

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



The Spring Sign-Up Party

Saturday, April 5, 2025

VFW Lafore Lock Post 755

2211 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield

Doors will open at 5:00 PM for check-in and sign up for trips. As a reminder, all members are invited to attend even though there is no desire to sign up for a trip. Please remember to check in at the door as you arrive. A cash bar will be available followed with food served at 6:30 PM. As in the past, there will be plenty of food so no need to eat prior to attending.

Come enjoy the evening with fellow members and friends.

If you're in need of service hours and wish to assist with set-up and clean-up, please contact **Joyce Ludwig** by texting or calling 217-725-9125 or emailing joyce2ludwig@outlook.com.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I complete my second and final year as President of Springfield Ski & Travel Club (SSTC), I feel gratified by the enormous support of VP, Mary Schackmann, the entire SSTC Board and the multitude of SSTC members. Thank you all.

Along with the SSTC Nominating Committee I am very thrilled to endorse the new slate of SSTC Officers:

Jan Freeman, *President*

Jean Courtney-Jacobs, *VP*

Kristi Sitki, *Secretary*

Dave Trapp, *Treasurer*

Patty Staab, *VP Tours*

Janet Nuss, *VP Day Trips*

Kim Fraim Rockford, *VP Membership*

Kathryn Hanlon, *VP Events*

This is simply a phenomenal slate of officers that I know will continue the magnificent work of the 2024-2025 SSTC Board and will provide spectacular parties, trips and events for the club! A big thank you to the Nominating Committee for their work and the new slate of officers for agreeing to deliver all the fun trips, events, and activities this coming year!

I urge you vote "yes" to the committee recommended and board approved motions to consolidate the two ski trip board positions into the one S.K.I. Representative position and to eliminate the appointed redundant position of Finance Chairperson.

Please remember to personally invite and bring friends to SSTC events to share in the fun that is the hallmark of the club.

Our SSTC webpage: www.springfieldskiclub.org says:

"Since 1971 our club has been dedicated to getting our members out of the house, away from work and having fun."

I totally agree with this motto and wish the club another 54 years to keep the tradition going!

At your service,

Debi Barr-Holquist

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

Election of the 2025 Springfield Ski and Travel Club Officers

As Executive Vice President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, we are pleased to recommend and endorse the following slate of candidates for the SSTC Executive Board for the 2025/2026 year.

President	Jan Freeman
Executive Vice President	<i>Jean Courtney-Jacobs</i>
Secretary	<i>Kristi Sitki</i>
Treasurer	<i>David Trapp</i>
Vice President for Membership	<i>Kim Rockford</i>
Vice President of Tour Trips	<i>Patty Staab</i>
Vice President for Activities	<i>Kathryn Hanlon</i>
Vice President for Day Trips	<i>Janet Nuss</i>

- Election of the Officers for the Springfield Ski and Travel Club 2025 will be held in addition to the General Meeting / Sign-Up Party, April 5, 2025, at the VFW Post #755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, Il.
- Voting will be open from 5:00 p.m. until 6:15 p.m.

Looking forward to another active and strong executive board with this slate of candidates.

Mary Schackmann
Executive Vice President

Per Article V, Election of Officers, Section 1 -Once the slate has been presented and no less than 30 days prior to the announced election date, any member in good standing may submit their name to the Executive Vice President for inclusion on the ballot as a candidate for one of the elected positions. Thirty days prior to April 5th is March 6th. Please notify Mary Schackmann, Executive Vice President, if you wish your name to also be included on the ballot for any of the positions listed above. Send your notification to sstcquestions@springfieldskiclub.org

2025 ELECTED OFFICERS



PRESIDENT

Jan Freeman

I joined the Ski & Travel Club in 2019 to go on the England-Scotland trip. Since that time, I have enjoyed great international trips with the Club to Portugal, Iceland, Peru, Northern Italy, Czech Republic and Germany. I like traveling with the Club because I see all the friends I've met through these trips at other events. Over the past 3 years, I have served the Club as Executive Vice President one year and for Vice President of Day Trips for the past 2 years. This Club offers our now over 500 members so many social activities, not just international travel or day trips, but Dining Out, Happy Hours, Sign Up Parties, Halloween and Christmas Parties, summer parties at Larry Michaud's and Oktoberfest at Roger Schnelten's, sports events, ski opportunities and community service. Essentially there is ALWAYS something fun to do and more people to meet! I would be honored to serve as President of this vibrant Club.



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Jean Courtney-Jacobs

Hi my name is Jean Courtney-Jacobs. I've been a member of the Ski and Travel Club since 2019. I joined to take advantage of the international trips. That has been fulfilled many times over with trips to England, Portugal, Iceland, Northern Italy, Germany and Cabo.

Along the way I have made many friends through activities provided by the club. The last 2 years I have had the opportunity to serve on the Board as Sports Chairman. This year I am running for Executive Vice President and would like to continue to serve the members of this club!



SECRETARY

Kristi Sitki

I'm Kristi Sitki, seeking your support to serve a second year as club secretary. As a club member for 4 years, my husband and I have enjoyed trips to Croatia, Aruba, Mexico and northern Italy and look forward to the Scandinavia trip later this year. This club provides

a wonderful network of friends, new and old, to travel with and also enjoy local social activities. I look forward to serving another year as club secretary.



TREASURER

Dave Trapp

I'm Dave Trapp, seeking re-election to the treasurer's position. My wife, DiAnn, and I have been Springfield Ski and Travel Club members almost 30 years, joining to take a trip to Big Sky, Montana. After likely a dozen wonderful trips to Europe, Canada, Alaska, Iceland,

Mexico and Peru throughout the years, I am ready to return and monitor the checkbook. A lifelong central Illinois resident, I retired from a 35 year electrical contracting business.



VP OF TOUR TRIPS

Patty Staab

I joined SSTC back in 2008 because of the travel opportunities & I started helping on various trip planning committees. I served as vp of tour trips for several years and am excited to be asked to serve in that capacity again. I've also been a trip leader for our fabulous Croatia and Peru trips as well as our upcoming Holland and Belgium River Cruise in 2026. I love traveling and hope to share this love of travel and new adventures with all the club members as we develop new destinations for the club to visit.



VP FOR DAY TRIPS

Janet Nuss

I am a retired registered nurse, health educator, and community planner. I joined the Ski and Travel Club in 2002 to make friends and to travel. I've done that and more. I've enjoyed socializing at Happy Hours and group dinners/events as well as participating in several day trips and my first (but not last) international

trip with the Club. I'm running for VP of Day Trips to work with what I know is an already great committee to continue planning more fun trips for Club members.



VP OF MEMBERSHIP

Kim Fraim Rockford

My name is Kim Fraim Rockford. I've been part of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club for two years. I joined after hearing about a trip to Iceland at a social event, and haven't looked back since. I've enjoyed various activities and formed great friendships, especially during an amazing trip to Mexico. I love our happy

hours, dinners, and special events. I'm excited to volunteer as VP for membership to encourage more friends to join in to continue building a fun and vibrant community. Together, we can create unforgettable memories.



VP OF EVENTS

Kathryn Hanlon

It is a privilege to be invited to serve our club. I have truly enjoyed the trips and the relationships I have cultivated. I look forward to getting to know more of the members and enjoying the adventures we will have together. Serving on this board is my way of saying thank you to everyone that has donated their time and talent.

SSTC Spring General Meeting/Sign-Up Party
VFW
April 5th, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

Voting and Sign-Up Procedures for the Day Trips

Where: VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Rd., Springfield

When: April 5, 2025, 5:00 p.m. doors open. Voting begins. Sign-Up numbers will be issued in the order of line placement at the door.

Note: this number does not guarantee you a spot. All sign-up are on a first come, first serve basis.

Vote: Vote for the 2025/2026 Executive Board Officers. There are also two proposed changes to the SSTC Constitution that require a vote from general membership attending the general meeting.

If not signing up for a day trip, visit the voting booths. An eblast was sent announcing the candidates and their biographies are in the Snowjourner.

Day Trips - What do I need to have ready?

- *Have your membership number ready.*
- *Note, If signing up to be a member at the sign-up party, head directly to the membership table. Once you have received your membership number, then you are eligible to stand in line and obtain a sign-up number.*
- **Fully completed two sided** trip application and full payment. Note, if signing up for more than one day trip, separate trip applications and checks are needed.
- Checks are made payable to SSTC
- See trip flyers posted in the Snowjourner or on the SSTC website at www.springfieldskiclub.org

SSTC GENERAL MEETING

At the SSTC General Meeting on April 5, 2025, membership will be voting on two changes to the club's constitution and by-laws.

The first change is to combine the executive board position and duties of the elected position of VP of Ski Trips and the appointed position of S.K.I Representative, retaining the appointed position of S.K.I Representative position with voting rights.

The second change is to eliminate the appointed position of Finance Chair based on duplication of duties and responsibilities with the elected position of Treasurer.

SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

Home Plate
May 5, 5:30pm

HAPPY HOUR

Motor Boat Club
May 15, 5pm

Spectacular Scandinavia

May 1-14, 2025
Pat Chesley - (217) 210-1920
patchesley@gmail.com

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COLUMBIA & SNAKE RIVERS

September 14 - 21, 2025
Trip Leader: Ed Huntley
217-652-7540, ewh324@aol.com

Belgium & Holland in the Springtime

April 24 - May 8, 2026
Trip Leaders: Patty Staab
217-836-4406, patriciastaab2118@gmail.com
Wendy Schluter
217-415-4764, schluter.wendy@yahoo.com

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

LeAnn Rimes

at Devon Lakeshore Amphitheatre

Thursday, May 29th - 4:00p

Trip Leaders: Patty Kates, 217-454-6905, patty.kates@outlook.com
Nancy Huston, 217-652-8501, nancycdw@aol.com

CUBS vs CARDINALS AT BUSCH STADIUM

Thursday, June 26 - 10:30am

Trip Leader: Mary Schackmann, 217-638-9312; mary_schackmann@yahoo.com

SOULARD & BUSCH BREWERY TOUR ST. LOUIS

Friday, July 11 - \$90

Trip Leaders: Jana Kincaid, 217-416-0955; jagrolling90@gmail.com
Raenell Mace, 217-494-1443; rmace8754@comcast.net

St. Charles Festival of the Little Hills

Saturday, August 16 - \$73

Trip Leader: Janice Broughton, 217-725-6776, janice.broughton@yahoo.com

Sign up for New Day Trips April 5th

Sign up for the day trips listed below at the Sign-up Party on April 5th!
See detailed information about each trip later in this newsletter.

Soulard and Busch Brewery Tour St. Louis - Friday July 11 - \$90
(note the activity level on this trip may include a lot of walking and 20-40 steps)
St. Charles Festival of the Little Hills – Saturday, August 16 - \$73

ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President..... Debi Barr-Holquist
 Executive VP..... Mary Schackmann
 Treasurer..... Dave Trapp
 Secretary..... Kristi Sitki
 VP for Membership..... Sue Monteyne
 VP for Day Trips..... Jan Freeman
 VP for Tour Trips..... Nancy Chesley
 VP for Ski Trips..... Ruth Kopec
 VP Events..... Joyce Ludwig
 Finance Chair..... Teresa Watkin
 Publicity Chair/Happy Hours Chair .. Tim Phillips
 Dine Out Chair..... Jana Kincaid
 Snowjourner Editor..... Amy Dodd
 Skier Development..... Gary Kindred
 Community Service..... Ed Huntley
 Sports Director..... Jean Courtney-Jacobs
 Webmaster..... Deon Bishop

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Paula Root	1	Michael Malson	9	Julie Bertagnolli	24
Mary J. Thomas	3	Steve Casper	11	Jerry Parsons	26
Paula Hermes	3	Michael Sizemore	12	Alan Merriman	26
Mike Hamende	3	Sharon Robertson	12	Mario Ortega	26
Victoria Greenan	4	Kathy Bacon	13	Steve Washko Jr.	27
Nelson L. Poe	4	Cheryl Luttrell	14	Sue Frary	27
Jeri Lynne Wright	5	Liz Logsdon (2012)	15	Dave Waltrip	28
Joyce Merriman	5	Harold Hale	15	Dennis Bomke	30
Pamela McGee	7	Diane Osman	18	Gina Sullivan	30
Kathryn Hanlon	7	Don Stefancic	18	Patricia Staab	30
Laura Coleman	8	Deb Stahl	19		
Penny Stevens	8	Peggy Kane	21		

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				Dining Out Smokey Bones 5:30pm		Spring Sign-Up Party 5pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				Happy Hour Legacy Pointe Eatery 5pm		
20  Easter	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Don't Miss Out

The current board's goal is to make sure you are in the know!

How do I find out what is scheduled?

- First, an eblast is sent alerting you to an event or activity. An eblast is an email sent to all members. All eblasts have SSTC in the subject line.
- Next, the event is promoted on Facebook. Follow us on Facebook. **Facebook is used to promote events and is not monitored daily. If you have a question, please contact us a SSTCQUESTIONS@springfieldskiclub.org.** In addition, it is on the website's calendar, www.springfieldskiclub.org.
- Your newsletter, the Snowjourner, also provides you with events and activities. The Snowjourner is published online at the beginning of each month. An eblast, along with a notice on Facebook lets you know of its availability.

I'm not getting eblasts. Who should I contact?

- First, check your junk mail. Sometimes, depending on your email system, email is automatically routed there.
- Next, if your email has changed, or you would like an email added, notify the VP of membership. (The email used is the one listed on the membership application)

I have a family membership. Can more than one email be used to receive the eblast?

- Absolutely, just send the additional email addresses to the VP of membership.

Remember, to watch for Eblasts, Facebook posts, and the website to stay In the Know!

UNDERSTANDING VOLUNTEER HOURS

Have you enjoyed SSTC's monthly dining out, day trips, sporting activities, monthly happy hours, or international travel? Have you enjoyed holiday parties, summer picnics at Larry Michaud's, or an Oktoberfest at Roger Schnelten's?

We are an "all-volunteer" club. These opportunities are a possibility for all club members through the generosity of donating time and talent. Countless hours are spent behind the scenes creating international trips, day trips, parties, processing membership information, publishing the directory, creating fliers, writing Snowjourner articles, processing membership information, choosing venues, hosting parties, and leading activities. *Most importantly volunteer hours are a way for you to get to know other club members, even if you have a lifetime membership.*

Did you know that your volunteer hours can earn you early sign-up privileges at our trip sign-up parties?

Don't miss out. Trips often have limited space. Those members that accumulate 10 volunteer hours will, upon request to the executive vice president at least 14 days prior to the sign-up party, receive this certificate.

When is the next opportunity to use a certificate?

Vice Presidents and Chairpersons are responsible for submitting any hours earned to the executive Vice President. Next sign-up party is September 9th. There are many day trips, sporting activities and an international trip on the horizon. If you checked the volunteer box on the yearly membership application, the Vice President or Chairperson has a list with your name.

Who do I contact to earn volunteer hours?

On your membership application you checked a box indicating your area of interest for volunteering. You may be contacted from this list. In addition, eblasts are sent offering opportunities. *My suggestion is don't wait... Be Proactive.* Contact a VP or Chairperson and let them know of your willingness to earn those hours. Each committee can always use help.

How far in advance of a trip do I need to earn the hours?

The cut-off for earning, submitting, and requesting a certificate is 14 days prior to the date of the sign-up party. Certificate holders have third priority sign-up privileges after executive board members and trip leaders. A hard copy of the certificate must be handed to the Trip Leader at the time of the sign-up. Securing this certificate also means that trip application requirements, certificate and check may be hand delivered to the Trip Leader prior to the sign-up event.

Note: 10 hours is needed for each trip.

If I have a certificate, am I guaranteed that I will have a spot on the trip?

A certificate does not guarantee a trip is locked in, but it does increase your chances of securing the trip you desire. Everything is based on the number of travelers a contract allows and the tier of applications received by the trip leader; board members, trip leaders, certificate holders, then all other members.

Interested in serving on the Executive Board?

You earn 10 volunteer hours for each year you serve on the executive board, plus you have first tier sign up. If you would like to be considered for an executive board position, contact the Executive Vice President.

SPRINGFIELD SKI and TRAVEL CLUB
Application Form for Trips/Sporting Events

Ski Trip
 Tour Trip
 Day Trip
 Sporting Event
 (golf, bowling, tennis, billiards, etc.)

Trip/Sporting Event: _____ Date of Application: _____

Name*: _____ Member Number: _____

Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home#: _____ Cell#: _____ Work#: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone#: _____

Do you have any significant medical problems or do you require any special medications which your trip leader should be aware of? If yes, describe:

Complete this section for Ski or Tour trips only:

Male: ___ Female: ___ DOB: _____ DL#: _____ DL State: _____

Passport# (if international trip): _____ Passport Exp Date: _____

Roommate Preference: _____ Other Request: _____

Are you interested in: NASTAR racing? ___ Lessons? ___ Are you a skier? Yes ___ No ___

The Springfield Ski Club in good faith makes every effort to complete a scheduled activity or trip as advertised, and to accommodate the requests of its members. However, the Club will not be held responsible if arrangements are changed beyond our control or if specific requests cannot be honored. This includes, but is not limited to, changes in our itineraries, airline arrangements or schedules, hotel or condo reservations, destinations, and emergencies requiring a modification of any scheduled activity or trip. Your signature below warrants you have read and understand this statement.

I agree to make the appropriate published trip payments on the scheduled due dates.

I have also read and understand the trip policy statements on page two of this form and agree to abide by them.

As a participant of the trip described above: I voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski Club, its agents, officers, Board of Directors, or members liable for any accident or injury to myself, or for any loss of or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

* For trips involving airline travel or overseas travel, your name must be written exactly as it appears on your passport or drivers license. Do NOT use nick-names.

For trip leader use only

App. No. _____ Wait List: _____

Full Trip Price: \$ _____ Partial Trip Price: \$ _____ Notes: _____

1st Deposit: \$ _____ Due: ____/____/____ Paid: ____/____/____

2nd Deposit: \$ _____ Due: ____/____/____ Paid: ____/____/____

Final Payment: \$ _____ Due: ____/____/____ Paid: ____/____/____

Approved Refund: \$ _____ Total Paid: \$ _____

STANDING RULE #2

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY (11/14/96), (Amended 5/13/99, 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)

“Cutoff” dates and non-refundable deposits for trips and activities may vary according to transportation, lodging or other associated deposits. Cutoff dates for trips and activities will be established for each trip or activity by the Executive Board and published in the monthly newsletter. All cancellations must be made to the Trip Leader in writing or via e-mail. Refunds will be made as follows:

1. For cancellations before the published cutoff date, a full refund of all monies paid will be issued in a timely manner, less any Executive Board-approved cancellation processing fee established and published in conjunction with the trip or activity advertisement in the monthly newsletter.
2. For cancellations after the cutoff date, refunds will be as follows:
 - a. For any trip or activity where the allotted number of spaces are completely reserved and a replacement can be found, a cancellation may be made and a full refund issued, less any processing fees, as described in paragraph 1, above, any time prior to the departure of the trip or the start of the activity, provided the replacement person pays the full amount due, in accordance with the payment schedule for the trip or activity.
 - b. If a replacement cannot be found, the member canceling the trip or activity may submit, in person, in writing, or via email, a request for a refund. This request must be sent to either the trip leader, the appropriate VP or directly to the Executive Board. The request must be submitted within 15 days after the scheduled start date of the trip or activity and shall state the reason for the cancellation and the amount of refund requested. Requests will only be considered by the Executive Board, and refunds will only be made, once the trip or activity is completed and the full financial statement has been submitted for review and approval, as described in Standing Rule #13. Any refund approved by the Executive Board will come from recoverable expenditures derived from the specific trip or activity and not from the Club’s general fund.
 - c. Refunds will be distributed no later than 180 days after the first scheduled day of the trip or activity.

STANDING RULE #5

TRIP MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT (11/14/96), (Amended 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)

1. All Trip Leaders shall be at least 21 years of age.
2. Trips shall be run as advertised, unless ski conditions, safety or wellbeing of trip participants dictate otherwise, in which case, the decision for an alternate plan rests with the Vice President of Ski Trips, Day Trips, or Tour Trips (as appropriate) or the President prior to departure. After departure, this authority rests with the trip leader.
3. Conduct by any individual which is offensive or hazardous to others or that does not project a good image of the Club could result in expulsion from the trip at the nearest place of public lodging or transportation by the authority of the trip leader. The trip leader will provide a review of the circumstances at the next Executive Board meeting with a board decision to maintain or cancel the individual’s Club membership.
4. Individuals will be held responsible for any damage to personal or real property of others.
5. Club arranged accommodations cannot be shared with non-trip participants.

STANDING RULE #7

GROUND TRANSPORTATION SMOKING POLICY (11/14/96)

1. Smoking will only be allowed during scheduled stops approximately every two hours of travel, if requested. NO smoking inside the travel vehicle is allowed.
2. Trips under two hours in duration will be classified as “non-smoking trips.”

STANDING RULE #8

PARTIAL SKI TRIP PACKAGES (11/14/96) (amended 4/9/05)

1. For trips involving a request to delete air (or other packaged form of transportation) service, only the actual cost of the ticket will be deducted from the trip price. The participant’s portion of the club’s overhead cost, including ground transportation to the airport or rail station used for the trip, will be included in the partial trip price.
 2. All requests for partial trip packages will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop reserved seats without penalty from the tour operator and/or the carrier.
 3. If a request for a partial trip participation is made and honored, the participant must make payment in the full amount within 5 days of the approval notification. A “partial” trip payment is not refundable unless the trip is canceled. CANCELLATION CUT-OFF DATES DO NOT APPLY. The club will not refund or attempt to “resell” partial trip packages should the participant drop from the trip any time after payment is made.
 4. Requests to exclude lift tickets from a trip package must be made at the time of sign up. Requests for partial trip packages, including lift tickets, will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop such tickets, or other items, without penalty or loss of income (including any comp). Unless otherwise approved by the Vice President of Ski Trips, the member requesting “no lifts” will pay the full trip price. After the trip is completed, the unused lift ticket will be returned by the Club to the tour operator or the ski area for possible refund. Any refund will then be made to the member by Club check. Refunds may not be possible if purchase and use of a lift ticket by all trip participants is required for the Club to receive a discounted “group rate.”
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SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

DAY TRIPPIN.....WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN!

- TITLE:** LeAnn Rimes at the Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater in Decatur
- There will be some stair climbing to reach terrace seating at the amphitheater.**
- WHEN:** Thursday, May 29, 2025 leaving Meijer at 4:00 PM and returning after the concert approximately 11 PM.
- TRIP LEADERS:** Patty Kates 217-454-6905 patty.kates@outlook.com
Nancy Huston 217-652-8501 nancycdw@aol.com
- COST:** \$118 - 30 participants
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Concert ticket – reserved seating on a Terrace with artificial grass.
Private chartered round trip bus transportation.
- FOOD:** There will be food choices available at the Devon Amphitheater as well as food trucks parked on the property.
- BRING:** **Your own lawn chair for seating.**



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by December 5, 2024 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after December 5, 2024 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- Refunds** are made after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after December 5, 2024 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Cardinals VS Cubs

DAY TRIPPIN.....WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN!



Trip Leader: Mary Schackmann mary_schackmann@yahoo.com
217-638-9312

Day Trip Date: June 26, 2025 30 Participants

Cost - \$150 - Cost includes transportation, ballpark ticket, and tip for bus driver. Stadium seats will be located in a shaded popular section.

Departure: The bus will meet us at 10:30 a.m., Meijers parking lot to take us to Busch Stadium. *Game time is 1:15.*
There will be some stair climbing and ramps to reach stadium seating.

Dinner: After the game, we will stop in Collinsville at Bandana's BBQ for dinner. Dinner cost is your responsibility.

Arrival back in Springfield at Meijers parking lot between 8 and 9 p.m.

CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS: *Cancel by February 1, 2025 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee. *Cancel after February 1, 2025 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. Refunds are made after the trip is completed. *Cancel after February 1, 2025 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued.

Entering the Stadium: *When attending a game, or any other event at Busch Stadium there is a bag policy in effect for all guests. You'll be able to bring in purses and bags that aren't bigger than 10" x 8" x 10". No matter the bag you bring in, they will all be subject to a search at the Inspection as you go through the metal detectors.*



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

**DAY TRIPPIN.....WE'RE DAY
TRIPPIN!**

TITLE: Soulard and Busch Brewery Tour St. Louis

ACTIVITY NOTICE: This trip may include lots of walking and using 20-40 steps.

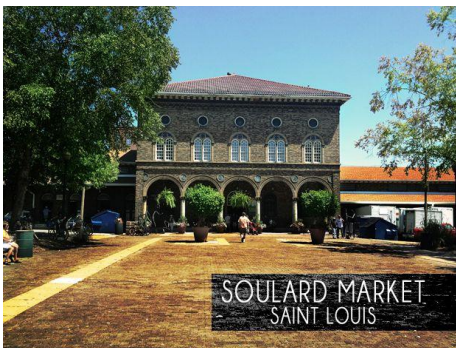
WHEN: Friday, July 11, 2025. Leaving Springfield from Meijer at 8:30am and returning around 8:15 pm.

TRIP LEADERS: Jana Kincaid 217-416-0955 jagrolling90@gmail.com
Raenell Mace 217-494-1443 rmace8754@comcast.net

COST: \$90 Must have 30 participants for the trip to be a go.

TRIP INCLUDES: Transportation to Soulard and the Busch Brewery, tip for the bus driver and Brewery Tour.

ACTIVITIES: We will arrive in Soulard and visit the market (if planning to purchase produce, bring a cooler that can be placed under the bus). Walk around and see the quaint stores and restaurants. Lunch will be on your own. At 1:30 we will depart for our 2 pm Brewery Tour. After the tour you will have time to shop in the gift shop or visit the Biergarten. At 4:30 we will depart for Litchfield where we will dine on our own at Ariston Cafe, a Route 66 historic restaurant. We should arrive back around 8:15 pm.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by April 19, 2025 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after April 19, 2025 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. Refunds are made after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after April 19, 2025 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

DAY TRIPPIN.....WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN!

TITLE: St. Charles Festival of the Little Hills

WHEN: Saturday, August 16, 2025

Leaving Meijer at 9:00 AM and returning approximately 5:00 PM

TRIP LEADER: Janice Broughton 217-725-6776 janice.broughton@yahoo.com

PRICE: \$73 Minimum 30 participants, maximum 40

TRIP INCLUDES: Private chartered bus and tip for the driver

ACTIVITIES:

During the Festival of the Little Hills, you'll find more than 300 arts and craft vendors lining Historic Main Street and throughout Frontier Park – each one displaying unique gifts and colorful finds. More than 50 not-for-profit organizations provide a diverse selection of culinary delights making the Festival the major annual fundraiser to support their various endeavors.

You can also grab a grassy spot in Frontier Park to listen to local favorite bands during the Festival. Local favorites include Superjam, Dirty Muggs, and more.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

*Cancel by April 19, 2024 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

*Cancel after April 19, 2024 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. Refunds are made after the trip is completed.

*Cancel after April 19, 2024 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued.

SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB SPECTACULAR SCANDINAVIA

WHEN: May 1-14, 2025

TRIP LEADER: Pat Chesley (217) 210-1920
Email: patchesley@gmail.com

PRICE:

- **Air and Land - \$6,400*/person - double occupancy**
- **Land Only - \$5,200*/person - double occupancy**
- **Single Supplement - \$1,300*/person (six singles available)**
**Special Note: Prices are subject to change after airfare and hotel prices are finalized. Adjustments will be made after 4th payment.*
- Minimum number of participants is 30; maximum number of participants is 42.

TRIP INCLUDES:

- * Bus transportation to and from all airports.
- * Plane flights between the U.S. (Chicago or St. Louis) and Scandinavia and from Bergen to Copenhagen.
- * Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel and surcharges.
- * Full time tour manager overseas with local guides for selected sites.
- * Trains from Stockholm to Oslo and Oslo to Flam.
- * Other land travel by private bus.
- * Daily breakfasts and three dinners.
- * All gratuities for tour guides and bus drivers.
- * Gratuities for hotel staff (servers and housekeeping) not included.



PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- **1st Payment due at sign-up - \$1,600 per person double, \$2,000 single**
- **2nd Payment due 6/9/24 - \$1,600 per person double, \$1,900 single**
- **3rd Payment due 8/9/24 - \$1,600 per person double, \$1,900 single**
- **4th Payment due 10/09/24 - \$1,600 per person double, \$1,900 single**
[The final payment \(including land-only fees\) may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.](#)

NOTE: Mail or deliver checks made out to **Springfield Ski and Travel Club (SSTC)** to Pat Chesley, 2512 Wydown, Springfield, IL 62704.

PASSPORTS: With your trip application, submit a copy of the first page of your Passport that shows your picture, passport number and expiration date. **Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel.**

Included Activities:

Besides the opportunity to see staggering natural beauty and stunning picturesque harbors and coastlines, the trip includes:

- **Stockholm:** City Hall with the Blue Hall where the Nobel Prize banquet is held; Vasa Museum; Royal Palace; Drottningholm Palace; Fotografiska Museum; and an archipelago dinner cruise.
- **Norway/Oslo:** fjord cruises; Flam Railroad; Kon Tiki, Fram and Norsk Folk museums; Vigeland Sculpture Park; and funicular in Bergen.
- **Copenhagen:** Little Mermaid and Nyhaven Harbor; Christiansborg Palace; Rosenberg Castle (location of crown jewels); Tivoli Gardens; canal cruise and Kronborg Castle (setting for Elsinore in Shakespeare's Hamlet).



Note: This tour involves an ambitious agenda requiring a certain level of physical fitness necessary to perform medium to high activity levels. It is designed for active, independent travelers who are able to walk long distances partly on uneven surfaces, climb and descend hills and stairs, keep up with the group and, if need be, manage their own luggage.



HOTELS (Subject to change):

Stockholm – Clarion Hotel Stockholm, 4*, 3 nights
Oslo – Radisson Blu Plaza, 4*, 3 nights
Copenhagen – Imperial Hotel, 3.5*, 3 nights
Bergen – Hotel Zander K, 4*, 2 nights
Flam – Flamsbrygga Hotel, 4*, 1 night

Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends at a minimum the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip. Travellers are encouraged to purchase "Cancel for Any Reason" insurance if possible (be sure to compare coverage as some packages do not cover the full price of a trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure maximum coverage.

CANCELLATION DATES/FEEES: (EVERY CANCELLATION REQUIRES THE PAYMENT OF A \$25 FEE TO THE SSTC)

LAND PORTION ONLY CANCELLATION

Cancel by May 6, 2024 – Pay the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between May 7 and June 6, 2024 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable.

Cancel between June 7 and August 1, 2024 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable.

Cancel after August 1, 2024 – You are obligated to pay the full price of the trip. No refunds will be given for unused portion of the package.

AIRFARE CANCELLATION – Dates and amounts of refunds, if any, will be determined on the airline policy after the airfares are published.

All cancellations must be requested in writing and provided to the trip leader.

**SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COLUMBIA AND SNAKE RIVERS**

WHEN: September 14 - 21, 2025

TRIP LEADER: Ed Huntley - 217/652-7540
Email: ewh324@aol.com

PRICE:

- Air and Land – \$4,100*/person - double occupancy
- Land Only – \$3,600*/person - double occupancy
- Single Supplement - \$799*/person (limited number of singles available)
**Special Note: Prices are based on Vendor's best estimate of current airfare/fuel, taxes and fees. Each of these costs is subject to change before final purchase.*
- Minimum number of participants is 30; maximum number of participants is 45.

TRIP INCLUDES:

- * Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport
- * Air transportation from Chicago to Portland, OR; return flight from Spokane, WA to Chicago (includes taxes, fees and fuel surcharges)
- * Round trip airport transfers
- * Motorcoach transportation throughout the trip
- * Government taxes and fees
- * Hotel for 7 nights (2 nights in Portland/Clackamas, OR; 1 night in Pendleton, OR; 1 night in Lewiston, ID; 2 nights in Coeur d'Alene/Worley, ID; 1 night in Spokane, WA)
- * Three full-day tours and 4 partial-day tours
- * 16 meals provided (7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 6 dinners)
- * Welcome dinner in Portland and farewell dinner in Spokane.
- * Gratuities for serving staff at provided meals



Columbia River Gorge

PAYMENTS:

- 1st Payment due at sign-up event on 9/7/24 - \$1,100
- 2nd Payment due 11/7/24 - \$1,000 per person double or \$1,265 for single
- 3rd Payment due 1/7/25 - \$1,000 per person double or \$1,265 for single
- 4th Payment due 3/7/25 - \$1,000 per person double or \$1,269 for single

[The final payment \(including land-only fees\) may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator, airfare or the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.](#)

PASSPORTS OR DRIVER'S LICENSES:

At sign-up, please submit a copy of the first page of your passport, which shows your picture, name, date of birth, etc., or a copy of your current driver's license, for purposes of our airline reservations.

Activities:

- Day 1: Arrive in Portland, meet your Tour Manager for a welcome dinner in the hotel.
- Day 2: Travel to Mt. Hood with lunch at the Timberline Lodge (National Historic Landmark). Return to Portland for a guided tour of the city's Old Town Historic District and International Rose Test Gardens.
- Day 3: Travel through the Columbia River Gorge with its 2,000-foot cliffs. See Vista House and the Multnomah Falls and the Bonneville Lock and Dam. Visit Pendleton, OR, which is known for its western heritage and traditions.
- Day 4: After entering Washington, stop at Fort Walla Walla which dates from 1806. Lewis and Clark spent time in this area. Fort Walla Walla has seen the 1840s wagon trains, the 1856 military post and the 1860s gold rush days.
- Day 5: Embark today on an epic Jet Boat journey on the Snake River into Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, the deepest river gorge in North America. A deli-style box lunch will be served under the fruit trees at Cache Creek Ranch. You will then travel through three states and see the confluence of the Snake and Salmon Rivers. Check into the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel with time to relax before enjoying an authentic cultural experience featuring live performance, song, storytelling and dinner.
- Day 6: The day begins with a tour of the Eagle Aviary located across Coeur d'Alene Lake. Enjoy an included lunch and spend time shopping in the local native store. Complete the day with an evening dinner cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene.
- Day 7: After a short drive to Spokane, board the SkyRide gondola at Riverfront Park for a thrilling ride across the Spokane River and mighty Spokane Falls. Long considered sacred by the Native American tribes, the falls carves its way through the city with spectacular natural beauty. Tonight, your Tour Manager hosts a special farewell dinner.
- Day 8: Depart for home with a group transfer to the Spokane International Airport for flights out after 10:00 a.m.



Hells Canyon

HOTELS (Subject to change based on availability):

Clackamas, OR – Monarch Hotel (2 nights)
Pendleton, OR – Wildhorse Resort and Casino (1 night)
Lewiston, ID – Hells Canyon Grand Hotel (1 night)
Worley, ID – Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel (2 nights)
Spokane, WA – Hampton Inn (1 night)

Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only):

Cancel by September 29, 2024 – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between September 30, 2024, and October 31, 2024 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between November 1, 2024, and December 1, 2024 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel after December 1, 2024 – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Airfare cancellation – Dates and amounts of refunds will be based on the airline policy after the airfares are published.

No refunds will be given for unused portion of the package.

All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.

ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.

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SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB BELGIUM AND HOLLAND IN THE SPRINGTIME

WHEN: April 24 – May 8, 2026 (38 maximum travelers)

TRIP LEADERS: Patricia Staab (217) 836-4406; patriciastaab2118@gmail.com

Wendy Schluter (217) 415-4764; schluter.wendy@yahoo.com

PRICE:

Cabin Level:	Contata E	Sonata C	Serenade A
Price per person	\$5,975.00	\$6,150.00	\$6,700.00
Single Supplement (3 available):	\$995.00		
Cruise & Land Portion (no air):	\$4,740.00	\$4,915.00	\$5,460.00

TRIP INCLUDES:

- 32 meals: 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 10 dinners
- Accommodations for 3 nights in a 4-Star or better Bruges hotel and 10 nights in an outside cabin on a Grand Circle Cruise Line riverboat
- 11 tours with personal headsets
- Sightseeing in Bruges, Antwerp, Ghent, Kinderdijk, Rotterdam, Keukenhof and Enkhuizen
- Bruges boat ride and Amsterdam canal cruise
- 2 signature experiences: Home-hosted coffee and cake, tulip farm visit
- Local program directors
- Private bus for land travel
- All transfers



- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, porters, tour directors and boat crew
- House beer, house red or white wine and soft drinks at all times on Grand Circle's riverboat

Grand Circle offers an optional post-trip in Amsterdam. Talk to trip leaders for more information.

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

This trip is designed for travelers that are active, independent and physically fit. Travelers should be able to climb 20-40 stairs, consecutively; climb and descend hills; and walk at least 2-3 miles over some uneven surfaces without difficulty. Walks typically last for at least 1-3 hours at a time. Travelers must be able to keep up with the group and manage their own luggage.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

1st payment due at sign-up

Cantata Level - \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single
Sonata Level - \$1,540 per person, double; \$1,800 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,930 single

2nd payment due 5/15/25

Cantata Level - \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single
Sonata Level - \$1,540 per person, double; \$1,800 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,930 single

3rd payment due 9/15/25

Cantata Level - \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single
Sonata Level - \$1,540 per person, double; \$1,800 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,930 single

4th payment due 11/15/25

Cantata Level - \$1,475 per person, double; \$1,720 single
Sonata Level - \$1,530 per person, double; \$1,745 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,905 single

The final payment (including land-only fees) may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.

CANCELLATION DATES/FEEES:

- Cancel by March 31, 2025– Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between April 1 and June 30, 2025 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable, plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between July 1 and October 31, 2025 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable, plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel after November 1, 2025 – Your price is the full price of the trip, plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.
- **ALL CANCELLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

PASSPORTS: With your trip application, submit a copy of the first page of your Passport that shows your picture, passport number and expiration date. **Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel (November 11, 2026).**

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SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Membership Application May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026

Amount \$ _____

Date _____

ID # _____

(Club Use Only)

(Mail the completed form along with your check to Springfield Ski and Travel Club, P.O. **Box 1146**, Springfield, IL 62705)

Membership and Directory Information:

Full Name (s): _____ Category: Individual Family Lifetime

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone (s): (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address (s): _____

Type: New Renewal

Check for listing in Club Directory: Home Address E-Mail Address Home Phone Cell Phone

The Snowjourner, the club's monthly newsletter, is available at www.springfieldskiclub.org

Questions may be directed to sstcquestions@springfieldskiclub.org

Primary Membership Information:

First Name: _____ MI _____ Last Name: _____

Membership and Dues - Non-Refundable:

- \$40 Individual (over age 21)
- \$50 Family (spouses and children under age 21)
- \$10 Reciprocal Membership (must be a member of one of the following clubs (indicate with a ✓):
 - Bloomington Peoria Champaign
- Lifetime Member (must be member for 25 consecutive years)

Volunteer Hours (check at least one box)

- Board Member 's committee - (help plan events)
- Activities (volunteer at club events)
- Membership (volunteer at events, mailings)
- Community Service (approved events)
- Trip Leader for Ski, Day Trips, or Extended Travel
- Sports Coordinator (Billiards, Bowling, Golf, Bocce)
- Are you a skier?
- Other: _____

How did you discover our Club? (i.e., friend, website, radio ad, Club event): _____

Membership Data: (this information will never be published except to wish you happy birthday in the newsletter)

Name of Each Individual member (include yourself)	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Adult/ Child	Male/Female	Single/ Married

Anyone 21 years of age or older is eligible for membership in the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Family membership is one or two adults in the same household and their children (See Bylaws, Article IV. Please note, Bylaws and Constitution are available at www.springfieldskiclub.org). This membership entitles you to membership in the Ski Council of Illinois (S.K.I.).

In applying for Springfield Ski and Travel Club membership, I (we) intend to participate in meetings and activities, uphold the constitution and by-laws, and abide by the decisions of the Executive Board. I (we) voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski and Travel Club, its agents, officers, Executive Board, or members liable for any accident or injury to myself, or for any loss of or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____