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Fox Valley Snowdrifters

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Hello Snowdrifters,

The ski season will soon be upon us and we will be off on the great ski trips we have planned for the 2024 winter season. Several resorts have been getting snow with a number of resort openings typically happening this month. Our ski trips to Porcupine Mountains, Chestnut Mountain, Winter Park, Big White, and Lake Placid have openings. These trips are a great way to get out and enjoy the winter season in nature with various winter sports and social gatherings with your family and Snowdrifters' friends.

At the October Club meeting, Paul Engbretson of Viking Ski Shop gave an in-depth presentation on the latest industry trends for ski and snowboard gear, as well as an informative demonstration on ski boot fitting. Viking strives to understand your specific skiing style and match you with the right equipment for an enjoyable ski experience. If you are thinking of upgrading any of your ski gear, NOW is the time to do so as the shops are busy.

Join us at the November 14th Club meeting at the Old Town Pub. We will have guest speakers to provide some helpful tips on training for the upcoming ski season.

You may also want to try out your new equipment and/or just get some early runs in at some of our local Midwest ski areas as they begin to open from late November to mid-December.

The following is a nice reflection for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

Amidst the warmth of shared laughter and the abundance of a bountiful feast, let gratitude be the centerpiece of this Thanksgiving Day. May our hearts overflow with appreciation for the blessings that surround us, both big and small. Let us cherish the company of loved ones, the comfort of home, and the simple joys of life. In this spirit of thankfulness, may we find the true essence of Thanksgiving, a day to reflect on the richness of our lives and the countless gifts that grace our path.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

John Walsh

President





Paul Engbretson
Viking Ski Shop



Marie being fitted for a boot



October's General Meeting's presentation by Viking Ski Shop
– say cheese Aeko and Gail☺

SPECIAL THANKS TO VIKING SKI SHOP AND PAUL ENGBRETSON!

131 W. NORTHWEST HIGHWAY, BARRINGTON, IL (847) 381-1188

New Members

Please welcome our newest members:

Noel Basquin
Janine Jacquet

Pictures! Pictures! Bring out your Pictures! (Reminder)

Just a reminder that 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.

Thank you!

Cathleen Downs McDonald

Membership

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.

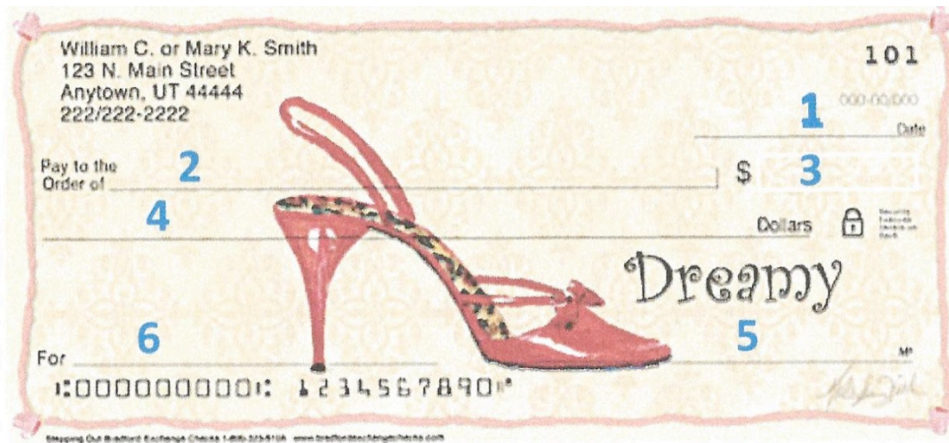
Got a hidden talent or passion you'd like to share?? Contact Maureen Joy or John Walsh. We would LOVE to have you talk to the membership!

Two Cents from the Treasurer, Laurel Davis

- I. Thanks to all for making monthly payments on your trips either by check or via Wild Apricot. This may seem pretty basic, but there have been some issues with checks I have received that have resulted in checks being rejected by the bank and delayed checks from clearing your accounts. So, I am going to review the steps related to writing a check.

There are **5 fields that must be completed for a check to be valid** and one field that is optional but can provide useful information to your Treasurer!

1. The Date
2. The Payee Name
3. The Numeric \$ Amount
4. The Written Out \$ Amount
5. The Signature
6. Optional - The memo line can be used to tell me what trips you are paying for and how much should be applied to each trip.



If you make a mistake when filling out your check, for example:

- ☐ You write the wrong month (8 for August) on the Date Line (1) and correct it by writing the correct number of the month over the top (9 for September), the check will be rejected.
- ☐ If you write a "9" for September, but it looks like a "1", the check will be rejected as stale-dated (over six months old).
- ☐ If you don't sign the check on the signature line (Line 5), the check will be rejected.
- ☐ If the amounts on Line 3 and amount on Line 4 don't match, the check may be rejected or the amount on Line 4 will be accepted.

I have encountered all of these issues and more this year. If you notice and correct your own mistake, **you MUST initial the item that you changed or wrote over for the check to be accepted.**

II. Mailing Address for Checks

I live in Oak Brook and the Snowdrifters' PO Box is at the Batavia post office. I try to get to the post office at least once a week, but that is not always feasible. That may

cause some members to be concerned when they have mailed a check and it hasn't been applied to their outstanding invoice after a couple of weeks. I typically post the payments within 24 hours of picking up the mail.

So, I am providing my home address here and asking that you send the payments directly to me rather than to the post office box. It would be greatly appreciated.

My address is:

**Laurel Davis
2S670 Avenue Normandy E
Oak Brook, IL 60523**

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! Sign up today!

Also there is only one couple on the wait list for Big Sky so if you are interested, please let the Big Sky trip leaders know.

A survey was sent last week to help us plan the international trips. We are trying to see what the interest level is for Australia and New Zealand late summer of 2024, the possibility of Japan for 2025 and/or a European destination in 2025. Please take the time to fill out the survey to help us figure out what might be possible.

Just a reminder be sure to check the newsletter for the month that your ski trips' final payment is due and please plan accordingly.

Ski season is almost upon us so don't forget to get your fitness training in!

John and Frank

Trip Coordinators

SOCIAL

It was another beautiful day and a fun Snowdrifters golf scramble!

Thanks to everyone who participated, and congratulations to all the winners!

Here are the final scores and a photo of the champs. The tied scores went to a runoff, using their score on the final, 9th hole to determine 2nd and 3rd places.

Fox Valley Snowdrifter's Ski Club - 9-Hole GOLF SCRAMBLE OUTING		
Sunday, October 1, 2023 - Pottawatomie Golf Course		
PLAYERS	Closest to the Pin and Longest Drives	Scramble Score
Dana Hopp		40
Joe Hopp CAPTAIN		
Michael Hertel		
Michelle Baker-Etherton		
Chris Salisbury		40
Chuck Salisbury	Men's Longest Drive	
John Walsh CAPTAIN		
Susan Walsh		
Deb Kushman		39
Dennis Nicklaus		
Joe Hannon CAPTAIN		
Sarah Richardson		
Laurie Pasturczak		36 - 1st Place
Rick Pasturczak CAPTAIN		
Chuck Dobbins		
Linda Dobbins	Women's Longest Drive	
Frank Gerry CAPTAIN	Men's Closest to the Pin	37 - 2nd Place
Pam Petoskey	Women's Closest to the Pin	
Tom Krave		
Eileen Parsons		37 - 3rd Place
Joan Shimkus		
Mike Shimkus		
Nancy Lazarz CAPTAIN		





Snowdrifters Holiday Gathering will be a pizza party held from 6-9 pm on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at the Open Range Southwest Grill's Pine Room, 1 Golf View Rd., Sugar Grove.

This year instead of a gift stealing exchange we are asking you to support Cal's Angels by bringing an unwrapped toy or gift card. Toys are needed all year long for kids fighting cancer and for their siblings. While the stealing is lots of fun we have become such a big group that the time and space needed is becoming a bit overwhelming.

Watch your email for details on registration and pricing. If you have any questions please contact me.

Thanks,

Maureen Joy
mojoy@comcast.net

cals Angels
 Wishes Awareness Research

Toy Drive

COLLECTING TOYS FOR KIDS FIGHTING CANCER!

Donate Today!

We are hosting a toy box to collect toys and gift cards to support Cal's Angels' mission to help kids fighting cancer.

REQUESTED ITEMS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS (INFANT-18)
 Must be **NEW** and **UNWRAPPED**
 Gift Cards (any amount) to Target, Best Buy, iTunes, Walmart, etc.
(gift cards are used for children 13+)
 LEGOS, Board Games, Trucks, V-Tech Toys, Action Figures, Nerf Toys, Balls
 Baby Dolls
 Scrapbooking/Craft Kits, Art Supplies, Play Dough Sets
 Preschool Puzzles & Toys

NO STUFFED ANIMALS please.

Cal's Angels is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a mission of granting **wishes**, raising **awareness** and funding **research** to help kids fighting cancer.

For more information email:
 Susan@CalsAngels.org

Visit CalsAngels.org/toy-drive

The toys and gift cards collected during the Toy Drive will benefit kids fighting cancer and their siblings year round at all Chicago area hospitals.



BIG SKY

<https://bigskyresort.com>

Jan 6th - 12th, 2024

\$1,600 **

****Base Package includes land & air only**

Lift tickets extra – see below

SOLD OUT

Only one couple on the wait list – if you are interested you may want to let the trip leaders know you would like to be on the wait list.

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.*)

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>

Trip Leaders: **Joe Hopp**
Peggy Courser
Eileen Parsons

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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:

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



NOVEMBER “JUST FOR FUN” DATES

FROM FUN FACTS

“Just for Fun” Dates in November for November Fun Facts
plus *Flakey News Staff comment*

- Nov. 1 National Cook for Your Pets Day – *You’ve got to be kidding me!*
- Nov. 3 Zero-Tasking Day – *Well I ain’t doing nothing this day!*
- Nov. 9 National Scrapple Day – *I may have to try this one – sounds yummy!*
- Nov. 18 National Button Day – *Be sure to wear your Snowdrifters button!*
- Nov. 21 World Hello Day – *Hi, oops, I mean HELLO ☺!*
- Nov. 23 Fibonacci Day – *How far in the sequence can you go?*



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.

To allow for better roommate pairing at the hotel, **we need one more solo female traveler and one more solo male traveler to travel coach and pair with roommates at the hotel.** If you or someone you know would like a unique ski travel experience, please join us!

The trip includes:

- Overnight sleeper train to Winter Park, return by air to Chicago
 - Amtrak 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

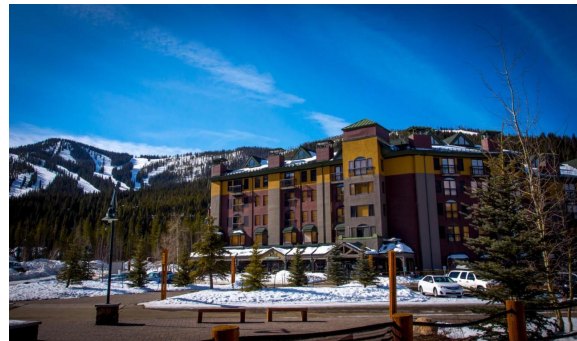


Winter Park Resort is a year-round resort located about a ninety minute drive from Denver, CO. The mountain opened in 1940. The resort consists of three interconnected mountain peaks which share a common lift ticket. There is skiing for all abilities, from beginner to tree skiing and moguls, and it was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

- 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>. 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:

Michael Shimkus, 630-447-9529, mgshimkus@gmail.com
 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:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit - | \$1,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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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For more information, please contact the trip leader:

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Olympic Extravaganza @ Lake Placid, New York



March 19th – 24th, 2024

COST:

Land, Air, Adult Lift: \$2,075
Land, Air, Senior Lift: \$1,909

Have you been contemplating joining the Lake Placid trip -

THE TRIP OF THE YEAR?

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.

We will be able to immerse ourselves in U.S. Olympic History, experience the quaint setting of upstate New York and participate in a variety of activities.

- ☐ [Ski and snowboard](#) on the slopes of Whiteface Mountain and in the expansive Adirondack backcountry.
- ☐ [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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Snowdrifters' Calendar

November 5 th	End to Day Light savings time – set your clocks back 1 hour!
November 14 th	6:30 Board Meeting 7:30 General Meeting @ Old Towne Pub Note this is the second Tuesday in November.
November 23 rd	Thanksgiving Day
December 12 th	Snowdrifters' Christmas Party

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As you all know, I can't ski anymore and my very new equipment has been stored away in the closet. I haven't figured out any prices yet but if you are interested in anything, let me know and I can send you more pictures and we will figure it out.

- ☐ K2/149 downhill parabolic skis/poles/bindings/bag
- ☐ Salomon cross country skis/boots/poles/bag
- ☐ Mountain profile 825 snow shoes/poles/ bag
- ☐ New Helmet
- ☐ Assorted gloves/socks/etc.

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