



# Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski Club

## Happy Hour

**Thursday, September 21**

**5:00 PM-?**

# Brewhaus

**617 E. WASHINGTON**

**Snacks and specials! A great way to meet and mingle.**

### DAY TRIPS AT A GLANCE

October 14, Oktoberfest in Hermann, MO.

November 11, Weird Chicago: Devil and the White City Tour,  
Chicago's first H.H. Holmes Tour!!

December 6, December Fun in Downtown Chicago

January 9, St. Louis Blues Hockey Game

February 3, Druszn Rum Taste of Soulard

March 3, Thrilling Night at Lemp Mansion

Contact Mike Bloechle, VP of Day Trips for ideas or offering to be a trip leader

### UPCOMING MAJOR TRIPS

November 24-December 2 - River Cruise  
Vienna Austria to Nuremberg, Germany via the Danube River

December 10-15 - Winter Ski Trip, Snowmass

January 20-27 - Ocho Rios, Jamaica

January 27-Feb. 3 or January 28-Feb. 4. - Banff Ski Trip

Feb. 23 to March 6 - Davos, Switzerland and 3 Days In Nice, France

March 10-25 - Trip to Tuscany and the Amalfi Coast

## Dining Out

**September 7**

# O'Charley's

RESTAURANT + BAR

**4241 Conestoga, Springfield**

COCKTAILS @ 5:30 | DINNER @ 6:00

*The only rule in place to join the dining out group is to make your reservation on Wed. prior to the event.*

The dining out group meets on the first Thursday of each month. E-mail or call Jack & Virgene Fair @ akafair@aol.com, or 217/341-2590 for your reservation by Wednesday before the Thursday of the event.

## SAVE THE DATES!

*More Details Inside*

**October 8, 39th Annual Oktoberfest**  
at home of Roger Schnelten,

**October 18, Bad Bowling off-season bowling night!**  
Now is the time to organize your teams and call 217/741-1147

**October 28, Halloween Party**



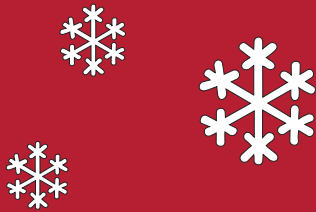
## Fall Sign-Up Party

**September 17th**

*More Details Inside*

# Welcome New Members

*Jaime S. Francis  
Joyce Bartolo  
Rick & Melissa Cornell  
Debi Barr-Holquist  
Lynda Savage  
Michael L. Kane*



# SEPTEMBER 2017

The Dining Out Group always meets the 1st Thurs of each month - akafair@aol.com  
Springfield Ski Club Board meets every 2nd Thursday of the month  
The SSC Happy Hour is ALWAYS the 3rd Thurs of the month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 <i>Monday Golf League</i>	29	30 <i>Wednesday Golf League</i>	31	1	2 <i>Big Muddy Blues Fest St. Louis</i>
3	4	5	6	7 Dining Out Group O'Charley's	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 SSC BOARD MEETING	15	16
17 <b>Fall Sign-Up Party</b>	18	19	20	21 <i>Happy Hour Brewhaus</i>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I thought my last article was the most boring of the newsletter! So I am adding some photos from trips. This photo is of Dave and I on a trip to Spain. We joined SCC because we were members 40 years ago!. We skied for many years and taught our children. Due to



health reasons we no longer ski, but are enjoying touring trips and my husband has led two. We realize SCC members are great travelers and we have had very few problems and complaints. We have made a lot of friends.

For those of you who are new members, get involved. Offer to volunteer; we try to have volunteer opportunities published in every newsletter. Consider becoming a member of a committee and eventually a board member.

## MESSAGE FROM THE VP FOR MEMBERSHIP

The 2017-18 renewal drive has ended! We have 352 members renewing and 37 new members joining for a total of 389! There are 104 Family Memberships, 211 Individual, 72 Lifetime or Family and two Reciprocal memberships through other Ski Clubs.

We have some awesome day trips, and ski and non-ski trips planned, so if you know of anyone contemplating joining the club, NOW IS THE TIME TO GET THEM SIGNED UP! Bring them to the sign up party

## September Birthdays

Patricia Traylor .....	2	Mary O'Brien .....	17
Nancy Simpson .....	3	Kitt Lynch .....	17
Carol Burck .....	3	Patricia Howard .....	19
Barry Erlandson.....	4	Theresa Endris .....	20
Mary Schofield.....	4	Catherine Rovey .....	21
Susie Shackleton .....	5	Rick Young .....	21
Michael Motor .....	5	Robert Wyatt.....	21
Hope Rolens .....	6	Darlene Hadsell .....	23
Marty Morris.....	6	Michael Bowers.....	23
Chris Maltby .....	7	Jim Heller.....	24
Barry Webster .....	9	Cheri Brueggemann Sloat .....	24
Rosie Camille .....	10	Byron Low .....	25
Dean Disbrow .....	11	David Sloat .....	26
Lois Bloechle .....	12	Kim Proia.....	27
Cathy Cragoe.....	13	Mel Logsdon.....	27
Wil Kane .....	13	Don Dellert.....	27
Scott Tiscos .....	13	Don Papenburg.....	27
Julie Kueper .....	15	Gordon Henderson .....	28
James Maggio .....	16	Martha (Marty) Stutz.....	28
Michael Bernasek .....	17	Linda Jurgens .....	28

As one new board member said, "I had no idea what went into running the Springfield Ski Club!"

We appreciate all you our long-term members and would like to find out what you would like in our club. We have done a survey, with great success, and will do those in the future.

I look forward to seeing you all at the September 17 General Meeting and Sign up Party!

**Cheri Brueggemann Sloat**

or next happy hour and introduce them so they can experience first hand what a fun group we are! Remember, a potential member may come to two club events to check us out, and after that they must join to enjoy future events.

Can't wait to see you at the September 17 sign-up party!

**Terri Marbold - VP for Membership**



Fall

# SIGN-UP PARTY

This is the semi-annual opportunity for members to sign up for all the day and tour trips highlighted in your August newsletter. The event will be held at the familiar venue at 2200 S. Meadowlark Rd. (For some reason we are not allowed to name the location.) Main doors open at 12:30 p.m. and numbers handed out then. The adjacent bar will be open.

**Lining up for trips will be at 1:30. Admission to sign up will be at 2:00.** Doors to the eating area will also open at 2:00. **Prior to 1:30, only board members, trip leaders and those assisting with the party will be allowed into the sign-up and eating areas.**

**From 1:30 to 2:00, Early Sign up members with 10 volunteer hours before September 1 may sign up.**

Light appetizers will be provided and these are just appetizers. We ask that you only make one trip through the line so there is enough for everyone.

In order to sign up for any activity; billiards, bowling, etc., **your membership must be in good standing.** The new membership card is BLUE. The membership table will be open for business at 12:30.

## SIGN-UP PROCEDURES

\*NO EARLY sign up sheets

\*Members may line up at 12:30, you will be given a number for each individual trip and when you sign up later **you will be expected to have filled out the trip or activity application form for each trip & activity and have your bill paid by the time you line up at 1:30.** You are asked to stay in the area and not leave. Applications are available in the newsletter and online.

**For overseas trips, you will need passport numbers.**

\***You can sign up yourself and two other members in good standing.**

\* **A separate check is needed with each application.** If you are signing up more than one person, one check can be written.

\* **At 1:30, the Sargeant at Arms, (Executive VP)** will form lines for each trip according to numbers handed out. Please remember that other members with early sign-up privileges may have already signed up.

\* Those with early sign privileges can sign up only themselves, not family or friends.

When the sign up of trips and activities is over, a speaker will announce the outcome of the trips.

We look forward to seeing you on Sept 17. so get those applications and checks together and get ready to party!

*Rick Griminger, Executive VP and Sargeant of Arms*

**AT THE SEPTEMBER 17 SIGN UP PARTY, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO VOTE ON BY-LAWS CHANGES.**

Article 1 Section 2 and Section 9 and Standing Rule 10. The board is recommending you vote yes to changes in the duties of the Executive Vice President and Secretary. Changes are: the Executive Vice President will maintain the list of volunteer hours and serve as Sargeant of Arms for the general meeting/sign up party. Maintaining the list of volunteer hours will be deleted from the duties of the Secretary.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**September 10**, Ski Club to help Springfield Bicycle Club with Century Bike Ride. Volunteers assist by manning (or womaning) stations along the route for food, registration etc. All volunteers get a tee shirt and community service hours.

**Cleaning of storage unit**, which was coated with dirt during a dust storm a few months ago. We need volunteers for some dirty, dusty work!

**September 17 Sign up party, Help needed** for food service and clean up.

**Oct. 28 Halloween Party** Volunteers needed for decorating, food service, and clean up.

Among other perks, those with 10 volunteer hours get early Sign Up privileges NEXT year. Please email Lindsay Hahn at [activities@springfieldskiclub.org](mailto:activities@springfieldskiclub.org).

*From your busy day trip planner:*

*Mike Bloechle, UP for Day Trips*

I want to thank everyone who responded to the Day Trip Survey. Your input is valuable and we will use your suggestions for trips next year. As you know, all survey participants were entered into a drawing for \$50 to be applied to a future Day Trip, and the winner, selected at the July Happy Hour was Carol Sue Johnson. Congratulations, Carol!

**How many day trips should be offered each year? 4,6,8?**

4-17%    6-58%    8-25%

**What is your favorite Day Trip?** - Multiple responses

**If some Day Trips were offered during the week, would you go?** Yes – 84%    No- 6%

**What is the most you would pay for a trip?**

\$75-100- 25%    \$100-150- 75%

**Would you sign up for an overnight Day Trip?**

Yes-86%    No-8%    Maybe-6%

**Would you be willing to lead a Day Trip?**

Yes-40%    No-53%    Maybe 17%

# BANFF SKI TRIPS

*There are five options for these trips. Three departures are from the Peoria airport, one from Bloomington and one from Champaign.*

*The Peoria trip leaves on Saturday, the other four options depart on Sunday.*

*Please contact Gary Kindred for more details!!  
[garykindred55@gmail.com](mailto:garykindred55@gmail.com)*



# 39th Annual Oktoberfest

## October 8



**Time** 4 pm unless you are biking or want to help set up  
**Place** 245 Circle Dr., (Laketown) Springfield

**30 mile riders depart at 2 pm • 15 mile riders at 3 pm**

Let me personally grille you a brat or burger and offer you some of the world's most flavorful draught beers. You can draw your own brew. Expect Mike's fabulous fish treats, and I hear Larry is producing two new wine varieties.

Enjoy many of your favorite tunes play by Antone and Wick. Lawn games include bag toss, hillbilly golf, hammerschlagen, maybe badminton and boccie ball.

Side dishes welcome; lawn chairs and carpooling recommended. Bonfire at dusk. Bring your own marshmallows.

**Come help me celebrate 39 years of fall festivities!**

Phone Roger Schnelten at 529-0780 or email: [schnelten@gmail.com](mailto:schnelten@gmail.com)

# Bad Bowler's Night

## October 18



We're planning a Bad Bowler's off-season bowling night! All Ski Club Members are invited and you don't have to be a member of the Bad Bowler's League to join us! Call your friends and form a team, or just come and we'll put you on one. We bowl two games, as usual.

Tentatively, bowling will start at 6:30 with practice starting at 6:15.

Further details in the October newsletter or group emails.

**Please email me a ASAP so we can plan the number of lanes.**

Form your teams ASAP and have one person contact me by phone or email to give me the names. Regular team bowlers will also have to notify me. The cost will depend on the number of bowlers.

**Questions?**

Jan Joyce - 217-741-1147 or [janjoyce15@gmail.com](mailto:janjoyce15@gmail.com)



# OCHO RIOS, JAMAICA

## JANUARY 20-27



How about a 7 day break from winter in January for a trip to Jamaica, mon? Join us at an all inclusive resort called Jewel Dunn's River Beach Resort and Spa, a Hilton Hotel. Check out the many amenities on their website. There are two pools with swim-up bars, six restaurants and six lounges. It is an adult only resort.



*Trip leader, Juy Nesbitt*

*\$1950 for double occupancy.  
Ask about single rates.  
\$100 deposit at sign up*

*Cost Includes round trip flights from St. Louis to Montego Bay, round trip transportation to airport and resort, room and taxes, Sign up party is September 17.*



# TUSCANY AND THE AMALFI COAST

## TRIP INCLUDES:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare
- Air transportation to and from Italy
- One night in Rome at Hotel Victoria
- Five nights in Sorrento at Grand Hotel Cesare Augusto
- Three nights in Chianciano at Grand Hotel Le Fonti
- Five nights in Montecatini at the Ercolini e Savi
- All hotels are 4 star or better
- **Actual hotels may change based on availability**
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Dedicated Program Director and local tour guides
- Personal headset for all included and optional tours
- 25 meals: 14 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 7 dinners
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers and luggage porters (one piece of luggage per person)



Map shows tour cities and the number of nights spent in each.

**WHEN:** March 10-25, 2018 (16 days/14 nights)

**TRIP LEADER:** David Sloat

**PRICE:** \$3,200/person

(double occupancy) based on between 38 participants. Maximum number of participants is 44 (reduced if participants choose single supplements). (Six single supplements available – \$500 added to the price of the trip. For anyone interested in finding a roommate, you can contact the Trip Leader. He will provide a list of others who are looking for roommates. Contact David Sloat at [dgsloat51@gmail.com](mailto:dgsloat51@gmail.com).)

## Included Sightseeing Activities:

- Participate in a welcome party and dinner in Rome.
- Visit a local buffalo mozzarella cheese factory and taste cheese made from buffalo milk.
- Take a walking tour of Sorrento.
- Attend discussions with local experts on Italy & the Camorra – crime syndicate and their impact on the Campania region – and Italy's lucciole (Italian term for prostitutes).
- Go on a half-day excursion to Pompeii.
- Enjoy a home-hosted dinner in Sorrento with a local family.
- Take a full-day tour of the Amalfi Coast – a UNESCO World Heritage Site (stop in Positano and Amalfi, boat ride in Amalfi if weather permits, and lunch in Scala).
- Visit the Montecassino Abbey that was almost destroyed during World War II.
- Stay in the Tuscan town of Chianciano and visit its Etruscan Museum.
- Explore the village of Pienza via a walking tour. It is the first example of town planning executed after the fall of the ancient Roman Empire and is where many scenes in *The English Patient* were filmed.
- Visit a local cheesemaker and sample sheep-milk cheeses during a light lunch.



Amalfi Coast



Sienna

- Take a walking tour of Cortona, another Tuscan village.
- Spend time on a tour of Siena which still retains the look of the Tuscan Middle Ages and is famous for its Il Palio horse race.
- Visit Montecatini Alto which is a preserved medieval village above the new town of Montecatini and tour a famous plant nursery.
- Spend a day in Florence, starting with a walking tour and a visit to the Academia Gallery.
- Visit the Tuscan village of Vinci, the birthplace of Leonardo da Vinci with a tour of the Museo Leonardiano.
- Enjoy free time on your own in Sorrento, Cortona, Siena, Florence and Montecatini.
- Participate in a farewell dinner in Montecatini.

## Optional Sightseeing Activities:

- Sorrentine Farm Experience (\$70) – learn how olive oil and limoncello liqueur are produced and prepare your own Sorrentine fashion pizza from farm-fresh ingredients
- Isle of Capri tour (\$140) – Cross the Bay of Naples by jeffoil to visit the small town of Capri with shops and whitewashed houses, visit the village of Anacapri with spectacular views of the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius. Lunch is included.
- Pisa (\$145) – famous for its Leaning Tower.
- Gratuities for local guides and motor coach drivers are included in optional tour prices.
- Prices of optional activities are subject to change.

**Trip Insurance:** The Springfield Ski Club strongly recommends 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. Trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

## PAYMENTS:

- Deposit at sign-up: \$800 (Single supplement add \$125 to payment.)
  - AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel.
  - 2nd Payment due 10/17/17 \$800 (Single supplement add \$125 to payment.)
  - 3rd Payment due 11/17/17 \$800 (Single supplement add \$125 to payment.)
  - 4th Payment due 12/17/17 Amount to be determined by the trip leader in November 2017 and will depend on the number of travelers and finalization of costs. (Single supplement add \$125 to payment.)
- The final payment may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator or from the Springfield Ski Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.

## Cancellation Dates/Fees:

Cutoff date is September 22, 2017, with SSC \$25 processing fee.  
 Cancel more than 90 days prior to departure, fee is \$325; 60-89 days prior to departure – 10% of the cost of the trip; 30-59 days prior to departure, fee is 65%; less than 30 days prior to departure, fee is 100%.  
 Passenger substitutions within 45 days of departure are treated as cancellations. **Any cancellation will result in a \$25 SSC processing fee.**





**DECEMBER 10-15, 2017**

**\$1140**

**After all, this is the Ski Club, right?  
Your 4 day interchangeable lift ticket is good at  
four mountains: Aspen, Aspen Highlands,  
Buttermilk and Snowmass with shuttle service.  
Package includes land transfers from Springfield  
to condo and round trip non-stop flight to  
Denver, (two bags free with Southwest).**

**A pizza party is also included!**

**Top of the Village are ski-in/ski-out condos  
with many amenities, such as fireplace,  
swimming pool, full kitchen.**

*Payment schedule:*

September 17, \$450; October 17, \$450 November 17, \$240

*Cut off date:* October 1, Cut off fee, \$25

*Cancellation after October 1 is subjected to trip expenses.*

*Questions? Call Sue Foard, 217-414-5635.*

DAVOS is the largest ski resort in Switzerland and the highest city in Europe, featuring five skiing areas: Parsenn, the largest, with pistes for all levels and the longest downhill run; Jakobshorn, renowned for its showboarding; and Pischa, Madrisa and Rinerhorn, all family friendly destinations.

The 3 day extension to Nice is March 3-6, the heart and soul of the French Riviera at the 4 star Hotel Splendid, with breakfast daily. Many things to do! The beach, village bistros, open air markets, medieval villages, Roman ruins, Cannes, Monaco.

Price includes round trip bus to Chicago and all land transfers, direct flight on Swiss Air to Zurich, 7 nights lodging at Club Hotel, Davos, breakfast and four course dinner daily and Davos Klosters Guest Card. And what is that?

Davos Klosters Inside, a free guest program, which offers daily winter experiences accompanied by local insiders. Experience sunrise on the mountain, snow shoe hiking, cross country skiing, sledding, a torchlight hike. It's good for all public transportation and free bus and train rides to Klosters and Filisur.

# DAVOS KLOSTERS

DAVOS, SWITZERLAND  
and  
3 days in NICE, FRANCE  
February 23, to March 6, 2018

**\$2240, single supplement, \$235**

**Payment schedule:**

September 17, \$600; October 17, \$600;  
November 17, \$600; December 17, \$440.

**Cut off date:** November 1, 2017    **Cut off fee:** \$25  
Cancellation after Nov. 1 is subject to trip expenses.

**Sue Foard, 217-414-5635**



# DAY TRIPS DAY TRIPS DAY TRIPS DAY TRIPS DAY TRIPS DAY TRIPS DAY TRIPS

**October 14**

*Oktoberfest in Hermann, Missouri*



This event has become a tradition for thousands throughout the Midwest, held at a beautiful time of year in a beautiful community. Oomph bands will be playing with the smell of German brats and beers in the air. There are bus stops at various locations. Wear your walking shoes!

The group will leave Springfield at 8 a.m. and return at 10 p.m.  
Cost \$50 after September



**November 11**

**Weird Chicago**

**Devil and the White City Tour**  
Chicago's first H.H. Holmes tour!

Created by Weird Chicago in 2006 (and often imitated), this is the original tour that delves into the history, mystery, murder and mayhem of the notorious serial killer, H.H. Holmes and the World Columbia Exhibition in Chicago in 1893. During the World's Fair, Holmes operated the infamous "Murder Castle" and this tour will take us on a journey back in time to the places Holmes sought out and dispatched his victims. . We can also see remnants of the Fair and an inside look at Chicago in 1893. There's no other tour in Chicago like this one.

Cost at sign-up, \$85, after sign up, \$94. • Cancellation fee, \$25.

Tour limited to 39 people • Trip leader is Lana Keith.

The bus leaves Springfield at 8:30 and arrives in Chicago around noon. We are on our own for lunch.

The three hour tour begins at 2:00 SHARP at 600 N. Clark St. to board the tour bus. We will leave about 5 p.m and have a comfort stop on the way home for food.

*Want to be scared silly before you go? Read the book, Devil in the White City by Erik Larson.*

**December 6**

**DECEMBER IN  
DOWNTOWN  
CHICAGO**



The holidays are always fun in downtown Chicago; seeing the Christkindle Market, holiday windows of Macy's (formerly Marshall Fields) and the beautifully decorated stores along the Magnificent Mile. If you aren't a shopper, one can visit the Art Institute, Skydeck at Willis Tower, the Museum of Science and Industry and Shedd Aquarium. Lunch at the top of the Hancock Building is always a treat, but there are many fabulous restaurants in the area.

We'll board the Amtrak train at 6:30 a.m. and return on the 7'o'clock train, arriving at 10:20.

Cost is \$46 and Lois Bloechle is the trip leader, 217-638-9000.

**January 9 - 2018**

**St. Louis Blues  
Hockey Game**



St. Louis Blues vs. the Florida Panthers

An early sign up gets you two games for the price of one; the second is a free ticket to the preseason game on Oct. 1. Please try to sign up at the September sign up party as this trip has room for only 15 people.

Cost: \$85

**February 3 - 2018**

*Cruzan Rum Taste of Soulard*

Try a little bit of everything Cajun at this self-guided tasting and pub crawl through the historic French neighborhood of St. Louis. Tickets include a Cruzan Rum drink voucher and six food vouchers from participating neighborhood bars and restaurants. A free trolley runs on Saturdays so we can get to all corners of the neighborhood

We leave Springfield at 9 am and return at 8 pm

Cost: \$63 • Price after 9/17, \$69

**March 3 - 2018**

*A Thrilling Night At*  
**LEMP  
MANSION**



Enjoy a three- course dinner in St. Louis and before that, watch the ghost cam to see if you are brave enough to go!! Lempmansion.com. CNN has listed this building at Number 5 for one of the spookiest buildings in the world!! I DARE YOU TO JOIN ME! Trip leader: Jennifer Shrake  
Cost: \$100, depart at 5 pm. and returning after dark.

# RIVER CRUISE “Christmas Markets Along The Danube” Vienna, Austria to Nuremberg, Germany

**NOVEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 2, 2017**

Trip Price: Between \$2,300-\$2,400 per person (double occupancy)

Single Supplements are not available

Trip Leader: Joan Gardner • Limited to 32 people



Immerse yourself in Germany's and Austria's traditions as you cruise the beautiful Danube River, visiting enchanting Christmas Markets along the way. Enjoy selections from colorful food stalls, including Bratwurst, mulled wines, sweets and pastries. Find beautiful handmade ornaments and other fine crafts. Watch local groups as they present live music, chorale offerings, and Nativity scenes - be swept up in the warm, happy spirit of the season all around you!



## Included:

- All transportation including bus to/from O'Hare, round trip air flights, and all transfers to and from ship
- 9 days, 7 of which are spent on board the river ship the M/S Aria (Unpack only once!)
- 21 meals (7breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners)
- Complimentary wine, beer, soft drinks
- 4 city tours (Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau, Melk,) plus time in Linz and Vienna, up to 6 Christmas Markets
- 5 exclusive Discovery Series Events and lectures: Engineering Innovations & River Travel, German Language Lesson, Regensburg Concert, Stollen cooking demonstration, German Christmas Traditions discussion
- Dedicated Program Director to accompany you every day, who will provide insider's knowledge and perspective, to enrich your experience.
- Gratuities for local guides and bus drivers.

Optional Tours: Salzburg, the Sound of Music City Musical Vienna

Pre-trip to Vienna and/or post-trip to Munich can be arranged on your own through

Grand Circle Travel at \$545.00 for each trip.

**Learn more and watch free Videos about this trip at [www.GCT.com](http://www.GCT.com)**

Deposit at sign-up, April 23, 2017: \$600.00

**AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION**

**Passports must be valid for 6 months after the return date for international travel**

2nd Payment due 5/23/17 \$600.00

3rd Payment due 6/23/17 \$600.00

4th Payment due 7/23/17 \$600.00 (may be adjusted up or down depending on finalization of costs)

### Cancellation Policy

Cancel more than 90 days prior to trip, \$325.00  
60-89 days prior, pay 10% of trip cost; 30-59 days prior, 65%; less than 30 days prior to trip, pay 100%.  
The Ski Club strongly recommends the purchase of trip insurance.

**SPRINGFIELD SKI CLUB**  
**Membership Application**  
**May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018**

Amount \$ _____
Date: _____
ID# _____
<b>(Club Use Only)</b>

(Mail the completed form along with your check to Springfield Ski Club, P.O. Box 1146, Springfield, IL. 62705)

<b>Membership and Directory Information</b>	
Full Name _____	Category Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> S.K.I. <input type="checkbox"/>
Address _____	
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____	
Home Phone ( ____ ) ____ - ____ Cell Phone ( ____ ) ____ - ____	
Email Address _____	
Type <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	
Check for listing in Club Directory <input type="checkbox"/> Home Address <input type="checkbox"/> Email Address <input type="checkbox"/> Home Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone <input type="checkbox"/>	

All members will receive two printed full Snowjourners each year, and 10 electronically. To receive a printed copy of the 2 page version for the other 10 months, check the box here:

<b>Primary Membership Information</b>		
First Name _____	MI _____	Last Name _____

<b>Membership and Dues – Non-Refundable</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Individual (over age 21)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Family (Spouses and Children under age 21)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Reciprocal Membership (must be member of one of the following clubs (Indicate with a ✓))
<input type="checkbox"/> Bloomington
<input type="checkbox"/> Champaign
<input type="checkbox"/> Peoria
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Member (must be member for 25 consecutive years)

<b>Club Interests (Check all that interest you):</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Activities (Party Chairperson, Volunteer at Parties)
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership (Volunteer at Sign Up Parties)
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service (Volunteer at Charity Events)
<input type="checkbox"/> Trip Leader for Ski and/or Day Trips
<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Coordinator (Billiards, Bowling, Golf, Tennis)
<input type="checkbox"/> Skier Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

How did you discover our Club? (i.e., Friend, Website, Radio Ad, Club event) \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership and Family Data:**

Name of Each Individual (include yourself)	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Adult/ Child	Sex	Single/ Married

Anyone 21 years of age and older, after 2014 - 2017 Directory, is eligible for membership in the Springfield Ski Club. Family membership is one or two adults in the same household and their children. (See Bylaws, Article IV, pages 15 and 16 of 2014 - 2017 Directory. This membership entitles you to membership in the Ski Council of Illinois (S.K.I.)

In applying for Springfield Ski 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 Club, its agents, officers, Executive Board or members liable for any accident or injury to myself or for any loss of damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.	
Signature _____	Date: _____

**SPRINGFIELD SKI 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: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Deposit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.”