

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



SSTC Board Members:

Front row (left to right): Ruth Kopec, VP Ski Trips; Amy Dodd, Newsletter Chairperson; Debi Barr-Holquist, President.

Second row: Joyce Ludwig, VP Events; Nancy Chesley, VP Tours.

Third row: Theresa Watkin, Finance Chairperson.

4th row: Jan Freeman, VP Day Trips; and Jana Kincaid, Dining out Chairperson.

5th row: Deon Bishop, Webmaster; Tim Phillips, Happy Hour Chairperson.

6th row: Jean Courtney Jacobs, Sports Chairperson; Mary Schackmann, VP; Gary Kindred, S.K.I. Representative.

7th row: Ed Huntley, Community Services Chairperson; and Dave Trapp, Treasurer

Not pictured: Kristi Sitki, Secretary; and Sue Monteyne, VP Membership

The SSTC Board Members wishes everyone Happy Holidays and thanks to all volunteers/members a big thank you for everyone's joyous participation in SSTC activities!

We are all looking forward to truly magical and elegant Christmas party being held at the Inn at 835 on December 6th.

We are so happy that a record number of members have made their reservations and will join us in an annual celebration of the holiday season. It is just a great time to reflect and appreciate our ever-growing club's joyous embrace of fellowship with long-time members and new members joining at such a rapid rate. Each and every one of you make the SSTC a really great club! Thank you and glad tidings!



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am really looking forward to our annual Christmas party coming up December 6th at the Inn at 835! We have so many reservations that it looks like it is going to be a spectacular event! Many thanks to Joyce Ludwig, VP Events and her committee for putting together this annual party. Also looking forward to our SSTC members ringing bells for Salvation Army at Schnucks/Montvale on December 21st. Feel free to volunteer your time and/or donate to this cause. Thanks to Rick Grimminger and Ed Huntley for coordinating this event.

Who puts the fun in fall? SSTC! What a fantastic fall it has been this year with so many fun activities. The SSTC Fall Signup party was a huge success featured at the Elks club on the lake. A record setting attendance, some wonderful BBQ food and great day trips, tour trips and sign-up for our annual Christmas party. We just had an amazing line-up for fun activities with many thanks to Nancy Chesley, VP Tours and Jan Freeman, VP Day trips along with their stellar committees putting together some great options to join. Big shout-out to Mary Schackmann, VP and her committee organizing an efficient and fair signup process.

The fall fun began with an educational and fun trip to Lewis and Clark adventures led by Rich Bergt. Everyone had rave reviews for this experience. Thanks Rich.

SSTC's international trip to Prague, Dresden and Berlin was an incredible opportunity that all thoroughly enjoyed. This was a trip of a lifetime that had so many highlights, great food and a great shared experience. Many thanks to Mary Harney and Bill Bernard, trip leaders and Kathy Bacon, the trip committee chair for hosting and putting this trip together. The pre-trip party and post-trip parties were just so much fun too!

It isn't fall without Roger Schnelten's annual Oktoberfest party! Roger served up a bunch of fried fish, bratwursts and hamburgers to a huge crowd, had some stellar live music and a beautiful bonfire! Thanks Roger!

The day trip to Moonshine, Casey IL and Tuscan Winery was a sold-out day trip. See the review and pictures featured in the November Snowjourners to see all of the fun activities and sights. Thanks to Joyce Ludwig and Charlotte Habing as the trip leaders for this super fun trip.

The SSTC annual Halloween party was a spooky spectacular success! A turnout of 120 far exceeded last year's full event. The costume winners were featured in the November Snowjourners. I urge you to take a look at the winners and the attendees in their creative attire. Thanks Joyce Ludwig, VP Events and the events committee for providing SSTC with a memorable Halloween party.

The Garden Glow trip to St. Louis Botanical Garden and Favazza's dinner on the Hill, was sold out the day it was offered. This trip was truly a treat to enjoy all of the creative Christmas decorations in a beautiful garden! Thanks to Lori Curry, trip leader for leading SSTC on this new adventure!

This fall we had some wonderful Dining Out experiences at Fire and Ale, MCL and Mimosa's. Thanks to retired Don Broughton and incoming Jana Kincaid, Dining out Chairpersons!

We have definitely had some very happy Happy hours! We have been to Sangamo Brewery, Nesty's and Harvest Market for some really great times. Thanks to Tim Phillips, Happy Hour Chairperson.

I urge everyone to thank a board member, a committee member, and trip leaders for their efforts to provide club members with fun activities! The positive feedback I continue to receive regarding the board's direction and the reinvigoration of the club is very much appreciated. Particularly Judith Personeau-Feurer, Sheila Mack and Karen Eikenberg, your enthusiastic accolades have been heard.

As I review the Fall events provided by SSTC I am amazed by the variety and number of fabulous offerings! These events are only possible through the hard work of the SSTC Board Members, the Committee Chairs, the Committee members, Day Trip leaders, Tour trip Leaders and all of your eager participation in supporting the above listed people and joining in with volunteering and attending these activities. This club is just so fabulous! Thanks to all!

At your service,

Debi Barr-Holquist

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

SAVE THE DATE

HAPPY HOUR

Brewski's - Dec 19, 5pm

Dining Out

Brickhouse - Jan 2, 5:30pm

HAPPY HOUR

Socavon - Jan 16, 5pm

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Saturday, Dec. 12
Schnucks at Montvale
11:00am to 7:00pm

CABO SAN LUCAS

January 26, 2025 - February 1, 2025

Trip Leaders: *Mary Schackmann* - 217 638-9312
Deon Bishop - 217-891-9669

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

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

LeAnn Rhimes

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

Favazza's on the Hill/Garden Glow



The fun began at Favazza's on the Hill in St. Louis, MO at 3pm. We had the downstairs to ourselves with two waiters and a bus boy, to keep things moving quickly as we needed to be out the door at 5:30.

Everyone thought the food was FABULOUS and we had money left in the budget, so we bought everyone a dessert! Janice and I made new friends based just on this! At my table we had the youngest and oldest people in the group! Age 20 and 90, how cool is that?

We went to the Botanical Garden next, for the Garden Glow with millions of Christmas lights. It was absolutely beautiful and a feast for the eyes! There were lights in trees, walk through tunnels covered with lights, a large dome that lit up and changed colors, houses with Christmas scenes shining on them, changing colored lights on trees in a fountain that reflected in the water - it was truly a winter light wonderland!



Everyone walked at their leisure and could spend as much time at any particular "decoration" they wanted. Along the path was your choice of a "hot toddy" - the hot chocolate with Baileys was a big hit in our group - along with delicious Smores!

As everyone came back to the bus, they said how beautiful the Garden Glow was and how much they enjoyed the trip. We all hope this can be a repeat!



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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Andrew Asher	1	Camille Lohnes	12	Mary Reed	23
Linda Hammer	2	Rosemary Bellaire	13	Matt Carver	23
Kit Sponsler	2	Marianne Hoke	13	Mark A. McQuality	24
Pamela Tisckos	3	Sara Oehlert	14	Debi Barr-Holquist	24
Gary Philo	4	Tina Biderman	15	Patti Bassett	25
Roger Schnelten	5	Lynda Bennett	15	Joseph O'Beirne	25
Helen Leanard	5	Jack Hook	15	Mary Petrilli	25
Patricia R Kates	6	Mark Carnduff	15	Sandra Ransdell	27
Larry Michaud	6	Cathy Mellendorf	16	Sandy Colborn	27
Mary Jo Key	7	Gloria Lamb	16	Thomas Thompson	27
Tom Hafel	8	Marcia A. Strow	16	Paul LaMantia	28
Mike Hall	8	Gary Telford	17	Jan Kuhl	28
Carol Maggio	9	Kristi Sitki	20	Marilyn S Carpenter	28
Jim Disney	10	Lillian Cameron-Gaiter	20	Diane Sanders	29
Carol Johnson	10	Colleen Pinto	20	Marie L Wheeler	30
Paul Robertson	11	John Mellendorf	21	Susan Fisherkeller	31
Tim Phillips	11	Bill Atwood	21	Dan Ewald	31
Jenifer J. Malson	12	Rick Millard	21	Vicki O'Shana	31
Angela Sexton	12	Timothy Shrake	22	Joyce Metz	31
Gloria McPherson	12	Mark McClure	23		
Jill Cass	12	John Norris	23		

DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Christmas Party 6:00pm	7
8	9	10	11	12 Board Meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Happy Hour Brewski's Pub 5pm	20	21
22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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 eblast 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 the board member or trip leader directly. Their contact information is in the eblast or our directory.
- In addition, it is on your 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. If you paid for a mailed copy, it is always sent at the first of the month, and is subject to the priorities of the postal system. Usually there is a delay, and events may have already happened. My advice is be proactive, check other sources.

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 Eblast, Facebook post, and the website to stay In the Know!

CONTACT US

Do you have questions? We have answers.

SSTC has a new email address;
SSTCquestions@springfieldskiclub.org.

It is now linked directly with our website, Springfield Ski and Travel Club. www.springfieldskiclub.org

Thank you Lois Bloechle for all your detailed work in keeping this valuable resource up-to-date.

Check this site first to see what is happening.

The Snowjourner link is added the first of each month. This link also appears on Facebook the first of each month. Mailed Snowjourners are experiencing snail mail which is beyond our control. We understand your frustration but cannot remedy this situation. Our best advice is to familiarize yourself with our website.

Add the email address to your contacts. Bookmark the website on your technology. Your inquiries will be monitored daily. Your question will be directed to the exact board member qualified to answer your question.

Please note, questions asked through Facebook may go unnoticed as this source is not monitored 24/7.

SSTC Facebook page is reserved exclusively for promoting club events and activities.

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 AND TRAVEL CLUB
RIU PALACE BAJA CALIFORNIA
CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO**

WHEN: January 26, 2025, to February 1, 2025

TRIP LEADERS: Mary Schackmann, 217/638-9312 or mary_schackmann@yahoo.com
Deon Bishop, 217/891-9669 or bishop576@gmail.com

PRICE:

- Air and Land - \$2400/person - double occupancy
- Land Only - \$1855/person - double occupancy (You arrange and pay for your airfare.)
- Single Supplement - \$636 (two single supplements available)
- Minimum number of participants is 21; maximum is 30
- Minimum age is 18

TRIP INCLUDES:

- Bus transportation to and from St. Louis airport
- Round trip air transportation between St. Louis and Cabo San Lucas
- Government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Ground transportation to and from the resort
- Six nights in a Jr. Suite Partial Ocean View at the *adults only* all-inclusive Riu Palace Baja California

PAYMENTS:

- 1st Payment due at sign-up event - \$1200; additional \$318 for single supplement
- 2nd Payment due 10/9/2024 - \$1200; additional \$318 for single supplement

The final payment may be adjusted up or down depending on the fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator, airline or from the Springfield Ski & Travel Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustments.

PASSPORTS: AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT YOUR TRIP APPLICATION AND A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. Your Trip Application must be completed to exactly match your passport information. **Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel.**

Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only):

- Cancel by September 21, 2024 – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between September 22 and September 28, 2024 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between September 29 and October 4, 2024 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel after October 4, 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.

RESORT FEATURES:

- Adults only
- All-inclusive resort with 24-hour service
- Located on beautiful El Medano Beach on the south of the Baja California Peninsula
- 3 pools, 1 with a swim-up bar
- Spa center at your cost
- Themed restaurants, pool-side grill, buffet, coffee shop
- Walk to the marina in minutes
- Daily activities
- Nightly entertainment



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS:

- Whale watching excursions
- Scuba diving/snorkeling
- Sunset cruise excursions
- Cabo San Lucas rock formation



Cabo San Lucas rock formation

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. Travelers 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 complete coverage.

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

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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.

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. Travelers 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 complete coverage.

SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Membership Application May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025

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 sstquestions@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: _____