

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



DINING OUT

There will be no dining out this month due to the 4th of July holiday.

See you in August!

JOIN US FOR
Happy Hour



CASA REAL

COCINA MEXICANA

1121 Lincolnshire Blvd

New Member Meet & Greet!

July 18, 2024 | 5:00pm - ???

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Summertime!

The SSTC welcomed summer in with a sun-filled summer picnic on a bright shiny solstice day at Larry Michaud's picturesque lakeside property! Despite the warm weather, we had a very successful turnout for an excellent chicken dinner. We exceeded last year's record-breaking attendance and had over 170 members attend the annual SSTC summer picnic.

Many, many thanks to Larry Michaud for hosting SSTC summer picnic and providing a beautiful venue for our special event!

A really big thank you to Tim Phillips, Happy Hour Chairperson/Summer Picnic Chair for putting together a phenomenal record-breaking picnic. He brought together a volunteer staff of 30+ and even had a waiting list for additional volunteers!

With the assistance of Amy Dodd, we instituted a reservation system to provide an accurate headcount to the caterer, ensuring we had enough food for everyone. Thanks to everyone in following the directions to make a reservation. With the exploding membership and event participation, it sure helped the picnic committee in providing this epic picnic.

It was just so great to see everyone and enjoy the company of fellow SSTC members!

Thanks to Jan Freeman, VP Day Trips and her committee for offering a new awesome Day Trip to the Missouri Botanical Garden's annual Garden Glow with a stop at Favazza's on the Hill. This trip filled up immediately and is scheduled to go November 23rd.

Thanks to Nancy Chesley, VP Tours and her committee for offering two new trips. These two trips were just approved by the Board and first offered at the summer picnic. Please take a look at the winter trip to Cabo San Lucas Mexico for an all-inclusive resort at a stunning world-famous iconic beach. This trip is scheduled for January 26, 2025 to February 1, 2025. Sign-up begins at the Fall Sign Up Party being held September 7th. Trip leaders are Mary Schackmann and Deon Bishop.

The second trip being offered is to the Pacific Northwest along the Columbia and Snake Rivers. The flyer was introduced at the summer picnic and is being offered for September 14 – 21, 2025. An exciting tour starts in Portland, Oregon and ending in Spokane, Washington.

Larry Michaud has graciously extended an invitation to SSTC members to watch the Rock the Dock fireworks from his property on July 5th from 7:30 to 9:30. Bring your chair and cooler!

Stay tuned for the fantastic Christmas Party planned at the Inn at 835. Reservations beginning at the Fall Signup Party!

At your service,

Debi Barr-Holquist

President

Springfield Ski & Travel Club

PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRIP

Join your SSTC friends for an exciting adventure in the Pacific Northwest during September of 2025 as we explore the highlights of the Columbia and Snake Rivers, covering the region from Portland, Oregon, to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and on to Spokane, Washington.

Among other things, we'll see Mt. Hood up close; visit the Columbia River Gorge, taking in Multnomah Falls and the Bonneville Lock and Dam; go on a jet boat trip into Hells Canyon on the Snake River; and ride in a gondola over the iconic Spokane Falls. For more details, please see the flyer in this Snowjourner. Hope you'll sign up and join us!

SAVE THE DATE

HAPPY HOUR - OBED & ISSAC'S

August 15, 2024

In conjunction with Bocce Ball

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

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

Amish Adventure in Arthur

July 13, 2024

Trip Leader: Wendy Schluter, 217-415-4764,
schluter.wendy@yahoo.com

EXPLORE CHICAGO

August 23, 2024

Trip leaders: Patti-Pace Halpin, 217-725-1199, pacehalpin@aol.com
David Halpin, 217-725-6588

Lewis & Clark Adventure

September 13, 2024

Trip leader: Rich Bergt, 217-341-8225, spfldsleepless@yahoo.com

ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President.....Debi Barr-Holquist
 Executive VP..... Mary Schackmann
 Treasurer.....Dave Trapp
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 VP for Tour Trips.....Nancy Chesley
 VP for Ski Trips..... Ruth Kopeck
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 Skier Development..... Gary Kindred
 Community Service..... Ed Huntley
 Sports Director Jean Courtney-Jacobs
 WebmasterLois Bloechle

JULY Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Theresa Watkin	2	Christine Reed	14	Cynthia Jones	23
Ruth Hook	2	Bernie Coleman	16	John Sronce	26
Pat Mclean	3	Dan Lilly	16	Craig Neighbors	27
Janet R Mark	3	Jaylene Thicksten	16	Roger Ryan	28
Michael Bloechle	5	Sharon Purcell	17	Edgar Caupert	29
Franklin Weinkauf	5	Erika Fuhrmann	21	Shirley Cowles	31
Amanda Cunningham	5	Linda Papenburg	22	Debbie Fry	31
Lisa Wentworth	5	Suzanne Sronce	22	Patty Elson	31
Curtis E. Meinhardt	5				
Tom Shearer	6				
Darin Werking	7				
Bill Hopkins	9				
James Burke	10				
Dennis Chrans	12				
Greg Cox	12				
Andrew Goleman	12				
Suzanne Meyer	13				
Donald Sutton	13				
Byron Nesbitt	13				
Brian Cummins	14				
Ruth Coleman	14				

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Full Name	Joined	City	State
Lorie Ann Bleyer	6/16/24	Springfield	IL
Kyle & Pamela Bradley	6/16/24	Williamsville	IL
Ed & Judy Wollet	6/16/24	Springfield	IL
Cindy Holler	5/17/24	Springfield	IL
Micki Byers	5/17/24	Springfield	IL
Sascha Millad	5/17/24	Springfield	IL
John & Cathy Atchison	5/17/24	Springfield	IL

JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Board Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Happy Hour Casa Real New Member Meet & Greet	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

BOCCE BALL IS BACK

Bocce Ball is back for the summer. The first night will be held on JUNE 27 at **Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery**
500 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL
Play will begin at 5:30 p.m. sharp!!!

All members are welcome whether you know how to play Bocce Ball or not. Club members will be available to teach newbies. Cheerleaders welcome too! Please let me know if you can attend; however, show ups are not discouraged from attending. Refreshments are available at Obed's or Cider House next door.

Other dates will be JULY 25 and AUGUST 15 at Obed & Isaac's. Volunteers are needed as refs and helpers. Contact me at Jean Courtney-Jacobs at jean.courtney@comcast.net or 217-725-8296
Don't miss out on the fun. See you June 27!!

Jean Courtney Jacobs, Sports Chair



Other volunteers provided a variety of tasks, without which, this event would not have been the success it was. 201 members, 50% of our total membership, reserved to attend, and the unrelenting heat wave only prevented a few from attending. Many thanks to Larry for once again welcoming us to his residence!



Summer Picnic

A highlight of our summer events, the Summer Picnic, was held on June 20 on Larry Michaud's Lake Springfield property. Nelson's Catering provided our dinner, which was served by club volunteers.



Be Our Guest

Bring a guest to the next SSTC Happy Hour!

If you know someone who is interested in our amazing club, why not invite them?

As a general rule, a nonmember may attend two gatherings. Afterwards, we hope they consider membership. Please note because reservations, event planning, cost and capacity are considerations given to major events such as the Christmas Party, participation is offered to members only. Happy Hour is the perfect place to introduce your friends to our incredible club and there is one monthly!

Mary Schackmann, Executive Vice President

BIKING & WALKING ARE BACK

The Springfield Ski and Travel Club will be holding bicycling and walking again this summer. Both events will be 'show and go,' meaning you simply show up and go at the designated time. We head out on time as we have no idea who may/may not show up.

Bicycling will be every Wednesday, beginning on June 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. We will meet in the parking lot at the start of the Centennial Trail, 5751 Bunker Hill Road, Springfield, IL 62711. There may be many levels/speeds of riders but each person is encouraged to set their own comfortable pace in order to enjoy the ride.

Walking will be every Monday, beginning on June 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. We will meet at Washington Park in the Rose Garden parking area.

Both events are at the most comfortable pace for you. This weekly venture could also go well into September depending upon the weather. This is a great way to make acquaintances, meet new friends and get some sunshine and exercise along the way.

Any questions contact me at jean.courtney@comcast.net or 217/725-8296.

Jean Courtney, Sports Director

RIU PALACE BAJA CALIFORNIA

Escape the Midwest winter winds, snow, and frigid temperatures.

From January 26, 2025 to February 1, 2025 enjoy sunny El Medano Beach located on the south end of the Baja California Peninsula. Riu Palace Baja California offers an adult-only all-inclusive experience. What is included in the all-inclusive? All your food, drink, and entertainment!

Start your day with a relaxing beach walk. After a lazy day soaking up the sun and frozen concoctions, choose dinner from a variety of themed restaurants. Fill your evening with the resort's nightly entertainment. Local attractions you may want to explore include whale watching excursions, sunset cruises, snorkeling, scuba diving, or a cruise to the famous Arch of Cabo San Lucas, also known as El Arco or Land's End.

The cost for double occupancy is \$2,400. This price includes your room, all food and beverages, airfare, and transportation to and from the airport in Cabo. Plus, bus transportation has been arranged to and from the St. Louis airport. No need to worry about driving in the winter weather! See the trip flyer for full details. This trip will be offered at the September 7th, sign-up party. Don't forget, those members with a 10 volunteer-hour certificate have early sign-up privileges. Co-trip leaders are Deon Bishop and Mary Schackmann.

DON'T MISS OUT

The current board's goal is to make sure you are in the know!

How do I find out what is scheduled?

- First, an eblast is sent alerting you to an event or activity. An eblast is an email sent to all members. All eblast have SSTC in the subject line.
- Next, the event is promoted on Facebook. Follow us on Facebook. Facebook is used to promote events and is not monitored daily. If you have a question, please contact the board member or trip leader directly. Their contact information is in the eblast or our directory.
- In addition, it is on your website's calendar. www.springfieldskiclub.org. Your newsletter, the Snowjourner, also provides you with events and activities. The Snowjourner is published online at the beginning of each month. An eblast, along with a notice on Facebook lets you know of its availability. If you paid for a mailed copy, it is always sent at the first of the month, and is subject to the priorities of the postal system. Usually there is a delay, and events may have already happened. My advice is be proactive, check other sources.

I'm not getting eblasts. Who should I contact?

- First, check your junk mail. Sometimes, depending on your email system, email is automatically routed there.
- Next, if your email has changed, or you would like an email added, notify the VP of membership. (The email used is the one listed on the membership application)

I have a family membership. Can more than one email be used to receive the eblast?

- Absolutely, just send the additional email addresses to the VP of membership.

Remember, to watch for Eblast, Facebook post, and the website to stay In the Know!

UNDERSTANDING VOLUNTEER HOURS

Have you enjoyed SSTC's monthly dining out, day trips, sporting activities, monthly happy hours, or international travel? Have you enjoyed holiday parties, summer picnics at Larry Michaud's, or an Oktoberfest at Roger Schnelten's?

We are an "all-volunteer" club. These opportunities are a possibility for all club members through the generosity of donating time and talent. Countless hours are spent behind the scenes creating international trips, day trips, parties, processing membership information, publishing the directory, creating fliers, writing Snow-journer articles, processing membership information, choosing venues, hosting parties, and leading activities. *Most importantly volunteer hours are a way for you to get to know other club members, even if you have a lifetime membership.*

Did you know that your volunteer hours can earn you early sign-up privileges at our trip sign-up parties?

Don't miss out. Trips often have limited space. Those members that accumulate 10 volunteer hours will, upon request to the executive vice president at least 14 days prior to the sign-up party, receive this certificate.

When is the next opportunity to use a certificate?

Vice Presidents and Chairpersons are responsible for submitting any hours earned to the executive Vice President. Next sign-up party is September 9th. There are many day trips, sporting activities and an international trip on the horizon. If you checked the volunteer box on the yearly membership application, the Vice President or Chairperson has a list with your name.

Who do I contact to earn volunteer hours?

On your membership application you checked a box indicating your area of interest for volunteering. You may be contacted from this list. In addition, eblasts are sent offering opportunities. *My suggestion is don't wait... Be Proactive.* Contact a VP or Chairperson and let them know of your willingness to earn those hours. Each committee can always use help.

How far in advance of a trip do I need to earn the hours?

The cut-off for earning, submitting, and requesting a certificate is 14 days prior to the date of the sign-up party. Certificate holders have third priority sign-up privileges after executive board members and trip leaders. A hard copy of the certificate must be handed to the Trip Leader at the time of the sign-up. Securing this certificate also means that trip application requirements, certificate and check may be hand delivered to the Trip Leader prior to the sign-up event.

Note: 10 hours is needed for each trip.

If I have a certificate, am I guaranteed that I will have a spot on the trip?

A certificate does not guarantee a trip is locked in, but it does increase your chances of securing the trip you desire. Everything is based on the number of travelers a contract allows and the tier of applications received by the trip leader; board members, trip leaders, certificate holders, then all other members.

Interested in serving on the Executive Board?

You earn 10 volunteer hours for each year you serve on the executive board, plus you have first tier sign up. If you would like to be considered for an executive board position, contact the Executive Vice President.

CONTACT US

Do you have questions? We have answers.

SSTC has a new email address;
SSTCquestions@springfieldskiclub.org.

It is now linked directly with our website, Springfield Ski and Travel Club. www.springfieldskiclub.org

Thank you Lois Bloechle for all your detailed work in keeping this valuable resource up-to-date.

Check this site first to see what is happening.

The Snowjourner link is added the first of each month. This link also appears on Facebook the first of each month. Mailed Snowjourners are experiencing snail mail which is beyond our control. We understand your frustration but cannot remedy this situation. Our best advice is to familiarize yourself with our website.

Add the email address to your contacts. Bookmark the website on your technology. Your inquiries will be monitored daily. Your question will be directed to the exact board member qualified to answer your question.

Please note, questions asked through Facebook may go unnoticed as this source is not monitored 24/7.

SSTC Facebook page is reserved exclusively for promoting club events and activities.

SPRINGFIELD SKI and TRAVEL CLUB

Application Form for Trips/Sporting Events

☐ Ski Trip ☐ Tour Trip ☐ Day Trip ☐ Sporting Event
 (golf, bowling, tennis, billiards, etc.)

Trip/Sporting Event: _____ Date of Application: _____

Name*: _____ Member Number: _____

Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home#: _____ Cell#: _____ Work#: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone#: _____

Do you have any significant medical problems or do you require any special medications which your trip leader should be aware of? If yes, describe:

Complete this section for Ski or Tour trips only:

Male: ___ Female: ___ DOB: _____ DL#: _____ DL State: _____

Passport# (if international trip): _____ Passport Exp Date: _____

Roommate Preference: _____ Other Request: _____

Are you interested in: NASTAR racing? ___ Lessons? ___ Are you a skier? Yes ___ No ___

The Springfield Ski Club in good faith makes every effort to complete a scheduled activity or trip as advertised, and to accommodate the requests of its members. However, the Club will not be held responsible if arrangements are changed beyond our control or if specific requests cannot be honored. This includes, but is not limited to, changes in our itineraries, airline arrangements or schedules, hotel or condo reservations, destinations, and emergencies requiring a modification of any scheduled activity or trip. Your signature below warrants you have read and understand this statement.

I agree to make the appropriate published trip payments on the scheduled due dates.

I have also read and understand the trip policy statements on page two of this form and agree to abide by them.

As a participant of the trip described above: I voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski Club, its agents, officers, Board of Directors, or members liable for any accident or injury to myself, or for any loss of or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

* For trips involving airline travel or overseas travel, your name must be written exactly as it appears on your passport or drivers license. Do NOT use nick-names.

For trip leader use only

App. No. _____ Wait List: _____

Full Trip Price: \$ _____ Partial Trip Price: \$ _____ Notes: _____

1st Deposit: \$ _____ Due: ____/____/____ Paid: ____/____/____

2nd Deposit: \$ _____ Due: ____/____/____ Paid: ____/____/____

Final Payment: \$ _____ Due: ____/____/____ Paid: ____/____/____

Approved Refund: \$ _____ Total Paid: \$ _____

STANDING RULE #2

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY (11/14/96), (Amended 5/13/99, 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)

"Cutoff" dates and non-refundable deposits for trips and activities may vary according to transportation, lodging or other associated deposits. Cutoff dates for trips and activities will be established for each trip or activity by the Executive Board and published in the monthly newsletter. All cancellations must be made to the Trip Leader in writing or via e-mail. Refunds will be made as follows:

1. For cancellations before the published cutoff date, a full refund of all monies paid will be issued in a timely manner, less any Executive Board-approved cancellation processing fee established and published in conjunction with the trip or activity advertisement in the monthly newsletter.
2. For cancellations after the cutoff date, refunds will be as follows:
 - a. For any trip or activity where the allotted number of spaces are completely reserved and a replacement can be found, a cancellation may be made and a full refund issued, less any processing fees, as described in paragraph 1, above, any time prior to the departure of the trip or the start of the activity, provided the replacement person pays the full amount due, in accordance with the payment schedule for the trip or activity.
 - b. If a replacement cannot be found, the member canceling the trip or activity may submit, in person, in writing, or via email, a request for a refund. This request must be sent to either the trip leader, the appropriate VP or directly to the Executive Board. The request must be submitted within 15 days after the scheduled start date of the trip or activity and shall state the reason for the cancellation and the amount of refund requested. Requests will only be considered by the Executive Board, and refunds will only be made, once the trip or activity is completed and the full financial statement has been submitted for review and approval, as described in Standing Rule #13. Any refund approved by the Executive Board will come from recoverable expenditures derived from the specific trip or activity and not from the Club's general fund.
 - c. Refunds will be distributed no later than 180 days after the first scheduled day of the trip or activity.

STANDING RULE #5

TRIP MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT (11/14/96), (Amended 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)

1. All Trip Leaders shall be at least 21 years of age.
2. Trips shall be run as advertised, unless ski conditions, safety or wellbeing of trip participants dictate otherwise, in which case, the decision for an alternate plan rests with the Vice President of Ski Trips, Day Trips, or Tour Trips (as appropriate) or the President prior to departure. After departure, this authority rests with the trip leader.
3. Conduct by any individual which is offensive or hazardous to others or that does not project a good image of the Club could result in expulsion from the trip at the nearest place of public lodging or transportation by the authority of the trip leader. The trip leader will provide a review of the circumstances at the next Executive Board meeting with a board decision to maintain or cancel the individual's Club membership.
4. Individuals will be held responsible for any damage to personal or real property of others.
5. Club arranged accommodations cannot be shared with non-trip participants.

STANDING RULE #7

GROUND TRANSPORTATION SMOKING POLICY (11/14/96)

1. Smoking will only be allowed during scheduled stops approximately every two hours of travel, if requested. NO smoking inside the travel vehicle is allowed.
2. Trips under two hours in duration will be classified as "non-smoking trips."

STANDING RULE #8

PARTIAL SKI TRIP PACKAGES (11/14/96) (amended 4/9/05)

1. For trips involving a request to delete air (or other packaged form of transportation) service, only the actual cost of the ticket will be deducted from the trip price. The participant's portion of the club's overhead cost, including ground transportation to the airport or rail station used for the trip, will be included in the partial trip price.
 2. All requests for partial trip packages will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop reserved seats without penalty from the tour operator and/or the carrier.
 3. If a request for a partial trip participation is made and honored, the participant must make payment in the full amount within 5 days of the approval notification. A "partial" trip payment is not refundable unless the trip is canceled. CANCELLATION CUT-OFF DATES DO NOT APPLY. The club will not refund or attempt to "resell" partial trip packages should the participant drop from the trip any time after payment is made.
 4. Requests to exclude lift tickets from a trip package must be made at the time of sign up. Requests for partial trip packages, including lift tickets, will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop such tickets, or other items, without penalty or loss of income (including any comp). Unless otherwise approved by the Vice President of Ski Trips, the member requesting "no lifts" will pay the full trip price. After the trip is completed, the unused lift ticket will be returned by the Club to the tour operator or the ski area for possible refund. Any refund will then be made to the member by Club check. Refunds may not be possible if purchase and use of a lift ticket by all trip participants is required for the Club to receive a discounted "group rate."
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SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

TITLE: 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

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 & 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 sights along 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 spfldsleepless@yahoo.com

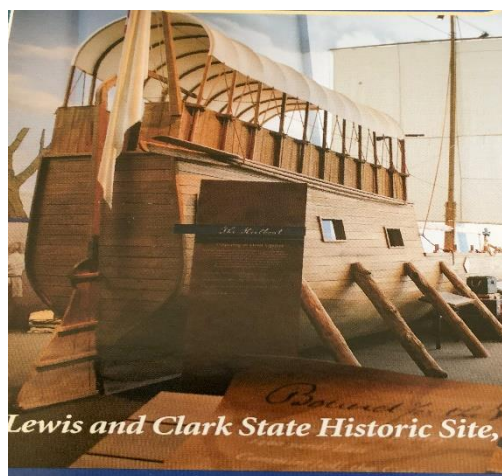
PRICE: \$66 Minimum 30 participants for the trip to be a go. (maximum 40 participants)

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by July 5, 2024 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after July 5, 2024 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. Refunds are made after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after July 5, 2024 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued.

SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB 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:

- 1st Payment due at sign-up event on 9/9/23 - \$1200
- 2nd Payment due 11/9/23 - \$1200 per person double or \$1500 for single
- 3rd Payment due 01/9/24 - \$1200 per person double or \$1450 for single
- 4th 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.
- 2nd 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

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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 4th payment.*
- Minimum number of participants is 30; maximum number of participants is 42.

TRIP INCLUDES:

- * Bus transportation to and from all airports.
- * Plane flights between the U.S. (Chicago or St. Louis) and Scandinavia and from Bergen to Copenhagen.
- * Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel and surcharges.
- * Full time tour manager overseas with local guides for selected sites.
- * Trains from Stockholm to Oslo and Oslo to Flam.
- * Other land travel by private bus.
- * Daily breakfasts and three dinners.
- * All gratuities for tour guides and bus drivers.
- * Gratuities for hotel staff (servers and housekeeping) not included.



PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- **1st Payment due at sign-up - \$1,600 per person double, \$2,000 single**
- **2nd Payment due 6/9/24 - \$1,600 per person double, \$1,900 single**
- **3rd Payment due 8/9/24 - \$1,600 per person double, \$1,900 single**
- **4th Payment due 10/09/24 - \$1,600 per person double, \$1,900 single**
[The final payment \(including land-only fees\) may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.](#)

NOTE: Mail or deliver checks made out to **Springfield Ski and Travel Club (SSTC)** to Pat Chesley, 2512 Wydown, Springfield, IL 62704.

PASSPORTS: With your trip application, submit a copy of the first page of your Passport that shows your picture, passport number and expiration date. **Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel.**

Included Activities:

Besides the opportunity to see staggering natural beauty and stunning picturesque harbors and coastlines, the trip includes:

- **Stockholm:** City Hall with the Blue Hall where the Nobel Prize banquet is held; Vasa Museum; Royal Palace; Drottningholm Palace; Fotografiska Museum; and an archipelago dinner cruise.
- **Norway/Oslo:** fjord cruises; Flam Railroad; Kon Tiki, Fram and Norsk Folk museums; Vigeland Sculpture Park; and funicular in Bergen.
- **Copenhagen:** Little Mermaid and Nyhaven Harbor; Christiansborg Palace; Rosenberg Castle (location of crown jewels); Tivoli Gardens; canal cruise and Kronborg Castle (setting for Elsinore in Shakespeare's Hamlet).



Note: This tour involves an ambitious agenda requiring a certain level of physical fitness necessary to perform medium to high activity levels. It is designed for active, independent travelers who are able to walk long distances partly on uneven surfaces, climb and descend hills and stairs, keep up with the group and, if need be, manage their own luggage.



HOTELS (Subject to change):

Stockholm – Clarion Hotel Stockholm, 4*, 3 nights
Oslo – Radisson Blu Plaza, 4*, 3 nights
Copenhagen – Imperial Hotel, 3.5*, 3 nights
Bergen – Hotel Zander K, 4*, 2 nights
Flam – Flamsbrygga Hotel, 4*, 1 night

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CANCELLATION DATES/FEEES: (EVERY CANCELLATION REQUIRES THE PAYMENT OF A \$25 FEE TO THE SSTC)

LAND PORTION ONLY CANCELLATION

Cancel by May 6, 2024 – Pay the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between May 7 and June 6, 2024 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable.

Cancel between June 7 and August 1, 2024 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable.

Cancel after August 1, 2024 – You are obligated to pay the full price of the trip. No refunds will be given for unused portion of the package.

AIRFARE CANCELLATION – Dates and amounts of refunds, if any, will be determined on the airline policy after the airfares are published.

All cancellations must be requested in writing and provided to the trip leader.

SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COLUMBIA AND SNAKE RIVERS

WHEN: September 14 - 21, 2025

TRIP LEADER: To be announced

PRICE:

- Air and Land – \$4,100*/person - double occupancy
 - Land Only – \$3,600*/person - double occupancy
 - Single Supplement - \$799*/person (limited number of singles available)
- *Special Note: Prices are based on Vendor's best estimate of current airfare/fuel, taxes and fees.
Each of these costs is subject to change before final purchase.
- Minimum number of participants is 30; maximum number of participants is 45.

TRIP INCLUDES:

- * Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport
- * Air transportation from Chicago to Portland, OR; return flight from Spokane, WA to Chicago (includes taxes, fees and fuel surcharges)
- * Round trip airport transfers
- * Motorcoach transportation throughout the trip
- * Government taxes and fees
- * Hotel for 7 nights (2 nights in Portland/Clackamas, OR; 1 night in Pendleton, OR; 1 night in Lewiston, ID; 2 nights in Coeur d'Alene/Worley, ID; 1 night in Spokane, WA)
- * Three full-day tours and 4 partial-day tours
- * 16 meals provided (7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 6 dinners)
- * Welcome dinner in Portland and farewell dinner in Spokane.
- * Gratuities for serving staff at provided meals



Columbia River Gorge

PAYMENTS:

- 1st Payment due at sign-up event on 9/7/24 - \$1,100
- 2nd Payment due 11/7/24 - \$1,000 per person double or \$1,265 for single
- 3rd Payment due 1/7/25 - \$1,000 per person double or \$1,265 for single
- 4th Payment due 3/7/25 - \$1,000 per person double or \$1,269 for single

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PASSPORTS OR DRIVER'S LICENSES:

At sign-up, please submit a copy of the first page of your passport, which shows your picture, name, date of birth, etc., or a copy of your current driver's license, for purposes of our airline reservations.

Activities:

- Day 1: Arrive in Portland, meet your Tour Manager for a welcome dinner in the hotel.
- Day 2: Travel to Mt. Hood with lunch at the Timberline Lodge (National Historic Landmark). Return to Portland for a guided tour of the city's Old Town Historic District and International Rose Test Gardens.
- Day 3: Travel through the Columbia River Gorge with its 2,000-foot cliffs. See Vista House and the Multnomah Falls and the Bonneville Lock and Dam. Visit Pendleton, OR, which is known for its western heritage and traditions.
- Day 4: After entering Washington, stop at Fort Walla Walla which dates from 1806. Lewis and Clark spent time in this area. Fort Walla Walla has seen the 1840s wagon trains, the 1856 military post and the 1860s gold rush days.
- Day 5: Embark today on an epic Jet Boat journey on the Snake River into Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, the deepest river gorge in North America. A deli-style box lunch will be served under the fruit trees at Cache Creek Ranch. You will then travel through three states and see the confluence of the Snake and Salmon Rivers. Check into the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel with time to relax before enjoying an authentic cultural experience featuring live performance, song, storytelling and dinner.
- Day 6: The day begins with a tour of the Eagle Aviary located across Coeur d'Alene Lake. Enjoy an included lunch and spend time shopping in the local native store. Complete the day with an evening dinner cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene.
- Day 7: After a short drive to Spokane, board the SkyRide gondola at Riverfront Park for a thrilling ride across the Spokane River and mighty Spokane Falls. Long considered sacred by the Native American tribes, the falls carves its way through the city with spectacular natural beauty. Tonight, your Tour Manager hosts a special farewell dinner.
- Day 8: Depart for home with a group transfer to the Spokane International Airport for flights out after 10:00 a.m.



Hells Canyon

HOTELS (Subject to change based on availability):

Clackamas, OR – Monarch Hotel (2 nights)
Pendleton, OR – Wildhorse Resort and Casino (1 night)
Lewiston, ID – Hells Canyon Grand Hotel (1 night)
Worley, ID – Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel (2 nights)
Spokane, WA – Hampton Inn (1 night)

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SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Membership Application May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025

Amount \$ _____

Date _____

ID # _____

(Club Use Only)

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

Membership and Directory Information:

Full Name (s): _____ Category: ☐ Individual ☐ Family ☐ Lifetime

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone (s): (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address (s): _____

Type: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

Check for listing in Club Directory: ☐ Home Address ☐ E-Mail Address ☐ Home Phone ☐ Cell Phone

The Snowjourner, the club's monthly newsletter, is available at www.springfieldskiclub.org

Questions may be directed to sstquestions@springfieldskiclub.org

Primary Membership Information:

First Name: _____ MI _____ Last Name: _____

Membership and Dues - Non-Refundable:

- ☐ \$40 Individual (over age 21)
☐ \$50 Family (spouses and children under age 21)
☐ \$10 Reciprocal Membership (must be a member of one of the following clubs (indicate with a ✓):
☐ Bloomington ☐ Peoria ☐ Champaign
☐ Lifetime Member (must be member for 25 consecutive years)

Volunteer Hours (check at least one box)

- ☐ Board Member 's committee - (help plan events)
☐ Activities (volunteer at club events)
☐ Membership (volunteer at events, mailings)
☐ Community Service (approved events)
☐ Trip Leader for Ski, Day Trips, or Extended Travel
☐ Sports Coordinator (Billiards, Bowling, Golf, Bocce)
☐ Are you a skier?
☐ Other: _____

How did you discover our Club? (i.e., friend, website, radio ad, Club event): _____

Membership Data: (this information will never be published except to wish you happy birthday in the newsletter)

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

Anyone 21 years of age or older is eligible for membership in the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Family membership is one or two adults in the same household and their children (See Bylaws, Article IV. Please note, Bylaws and Constitution are available at www.springfieldskiclub.org). This membership entitles you to membership in the Ski Kouncil 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: _____