SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB NEWSLETTER

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club

Springfield Ski & Travel Club
P.O. Box 1146 Springfield, Illinois 62705



HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

5 PM

LOCATION:

VFW LAFORE LOCK POST 755

2211 OLD JACKSONVILLE RD

SPRINGFIELD



GAMES, MUSIC, COSTUME PRIZES

FOOD: CHILI, HOT DOGS TOPPINGS, CHIPS, CUPCAKES

$10/PERSON

CONTACT: PEGGIE POWERS— 217-652-0613—peg94@aol.com
SIGN UP IS AVAILABLE AT DINING OUT—OCTOBER 1, 2026
THE CREEK—CHATHAM

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall is finally here with cooler temperatures, and I am looking forward to the Halloween Party which will be on Saturday October 24th at the VFW on Old Jacksonville Road!

September Sign-Up Party

- Thanks to Peggie Powers, VP of Events, for working with the VFW, choosing the delicious menu, setting up the room, coordinating all the volunteers who helped set up, decorating, serving food, and take down.
- Thanks to Jean Courtney-Jecobs, Executive Vice-President and volunteers for making sure the flow to signup was efficient.

Sign-Up Party Results!

- The winter trip to Secrets Royal Beach Punta Cana, Dominican Republic is a go!
- The Fall 2027 trip to Poland is a go!
- The day trip to Allerton Park and Monticello on April 21, 2027 has availability.
- The Christmas Party at Panther Creek December 19th had 100 people sign up!
- The Halloween Party on October 24th had 44 people sign up!
- The changes to the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing rules sent to members on 9/5/26 via eblast were overwhelmingly approved.

Thank Yous!

- To Jana Kincaid for organizing dining out for 28 of us at Sky Lounge on September 3rd!
- To Janice Broughton for making us happy at the Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center on September 17th!
- To Kathy Bacon and Lynne Wright for leading a fun Day Trip to the Beef House Restaurant and Dinner Theater, Thursday, September 24th!
- **To all the volunteers and Board Members who help make this Club a success!**



Trip to Zimbabwe and South Africa – 35 Members Went and 35 Members Returned 8/23/26-9/8/26

Thanks to Anne and Ed Midden for leading this trip of a lifetime! Highlights of the trip included a visit to the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg, and a visit to Nelson Mandella's home in Soweto. We experienced the beauty and power of Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe (and a helicopter ride over the falls for some of us). We went on several game drives at a beautiful private reserve (Kariega) with lions, zebras, cape buffalo, giraffes, wildebeests, elephants, white rhinoceros, and much more. In Knysna we went on 2 boat rides and were treated to beautiful scenery where the Indian Ocean meets the Knysna Lagoon, and we hiked down the mountain side. There was more beautiful scenery on the drive from there to Cape Town with the canola fields a beautiful yellow on one side and mountains on the other. We were treated to a visit to see penguins, even more gorgeousful scenery, a stop at the Cape of Good Hope and a private tour of one of the Townships. What I want to know is when are we going back?

Newsletter Goodbye Amy and Welcome Renee!

- After MANY years of creating and creative newsletters, Amy Dodd has resigned this position. Thank You for your contribution to the Club Amy!
- And welcome to the Board as Newsletter Chair Renee Mapes!

Check Out What is Happening in October!

- Dining Out at The Creek in Chatham—Thursday, October 1st
- Adopt a Street—Saturday, October 10th—Meet at St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot at 9 AM
- OktoberFest at Roger Schnelten's—45 Circle Drive—Sunday, October 11 at 3 PM
- Wednesday, October 14th –Sports Event at Park North Golf Club, Edwardsville RSVP to Rose Johnson (217-638-6089)
- Happy Hour—Thursday, October 15th at Legends
- Friday, October 23 – Day Trip to Josephine's Tea Room, Shopping & Aerie's Winery
- Halloween Party—Saturday, October 24th at the VFW

I am at your service,

Jan Freeman, President
Springfield Ski & Travel Club



Magical South Africa



Lions of Kariega

From Johannesburg to Cape Town On August 23, thirty-five SSTC members departed for South Africa and returned on September 7 with unforgettable memories from a once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

We began in Johannesburg, South Africa's financial capital, founded after the discovery of gold in 1886. During our city tour, we learned that Jo'burg is home to 8 to 10 million residents, includes 698 surrounding suburbs, and is known for its heavy traffic. The city's first traffic light was installed in 1987; today, many commuters depend on minivan taxis that leave only when full, while pedestrians often walk along the edges of busy highways.

The Apartheid Museum was especially powerful. Each ticket directed visitors to enter through either the "white" or "non-white" entrance. Mine identified me as non-white, so I entered beneath that sign and followed the assigned route.

Townships can be seen throughout South Africa. They developed under apartheid and expanded rapidly from 1948 to 1994, as the government forced Black, Coloured, and other non-white residents out of city centers and into remote neighborhoods. Early townships often lacked basic services and were built with corrugated metal homes. Today, brick houses and corrugated residences stand side by side. Although many areas now have municipal services, deep disparities remain as a legacy of apartheid.

Our visit to Soweto—short for Southwest of Johannesburg and the site of many significant antiapartheid struggles—brought us to the street where two Nobel Peace Prize winners once lived: Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela. Mandela's former home is now open to visitors, and we were able to step inside.

Victoria Falls, **Zimbabwe** After our flight and the visa process to enter Zimbabwe, we headed to Ilala Lodge Hotel in Victoria Falls. Wildlife roamed just outside our rooms, and along the highway we saw warthogs, bushbuck, impalas, and several elephants. A sunset cruise on the Zambezi River brought even more sightings—hippos, crocodiles, elephants, and beautiful birds. Later, as we dined under the stars, we could hear the steady rush of water plunging from the rocky edge of the falls into the pools below.

The next morning, we set out to see the falls. The experience was awe-inspiring; no photograph could fully capture their majesty. After viewing the falls on foot, several of us took the Flight of the Angels- a helicopter flight over the falls! Amazing!



Rhinos Kariega

Kariega Game Reserve

The journey to Kariega Private Game Reserve took 12 hours. We arrived tired and, under a dark South African sky, climbed into the game-drive vehicles— many of us still wearing backpacks. We made it through the evening and were up early the next morning to meet our safari guides and search for animals.

We spotted giraffes, eland, zebras, wildebeest, warthogs, impalas, bushbuck, Cape buffalo, lions, elephants, white rhinos, and countless birds—an unforgettable display of wildlife.

Our guides paused to serve morning coffee, tea, or hot chocolate with muffins, and in the afternoon they treated us to drinks and snacks.

On our final afternoon, a small herd of elephants surrounded our four game-drive vehicles. We sat spellbound as the gentle animals moved around us, close enough to take our breath away. Baby elephants ran and played beneath their mothers, while one elephant wandered to the water, splashed, and then trumpeted for the others to join him. Which they did as we watched.

Knysna Lagoon and the Heads In Knysna, we enjoyed an evening lagoon cruise toward the Heads, these are two dramatic sandstone cliffs that guard the entrance where the Knysna River estuary meets the Indian Ocean. We took photos, sampled oysters and champagne, and savored the scenery along the way.

The next morning, we crossed the lagoon to Featherbed Nature Reserve. A 4x4 tractor and trailer carried us to the start of a 2.2-kilometer downhill nature hike, where we were rewarded with spectacular views of the Heads, caves, and coves carved by the ocean. After the hike, we enjoyed a delicious lunch served under the trees.

Cape Town Our hotel offered beautiful views of Table Mountain, though high winds kept us from visiting until our final day when we had free time.

At Boulders Beach, the penguins charmed us, while the Cape of Good Hope lived up to the force of the "Cape Doctor" winds that had closed Table Mountain. Despite the wet, chilly weather, we managed to capture the stop with a photo.

Another group photo on Signal Hill, whose summit offers sweeping views of Cape Town. The hill is named for the signal flags and cannons that were once used there to send messages and time signals to ships in Table Bay. Our visit to Khayelitsha, Cape Town's largest township with an estimated population of 2.5 million, revealed a hopeful and resilient community. Within the larger township, one small neighborhood showed how residents are working together to create change. We saw preschool children, women preparing produce grown in the garden, and a welcoming coffee shop operating from the owner's mother's garage.



Penguins Boulders Beach



Game Drive Break Time

Proteas, a pincushion flower and South Africa's national flower were just beginning to bloom. We were rewarded with colorful pincousions dotting the landscape. A quick wine tasting Near Cape Town at the Constantia Winelands gave us the opportunity to visit the oldest wine estate in South Africa. Groot Constantia was established in 1685 by Simon van der Stel, the first governor of the Cape Settlement. A great way to wrap up the day. Looking back on this journey, what stays with us most is not only the places we visited, but the moments we shared along the way—the awe of standing before Victoria Falls, the thrill of seeing elephants so close at Kariega, the conversations over meals, and the kindness we encountered wherever we went. South Africa gave us history to reflect on, landscapes to marvel at, wildlife we will never forget, and people whose resilience and warmth left a lasting impression.



Aparthide Museum Entry

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Victoria Falls

PHOTOS OF SOUTH AFRICA



Group

Khayelitsha

Township



Group Top of
Signal Hill,

Cape Town



Gardening

Khayelitsha

Oktoberfest



Meat off the grill at 4pm

Burgers ▪ Brats ▪ Fish

Small side dishes welcomed!

Oktoberfest - Style Beers

3 pm

Sunday, October 11

2026

Come as early as 3 for beer & games.



Pre-Fest Biking



Roger Schnelten 245
Circle Drive
Springfield, IL 62703
217-529-0780

Carpooling, uber, & lawn

Music by:

Curt Smith ≈ 3 - 6

Games

Bean Bag Toss ▪ Bocce Ball

Hillbilly Golf ▪ Hammerschlagen

Springfield Ski & Travel Club

The birthday girl & the Schneldales will be in attendance. A Schnelten family tradition, partially cosponsored by the Springfield Bike Club & the Springfield Ski & Travel Club.

Springfield Bicycle Club

A Schnelten family tradition, partially cosponsored by the Springfield Bike Club an Carpooling, Uber, & lawn chairs recommended! Side dishes welcome. *See the Sep*

SPORT EVENT—PARK NORTH GOLF CLUB



October 14, 2026, a mid-morning day is planned at the Park North Golf Club in Edwardsville, IL using their outdoor, covered and heated (if necessary) bays to hit golf balls and play games. Take aim at towering drives, legendary virtual courses, and interactive games built for every skill level. You do not need to be a golfer to enjoy this fun event. Bays will be reserved where you can drink or eat while waiting your turn or head to the Scotty's Sports bar located on site.

The facility is located at 3601 Sports Park Drive, Edwardsville, IL which is a 1 hour and 10-minute drive from Springfield. We will carpool from Meijer parking lot and meet on northwest end.

Please rsvp to **rose.johnson-99@comcast.net or (217-638-6089)** by October 1, 2026. The cost is $20 per hour per bay which holds 8 people, so possibly $5 per person for 2 hours with a group of 8. Golf from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. then head to lunch at Scotty's Sports Bar and Grill.



CHRISTMAS PARTY



Christmas is just around the corner and plans for the SSTC holiday party are set. Many of you were able to sign up at the recent party on September 19, but there are still a few spaces left. Once those are filled, we will begin the wait list.

We are fortunate to be able to hold the holiday party again at the Panther Creek Country Club, thanks, to SSTC members, Martha and Curtis Meinhardt.

The party will be held on December 19, and we hope Mother Nature takes a break and does not bring a blizzard this year. So bring your dancing shoes, wear your holiday finery, look forward to a delicious dinner and join your SSTC friends to celebrate the holidays.

Tickets are $30 per person and *you must be a member in good standing.* If you wish to sign up, please contact the VP of Activities, Peggy Powers at 217-652-0613 (text preferred), or you can also sign up at the October 15th, Happy Hour if there are slots available.



Birthdays: October

Name	Birthdate
Kevin McClain	3
Mark Edmiston	3
Connie Roberts	4
Michael Fahsl	4
Ray Sitki	5
Nancy Hamer	5
Melody Brookishier	7
Judy Nesbitt	7
Lee Bertagnolli	9
Kevin Davlin	9
Tim Duggan	9
Grace Doolin	10
Tom McMurry	10
Jean Courtney Jacobs	10
Sandy Nickell	10
Lois Stone	11
Arlene Mathews	11
Geoff Gaar	13
Kim Hopkins	14
Michael L. Mark	16
Charles Martin	16
Martha Ann Meinhardt	16
James Nuss	17
Deb Lewis	17
Gary Kindred	18
Eileen Nelson	19
F. Renee Mapes	20
Steve Salasek	22



Birthdays: October

Name	Birthdate
Alan Stutz	22
Jan Cimarossa	23
Rick Griminger	23
Edward Huntley	24
Cheryl Lawrence	24
Linda Arand	24
Jo Ann Hannig	25
Lisa Mau	26
Jeff Elston	26
Karen Pyle	27
Tim Having	29
Dave Walters	30
Kim Rockford	30
Christine DeGroot	31

NEW MEMBERS: LYNN & JERRY PETERSON

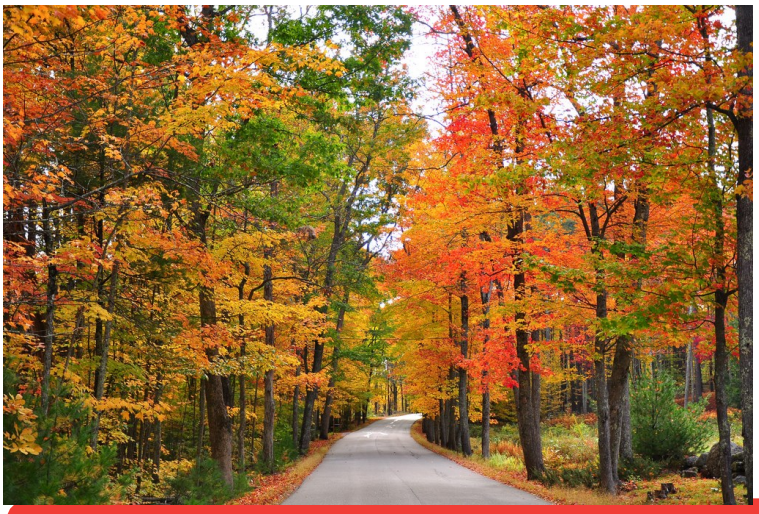
ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President	Jan Freeman
Executive VP	Jean Courtney-Jacobs
Treasurer	Kathryn Hanlon
Secretary	Lynne Wright
VP for Membership	Sue 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
Newsletter Editor	Renee Mapes
S.K.I. Representative	Ruth Kopec
Community Services Chair	Rich Bergt
Webmaster	Deon Bishop
Sport Chair	Rose Johnson



October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 **DINING OUT** The Creek— Chatham 5pm	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 **BOARD MEETING**	9	10 **Adopt-A-Street** 9 AM St. John's Lutheran Church Parking Lot
11 OKTOBERFEST Schnelten's 3pm	12	13	14 SPORT EVENT	15 Happy Hour **HAPPY HOUR** Legends 5 PM	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 **DAY TRIP** Josephine's - Godfrey/ Aerie's in Grafton	24 **Halloween Party** 5:30 PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



SAVE THE DATE

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Dining Out
Oct 1, - 5:30 PM
THE CREEK

Oktoberfest
Oct 11 - 3pm

Happy Hour
Oct 15 - 5pm - ??
Legends

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

Godfrey/Grafton Trip **October 23,2026**

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

WAITLIST

The Glow/The Hill ***December 2, 2026***

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

Sport Event—Park North Golf Club
Edwardsville—RSVP to Rose Johnson

SECRETS ROYAL BEACH
PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
January 29-February 5, 2027
Trip Leaders: TBD

Switzerland Travels
April 30-May11, 2027

Trip Leaders: Ruth Kopec kopec3@outlook.com
Kathryn Hanlon, 217-494-7967
kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

Classic Poland Tour
October 5-20, 2027
Trip Leaders: Michael & Lois Bloechle
217-787-1010 mbloechle@comcast.net

Allerton Park Garden Tour April 21, 2027

Trip Leaders: *Janet Nuss* (217) 638-2840 janet.nuss@comcast.net
Steve Wright (217) 971-1600 (scout64ih1@aol.com)





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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 email. 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, one 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 911/14/96), (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 TRANSPORATION 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
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 clubs 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 currier.
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 APPLU. 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 trip 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."

SKI UPDATES



SNOWVANA 2026!!

Snowvana Wisconsin will be held on November 13-15, 2026, at the MOSH Performance Center (at the base of Crystal Ridge Ski Area) in Franklin, Wisconsin, just outside of Milwaukee. 5,000+ skiers and snowboarders are expected to attend in 2026.

Snowvana is a celebration of snow sports featuring entertainment, education, and activities that get people stoked for the coming season. Features include aniF3 Film Festival, live music, an emcee, interactive competitions, a pub-like atmosphere, a massive ski swap and gear sale, tone of regional and notional ski resorts, local retailers, and top ski and snowboard manufacturers.

Special this year for CMC clubs and members is a free advance ticket.

Please share this Promo code **with your members only and not on social medica.** If that happens, the code will be deactivated.

How to et my free admission ticket to Snowvana:

- Go to Snowvana.com
- Click Get Tickets
- Choose Wisconsin
- Choose One Day Ticket
- Add to Cart
- View Cart
- **Add Promo Code: cms26**
- Proceed to Checkout



Remember, do NOT share the code on social media!!

New this year: a public, consignment swap benefiting the Central Ski Patrol! Sell your own quality skis, snowboards, and boots, support the patrol, and get a free admission ticket to the country's largest Snowsport's festival for participating. For details, copy and paste the following in your browser:

https://myskiswap.com/active_skiswaps/snowvana-wisconsin-2026

NOW ACCEPTING SIGNUPS FOR NEW DAY TRIP IN 2027!

Hi, everyone!

The Day Trip Committee wants to let you know that there are still plenty of spots available for members to sign up for our first advertised day trip in 2027. This will be a fun, full trip to **Allerton Park and downtown Monticello on Weds., April 21, 2027,** and will include the following:

- A guided historical tour of the many gardens/statues
- Lunch at the park's Greenhouse Café (which is included in the cost of the trip)
- A guided bird-watching hike at the park
- Shopping in downtown Monticello, including a stop at Prairie Fire Glass Shop
- A stop at 3 Ravens Food & Spirits, a local favorite, for early dinner and drinks (everyone's own).
- The cost of the trip is $115/person and is limited to 30 people. Janet Nuss and Steve Wright are the trip leaders.

Please sign up early! You can bring your completed trip applications and checks to the Oct. 1st Dining Out or the Oct. 15th Happy Hour event. For more trip details on these events and the contact information for the trip leaders, please see the calendar of events and the respective trip hand outs in this newsletter and on the club's website.



Thank you all!!

Janet Nuss

Day Trip VP

DAY TRIPPIN……WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN!

SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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** (32 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.

WAITLIST







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, December 2, 2026 (Revised Date) 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 (32 participants needed for the trip to be a go)**
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 Golden Glow!" "The Glow" is a 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."**

WAITLIST









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.

DAY TRIPPIN……WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN!

SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

TITLE: **Allerton Park Garden Tour/Bird Hiking/Lunch, and Downtown Monticello Visit/Dinner**

WHEN: **Weds., April 21, 2027** leaving Meijer promptly at **8:30 AM** and returning approximately **7:00 PM**

TRIP LEADERS: **Janet Nuss (217) 638-2840 janet.nuss@comcast.net**

Steve Wright (217) 971-1600 (scout64ih1@aol.com)

PRICE: **$115** (30 participants minimum and maximum)

COST INCLUDES: Private chartered bus, driver tip, 2 guided tours, lunch at Allerton's Greenhouse Café

NOTE: Members should be prepared to walk approximately 2 miles.

ACTIVITIES: Travel to Allerton Park in Monticello, IL where we will break into two groups and enjoy a wonderful, guided historical tour of the amazing gardens and statues, break for lunch at the Greenhouse Café, then go on a guided hike (binoculars included) where we will learn about and hopefully see many beautiful birds that inhabit the gardens. We will then visit downtown Monticello where we can shop freely and break into groups to enjoy glass blowing education at the famous Prairie Fire Glass Company. Before returning home, we will stop for an early dinner, that will be on your own, at 3 Ravens Food & Spirits, a popular local downtown restaurant. Alcohol is available to purchase also on your own.

FOOD: **Lunch at the Greenhouse Café is provided**

Dinner and alcohol at 3 Ravens Food & Spirits will be on your own.









CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

*Cancel by Octobber 15, 2026: Your money will be refunded

*Cancel after October 15, 2026. If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a $25 processing fee. **Refunds** will be processed after the trip is completed

*Canel after October 15, 2025: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued

SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB SE-CRETS ROYAL BEACH

PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

WHEN: January 29,2027 to February 5, 2027

SOLD OUT

TRIP LEADERS: Jan Joyce & Mike Hall

PRICE:

Air & Land: $2750/ person (double occupancy sharing a King room, partial ocean view)
Air & Land: $2600/person (double occupancy sharing a room with two beds, Tropical view or pool view-room category subject to availability)
Land Only: $390 less per person, adjusted on the final payment
Single cost in pool or tropical view rooms $4,030 (subject to availability) Minimum number of participants is 20: Maximum number of participates is 30

TRIP INCLUDES:

Air transportation between St. Louis – Punta Cana – St. Louis- (round trip, **non-stop**. Airfare is estimated and subject to change)

Ground services from airport to resort with included air purchase, including all necessary fees, all taxes & charges for ground services

Resort for 7 nights- All Inclusive

PAYMENTS:

1ST Payment due at sign-up event 09/19,2026 - $1,000 per person double occupancy; $1,350 single

2nd Payment due 10/19/2026 - $1,000 per person double or $1,350 single

3rd payment due 11/19/2026 $750 per person double or $1,330 single

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

PASSPORTS:

At sign-up submit a copy of the first page of your passport which shows your picture, passport number, date of birth, & passport expiration date with your trip application and check. Passports MUST be valid for 6 months acer the return date (August 5, 2027)for international travel.

CANCELLATION DATES/ FEES:

Cancel before September 22,2026 – Pay only the $25.00 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel on or after September 22, 2026, AND A replacement is found- a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club and a $25.00 SSTC processing fee will be reimbursed.

Cancel on or after September 22, 2026, AND NO replacement is found- No refund

RESORT FEATURES:

- Adult Only
- Located on the majestic Caribbean Sea
- All- Inclusive resort with 24-hour service
- 6 distinct restaurants on site, plus a cafe, a grill, and 24-hour room service
- Attendant pool and wait service/ Swim up bar in a large infinity pool
- Over 10 bars and lounges on the property
- 4 outdoor pools
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Endless daytime activities, themed parties, live nightly entertainment





LOCAL ATTRACTIONS:

Catamaran cruises to **Saona Island**

ATV dune buggy tour through local plantation

Zip-lining and other adventurous activities at **Bavaro Adventure Park**





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 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 the trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage and coverage for any pre-existing conditions.**

SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB

SWITZERLAND AND Mont Blanc Region—Glacier Express

Trip Leaders:
Kathryn Hanlon 217-494-7967
kathryn.hanlon@comcase.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
- 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)

1st payment (deposit) April 10, 2026	$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	$2,010.00
2nd payment due June 11, 2026	$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	$2,010.00
3rd payment due August 11, 2026	$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	$2,010.00
4th 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
- Canel on or after April 25,2025 and a**a replacement** is found, a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club will be paid
- Canel 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 no cover the full price of a trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage

WAITLIST



Springfield Ski and Travel Club

Classic Poland Tour—16 Days & 14 Nights

When: October 5th – 20th, 2027 (36 maximum travelers)



Trip Leaders: Michael and Lois Bloechle
217.787.1010
m.bloechle@comcast.net

Price: ***Combined air and land***
Double occupancy - $5,500.00
Single occupancy – additional $1,099.00
Land only: $4,100.00

Trip Includes:

- Bus transportation to/from airport
- Air transportation – Chicago to Warsaw, Krakow to Chicago
- Accommodations: 4 nights Warsaw (The Westin Warsaw Hotel);
  3 nights Gdansk (Radisson Blu)
  2 nights Wroclaw (Wyndham Wroclaw Old Town)
  5 nights Krakow (Golden Tulip Krakow Kazimierz Hotel) (hotels are subject to availability)
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges, hotel porterage
- 18 Meals: 14 daily breakfast, 4 dinners
- Airport transfer, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included (subject to change)
- Tipping for local tour guides, tour manager and bus drivers
- Trip includes:
  Travel along Warsaw's famed Royal Route; visit Malbork Castle; Torun, view the house where Renaissance astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born; visit medieval Gdansk; Walk Old Market square on Pozun; In Krakow tour Auschwitz-Birkenau, the 16th century Wawel Royal Castle, and the Jewish Quarter; Visit Wieliczka salt mine and journey into the Tatras Mountains
- Entrance fees per itinerary, sightseeing in modern air-conditioned motor coach, wireless earphones, daily water.
- 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)

1st payment (deposit) September 19, 2026	$1,375.00 per person, double; single	$1,650.00
2nd payment due November 19, 2026	$1,375.00 per person, double; single	$1,650.00
3rd payment due January 19, 2027	$1,37500 per person, double; single	$1,650.00
4th payment due March 19, 2027	$1,375.00 per person, double; single	$1,650.00

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

Cancellation Dates/Fees:

- Cancel by September 25,2026. A refund less $25.00 SSTC fee, will be paid.
- Cancel on or after September 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 September 25, 2026 and **No Replacement** is found, no refund will be issued.

All cancellations must be requested in writing and submitted to the trip leader prior to September 25, 2026. **$25 processing fee will be deducted from any refund issued. All cancellations subject to the dates and terms listed above.**

Passports: With your trip application, submit a color 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 (April 21, 2028) for international travel**

A fillable trip application is available online. Please fill out on-line and bring a printed copy to sign-up along with your passport copy and check for 1st payment.

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 and coverage of any pre-existing conditions.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Membership Application

May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027

(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 SSTC Newsletter, 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: _____