

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sign Up Party Results....

Briefly, I was pleased to see a great crowd with over 140 of you in attendance! All trips are a go! See more info in the More Thank You section of this letter below!

As May Begins....

- Thirty-six members are traveling on a River Cruise through Belgium and Holland. Look for photos in the June newsletter!

SSTC Board News

Welcoming

- The proposed slate of officers was elected at the Signup party on April 10. We welcome new board members Lynne Wright as Secretary, Sue Monteyne as Vice-President for Membership & Peggie Powers as Vice-President for Activities!
- Janice Broughton has been appointed to the Board as Happy Hour Chairperson!

Continuing

- Executive Vice-President Jean Courtney-Jacobs, Vice-President for Day Trips Janet Nuss, and Vice-President for Tour Trips Patty Staab as well as myself as President will be serving the second year of their terms of office. Kathryn Hanlon is moving from Vice-President of Activities to Treasurer.
- Appointed Board Members Community Service Chairperson, Rich Bergt; Sports Chairperson, Rose Johnson; Newsletter Chairperson, Amy Dodd; S.K.I. Chairperson, Ruth Kopec; Dining Out Chairperson, Jana Kincaid and Deon Bishop, Webmaster are staying on the Board!

Saying Goodbye and Thank You to:

- Kristi Sitki who has served as Secretary for the past 2 years, Dave Trapp who has served as Treasurer for the past 2 years, Mary Schackmann who graciously stepped in as Vice-President of Membership mid-year, Debi Barr-Holquist who has served as Past President and Tim Phillips who has served as Happy Hour Chair for the past several years and reports that he has made over 2500 of us happy during his tenure!

MORE THANK YOU!

- To Jana Kincaid for arranging Dining Out at Izumi Rotary Bar on Thursday, April 2!
- To Kathryn Hanlon for chairing a great signup party at the VFW on Friday, April 10th! Many positive comments on the food provided by the VFW and the entertainment by John Drake and Chris Camp!
- To Bobbi Cummins and her committee for the cute Spring table decorations!
- To Patty Staab and her committee and trip leaders Ruth Kopec and Kathryn Hanlon for offering a trip to Switzerland in Spring 2027!
- To Janet Nuss and her committee and trip leaders Misty Dannenberger and Terry Marbold for offering a trip to St. Louis Foundry and to trip leaders Kathy Bacon and Lynne Wright for offering a trip to the Beef House Restaurant and Dinner Theater.
- To Tim Phillips for making us happy at the Office West on Thursday, April 16!
- To all the volunteers and Board members who help make this Club a success!

Check Out What is Happening in May!

- Happy Hour at Casa Real – Thursday, May 21
- Chicago Gangster Tour Trip – Wednesday, May 27

I am at your service,

Jan Freeman

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President..... Jan Freeman
 Executive VP..... Jean Courtney-Jacobs
 Treasurer..... Kathryn Hanlon
 Secretary..... Lynne Wright
 VP for MembershipSue Monteyne
 VP for Day Trips.....Janet Nuss
 VP for Tour Trips.....Patty Staab
 VP Events Peggie Powers
 Happy Hour Chair.....Janice Broughton
 Dining Out Chair.....Jana Kincaid
 Snowjourner EditorAmy Dodd
 S.K.I. Representative Ruth Kopec
 Community Services Chair..... Rich Bergt
 Sports Chair Rose Johnson
 Webmaster Deon Bishop

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Shannon & Mary Cummins
 Jeff Engel & Chuck Martin
 Daniel Milligan
 Nancy Marquette
 Joyce Bartolo
 Karen & Mike Coughlin
 Marsha Marvel

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Mike Green (LT)	2	Marilyn Johnson	15	Marlene Demuzio	28
Bill Tinsley	2	Linda Caupert	16	Linda Reed	29
Lilli Bakunas	3	Linda Lafferty	17	Sheila Mack	29
Glenn Weatherford	5	Marianne Hoke	18	Nancy Huston	30
Tony Passini	5	Marsha Marvel	19	Connie Speck	30
Dale Elvers	6	Alicia Hawley	19	Joan Rogers	30
Drew Podlewski	7	Kathi Katcher	21	Nancy Moore	30
Douglas P Wagner	8	Ed Wollet	21	Tim Stout	30
Steffanie Boley	10	Susan Monteyne	24	Dianne Turner	31
William Castor	12	Ed Thomas	26		
Alex Ferguson	14	Kurt Schmuck	27		

May						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Memorial Day					

DAY TRIP UPDATE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW TRIPS!

The Day Trip Committee is pleased to announce that these two trips have officially **SOLD OUT**:

- ❖ **Tues., Aug. 4th Day Trip to the City Foundry in St. Louis.** Terri Marbold terri.marbold@yahoo.com (217) 741-7734 and Misty Dannenberger mdabooger@aol.com (217) 553-3057 are the co-trip leaders for this event.
- ❖ **Thurs., Sept. 24th Trip to the Beef House Restaurant and Dinner Theater in Covington, IN.** Kathy Bacon Baconkb@aol.com (217) 306-2527 and Lynne Wright frauleinale@aol.com (217) 891-3785 are co-trip leaders for this event.

Thanks to everyone who signed up for these trips! If anyone is interested in being placed on a waitlist, you may check availability with the trip leaders.

We are also very excited to announce the following two newly approved trips that will complete our **2026 Day Trip calendar year**:

- ❖ **Fri., Oct. 23rd Day Trip to Josephine's in Godfrey for lunch and shopping at their gift boutique, then onto Grafton for shopping and a roundtrip Sky Lyft trip to/from Aerie's Winery for Happy Hour. The cost is \$90/person.** Patti Carver Pwcarver2@aol.com (217) 416-1415 and Susan Fisherkeller (217) 553-0122 are the co-trip leaders for this event.
- ❖ **Weds., Nov. 18th Day Trip to St. Louis, MO for dinner on the Hill at Zia's and an evening at "the Garden Glow: at Missouri Botanical Gardens. The cost is \$100/person.** Sara Oehlert soehlert@aol.com (217) 801-5789 is the trip leader for this event.

Please see the trip handouts in this newsletter and on our website for full details on these trips. We are sure you will enjoy these trips! You may contact the trip leaders and arrange to deliver your applications and checks to them in person. They will also be present on May 21st at the club's Happy Hour at Casa Real, beginning at 5 pm, to accept your trip applications and answer any questions you might have. Please note that the trip sign up form is now able to be filled out online, then printed and signed. Please bring the filled out signed trip application along with your check to the designated trip leader. A copy of the fillable form is available at the link below and also online on the club's website.

[Fillable Trip App - April 2026.pdf](#)

You may also contact Janet Nuss, the Day Trip VP, janet.nuss@comcast.net, (217) 638-2840 if you have questions.

Thank you all!!

SSTC Annual Summer Picnic

Hosted by Larry Michaud

June 18th at 5:00pm

Where: 40 Bay Ridge Lane
(Look for the light house off I-55)

Bring: Lawn chairs and your own drinks

More details to follow.

SPORTS: TENNIS LEAGUE

Wayne Rovey has again offered to coordinate the tennis league. The league will play at Chatham High School on Monday's like last year, starting on May 11th @ 5:30 PM, weather permitting.

Wayne will send out a starting text on Sundays prior to play to see who is interested to at least get 4 commitments. Please email Wayne at wrovey@gmail.com if you are interested and include your phone number.

SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out - June ??
Chesapeake Seafood

Happy Hour - June ?? - 5pm to ??
TBD

Summer Picnic - June 19 - Larry Michaud's

Fall Sign-up Party - Sept. 19

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

**Augusta, MO Yacht Cruise/
Lunch & Winery Tour/Tastings** June 25, 2026

Trip leaders: Joyce Metz, joycemetz5@comcast.net, (217) 816-4123
Wendy Schluter, wendy.schluter@yahoo.com, (217) 415-4764

**Beef House Restaurant & Dinner Theater
Covington, IN** September 24, 2026

Trip leaders: Kathy Bacon, Baconkb@aol.com, 217-306-2527
Lynne Wright, frauleinale@aol.com, 217-891-3785

CITY FOUNDRY STL, 3730 FOUNDRY WAY, ST. LOUIS
August 4, 2026

Trip leaders: Misty Dannenberger, mdabooger@aol.com, 217-553-3057
Terri Marbold, terri.marbold@yahoo.com, 217-741-7734

Switzerland Travels

April 30-May 11, 2027
Trip leaders: **Ruth Kopec**, Kopec3@oulook.com
Kathryn Hanlon, 217-494-7967, kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

STUNNING SOUTH AFRICA

August 23, 2026 - September 7, 2026
Trip leaders: **Ed & Anne Midden**
217-836-9816, anne.midden@gmail.com

Godfrey/Grafton Trip October 23, 2026

Trip Leaders: Patti Carver, Pwcarver2@aol.com, (217) 416-1415
Susan FisherKeller, (217) 553-0122

PRICE: \$90/person

The Glow/The Hill November 18, 2026

Trip Leader: Sara Oehlert, soehlert@aol.com, (217) 801-5789

PRICE: \$100 per person

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:** Chicago Gangster Tour
- WHEN:** Wednesday, May 27, 2026, leaving Amtrak station promptly at 6:11 am; arriving in Chicago about 9:30 am; Leaving Chicago Union Station at 5:20 pm; and arriving back in Springfield about 8:30 pm.
- TRIP LEADER:** Dave Sloat (847) 902-1691 dgsloat51@gmail.com
Cheri Sloat (847)902-1698 csloat51@gmail.com
- PRICE:** \$132 (20 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Roundtrip ticket to/from Chicago, Private Chicago Gangster tour/ tour guide tip; Shoreline water taxi ticket
- ACTIVITIES:** Enjoy a trip to Chicago via Amtrak, arriving at Union Station about 9:30 am. Everyone will be provided with an all-day pass on the Shoreline water taxi to navigate Chicago per your desire. Lunch and shopping will be on your own. Everyone will meet on the corner of Ohio and Clark Streets at 1 pm for a 2-hour private bus trip for a tour back in time to Prohibition-era Chicago to see hotspots made famous by Al Capone and his allies. Before returning home, there will be time on your own for an early dinner or to grab a sandwich to take on the train home.
- DISCLAIMER:** Navigating Chicago involves a lot of walking. Accessing the docks to board the water taxis may require walking up/down multiple stairs. There are also multiple blocks from the water taxi drop offs to the Gangster tour bus location.
- FOOD:** On your own



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

*Cancel by January 2, 2026: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

*Cancel after January 2, 2026: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.

*Cancel after January 2, 2026: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

- TITLE:** Augusta, MO Yacht Cruise/Lunch and Winery Tour/Tastings
- WHEN:** Thursday, June 25, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at 8:00 AM and returning approximately 5:30 PM
- TRIP LEADER:** Joyce Metz, joycemetz5@comcast.net, (217) 816-4123
Wendy Schluter, wendy.schluter@yahoo.com, (217) 415-4764
- PRICE:** \$143 (35 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, lunch (includes dessert, soft drinks, tip & tax), wine tasting and tour of winery
- ACTIVITIES:** Enjoy this afternoon lunch cruise on the Missouri River aboard the luxurious Miss Augusta yacht. Miss Augusta offers opportunities to soak in the sunshine or enjoy the climate controlled air-conditioned salons as you cruise and enjoy the beautiful scenery from the Missouri River, listening to the captain's narration of the history of the area while you take in the beautiful scenery that surrounds you. Alcohol is available to purchase, but the cost is on your own. We will then enjoy a tour and wine tastings at the Mount Pleasant Estates, the oldest winery in Augusta, before returning home.
- FOOD:** Lunch on the Miss Augusta provided (alcoholic beverages available on your own)



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by November 20, 2025: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after November 20, 2025: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after November 20, 2025: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



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

- TITLE:** City Foundry STL, 3730 Foundry Way, St. Louis
- WHEN:** Tuesday, August 4, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at 8:00 AM and returning approximately 6:30 pm
- TRIP LEADERS:** Misty Dannenberger (mdabooger@aol.com) 217-553-3057
Terri Marbold (terri.marbold@yahoo.com) 217-741-7734
- PRICE:** \$135 (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, Museum of Illusions ticket, and Escape Room ticket
- ACTIVITIES:** Wonder through the Museum of Illusions, then lunch and shop on your own in the City Foundry's casual marketplace which has unique retail shops, and a variety of options for food, alcohol, and socializing. If you've never experienced an Escape Room, now's your chance! In the afternoon, we will split into 4 teams and your team will be given 1 hr to "escape" the room. First team out before the 1 hr time limit will get their picture in the next Snowjourner and bragging rights at the next Happy Hour! Speaking of Happy Hour, no day trip is complete without one, so we will congregate in the Food Hall (food and alcoholic beverages available for purchase on your own) before boarding the bus for home.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

*Cancel by April 24, 2026: Refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

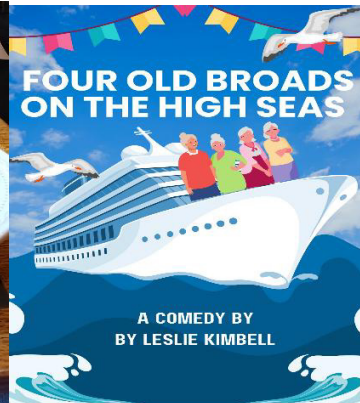
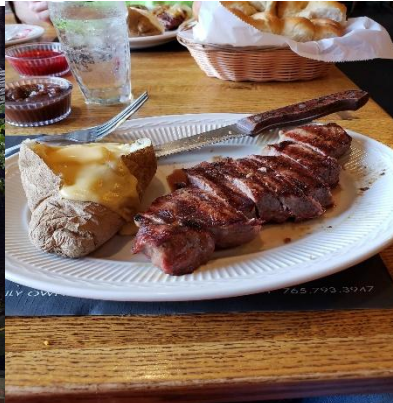
*Cancel after April 24, 2026: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.

*Cancel after April 24, 2026: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



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- TITLE:** Beef House Restaurant & Dinner Theater
Covington, Indiana
- WHEN:** Thursday September 24, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at **8:00 AM** and returning at approximately **6:30 PM**
- TRIP LEADER:** Kathy Bacon (Baconkb@aol.com) (217) 306-2527
CO TRIP LEADER: Lynne Wright (frauleinale@aol.com) (217) 891-3785
- PRICE:** \$148 (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, buffet dinner, incl. tax and tip, and theater show
- ACTIVITIES:** Enjoy a full delicious buffet dinner including bread with homemade jam, salads, main dishes and desserts. After dinner share some laughs watching the theatrical production of "Four Old Broads on the High Seas, a comedic play featuring four spirited senior women who embark on a Caribbean cruise. As they navigate the challenges of aging and romance, they compete for the attention of eligible men while dealing with humorous situations, including a murder mystery and a beauty pageant. Matinee show is at 2:00pm



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by April 25, 2026: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after April 25, 2026: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after April 25, 2026: If no replacement is found, **NO** refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

- TITLE:** Josephine's Tea Room and Gift Shops in Godfrey, Shopping in Grafton, Sky Lyft and Happy Hour at Aerie's Winery
- WHEN:** Friday, October 23, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at 9:30 AM and returning approximately 6:30 PM
- TRIP LEADERS:** Patti Carver, Pwcarver2@aol.com, (217) 416-1415
Susan Fisherkeller, (217) 553-0122
- PRICE:** \$90/person (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, Sky Lyft round trip tickets, and light appetizers at Aerie's Winery during group Happy Hour
- ACTIVITIES:** We will travel to Godfrey, IL for an amazing lunch on your own (soup, sandwiches, and desserts are to die for!) and shopping at Josephine's Tea Room and Gift Shop. We will then travel to Grafton for strolling the city sidewalks and stopping at antique stores and small shops. Then we will take the Sky Lyft up to Aerie's Winery and Resort for a relaxing afternoon sipping wine and cocktails while looking out over the peaceful Mississippi River. Drinks are on your own but we will provide light appetizers for Happy Hour snacking. We will then take the Sky Lyft back down and board our bus for the ride home.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

*Cancel by June 30, 2026: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

*Cancel after June 30, 2026: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.

*Cancel after June 30, 2026: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

DAY TRIPPIN'WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN'!

- TITLE:** Dinner at Zia's on the Hill followed by an evening visit to "The Garden Glow" at the Missouri Botanical Gardens
- WHEN:** WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026
Depart from Meijer parking lot at 2:30 pm
Return: approximately 10pm
- TRIP LEADER:** Sara Oehlert (soehlert@aol.com) (217) 801-5789
- PRICE:** \$100 per person
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus to St. Louis, driver's tip, tickets for entrance to the Missouri Botanical Gardens and "The Garden Glow."
- ACTIVITIES:** The afternoon will begin with a relaxing chartered bus trip to St. Louis. Our first stop will be at Zia's on the Hill to experience the true taste of Italy. Each Day Tripper will be able to choose from the full menu and will be responsible for the cost of their dinner and beverages. Afterward, we will head to The Missouri Botanical Gardens to experience "The Garden Glow!" "The Glow" is a unique experience because it changes every year and features more than two million dazzling lights to transform the iconic setting of the Missouri Botanical Garden into an enchanted wonderland rich with mesmerizing displays and unforgettable moments.
- FOOD:** Dinner on your own at Zia's on the Hill. Snacks can be purchased at "The Garden Glow."



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by July 2nd: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after July 2nd: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after July 2nd: If no replacement is found, **NO** refund will be issued.

Springfield Ski and Travel Club

Stunning South Africa Trip

When: August 23, 2026 - September 7, 2026 (31-44 maximum travelers)

Trip Leaders: Ed and Anne Midden (217) 836-9816 Anne.midden@gmail.com

Price: Combined air and land

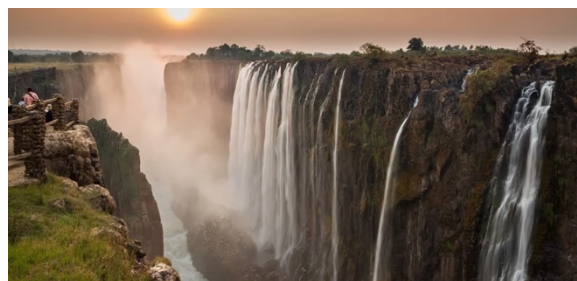
Double occupancy - \$7,500.00

Single occupancy – additional \$1,600.00

Land only: \$5,950.00

Trip Includes:

- Bus transportation to/from airport
- Air transportation – Chicago to Johannesburg; Cape Town to Chicago
 - Flights Johannesburg – Victoria Falls and Victoria Falls to Port Elizabeth
- Accommodations: 2 nights in Johannesburg; 2 nights Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe; 3 nights Kariega Game Reserve; 2 nights Knysna; 4 nights Cape Town
- Meals: Welcome dinner, 6 dinners, 2 lunches, daily breakfast
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included (subject to change)
- Local tour guides
- Trip includes:
 - Guided Soweto tour with Apartheid Museum/ Guided Cape Point tour and entrance/ Table Mountain Cable car pass/ transport along the Garden Route/ Sundowners Lagoon cruise in Knysna/ Entrance to Knysna Elephant sanctuary/Safari at Kariega PGR/ Sundowners Zambezi River Cruise/ Guided tour of Victoria Falls/Constantia Winelands for wine tasting
- Gratuities for drivers, safari guides and tour guides
- All transportation



Activity Level:

- You're an on-the-go traveler, walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal
- You must be able to walk 3 miles unassisted on rough terrain and be able to climb 3 flights of stairs easily,
- participate in 6+ hours of activities each day,
- This trip takes you to remote places with no medical facilities nearby,
- Balance and agility are required for boarding 4x4 safari vehicles, not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers in need of a CPAP machine may only bring one that runs on rechargeable batteries.
- You must be able to handle your own luggage.

Payment Schedule: Combined air and land

1 st payment due September 6, 2025	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00
2 nd payment due November 6, 2025	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00
3 rd payment due January 6, 2026	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00
4 th payment due March 6, 2026	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00

The final payment may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.

Cancellation Dates/Fees

Cancel by September 19, 2025-A full refund will be paid.

Cancel on or after September 20, 2025 **and a replacement is found**, a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club will be paid.

Cancel on or after September 20, 2025 and **no replacement** is found, no refund will be issued.

** A \$25 processing fee will be deducted from any refund issued.

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

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 (March 8, 2027) for international travel.**

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
Switzerland and Mont Blanc region – Glacier Express

When: April 30, 2027 – May 11, 2027
(minimum of 30 travelers)

Trip Leaders:

Kathryn Hanlon 217-494-7967 kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

Ruth Kopec kopec3@outlook.com

Price: Combined air and land

Double occupancy - \$6,425.00

Single occupancy – additional \$1,615.00

Land only: \$5,175.00



Trip Includes:

- Bus transportation to/from airport
- Air transportation – Chicago to Zurich, Geneva to Chicago
- Accommodations: 2 nights in Zurich; 3 nights Lucerne; 3 nights Montreux; 2 nights Geneva (4-star hotels)
- Meals: daily breakfast
- Airport transfer, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included (subject to change)
- Tipping for local tour guides, tour manager and bus drivers
- Trip includes:
 - Walking tour of Bern (UNESCO Old Town) and the medieval village of Gruyeres/ Scenic drive across the border into France to Chamonix/Explore Zermatt village/guided tour of Geneva
 - Tickets included for the following: Guided Rhine Falls/Lindt Home of Chocolate Museum and tasting/ Glacier Express train/ Mount Rigi Cogwheel train and boat trip/ Aare Gorge & Giessbach Falls/ Maison du Gruyere cheese factory/ visit Chateau de Chillon/ Wine tasting at the Lavaux terraced vineyards (UNESCO site)/ the Gornergrat Railway to the Matterhorn/ Cable car ride to view Mont Blanc
- Porterage in and out of each hotel
- All transportation



Activity Level:

- You're an on-the-go traveler, walking and standing for longer periods of time isn't a big deal

- You must be able to walk 3 miles unassisted on rough terrain and be able to climb 3 flights of stairs easily,

Payment Schedule: Combined air and land (no prepay prior to date due)

1 st payment (deposit) April 10, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
2 nd payment due June 11, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
3 rd payment due August 11, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
4 th payment due October 11, 2026	\$1,595.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00

The final payment may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.

Cancellation Dates/Fees:

- Cancel by April 25,2026. A full refund will be paid.
- Cancel on or after April 25, 2026 and **a replacement is found**, a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club will be paid.
- Cancel on or after April 25,2026 and **no replacement** is found, no refund will be issued.

A \$25 processing fee will be deducted from any refund issued.

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 (November 14,, 2027) for international travel.**

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, 2026 through April 30, 2027

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: _____ - _____

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

E-mail Address (es): _____

Type: New Renewal

Check for listing in Club Directory: Home Address E-Mail Address Home/Cell 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 on box)

- Board Member - position of interest _____
- Activities (volunteer at club events)
- Membership (volunteer at events, mailings)
- Community Service (approved events)
- Day Trips (assist with planning/trip leader)
- Sports - (assist with events/trip leader)
- Extended Trips (planning committee/trip leader)
- Are you a skier?

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 (including 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: _____