

Fall Sign-Up Event

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Our Board of Directors met via Zoom for our monthly board meeting, and after much discussion, it was decided that the Fall Sign-Up Event scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2020, will be canceled. While the State of Illinois is still in Phase 4 of our reopening plan, the Board is concerned about our rising COVID-19 numbers and is not willing to risk the health and welfare of our membership in order to sign up for upcoming trips. Also, the cost savings of not having to rent the Aqua Club for the event can go toward future events for the club members.

Therefore, **we have decided to go to Plan B**, which is to have ALL MEMBERS sign up for upcoming trips either by mail or in person to the trip leaders.

Here is how it will work:

Early Sign Up

The members listed below have early sign up privileges before the general membership, so their deadlines will remain the same as in Plan A. Trip leaders will begin accepting their applications on **Monday, August 17, 2020**.

- **Board members** who wish to sign up for any trip or activity must submit a completed trip application form, payment, and copy of first page of your passport (if traveling outside the country) to the trip leader BY MAIL or IN PERSON **no later than September 1, 2020**. If signing up by mail, the envelope must be POSTMARKED by September 1, 2020. Please write "**BOARD MEMBER**" on the outside of your envelope.
- **Trip Leaders** who wish to sign up for any trip or activity must submit a completed trip application form, payment, and copy of first page of your passport (if traveling outside the country) to the trip leader BY MAIL or IN PERSON **no later than September 3, 2020**. If signing up by mail, the envelope must be POSTMARKED by September 3, 2020. Please write "**TRIP LEADER**" on the outside of your envelope.
- **Early Certificate holders** who wish to sign up for any trip or activity must submit a completed trip application form, payment, and copy of first page of your passport (if traveling outside the country) to the trip leader BY MAIL or IN PERSON **no later than September 8, 2020**. If signing up by mail, the envelope must be POSTMARKED by September 8, 2020. Please write "**CERT HOLDER**" on the outside of your envelope.

By September 8, 2020, all Board Members, Trip Leaders, and Early Certificate holders' applications should have been delivered or postmarked accordingly to the trip leaders.

Note: If a member is entitled to early sign up (Officer, Trip Leader, or member with 10 Hour Certificates), he/she can only sign up themselves. You cannot sign up your spouse, significant other, etc., even if you are an Officer, Trip Leader, or a member with a 10 Hour Certificate. They must sign up with the General Membership.

General Membership

Beginning September 10, 2020, General Members who wish to sign up for any trip or activity must submit a completed trip application form, payment, and copy of first page of your passport (if traveling outside the country) to the trip leader **BY MAIL or IN PERSON**. Please write "**GENERAL MEMBER**" on the outside of your envelope.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Your membership must be current and in good standing to allow you to sign up for any trip or activity.
- Due to the uncertainty of travel from the Pandemic, we are asking everyone going on the **Croatia/Slovenia** trip or the **San Diego** trip to **post-date their checks to September 21, 2020**. This is the date a determination will be made if the trip is filled and a go, and the last date you may cancel before incurring any cancellation fees. Please wait to purchase your trip insurance until you have received confirmation from the trip leader that the trip is a go, which will be done by September 24, 2020.
- Payment Rules: A separate check is required for each trip or activity. If you are signing up more than one person for a particular trip, one check can be used. Checks should be made out to the **Springfield Ski and Travel Club**.
- If you choose to send your application via the mail, it will be your responsibility to contact the trip leader and let them know you mailed it and to confirm its arrival. The trip leaders **WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE IF YOUR APPLICATION GETS LOST IN THE MAIL** and is not received in time. If you are an early sign up member and your application does not make it by the deadline stated above, your application will be accepted with the General Members. Applications will be accepted for each trip until it is full.

I will be at the Happy Hour on Thursday, September 20, 2020, to answer any questions members may have regarding these new procedures or you may email your questions to me at vicepresident@springfieldskiclub.org.