to Jote, a drink 1/2 wine and 1/2 coke. Sounds bad but was surprisingly very good. After our lunch, with the road still closed, the federales allowed us to continue up the famous 29 switchbacks to Portillo. We arrived to a picture-perfect Portillo, the snow falling from the sky. Little did we know that was the clearest day we would to have.



The government began construction on Hotel Portillo in the late 1930's and in 1949 Chile's first ski resort opened. In 1961 the government sold the resort to Bob Purcell who still owns the resort and greeted our Club upon arrival. It is a grand old school hotel at the center of the ski area. The restaurant Maitre'd created a table for our Club that allowed us to enjoy, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinners together. The food was outstanding, as were



the hotel accommodations. The snow was great, but at time the visibility was questionable. The hotel is nestled in a valley with a spectacular view of the lake. All the ski runs surround the hotel and the lake. During our entire stay members were able to enjoy entertainment in the bar area. The all-female band, Bandana, happened to be snowed in at the hotel. What a fun night of karaoke for some! Leave it to a few random Snowdrifters to find the after party. For some the party with the hotel staff lasted into the early morning. That was an eye opener and really

fun time, some stories that most likely should not be printed.



On one of the poor visibility days, a few members opted to hike up the road since it we were close to the Argentinean border. The truth is they never really found the actual border. Others spent time reading in the lodge while others ventured out to ski. The snow was outstanding with powder every





29 switchbacks

day. The lifts were rather interesting, including the famous quad poma jet! Due to an impending snow storm, we were advised to leave the resort a day early or be stuck for several extra days. All agreed to leave on Tuesday, a day earlier than planned. After the rather interesting check-out, John got a phone call from the front desk that they had a solution. A solution? He didn't know we had a problem. Oh, we had a problem! Chile is old school when it comes to bills, they had all 13 room charges on his account. We spent an hour making piles for each participant and totaling up their charges. After checking out, going down the 29 switchbacks, seeing our

guide, Leonardo, and wild Llamas, we made it to Santiago in reasonable time to stay one night in the Pullman Hotel. Santiago is home to 9 million people, (there are only 10 million in Chile) but it is a clean modern city. The group had an unbelievable dinner at the "House of Beef" and got ready for the next day.



We met Leonardo again to travel to Valparaiso one of the oldest ports in Chile. It rained the entire day so not a lot of walking but got a good overview of the area. We also made an impromptu stop for traditional Chilean food at a roadside stand. It was one of the best meals, very casual with outstanding flavors. A favorite was the corn pie which is like a Shepard's pie with meat in the bottom and cornbread on top. After lunch we arrived at our original destination, the Casa De Bosque winery, for a tour and wine tasting. Casablanca is one of the top-rated wineries in Chile. We received an outstanding tour of the vineyard and learned about the Carmenere grape. Chile is famous for its wine and for good reason plus it is less expensive for a bottle of wine than a glass of mediocre wine in the U.S. On the trip back to Santiago, Leonardo stopped for cups and shockingly surprised us with a bottle of Pisco for everyone to enjoy. After the winery, we needed to fetch our luggage and check into our original hotel, Hotel Bidasoa, for the remainder of our stay. A nice modern hotel with a great bar and wonderful food in the dining room. Of course, the bartenders became our best friends and, if memory serves us, there may or may not have been a Snowdrifters nuptials celebration. Blame it on the Pisco Sours. Dangerous!! On Thursday we had an all-day tour of Santiago with Leonardo again. What a city it is! Some of the places we saw were the Old Town Square, Cathedral, Central Market, Centennial Park, how the others live, where all the museums are located, and the protester in front of the President's house. We also learned all about Chile and, of course, ate wonderful food, drank Chilean wine and had pisco sours, getting back to the hotel after dark.



Is there ever enough skiing? On Friday, 8 members took a shuttle van to ski Valle Nevado Ski Resort. Valle Nevado is the highest ski resort in Chile with a base at 9,843' and top elevation at 17,875' and 2,224 acres of terrain to ski. On a normal day, the drive would be 90 minutes. On this particular day the drive took 4 hours! Don't forget the chains for your car. Blanketed with a foot of new snow, some members said it was the best powder they have ever ridden. What a fun, impromptu day of skiing.



With the end of the trip coming near and our flight home on Saturday approaching, we all split up to take on our own



Leonardo

adventures. Several members enjoyed the art and pre-columbian museum while others enjoyed the Funicular Santiago up San Cristobal Hill. What amazing views and history of the city. To top off this trip, and our final treat, Leonardo and his girlfriend, Carolina, joined us for the transfer to the airport. During the 45-minute ride, Carolina serenaded us with wonderful authentic Argentinean songs. To close, the Chile trip was absolutely worth the wait, but it is the club members (and Leonardo) that make the memories so special.

Trip Leaders
John Gamble & Michelle
Etherton





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.)*

- October - \$300
- November - Balance due

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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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Ski the Porkies
Porcupine Mountains State Park – Michigan’s Largest State
Park
Jan 18-21, 2024

COST
Adult Skier - \$375
Adult Non-Skier - \$285
Teen Skier (13-17) \$150
Child (12 & under) \$40

“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.

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!



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.

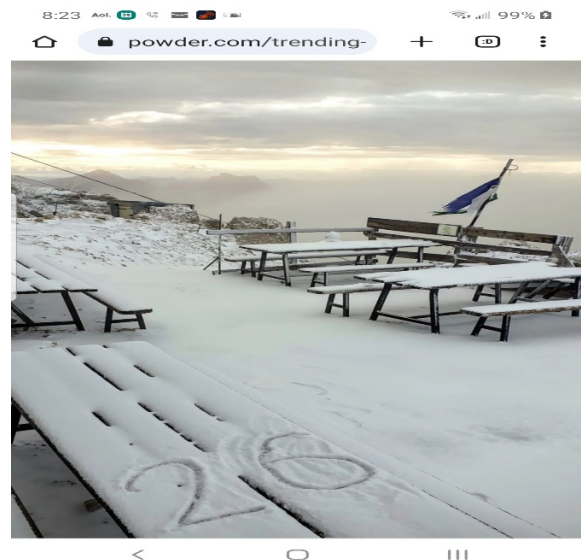
JAN. 26th to FEB. 7th, 2024

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:

- 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

Per Person Prices:

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

2-person shared Roomette on Train, Air, Lodging: **SOLD OUT**

Land Only: \$870

Single Supplement at hotel \$484

3-day lift tickets \$255

4-day lift tickets \$340

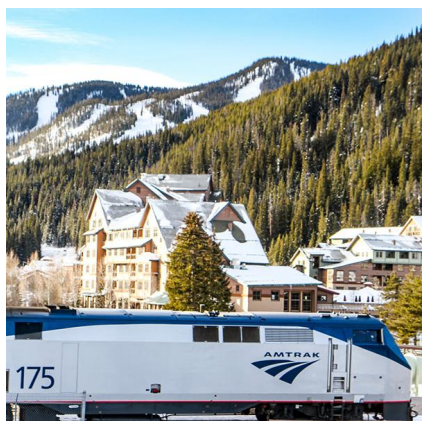
These group rate lift ticket prices are below the senior rates!

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.
 - Return trip via Southwest Airlines WN 3315 01 MAR DEN/ORD 4:30P 8:00P
- Ground Transfers
- Five nights lodging at Vintage Hotel
- \$15 Food voucher per person

Winter Park Resort

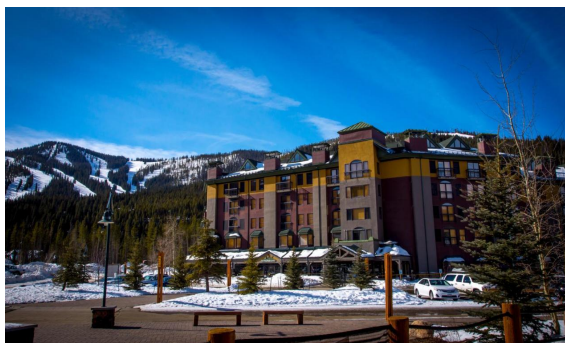


Winter Park Resort is a year-round resort located about a ninety minute drive from Denver, CO. The mountain opened in 1940. The resort consists of three interconnected mountain peaks which share a common lift ticket. There is skiing for all abilities, from beginner to tree skiing and moguls, and it was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

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>. To order you need to know that our carriers are Amtrak and United Airlines and the travel agent is Skigroup.net.

For more information, please contact the trip leader:

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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 - \$1,250
- 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

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>

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March 19th – 24th, 2024

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Sign up NOW or this trip will be cancelled! We need 4 more people to make the minimum.

This trip will give us a wonderful look at the U.S. Olympic History of not one but two Winter Olympics.

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- [Cross-country ski](#) or [snowshoe](#) the miles of scenic trails in and around the area.
- [Ice skate](#) on the historic Olympic Oval.
- [Ice climb](#) using crampons and ice axes or watch climbers from around the region scale the frozen rocks.
- Lake Placid is home to many shops, spas, restaurants for a day of browsing and pampering



Just for Snowdrifters:

- Tour of the 1980 Arena
- Group Curling and happy hour
- Free Shuttle to the ski jump
- Olympic Museum
- Luge or bobsled - TBD
- Lots of great experiences and memories

A little Olympic history - READ THIS!!

Through the early 1900s Lake Placid drew increasing attention as a world-class destination for winter sports. Then in 1920 Lake Placid secured its first globally sanctioned event – the International Outdoor Speed Skating Championships. The success of this event put Lake Placid on the winter sports map.

The Lake Placid Club also built in 1920 the area's first ski jump, located at the current Intervales site. No one could have known at that time that simple 35-meter jump would eventually become all that the Olympic Jumping Complex is today, yet in hindsight the excitement of the first jumping competition could have been seen as a signal.



Not long thereafter, the community's leadership made the remarkable happen. With the region's reputation firmly established, Lake Placid made its bid for and was chosen to host the third ever Olympic Winter Games in 1932.

The three-tiered podium was first introduced at the 1932 Lake Placid Games, and the first gold medalist to take the podium was Lake Placid's own Jack Shea, born and raised in Lake Placid, he became a hometown hero when he won gold medals in the 500- and 1500-meter speed skating races in the 1932 Olympics. He is also the father of Jim Shea (Innsbruck 1964), and grandfather of Jim Shea Jr. (Salt Lake City 2002).

After Lake Placid wins the bid in 1974 to host the 1980 Winter Games, its sports legacy took another giant leap forward. Televised around the world, the 1980 Games gave us some of the most inspiring performances and unforgettable moments in the history of winter sports.

Not only is Lake Placid known as the location for the "Miracle on Ice" where the US Hockey team beat the Russian team but also the location of Eric Heiden winning US won gold in the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m, and 10,000m speed skating events, setting four Olympic records and one world record in the process. He became the first person to win all five speed skating events and the first of only three to win five gold medals in individual events at a single Games (Summer or Winter). To this day, Heiden remains the only athlete to win five gold medals at one Winter Games. <https://lakeplacidlegacysites.com/history/>

Questions?

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March 19-24

COST:

Land, Air, Adult Lift: \$2,075

Land, Air, Senior Lift: \$1,909

Snowdrifters' Calendar

October 14 th	Lion's Club German Dinner Lion's Park Elburn
October 14 & 15 th	Jumptoberfest Norge Ski Club Fox River Grove
October 25 th	ALLTIME - Warren Miller's 2023 Ski Film Tivoli Theatre Downers Grove
October 17 th	6:30 Board Meeting 7:30 General Meeting @ Old Towne Pub
November 14 th	6:30 Board Meeting 7:30 General Meeting @ Old Towne Pub Note this is the second Tuesday in November.



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