

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



SSTC ANNUAL Christmas Party

Friday, December 6th

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Inn at 835

835 S 2nd Street, Springfield, IL

The annual SSTC Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 6, 2024, at the Inn at 835. The party begins at 6:00 and includes a dinner buffet, cash bar, music, and dancing.

The cost is \$20.00 per member and reservations can be made until November 21st. There are still seats available!

Put on your finest holiday attire and join us for a fun festive evening.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The SSTC Halloween Party was well attended by Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf, Wizard of Oz characters, a coven of witches, AARP Barbie & Ken, kings and queens, Grecian goddess', elves, a construction crew, a pirate complete with a parrot, lots of skeletons, many other scary looking characters and those portraying themselves. All enjoyed the evening with good food, music and socializing with fellow members. We exceeded last year's attendance - thank you for supporting the Springfield Ski and Travel Club





LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Twenty-eight members just returned from a fabulous trip to Prague-Dresden-Berlin led by Mary Harney and Bill Bernard. It offered some fascinating information about WWII. Thanks to the Germany planning committee comprised of Kathy Bacon, Steve Wright, Mary Harney, Nancy Chesley and Patty Staab. Shout out to Nancy Chesley, VP Tours, to keep this trip on track.

I feel compelled to pass on this very moving experience I had on the journey. While the group traveled via train to Sachsenhausen memorial camp outside of Berlin, I had the distinct honor of sitting next to a German gentleman who was a journalist for US Press Association and covered the war alongside American troops. He also covered the cold war with the building of the Berlin wall and the tearing down of the wall. He met President Kennedy and wrote of his visit. He remembered the incredible joy of the parade at the end of the war by the American troops and how happy they were to celebrate with them. He said to me: "I love Americans. They saved our country, and I will always be grateful for everything they did to save the Germans." He also said everyone was disgusted/frightened of the Russians and could not wait for them to leave. He told me he prays for our country and everyone he knows does too.

On another note, Roger Schnelten's 46th annual Oktoberfest was another smash hit! Thanks, Roger, for your generosity in inviting all SSTC members to your super fun party.

See the Halloween party pictures and see how much fun SSTC members can have at our annual spooky and spectacular party! Thanks Joyce Ludwig and her committee for producing an entertaining and decorative party. The Event committee members: Diane Johnston, Bobbie Cummins, Sheryl Freidrich, Jana Kincaid, Raenell Mace, Marilyn Johnson, Jan Snow, Charlotte Habing, and Lois Stone.

Springfield Ski & Travel Club really knows how to enjoy fall with fellow members!

At your service,

Debi Barr-Holquist

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

Mimosa - Nov 7

HAPPY HOUR

Harvest Market - Nov 21

Christmas Party

Inn at 835 - Dec 6

HAPPY HOUR

Brewski's - Dec 19

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!

Favazza's on the Hill/Garden Glow

November 23, 2024

Trip leaders: *Lori Curry*, 217-415-3410, lcurry0@gmail.com

The 46th Annual Oktoberfest: The Windiest Yet!



With a wind advisory in effect, only the strongest riders pedaled Jon's 46-mile route at this year's Oktoberfest. Without the warmth of a fire, the large afternoon crowd thinned considerably before I cautiously lit the bonfire for the hardy souls who held out until 7p.m. Thankfully, Curt Smith performed an extra set while we waited for Antone, who worked a double. Along with Wick, these two bands' entertainment was much appreciated and enjoyed by all!



I measured the crowd by consumables, and it must have been a good one - with 120 brats, 110 burgers, and twenty pounds of fish consumed, all your generous sides gone, and thirty gallons of beer to wash it all down. Lots of thank yous to spread around, but none more so than to my fabulous son-in-law, Andrew. He not only does all the grilling, but, with Alasdair's help, does all the heavy lifting for the setup, take down, and cleanup.

Thanks for the support from the Springfield Bicycle Club and the Springfield Ski & Travel Club. There are a few photos on the SSTC Facebook page if you would like to check them out.

Kristin will boil up 150 brats next year, and guests should expect an improved wooden beam for even more raucous games of Hammer-schlag.



Save the date:
47th Annual Oktoberfest,
Sunday, October 12, 2025.



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
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Community Service.....	Ed Huntley
Sports Director.....	Jean Courtney-Jacobs
Webmaster.....	Deon Bishop



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Michele Cimarossa	4	Anne Midden	10	Mary Lou Johnsrud	23
Sarah Dellert	4	Steve Burke	10	Tim Fuhrmann	23
Gail Meissen	4	Gary Bacon	11	Jo Ambrose	24
John Welker	5	Greg Laun	11	Mary Jo Anderson	24
Mark Petrilli	5	Dave Trapp	12	Nila Riggs	24
Mike Vonnahmen	6	Henry Kowalenko	12	William (Bill) Bernard	24
Karol Young	7	Sandy Schinneer	13	Chris VanEtten	24
Kathy LaCamera	8	Flo D'Elia	15	Debbie Prather	26
Gloria Heggy	8	Karen Fifer	15	Pamela Wilson	26
F. Michael Castleman	9	Pat Carver	16	Jill Roth	26
Mary Ann Heller	9	Joyce Ludwig	18	Larry Manning	26
Marty Mau	9	Deanna J. Page	18	Patti McMurray	27
Theresa Thompson	9	Nancy Chesley	21	Nancy Haines	28
Marty Milligan	10	Pat Michael	22	Ken Lazar	28
Jeannine Pickering	10	Sandy Frank	22	Mary Parsons	29

NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Dining Out Mimosa	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Board Meeting	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Happy Hour Harvest Market	29	30 Favazza's & Garden Glow
				Thanksgiving		

Prague, Dresden & Berlin Tour

September 29-October 9

Travel is adventure, and this trip offered our SSTC participants a wonderful experience.

At the airport in Prague, we were met by our outstanding tour escort Sarka, who welcomed us to her beautiful city, full of Old World charm. Following an orientation-to-the-city bus ride, we settled in at Hotel Adria. It was located on St. Wenceslas Square, Vaclavske Namesti, the site of the "Velvet Revolution" in 1989 when the Czech Republic gained its independence from the Soviet Union. We arrived on St. Wenceslas Day, a national holiday celebrating the Czech Republic's Patron Saint and Czech statehood, putting us at the center of the celebration. After sorting out some room assignments that had two single room-mates sharing one bed, which was more "togetherness" than planned, we had our welcome dinner in the hotel's Neptune Room.

The next day Sarka led us on a full-day walking tour of Prague. The city is the only major Central European capital to escape the bombing of the last century's wars, and thus it is one of the best-preserved cities in Europe, offering diverse architectural styles from Gothic towers and spires, Baroque domes, pastel facades of Art Nouveau, and modern structures like the Dancing House, "Fred and Ginger". We certainly had limitless things to take photos of.

Prague has a compact historical center, which lends itself to walking tours. It started out as four towns, and on this day we visited the Old Town and the New Town (a mere 600 years old). Highlights of our tour included watching the incredibly complex Astronomical Clock at the Old Town Hall strike at the top of the hour and put on a glockenspiel show, visiting several historic synagogues in the Jewish Quarter, including the Pinkas Synagogue with its somber memorial to the victims of The Holocaust, and stopping at the statue of Jan Hus, to learn about this Czech priest who protested Church corruption, was martyred in 1415, and today is considered a national hero. By the end of the day everyone wearing a step-tracking watch had met and surpassed their goal of 10,000 steps, with an estimated 7 miles walked, on cobblestones to boot! Some in our group still had enough energy to go shopping for the garnet jewelry Prague is known for.

A relaxing dinner cruise on the Vltava River was our reward for being walking superstars. We were fortunate that the Vltava River had recently reopened to boat traffic, after devastating flooding had impacted parts of the Czech Republic just a few weeks prior. While enjoying a buffet meal we cruised past city sites lit up at night, an enchanting scene.



Day two of our Prague tour involved visiting the other two towns, Lesser Town and Castle Quarter. Lesser Town, once settled by nobility and now home to the Czech Parliament and American Embassy, is the location of the Lennon Wall. From singer John Lennon's death in 1980 until Czech independence in 1989, this wall, covered with "All You Need is Love" and "Imagine" graffiti, was seen as a place of hope for freedom-seeking locals, despite the fact that the police were charged with painting over the "subversive" graffiti every night. Today it is still a place to come to imagine, and the city now pays artists to repaint the wall. It was the perfect backdrop for our group to "Come Together" for a group photo.

and the city below. After hiking up the castle hill and back down, we crossed one of Prague's defining landmarks, the Charles Bridge, ending the day's tour. We dined that night in the unique, stalactite-decorated Triton Restaurant, savoring the local cuisine.

On day four we toured Vysehrad Castle, the first seat of Czech dukes. As we viewed some statues in a park setting, Sarka told us about ancient Slavic legends that tell the tale of Princess Libuse, the mythic founder of Prague, who decided to build a castle at Vysehrad, and is credited with calling the place where it stood, Praha (Prague), meaning threshold. There was also a statue and legend about our tour escort's namesake, Sarka, who used her feminine wiles in a losing battle-of-the-sexes war for domination of Prague following the end of Princess Libuse's dynasty. We ended our visit at the Vysehrad National Cemetery and the Slavin tomb, the final resting place of many culturally significant Czech people.

Next we bused to Konopiste. Following lunch at Zamecka Restaurace, known for its game menu and hunting-themed décor, we toured Konopiste Castle. This was the residence



of hunting-obsessed Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, whose assassination sparked World War I and the end of monarchies throughout Europe. Returning to Prague, we spent the evening dining at the Folklore Garden Restaurant and enjoying the Folklore Show, where, after a few beers, several members of our group joined the cast on stage, and danced with cast members (Sandy), or brooms (Don and Steve).

Departing Prague by bus on Day 5 in a light rain, Sarka told us the city was crying because we were leaving. Without fail, as we left the cities of Dresden and Berlin also, a light rain fell, and the cities wept to see us go. Fortunately, we encountered fair weather the rest of the time. At Terezin, a tour was led by a local guide, through the Terezin Concentration Camp, the Nazi's model Jewish town meant to deceive International Red Cross inspectors, while in reality it was an inhumane ghetto. Virtually all of Terezin's 155,000 Jewish inmates ultimately ended up dying, either at Terezin or in extermination camps. The gray sky of the day matched the somber mood of the tour.

We stopped in Zubrnic, a town known for its open-air museum, and had lunch. Then on to Dresden, where we checked into Hotel Amedia Plaza, and later had dinner of "Saxon delights" at Restaurant Sophienkellar. Not everyone tried the "lard balls"! Local guide Wolfgang joined us on day 6 for a tour of Dresden. We drove by bus along the Elbe River, noting the vineyards and villas, and crossed over the historic "Blue Wonder" bridge, fortunately not the one that had recently collapsed into the river. Next came a walking tour of the city, which was firebombed during World War II and suffered nearly complete destruction. Highlights included the Semper Opera House, the Baroque masterpiece Zwinger, filled with museums, and a walk on Bruhl's Terrace, known as the "balcony of Europe", along the Elbe River.



Wolfgang was again our guide on day 7 in Meissen, where we had the opportunity to visit a porcelain factory and see demonstrations of the process of creating and decorating the porcelain the town is known for. The following day we stopped in Wittenberg, officially Lutherstadt Wittenberg, the city of Luther and the birthplace of his Protestant Reformation. At the Church of All Saints, Rich Bergt posed for a photo with a children's book on Luther authored by his sister, in front of the door where Luther nailed his 95 Theses. The day's final destination was Berlin, where we checked into H4 Hotel Berlin Alexanderplatz, in the former East Berlin.

Our tour of Berlin on Day 9 was led by guide Aaron "Birchy", a British expat who followed his heart and came to Berlin to marry his German girlfriend at historic (dating from 1270) St. Mary's Church, which became a guidepost to us as we frequently passed it on the route to and from our hotel. The guided sightseeing included the restored Reichstag, where the Bundestag or German parliament meets, Charlottenburg Palace, Museum Island, the Siegessäule with

a bronze sculpture of the goddess of victory atop the column, the Holocaust Memorial, the location of Hitler's bunker where he committed suicide, the remains of the Berlin Wall that once divided the city, and the Brandenburg Gate, where we gathered for a group photo.

On our tour of Sachsenhausen on Day 10, guide Aaron was joined by guide Paul, an Irish expat. They helped us navigate the S-Bahn train and a bus ride to get to our destination and back. Thankfully, they were tall guys so we could see their heads above the crowds on the packed public transportation vehicles and follow them to get off at the correct stops. Sachsenhausen was the first concentration camp built by the Nazi regime. It was intended to be a prison work camp, first for Hitler's political opponents in 1936 and later for Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses and others deemed an enemy by Hitler. Tens of thousands died here, while thousands more were sent elsewhere to be killed in death camps. It continued as a prison for political opponents of the Soviet state, and 12,000 more died here before the camp was closed in 1950. Today it is a memorial and reminder of the dark days of Nazi Germany. Travel is freedom, and this camp, along with the Berlin Wall, stand in stark contrast to this freedom.

Our last full day in Germany included a trip to Potsdam and the Cecilienhof Palace. It was here at the end of World War II in Europe that Truman, Stalin, and Churchill met to draw up the postwar map of Europe, dividing Berlin into East and West sides, and setting the stage for the Cold War with the USSR. We also strolled around Sanssouci Palace, the small but still opulent summer home of Frederick the Great, the man who introduced the potato to his subjects in the 1700's. Potatoes were a staple of the hearty meals we consumed in both the Czech Republic and Germany.

We drove over the "Bridge of Spies", of Cold War fame, on our return to Berlin, where we celebrated Oktoberfest at our farewell dinner in the Hofbrauhaus Berlin. It was a festive way to end our tour. Travel is an opportunity to see new things, meet new people, learn, share an adventure with fellow travelers, and generate fond memories. We were able to "check" everything on the list with this tour!





MOONSHINE: CASEY, IL DAY TRIP

The weather was simply perfect for the drive through the country to the Moonshine Store, Casey, IL Big Things and Tuscan Hills Winery in Effingham. No one knew what to expect of Moonshine, but the service was fast, and the hamburgers were fresh and very tasty! It was

so relaxing sitting outside at the picnic tables eating our burgers, enjoying the beautiful weather, and petting the resident dog.



We then found our way to Casey, IL. Prior to the guided bus tour, everyone had a chance to explore downtown Casey to find the World's Largest Rocking Chair, Teeter-Totter, Mailbox, Wooden Shoes, Wind Chime, Key, Barber's Pole and other "big things" such as the bird cage, ear of corn, rocking horse, jigsaw puzzle, yardstick, pencil, piggy bank, bookworm, mousetrap, knitting needles, crochet hook, and spinning top. After boarding the bus with a tour guide, a very enjoyable and enlightening history of Casey, IL and how the big things came to be was given as we drove past each attraction in downtown and outlying areas. Our group especially enjoyed picture taking with the World's Largest Pitchfork!



The day ended beautifully at Tuscan Hills Winery in Effingham with good food, wine, lots of laughter and good conversation!

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!

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 Snow-journer 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.

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: Favazza's on the Hill & Garden Glow at Missouri Botanical Gardens

***The evening Garden Glow one mile walk is held rain or snow so wear appropriate attire! There are benches to stop along the way. ☑**

WHEN: Saturday, November 23, 2024. Leaving Springfield from Meijer at 1:30pm and returning approximately 9pm.

TRIP LEADER: Lori Curry, 217-415-3410 lcurry0@gmail.com

COST: \$95. Must have 30 participants for the trip to be a go.

TRIP INCLUDES: Transportation and Garden Glow ticket. Dinner is not included in the price.

ACTIVITIES: A delicious dinner on the Hill followed by an evening walk through the Botanical Gardens where we will see nearly 2 million lights that transform the iconic setting of the garden into an enchanted wonderland!

We will arrive at Favazza's restaurant at 3:00 for an early dinner followed by a 90 minute (average time according to the Gardens) walk through the spectacularly lighted Gardens. Our Glow tickets are for 5:45. We will get back on the bus at 7:30 for the trip home! We should arrive at Meijer at 9:00.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by July 5, 2024 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after July 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 July 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 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

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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.

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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: _____

**Springfield Ski & Travel Club
CHRISTMAS PARTY RESERVATION**

December 6, 2024

6:00 – 10:00 pm

Inn at 835

835 South Second Street

Springfield, IL

Reservation Fee - \$20 per person

(Must be a member to attend)

Non-refundable / Non-transferable

Reservation deadline – November 21st

One reservation form per person:

Member name: _____

Member e-mail: _____

Member phone number: _____

NOTE: There may be a waiting list, therefore, if circumstances prevent you from attending, please notify Joyce Ludwig by phone 217-725-9125 or email joyce2ludwig@outlook.com. Your notice will allow another member to attend.

_____ Upon request a receipt will be e-mailed.

(A requested receipt will be e-mailed within a week of sign-up.)