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SPRINGFIELD MOTORBOAT CLUB

April 18, 2024

**NEW START TIME!**

5:30pm - ???

## DINING OUT



Thursday, April 4, 2024

Cocktails at 5:30

Dinner at 6:00

312 Sattley St. | Rochester, IL

Reservations are required by noon on  
Monday, April 1, 2024

Don Broughton, Dining Out Chairman  
Brought617@gmail.com

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# ATTENTION

## ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

By now, you should have received your 2024/2025 Membership Renewal Applications. Please sign and date the form and send it to PO BOX 1146, Springfield, IL, 62705 as soon as possible. A new membership card will then be mailed to you. YOU MUST have a 2024/2025 membership card to sign up for any trips or activities.

### LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP:

Lifetime members, it is important that you renew your membership before April 30, 2024. You are exempt from dues however, in order to retain lifetime status, you must return the signed and dated renewal application by April 30, 2024

# 2024 SUMMER PICNIC

## JUNE 20TH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The annual summer picnic at Larry Michaud's lake home is planned for June 20th. This is always a highlight of our summer events! The attendance is always great, and this is an excellent event in which to earn volunteer hours.

We will be needing several people to help in the following areas: directing cars to park, setting up tables and chairs, serving food, and cleaning up after the event. You may volunteer at the April 6th sign-up party, or by contacting Tim Phillips at [filup66@sbcglobal.net](mailto:filup66@sbcglobal.net), or by texting at 217-741-2400.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As a friendly reminder the SSTC Bylaws call for the election of Board members each year at the April Sign-Up Party and Meeting. I urge you to support your current Board members and be sure and vote at our annual meeting and Sign-up Party on April 6, 2024, at the Aqua Club beginning at 5:00 pm.

The nominating committee has recommended and endorsed the following candidates for the open and returning Board positions:

Debi Barr-Holquist . . . . . President	Dave Trapp . . . . . Treasurer	Jan Freeman . . . . . VP Day Trips
Mary Schackmann . . . . . Executive VP	Sue Monteyne . . . . . VP Membership	Mary Lou Jackson . . . . . VP Events
Kristi Sitki . . . . . Secretary	Nancy Chesley . . . . . VP Tours	Ruth Kopec . . . . . VP Ski Trips

Many many thanks to the retiring Board Members: Ruth Kopec, Secretary – now running for VP Ski Trips, Theresa Watkin, Treasurer, Rich Jachino, VP Ski Trips, and Joyce Ludwig, VP Events. All of their fabulous contributions are very much appreciated. Please give them a great big thanks when you see them!

(FYI: There are remaining positions on the Board that are appointed after the election by the President. These positions include Happy Hour Chairperson, Community Service Chairperson, Newsletter Chairperson, S.K.I Kouncil Representative, Sports Chairperson, Dining Out Chairperson, and Webmaster.

P.S. Consider being a Board member in the upcoming years. It is a blast!

The April Sign-Up party also offers a wonderful slate of activities and travel opportunities: Scandinavia; Michael Jackson Tribute Band; Tour to Arthur, Illinois; Tour to Chicago, Trip to Alton/St. Louis to see the Lock and Dam along with the Arch. In the meantime, we have a Brewpub tour to Decatur with Tim Phillips.

At your service,

**Debi Barr-Holquist**

President

Springfield Ski & Travel Club

## Election of the 2024 Springfield Ski and Travel Club Officers

**As Executive Vice President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, we are pleased to recommend and endorse the following slate of candidates for the SSTC Executive Board for the 2024/2025 year.**

President	<i>Debi Barr-Holquist</i>
Executive Vice President	<i>Mary Schackmann</i>
Secretary	<i>Kristi Sitki</i>
Treasurer	<i>David Trapp</i>
Vice President for Membership	<i>Sue Monteyne</i>
Vice President of Tour Trips	<i>Nancy Chesley</i>
Vice President for Activities	<i>Mary Lou Jackson</i>
Vice President for Day Trips	<i>Jan Freeman</i>
Vice President for Ski Trips	<i>Ruth Kopec</i>

- Election of the Officers for the Springfield Ski and Travel Club 2024 will be held in addition to the Sign-Up party, April 6th, 2024 at the Aqua Club, 1 Club Area, Springfield, Il.
- Voting will be open from 5:00 p.m. until 6:15 p.m.

*Looking forward to another active and strong executive board with this slate of candidates.*

Mary Schackmann  
Executive Vice President

Per Article V, Election of Officers, Section 1 -Once the slate has been presented and no less than 30 days prior to the announced election date, any member in good standing may submit their name to the Executive Vice President for inclusion on the ballot as a candidate for one of the elected positions. Thirty days prior to April 6th is March 7th. Please notify Mary Schackmann, Executive Vice President, if you wish your name to also be included on the ballot for any of the positions listed above. Send your notification to [sstcquestions@springfieldskiclub.org](mailto:sstcquestions@springfieldskiclub.org)

# 2024 ELECTED OFFICERS



## **PRESIDENT**

### **Debi Barr-Holquist**

The Springfield Ski and Travel Club has had an explosion of growth this past year. With the addition of 76 new members, the club now has the highest membership in the last 10 years!

Many thanks to all club members, board members, and volunteers for helping grow this club to such a high level!

My SSTC resume includes 2 years as the VP Tours and 1 year as President. I am hoping to be allowed to stay in your service as President to further expand membership, travel opportunities, sporting events, day trips and exceptional social activities/parties for all members.



## **EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

### **Mary Schackmann**

It is a privilege to be a part of our "all volunteer" club. I have served on the executive board as VP of Membership as well as the Executives Vice President. After every trip meticulously organized by this club, I come home with the feeling that I have been on a trip of a

lifetime. Peru was spectacular. Serving on this board is my way of saying thank you to everyone that has donated their time and talent.



## **SECRETARY**

### **Kristi Sitki**

My husband and I have been members of SSTC for 3 years and are thrilled to be part of this wonderful organization. In the past 3 years, we have traveled to Aruba, Croatia with upcoming trips to Mexico and northern Italy planned for later this year. As a recent

retired nurse from Memorial, I hope to increase participation in the club and would be honored to serve as secretary.



## **TREASURER**

### **Dave Trapp**

I'm Dave Trapp, seeking the treasurer's position. My wife DiAnn and I have been SSTC members for over 25 years, joining for the Big Sky trip to Montana. After likely a dozen wonderful trips to Europe, Canada, Alaska, Iceland & Peru throughout the years, I'm ready

to step up and try to give something back in return. A lifelong central Illinois resident, I'm retired from a 35 year electrical contracting business.



## **VP FOR MEMBERSHIP**

### **Sue Monteyne**

I am seeking re-election as VP for Membership. It has been my privilege to serve in this position for the last year and such a pleasure meeting new people and getting to know previous members better at club happy hours, activities and trips. It would be an honor to continue to serve in this position.



## **VP OF TOUR TRIPS**

### **Nancy Chesley**

I am asking for your support as Vice-President of Tour Trips for a second year. I have enjoyed exploring new destinations with our club members. My goal is to continue to develop exciting and affordable packages for our independent, active travelers.



## **VP FOR SKI TRIPS**

### **Ruth Kopec**

For the past two years, I have proudly served as the Secretary for our Club. I have recently retired after 40+ years in Nursing and am looking forward to exploring the many opportunities being a member of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club offers.



## **VP FOR ACTIVITIES**

### **Mary Lou Jackson**

My name is Mary Lou Jackson. I am a retired special education teacher who loves to play pickleball, camp, travel, dance, and plan social gatherings. I joined the Ski and Travel Club in 2017 and look forward to chairing the Activities Committee and having fun with all the friends I've made in this club!!



## **VP DAY FOR DAY TRIPS**

### **Jan Freeman**

I joined the Ski & Travel Club in 2019 to go on the England Scotland trip. Since that time, I enjoyed great trips with the Club to Portugal, Iceland, and Peru. I like traveling with the Club because I see all the friends I've met through these trips at other Club events, such as Day Trips! I served as Executive VP

last year and VP of Day Trips this year and I'm running for VP of Day Trips to continue (with a great committee and day trip leaders) to plan and provide fun trips for members to enjoy.

## Sign-Up Procedures for Trips Offered at the SSTC Sign-Up Party, April 6, 2024

Board members, trip leaders and 10 volunteer hour certificate holders may sign up early for tour trips or day trips by hand delivering the requirements listed below directly to the trip leader.

- DO NOT MAIL...applications and checks have been delayed or lost causing missed deadlines.
- Please call or text the trip leader before you deliver to make sure they are home.

### 10 Volunteer Hour Service Certificate

- The cutoff for earning submitting volunteer hours is 14 days prior to the sign up, which is March 23, 2024.
- A minimum of two weeks prior to the sign-up party, a member must request their 10 hour service certificate from the Executive Vice President, [sstcquestions@springfieldskiclub.org](mailto:sstcquestions@springfieldskiclub.org)
- The certificate will be **emailed** to the club member. Print the certificate.
- A paper copy of the certificate *must* accompany the trip application.

**Scandinavia** - May 1, 2025, Trip Leader, Pat Chesley, [patchesley@gmail.com](mailto:patchesley@gmail.com), 217-210-1920  
The trip cost is \$6400. See Flier for additional information.

**Day Trips - See Fliers for dates and trip leader information.**

### Procedures for April 6th, day of sign-up

5:00 P.M. Door opens and **sign-up order** numbers are issued. You will be given a card that reflects your name and number order. Hand this to the club member coordinating the sign up for the trip. *Note: this number does not guarantee you a spot on the trip. All trips are on a first come, first serve basis.*

- If you have a 10 volunteer certificate you wish to use and you did not submit it to the trip leader within the 10 days prior to the sign up party, you have immediate access to the trip leader at 5:00.
- Each person may sign up one additional person.

5:15 P.M. Sign up begins and numbers are called. *Once your number is called, you will be granted access to the area where the trip leaders are located.*

6:00 P.M. Food is served. Enjoy.

### Requirements for International Travel Trips:

- Completed and signed SSTC Trip Application form dated **April 6, 2024**
- Copy of passport which includes picture, passport number and date of birth. Passport must be valid for 6 months after the trip return and have at least 3 blank visa pages for international travel
- Deposit check dated **April 6, 2024** made payable to SSTC (the date is important for purchasing trip insurance which must be purchased within 10 days of this date)
- Deposit check amount \$1600



## DAY TRIP TO JOSEPHINE'S TEA ROOM



On March 5th, 38 Ski and Travel Club members went to Josephine's Tea Room in Godfrey, Illinois. We filled our stomachs with delicious food, as well as our hands with packages bought from the several gift shops.

We loaded up on the bus again around 1:00 pm and headed to Aerie's Winery in Grafton to enjoy the beautiful view of where the Mississippi and Illinois rivers meet. We drank wine, snacked from several charcuterie boards, made new friends, and some of us (including our bus driver) played a dice game "You Blew It" in the brand-new banquet center. All in all, we had a fabulous day!!



## Happy Hour LEGACY POINTE EATERY



## 2024 ski club golf League



**When?** Every Wednesday for 18 weeks from May 1<sup>st</sup> thru August 28th; play is @ 2.5 hours or less at assigned starting tee times ranging from 4:00 to 4:40 p.m.

**Where?** The Rail Golf Course near Sherman, IL.

**Cost?** \$35 league fee for each regular player on a 2-person team. For weekly 9-hole play, regular players & substitutes pay \$17 for green fees. Riding carts are optional; if used \$8 per rider.

The Ski Club Wednesday Night golf league plays weekly matches between 2-person teams on a season-long schedule. Team points, team handicaps and league standings are tracked and recorded. The \$35 league fee pays for end-of-season cash awards for team league placement and an EOS meal.

Our golf league is not for beginners; however, both male and female golfers of a range of ability are welcome to sign up solo or in pairs. An average golfer of any age who typically plays a 9-hole round in 2 to 2.5 hours is the ideal golfer for our league. The deadline to join the 2024 Ski Club golf league as a regular golfer on a 2-person team is April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Not up to the weekly commitment over a 4-month season but still enjoy golfing? Then you can sign up to occasionally substitute golf in our league. We are always interested in recruiting golfers to include on our league substitute golfer call list. We can add a new substitute golfer at any time of the year, even mid-season. If interested in golf as a regular or substitute, please email the league coordinator, Mike Green, at mg2904@comcast.net or call his cellphone at (217) 220-9050.

I am the coordinator of the Ski Club's Wednesday night golf league at the Rail. This upcoming season will be my 8th consecutive season (even 2020 the pandemic year) in this capacity. I think our Ski Club golf league at the Rail has become one of the best kept secrets of our club. Through aging, injuries and other health issues, our league has gone from the peak of 32 golfers (16 teams) to the current low of 20 golfers (10 teams) over the last ten years or so.

I am hoping this information will reach all members to make them aware we have this long running golf league as an option for those who currently golf recreationally.

Through email I reach out to all prior season golfers that were on a 2-person team to provide upcoming season information and get responses on their returning status this season.

Without promotion and new player recruitment, our league is in jeopardy of extinction in a handful of years when you consider the trend and the fact that I am the youngest player at the age of 61 this season. I am hoping we can recruit some newer club members that are younger than me and interested in golf.

### Mike Green

Coordinator of SSC  
Wednesday Night Golf League  
(217) 220-9050 (cell)  
mg2904@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE

### Dining Out

May 2, 2024 - Sweet Basil Cafe

Happy Hour

May 16, 2024 - Motorheads

### Summer Picnic

June 20, 2024

### DON'T MISS DAY TRIP!

#### DECATUR BREWERY TRIP

April 13, 2024

Trip Leader: Tim Phillips - (217) 741-2400

fliup66@sbcglobal.net

### 13-Day Northern Italy Tour

May 2-14, 2024

Mike Bloechle - 217-787-1010; m.bloechle@comcast.net

### Prague, Dresden & Berlin Tour

Sept. 27 - Oct. 8, 2024

Mary Harney - 217-725-1443

Bill Bernard - 217-741-4149

wrb2154@gmail.com

### Spectacular Scandinavia

May 1-14, 2025

Pat Chesley

(217) 210-1920

patchesley@gmail.com

## ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President.....	Debi Barr-Holquist
Executive VP.....	Mary Schackmann
Treasurer.....	Teresa Watkin
Secretary.....	Ruth Kopec
VP for Membership.....	Sue Monteyne
VP for Day Trips.....	Jan Freeman
VP for Tour Trips.....	Nancy Chesley
VP for Ski Trips.....	Rich Jachino
VP Events.....	Joyce Ludwig
Finance Chair.....	Carol Johnson
Publicity Chair/Happy Hours Chair ..	Tim Phillips
Dine Out Chair.....	Don Broughton
Snowjourner Editor.....	Amy Dodd
Skier Development.....	Gary Kindred
Community Service.....	Ed Huntley
Sports Director.....	Jean Courtney-Jacobs
Webmaster.....	Lois Bloechle

## APRIL Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Rebecca Hood	1	Michael Rogers	8	Mary Lou Jackson	24
Paula Root	1	Michael Malson	9	Julie Bertagnolli	24
Mary J. Thomas	3	Sharon Robertson	12	Jerry Parsons	26
Mike Hamende	3	Michael Sizemore	12	Alan Merriman	26
Paula Hermes	3	Kathy Bacon	13	Mario Ortega	26
Spencer Shipley	4	Cheryl Luttrell	14	Trudy Malkey	26
Victoria Greenan	4	Gail Maxeiner	15	Steve Washko Jr.	27
Jeri Lynne Wright	5	Liz Logsdon (2012)	15	Dave Waltrip	28
Joyce Merriman	5	Harold Hale	15	Rick Schramm	28
Linda Kelly	7	Diane Osman	18	Dennis Bomke	30
Kathryn Hanlon	7	Don Stefancic	18	Gina Sullivan	30
Pennie Stevens	8	Deb Stahl	19	Patricia Staab	30
Laura Coleman	8	Peggy Kane	21		

## ADOPT-A-STREET CLEANUP

Saturday April 13, 2024 | Meet at 9:00 am

St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot  
on West Washington

## APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Dining Out Nesty's		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Decatur Brewery Day Trip Adopt-A-Street Clean up
				Board Meeting		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				Happy Hour Springfield Motorboat Club		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## **DON'T FORGET SPRING SIGN-UP PARTY**

The Spring Sign-Up Party is scheduled for April 6th, 2024, at the Aqua Club, 1 Club Area Lane, Springfield, IL.

Sign-up for the trips and day trips will open at 5:00pm. A cash bar will be available at that time followed by food served at 6:00pm.

No need to eat prior to attending as pulled pork sliders, smoked chicken wings, a dessert, and other sides will be served.

Service hours can be earned by assisting with setup and clean up.

If you are interested in earning service hours, please contact Joyce Ludwig asap by texting or calling 217-725-9125.

## **4 Day Trips Will Be Offered at the Sign-Up Party April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Announcing: we are offering sign-up for the following day trips at the Sign-up Party April 6. Look for detailed information on each trip in this newsletter (also on our website). Please plan to bring a separate check for each trip that you plan to sign up for.

- **Evening with Michael Jackson Tribute Band at the Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater in Decatur**  
Friday June 28 - \$104; Patty Kates & Nancy Huston, *Co Trip Leaders*
- **Amish Adventure**  
Saturday, July 13 - \$87; Wendy Schluter, *Trip Leader*
- **Ride the Rails! Cruise the River! Explore Chicago!**  
Friday, August 23, \$117; Patti Pace-Halpin & David Halpin, *Co Trip Leaders*
- **Lewis & Clark Adventure**  
Friday, September 13 - \$66; Rich Bergt, *Trip Leader*

Kudos to the Day Trip Committee and the trip leaders who made these trips possible. Thanks goes to Joyce Metz, Mary Lou Jackson, Sheryl Friedrich, Wendy Schluter, Nancy Huston, Patty Kates, Rich Bergt, Patti Pace-Halpin and David Halpin.

## **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](http://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!*

# 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](http://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.

## 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 Snowjourner 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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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## **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:** Decatur Brewpub Tour
- WHEN:** Saturday, April 13, 2024 leaving **Lowe's, 2560 N Dirksen Parkway** at 1 PM and returning by 6 PM
- TRIP LEADER:** Tim Phillips, 217-741-2400 [filup66@sbcglobal.net](mailto:filup66@sbcglobal.net)  
628 Old Tippecanoe Drive, Springfield, IL 62711
- COST:** \$58 Must have 23 participants for the trip to be a go.
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Cost of party bus transportation and mini sandwiches and snacks
- FOOD:** Arrange to eat lunch on your own prior to boarding the party bus. The breweries do not serve food, therefore we will bring mini sandwiches and snacks.
- ACTIVITIES:** \*Plans are to visit 3 local breweries in Decatur: Golden Fox Brewery, Decatur Brew Works and Door 4 Brewing Company.

**SOLD Out Join the Waitlist**



### **CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:**

- \*If you have to cancel and a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are made after the trip is completed.
- \*If you have to cancel and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued.



## SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

**TITLE:** Evening with Michael Jackson Tribute Band at the Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater in Decatur

**There will be some stair climbing for dinner accommodations and to reach terrace seating at the amphitheater.**

**WHEN:** Friday, June 28, 2024 leaving Meijer at 3:00 p.m. and returning after the concert approximately 11 p.m.

**TRIP LEADERS:** Patty Kates 217-454-6905 [patty.kates@outlook.com](mailto:patty.kates@outlook.com)  
Nancy Huston 217-652-8501 [nancycdw@aol.com](mailto:nancycdw@aol.com)

**COST:** \$104 Minimum 30 participants, maximum 40 participants

**TRIP INCLUDES:** Concert ticket – reserved seating on a Terrace with artificial grass.  
Private chartered round trip bus transportation.

**FOOD:** We will stop for dinner at Coney McKain's American Eatery in downtown Decatur prior to the show. The price of your meal is not included.

**BRING:** **Your own lawn chair for seating.**



### **CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:**

\*Cancel by April 20, 2024 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

\*Cancel after April 20, 2024 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

\*Cancel after April 20, 2024 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued. **Refunds** are made after the trip is completed.



## SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

- TITLE:** AMISH ADVENTURE IN ARTHUR
- WHEN:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 leaving Meijer at 8:00 AM and returning approximately 5:30 PM
- TRIP LEADER:** Wendy Schluter, 217-415-4764 [schluter.wendy@yahoo.com](mailto:schluter.wendy@yahoo.com)
- COST:** \$87 Must have 36 participants for the trip to be a go.
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, hop on tour guide and buffet luncheon at Yoder's.
- ACTIVITIES:** Stops at markets and shops.



### **CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:**

- \*Cancel by April 20, 2024 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- \*Cancel after April 20, 2024 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- \*Cancel after April 20, 2024 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued. **Refunds** are made after the trip is completed.



## SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

**TITLE:** Ride the Rails! Cruise the River! Explore Chicago!

**This trip has a potential for a lot of walking and stairs.**

**WHEN:** Friday, August 23, 2024 leaving Springfield Amtrak Station at 6:11 AM and returning at 10:30 PM

**TRIP LEADERS:** Patti Pace-Halpin, 217-725-1199, [pacehalpin@aol.com](mailto:pacehalpin@aol.com) & David Halpin, 217-725-6588

**COST:** \$117 Must have 20 participants for the trip to be a go.

**TRIP INCLUDES:** Round trip Amtrak ticket; all day water taxi ticket; 90 minute architecture boat cruise; access to exhibits at the Chicago Architecture Center (no meals are included).

**ACTIVITIES:** After arrival at Union Station in Chicago, the group will take a water taxi to the riverwalk area. Arrangements will be made to have lunch nearby then take an afternoon architecture cruise and to see exhibits in the Chicago Architecture Center.

There will be several hours to shop or explore Chicago on your own. Patti will gladly lead those interested in visiting the Willis Tower Skydeck (approximately \$36). Perhaps you would be interested in going to Navy Pier to enjoy Centennial Wheel or other attractions. Shop or enjoy sightseeing on your way back to Union Station for our 7:10 train back to Springfield.



### **CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:**

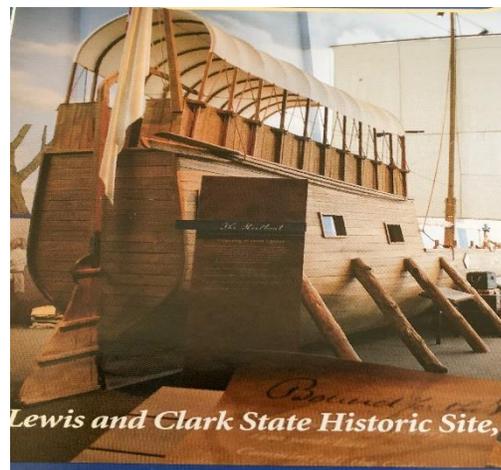
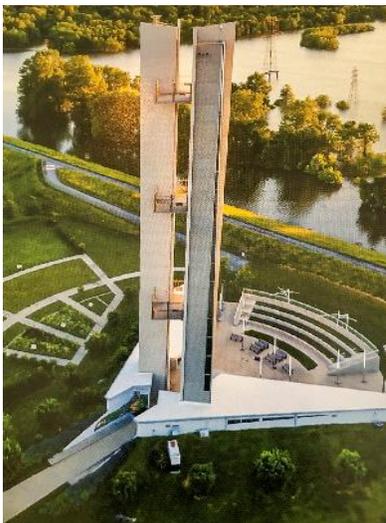
- \*Cancel by April 20, 2024 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- \*Cancel after April 20, 2024 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- \*Cancel after April 20, 2024 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued. **Refunds** are made after the trip is completed.



## SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

- TITLE:** LEWIS & CLARK ADVENTURE
- WHEN:** Friday, September 13, 2024 leaving Meijer at 9:00 AM and returning approximately 8:30 PM
- TRIP LEADER:** Rich Bergt, 217-341-8225 [spfidsleepless@yahoo.com](mailto:spfidsleepless@yahoo.com)
- PRICE:** \$66 Minimum 30 participants for the trip to be a go. (maximum 40 participants)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus and fee to tour Confluence Tower
- ACTIVITIES:**
- \*Tour Melvin Price Lock & Dam (Alton, IL)
  - \*Tour Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower (Hartford, IL)
  - \*See Lewis & Clark point of departure at Camp Dubois
  - \*Tour St. Louis Arch (6 galleries free of charge) Optional Tram tower and optional movie at your expense. We will be at the Arch approximately 1 1/2 hours.
- FOOD:** Bring a sack lunch and we will picnic along the way. We will provide water. We plan to stop for dinner at Bandanna's BBQ (at your own expense).



### **CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:**

- \*Cancel by April 20, 2024 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- \*Cancel after April 20, 2024 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- \*Cancel after April 20, 2024 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued. **Refunds** are made after the trip is completed.

## SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB 13-DAY NORTHERN ITALY TOUR

**WHEN: MAY 2-14, 2024**

**TRIP LEADER: Michael Bloechle – 1-217-787-1010 OR [m.bloechle@comcast.net](mailto:m.bloechle@comcast.net)**

### PRICE:

- **Air and Land - \$5400\*/person - double occupancy**
- **Land Only - \$4300\*/person - double occupancy**
- **Single Supplement - \$1700\* (five singles available)**  
\*Special Note: Prices are based on Vendor's best estimate, current airfare/fuel charges and the current exchange rate of the Euro. Each of these costs are subject to change before final purchase.
- Minimum number of participants is 30; maximum is 40

### TRIP INCLUDES:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport.
- Air transportation between Chicago-Munich and Milan-Chicago (Airfare is estimated and subject to change.)
- Hotels for 12 nights (3 nights in Bolzano, 3 nights in Venice, 2 nights in Bologna, 2 nights in Verona, 2 nights in Como). **Actual hotels may change based on availability.**
- Airport transfer, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change.
- Full time local tour guide and whispers.
- Buffet breakfast each day.
- Four lunches.
- Italian Welcome & Farewell Dinners.
- Three-course dinner in Venice.
- Gratuities for all group activities.
- Private modern A/C coach throughout the trip.
- Private boat transfers in Venice from coach terminal to hotel and vice versa.



**VENICE**

### PAYMENTS:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Payment due at sign-up event - \$2400**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 6/23/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1600 for single**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 8/25/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1600 for single**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Payment due 10/27/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1500 for single**

**The final payment (including land-only fees) may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator, 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 AND VACCINATION CARDS:** 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 and have at least 3 blank visa pages for international travel.** ALSO SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION CARD SHOWING DATES FOR VACCINES AND BOOSTERS.

#### **Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only):**

- Cancel by April 29, 2023 – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between April 29, 2023, and June 23, 2023 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between June 24, 2023, and July 24, 2023 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel after July 24, 2023 – 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.**

### **Activities:**

- Arrive in Munich, cross the beautiful alpine landscape of Bavaria and Austria to reach Bolzano with a stop in Innsbruck for lunch.
- Visit the Dolomite landscape.
- Travel the south Tyrolean wine road to Venice.
- Guided tour of Venice – Doge’s Palace, St. Mark Square and the Rialto Bridge.
- Private boat excursions to Murano and Burano Islands.
- Visit to a glass blowing factory in Murano.
- Half-day guided tours in Bolzano, Venice, Bologna, Sirmione, Verona and Como.
- Visit to a Parmesan Cheese factory with tasting in Modena/Bologna area.
- Guided tour of Bologna – see the porticos, monuments and towers of what UNESCO has defined as the best-preserved medieval center in the world.
- Visit the Scaligero Castle and the ancient thermal baths in Sirmione.
- Visit Juliet’s house with the famous balcony in Verona.
- Full-day guided tour in Lake Como.
- Cruise Lake Como to Bellagio.
- And a little time to explore this area on your own!!!



**LAKE COMO**

### **HOTELS: (Subject to change based on availability)**

- Bolzano – 3 nights at the 4-star Hotel Stadt
- Venice – 3 nights at the 4-star Hotel Indigo Sant-Elena
- Bologna – 2 nights at the 4-star Starhotels Majestic
- Verona – 2 nights at the 4-star Hotel Indigo des Arts
- Como – 2 nights at the 4-star Hotel Metropole and Suisse

**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 PRAGUE, DRESDEN & BERLIN TOUR

**WHEN:** September 27 – October 9, 2024

**TRIP LEADER:** Mary Harney, 217-725-1443  
Bill Bernard, 217-741-4149  
Email: wrb2154@gmail.com

### PRICE:

- Air and Land - \$4,750\*/person - double occupancy
- Land Only - \$3,650\*/person - double occupancy
- Single Supplement - \$850\*/person (six singles available)  
\*Special Note: Prices are based on Vendor's best estimate of current airfare/fuel charges and the current exchange rate of the Euro (1 EUR = \$1.11). Each of these costs is subject to change before final purchase.
- Minimum number of participants is 21; maximum number of participants is 40.

### TRIP INCLUDES:

- \* Bus transportation to and from Lambert Airport, St. Louis, MO
- \* Air transportation between St. Louis – Prague and Berlin – St. Louis (airfare is estimated and subject to change.)
- \* Deluxe motorcoach throughout as per itinerary including all necessary fees, all taxes and charges for ground services
- \* English speaking tour escort throughout from Prague airport to arrival in Berlin on October 5 (7 days)
- \* Hotel for 11 nights including portorage of luggage in/out (4 nights in Prague, 3 nights in Dresden, 4 nights in Berlin)
- \* Daily European breakfast buffet at hotels
- \* Welcome dinner, 3-course dinner or buffet dinner at hotel
- \* Bohemian Folklore dinner at local restaurant in Prague including beverages
- \* Vltava Dinner Cruise for 2 ½ hours including buffet and welcome drink
- \* 3-course dinner at local restaurant in Dresden
- \* 3-course lunch including 1 glass of wine at Restaurant Vincenz Richter in Meissen, Germany
- \* Farewell dinner at a typical German local restaurant in Berlin
- \* Entrance fees and tours to all listed activities
- \* Audio headsets for all city tours



PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

### PAYMENTS:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Payment due at sign-up event on 9/9/23 - \$1200
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 11/9/23 - \$1200 per person double or \$1500 for single
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 01/9/24 - \$1200 per person double or \$1450 for single
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Payment due 03/09/24 - \$1150 per person double or \$1450 for single
- The final payment (including land-only fees) may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator, 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, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION.  
Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date.

### Activities:

- Arrive in Prague and enjoy a private motor coach drive to our hotel where we will enjoy a welcome dinner.
- Full-day tour of Prague including the Historic Center, Old Town and Republic Square, Powder Tower, Tyn Church, Royal Way, Clam-Gallas and Kinsky Palaces and more. In the evening enjoy a marvelous cruise on the Vltava River which includes dinner.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> day – tour of Prague visiting many famous places on the left bank of the Vltava River including Hradčany Castle, Church of St. Nicholas, Lennon Peace Wall and the Charles Bridge. Dinner at the hotel.
- Optional half-day tour in Prague.
- While traveling from Prague to Dresden tour Terezin including a tour of Terezin Concentration Camp led by an expert guide. Also stop in the picturesque valley of České středohoří highlands in Zubrnice where we will enjoy an open-air museum and the Church of St. Mari Magdalena.
- Half-day guided tour of Dresden. Enjoy a drive through the romantic river landscape of the Elbe, past three palaces and vineyards. Cross over the historic bridge, “The Blue Wonder.” Stop at Pfund’s Dairy. Experience a walk through the city seeing the famous Semper Opera House and Bruhl’s Terrace, also known as the “Balcony of Europe.”
- Explore Meissen with our local guide. Discover porcelain manufacturing and the artisan district. Experience a special lunch at the famous wine-restaurant Vincenz Richter.
- Take a walking tour of the city of Luther, Wittenberg, on our way to the historic German city of Berlin.
- Guided sightseeing and orientation of Berlin including Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, remains of the Berlin Wall, Museum Island, Brandenburg Gate and more.
- Excursion to Potsdam to visit the famous Cecilienhof Palace and other sights.
- Visit Sachsenhausen memorial camp followed by a free afternoon in Berlin.
- Farewell dinner in one of Berlin’s beer hall restaurants.

### HOTELS (Subject to change based on availability)

Prague – Hotel Adria, 4\* (Wenceslas Square), Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2024

Dresden – Hotel Amedia Plaza, 4\*, Oct. 2-5, 2024

Berlin – B&B Hotel Alexanderplatz, 4\*, October 5-9, 2024



DRESDEN, GERMANY

**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.

### Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only):

Cancel by September 29, 2023 – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between September 30, 2023, and October 31, 2023 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between November 1, 2023, and December 1, 2023 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel after December 1, 2023 – 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.**

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Payment due at sign-up - \$1,600 per person double, \$2,000 single**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 6/9/24 - \$1,600 per person double, \$1,900 single**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 8/9/24 - \$1,600 per person double, \$1,900 single**
- **4<sup>th</sup> 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

**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. Travellers 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 maximum coverage.

### 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 & 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](http://www.springfieldskiclub.org)

Questions may be directed to [sstquestions@springfieldskiclub.org](mailto: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 <b>Each</b> 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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_