

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



GET READY FOR A **Fantastic Fall Sign-Up Party!** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

This party is going to be epic. The event will be held at the VFW Lafore Lock Post 755 at 2211 Old Jacksonville Rd starting at 5:00pm for sign-ups with a lasagna dinner served at 6:00pm. SSTC has some wonderful trip/party offerings to sign up for that are pretty spectacular!

The following sign-up opportunities will be available:

- A Fall 2026 trip to South Africa
- If seats are still available, a Medieval times jousting tournament and dinner day trip to Schaumburg November 16th.
- SSTC's annual Christmas party is scheduled for December 13th and will be held at Panther Creek Country Club. Plan to celebrate the holidays with the club and purchase your \$20 per person non-refundable non-transferable reservation.

Reservation maximum is 150 guests.

Procedures for Signing Up

Procedures for Signing up for a trip on September 6, 2025

You will need your membership number located on your membership card for your trip application. A membership representative will be available at the sign-up party if you need help locating your number. You may also request your number at sscquestions@springfieldskiclub.org.

Note: If signing up to be a member at the sign-up party, head directly to the membership table. Once you have received your membership number, then you are eligible to stand in line and obtain a sign-up number.

5:00 PM Doors open and sign-up order numbers are issued. 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-hour 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.

- At the sign-up party, each person may sign up one additional person.

5:15 PM Numbers are called and sign up begins. Once your number is called, you will be granted access to the area where the trip registration is located.

For All Trips:

- Fully completed and signed SSTC Trip Application form (a copy may be printed from our website, www.springfieldskiclub.org), dated September 6, 2025
- Check dated September 6, 2025, made payable to SSTC (the date is important for purchasing trip insurance which must be purchased within 10 days of this date)

Additional Requirements for International Travel Trips:

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 three blank visa pages for international travel.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The September 6th Signup Party is almost here! What can I sign up for you ask?

- A once in a lifetime trip to South Africa set for the Fall of 2026! See all the details in the flyer included in this newsletter. A big THANK YOU to the committee and to Patty Staab, VP of Tour Trips for putting this trip together. Thanks to Anne and Ed Midden for being trip leaders on this adventure.
- A fun day trip to the Medieval Times Dinner in November. Thanks to Sara Oehlert, trip leader and Janet Nuss, VP of Day Trips, for putting this trip together.
- The Christmas Party which will be held at Panther Creek. Thanks to Ann and Curtis Meinhart for sponsoring the Club and to Kathryn Hanlon VP of Events for chairing this event.

THANK YOU..... THANK YOU..... THANK YOU!

- To Janice Broughton for leading the fun day trip to St. Charles MO on August 16. What a sweltering day but we enjoyed shopping, eating, and touring anyway, as well as a stop at the Ariston Café at Litchfield on the way home!
- To Rose Johnson, Sports Chair for arranging a fun (and HOT) evening of Putt Putt or the driving range with dinner at Tradewinds afterwards on July 29 and a fun day of harness racing at the State Fair on August 13!
- To Jana Kincaid for arranging Dining Out at Casa Real!
- To Tim Phillips for arranging Happy Hour at Harvest Kitchen and Bar!
- To Rich Bergt for Adopt a Street!

Look What Else is Happening in September!

- Dining out at Gabatoni's – Thursday, September 4
- Columbia and Snake River Trip September 14 – 21
- Happy Hour Potluck at Piper Glen, Thursday, September 18
- Hike at Route 66 Section of Carpenter Park and dinner at Fire and Ale, Tuesday, September 23
- Day Trip to Hannibal Missouri, Thursday, September 25

I am at your service,

Jan Freeman

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

Dining Out
Gabatoni's

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

300 East Laurel

Cocktails at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00

JOIN US FOR

Happy Hour

Piper Glen  **Potluck**

September 18, 2025

5:00pm - ???



I'm very sorry to announce that, until sanity is restored in America and my Canadian family is once again comfortable crossing the US border, my Oktoberfest will be paused.

I'm grateful for everyone's support over the past 46 years, and I look forward to one day resuming our annual tradition of hosting friends and family for a day filled with food, music, and cheer.

Roger Schnelten

A Schnelten family tradition.

Partially cosponsored by the Springfield Bike Club and the Springfield Ski & Travel Club.

SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

October 2 - 5:30pm
TBA

Happy Hour

October 16 - 5pm to ??
Harvest Market

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

Hannibal, Missouri

September 25 - \$144

Trip Leaders: *Lynne Wright* (frauleinale@aol.com) (217) 891-3785
Kathy Bacon (baconkb@aol.com) (217) 306-2527

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

October 26 - \$145

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

Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament Package

November 16 - \$165

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

Belleville Christkindlmarkt & Buffet Dinner

December 5 - \$103

Trip Leaders: *Steve Wright* (scout64ih1@aol.com) (217) 971-1600
Kathy Bacon (baconkb@aol.com) (217) 306-2527

Belgium & Holland in the Springtime

April 24 - May 8, 2026

Trip Leaders: **Patty Staab**
217-836-4406, patriciastaab2118@gmail.com
Wendy Schluter
217-415-4764, schluter.wendy@yahoo.com

NORWEGIAN EPIC CARIBBEAN CRUISE

February 7 - 15th, 2026

Trip Leaders: **Jana Kincaid**
(217) 416-0955, jagrolling90@gmail.com
Kathryn Hanlon
(217) 494-7967, kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

STUNNING SOUTH AFRICA

August 20, 2026- September 5, 2026

Trip leaders: **Ed & Anne Midden**
217-836-9816, anne.midden@gmail.com



Hot! Hot! Hot!

That was the word of the day for The Festival of the Little Hills Day Trip, to St Charles, MO! With over 300 arts and crafts vendors and 50 non-for-profit organizations providing food and drinks, it was not one to be missed! Everyone was able to wander around browsing their favorite craft vendors, checkout new ones, and visit all the wonderful shops, located up and down St Charles Main Street. On the way home, we stopped at the Ariston Café in Litchfield. Several of our members ordered the café's Saturday prime rib and they were not disappointed. I indulged in their highly recommended lemon dessert, which was wonderful! It was great to escape from Springfield on a Day Trip with SSTC friends!

SEATS FOR UPCOMING DAY TRIPS STILL AVAILABLE!

There are still seats available for the Sunday, November 16th Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament trip. For that trip to be a GO, we would like to fill the seats by the September 6th signup party.

If you have any questions or are interested in any of the above trips, please contact me at janet.nuss@comcast.net or 217-638-2840 or the trip leader listed on the respective handouts.



Happy Hour at
Harvest Kitchen & Bar



Harness Racing at the State Fair



Adopt-A-Street

ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President.....	Jan Freeman
Executive VP.....	Jean Courtney-Jacobs
Treasurer.....	Dave Trapp
Secretary.....	Kristi Sitki
VP for Membership	Kim Fraim Rockford
VP for Day Trips	Janet Nuss
VP for Tour Trips.....	Patty Staab
VP Events	Kathryn Hanlon
Happy Hour Chair.....	Tim Phillips
Dining Out Chair.....	Jana Kincaid
Snowjourner Editor	Amy Dodd
S.K.I. Representative	Ruth Kopec
Community Services Chair	Rich Bergt
Sports Chair	Rose Johnson
Webmaster	Deon Bishop

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Nassim Banisaeed	Linda and Kevin McClain	Carol Harper
Ronald Miller	Martha McDermott	Pamela Brooks
Libby Shawgo	Julie Blaszak	Patricia Ann Latham
Rick and Joan Rogers	Shirley Frankowiak	Colleen Kuhn
Rob and Carol Roderick	Jim Baggs	Karen L. Pyle
Suzanne Sronce	Linda Arand	Yu (Pamela) Shen
Debbie Locher	Amber Egan	Ellen Amerson

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Carol Burck	3	Cathy Cragoe	13	Jim Heller	24
Nancy Simpson	3	Lori Curry	14	Cheri Brueggemann Sloat	24
Mary Schofield	4	Marilyn Sue Bacon	14	Byron Low	25
Kim McKindles	4	James Maggio	16	David Sloat	26
Barry Erlandson	4	Gregory A Smith	17	Don Dellert	27
Susie Shackleton	5	David Bakunas	17	Don Papenburg	27
Michael R. Motor	5	Colleen Kuhn	18	Mel Logsdon	27
Hope Rolens	6	Kim Kavanagh	19	Mike Calvin	27
Wendeline Schluter	7	David J. Halpin	20	Betsy Calvin	28
Barry Webster	9	Rick Young	21	Gordon Henderson	28
Dean Disbrow	11	Robert Wyatt	21	Linda Jurgens	28
Vito Stallone	11	Catherine Rovey	21	Martha (Marty) Stutz	28
Lois Bloechle	12	Claudia Colombo	23	Karen Hafel	28
Scott Tiskos	13	Michael Bowers	23	Meise Fahsl	30

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4 Dining Out Gabatoni's 5:30pm	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Board Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Happy Hour Piper Glen Potluck	19	20
21	22	23 Sports Hike & Dinner	24	25 Hannibal, MO Day Trip	26	27
28	29	30				

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 eblasts 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 us at SSTCQUESTIONS@springfieldskiclub.org.** In addition, it is on the 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.

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 Eblasts, Facebook posts, 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 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

Full Trip Price: \$ _____	App. No. _____	Wait List: _____
1 st Deposit: \$ _____	Partial Trip Price: \$ _____	Notes: _____
2 nd 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: Hannibal Missouri

ACTIVITY NOTICE: This trip may include lots of walking.

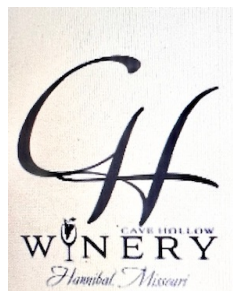
WHEN: Thursday September 25, 2025. Leaving Springfield from Meijer at 10:30 am and returning around 10:00 pm.

TRIP LEADERS: Lynne Wright 217-891-3785 frauleinale@aol.com
Kathy Bacon 217-306-2527 Baconkb@aol.com

COST: \$144.00 Must have 30 participants for the trip to be a go.

TRIP INCLUDES: Private chartered bus, tip for bus driver, two hour Dinner cruise, entrance to 7 homes/buildings on self-guided tour

ACTIVITIES: We will arrive in Hannibal between 12:00 and 12:30 pm and be greeted by Tom Sawyer and Becky. Discover how a young boy from a small river town became America's most beloved author. Walk around on a self-guided tour exploring Mark Twain's birthplace and home, Molly Brown's home, Ayers Pottery, and the quaint stores like Aunt Polly's Treasures, and more. Lunch/snack will be on your own. At 6:30pm enjoy a two-hour dinner cruise with live music. We should arrive back in Springfield, IL around 10:00 pm.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by July 3, 2025 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after July 3, 2025 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 3, 2025 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

TITLE: "Arsenic & Old Lace" show and lunch at the Barn III Theater/Event Center in Goodfield, IL

WHEN: Sunday, October 26, 2025, leaving Meijer promptly at 10:00 AM and returning approximately 5:00 PM

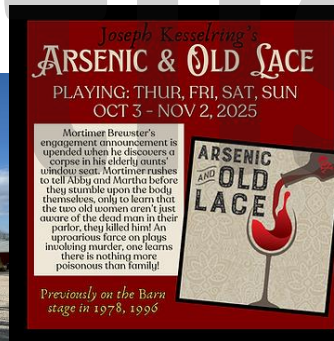
TRIP LEADER: Janet Nuss (janet.nuss@comcast.net) (217) 638-2840

PRICE: \$145 (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)

TRIP INCLUDES: Private chartered bus, driver tip, show, lunch (includes dessert, tip & tax)

ACTIVITIES: Upon arrival at the Barn III Theater/Event Center, participants will be first treated to a delicious lunch with their choice of any entre, sides, desserts from the menu as well as unlimited coffee, tea, and sodas. Alcohol is available to purchase but the cost is on your own. Tables and chairs will be grouped together for us and reserved on the Mezzanine level of the theater. Everyone will then enjoy a theater production of the classic "Arsenic and Old Lace". We should all arrive home about 5 pm.

FOOD: Food at The Barn III provided (alcoholic beverages available at your own expense)



<https://www.thebarniii.com>

CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

*Cancel by July 3, 2025: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

*Cancel after July 3, 2025: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.

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SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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- TITLE:** Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament Package in Schaumburg, IL
- ACTIVITY NOTICE:** This trip includes a live horse show in an enclosed space and uses pyrotechnic effects. Persons with respiratory conditions, allergies or asthma, should attend at their own risk.
- WHEN:** Sunday, November 16, 2025, leaving Meijer promptly at 12:00 PM and returning approximately 10:00 PM
- TRIP LEADER:** Sara Oehlert (soehlert@aol.com) (217) 801-5789
- PRICE:** \$165 (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, 2 hr. tournament with magnificent Pure Spanish horses, authentic sword fights and jousting; 4 course medieval feast (includes cake, frozen slushie in souvenir cup); Knight's cheering banner; group announcement and photo during tournament; tip & tax
- ACTIVITIES:** **Greetings, Good Nobles!** Please join us as Kingdoms come together to celebrate their alliance. But be forewarned- the celebration may be short lived when rumors of betrayal are afoot. Witness intense sword fights and jousting like you've never seen as six knights compete to become defender of the realm, all while you enjoy a magnificent feast!
- FOOD:** Dinner and dessert provided (alcoholic beverages available at your own expense).



<https://www.medievaltimes.com/>

CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by Sept. 20, 2025: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after Sept. 20, 2025: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after Sept. 20, 2025: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

- TITLE:** Belleville Christkindlmarkt and Buffet Dinner
- WHEN:** Friday December 5, 2025, leaving Meijer promptly at **10:00 AM** and returning at approximately **7:00 PM**
- TRIP LEADER:** Steve Wright (scout64ih1@aol.com) (217) 971-1600
- CO TRIP LEADER:** Kathy Bacon (baconkb@aol.com) (217) 306-2527
- PRICE:** \$103 (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, buffet dinner
- ACTIVITIES:** The Belleville Christkindlmarkt is an authentic, outdoor German Christmas Market on the public square in Belleville, featuring unique European and handcrafted items, delicious food and beverages
- FOOD:** Buffet Dinner at The Tavern On Main from 3 to 5 p.m.
Pizza and Pastas/Toasted Ravioli w/ Salad and Drink
<https://tavernonmainbelleville.com/>



<https://www.bellevillechristkindlmarkt.com/>

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SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB BELGIUM AND HOLLAND IN THE SPRINGTIME

WHEN: April 24 – May 8, 2026 (38 maximum travelers)

TRIP LEADERS: Patricia Staab (217) 836-4406; patriciastaab2118@gmail.com
Wendy Schluter (217) 415-4764; schluter.wendy@yahoo.com

PRICE:

Cabin Level:	Contata E	Sonata C	Serenade A
Price per person	\$5,975.00	\$6,150.00	\$6,700.00
Single Supplement (3 available):	\$995.00		
Cruise & Land Portion (no air):	\$4,740.00	\$4,915.00	\$5,460.00

TRIP INCLUDES:

- 32 meals: 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 10 dinners
- Accommodations for 3 nights in a 4-Star or better Bruges hotel and 10 nights in an outside cabin on a Grand Circle Cruise Line riverboat
- 11 tours with personal headsets
- Sightseeing in Bruges, Antwerp, Ghent, Kinderdijk, Rotterdam, Keukenhof and Enkhuizen
- Bruges boat ride and Amsterdam canal cruise
- 2 signature experiences: Home-hosted coffee and cake, tulip farm visit
- Local program directors
- Private bus for land travel
- All transfers



- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, porters, tour directors and boat crew
- House beer, house red or white wine and soft drinks at all times on Grand Circle's riverboat

Grand Circle offers an optional post-trip in Amsterdam. Talk to trip leaders for more information.

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

This trip is designed for travelers that are active, independent and physically fit. Travelers should be able to climb 20-40 stairs, consecutively; climb and descend hills; and walk at least 2-3 miles over some uneven surfaces without difficulty. Walks typically last for at least 1-3 hours at a time. Travelers must be able to keep up with the group and manage their own luggage.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

1st payment due at sign-up

Cantata Level - \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single
Sonata Level - \$1,540 per person, double; \$1,800 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,930 single

2nd payment due 5/15/25

Cantata Level - \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single
Sonata Level - \$1,540 per person, double; \$1,800 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,930 single

3rd payment due 9/15/25

Cantata Level - \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single
Sonata Level - \$1,540 per person, double; \$1,800 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,930 single

4th payment due 11/15/25

Cantata Level - \$1,475 per person, double; \$1,720 single
Sonata Level - \$1,530 per person, double; \$1,745 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,905 single

The final payment (including land-only fees) may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.

CANCELLATION DATES/FEEES:

- Cancel by March 31, 2025– Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between April 1 and June 30, 2025 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable, plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between July 1 and October 31, 2025 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable, plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel after November 1, 2025 – Your price is the full price of the trip, plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.
- **ALL CANCELLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

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 (November 11, 2026).**

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 NORWEGIAN EPIC CARIBBEAN CRUISE

WHEN: FEBRUARY 7-15, 2026

**TRIP LEADERS: Jana Kincaid (217)416-0955, jagrolling90@gmail.com
Kathryn Hanlon (217) 494-7967 kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net**

Minimum number to cruise is 30; maximum is 40.

PRICE:

- * Air, Hotel & Cruise, and Basic Gratuities: \$2,400 per person, double occupancy, balcony room
- * Single supplement: \$810 (4 singles available), balcony room
- * Hotel and Cruise only: \$1800 per person double occupancy, balcony room
- * **Special note: Prices are subject to change after airfare has been purchased.**

NOTE: All shore excursions are at your expense.

An amenity package that includes unlimited beverages, 3 nights of specialty dining, \$50 excursion credit per cabin and Wi-Fi will cost an extra \$270 per person.

An alternate package that includes 10 photos, \$100 shipboard credit, and \$50 excursion credit per cabin and Wi-Fi will not cost extra.

Passengers sharing a cabin must choose the same package.

TRIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- * Bus transportation between Springfield and St. Louis airport.
- * Round-trip flight between St. Louis and San Juan, Puerto Rico
- * San Juan hotel for one night in San Juan **THAT INCLUDES BREAKFAST**
- * Transfers from the airport to the hotel, hotel to cruise port and cruise port to airport
- * All meals included on the ship with the exception of specialty dining

PORTS OF CALL:

**Tortola, BVI
St. John's, Antigua
Bridgetown, Barbados
St. Lucia
Philipsburg, St. Maarten
St. Thomas
San Juan**



SIGN-UP: Thursday, June 19, 2025, at the Summer Picnic

June 19th, 1st payment: \$1200 double, \$1610 single; without air, deduct \$300.
August 21, 2nd payment: \$1200 double, \$1600 single; without air, deduct \$300.
Second payments can be mailed to: Jana Kincaid

Attn: SSTC
1014 Ravina Dr
Chatham, IL 62629

Cancellation: Cancel before July 1, 2025—Pay only \$25 SSTC processing fee
Cancel July 1-July 31—30% of trip cost is nonrefundable plus \$25 SSTC fee
Cancel August 1-31—50% of trip cost is nonrefundable plus \$25 SSTC fee
Starting September 1—you are obligated for full payment. NO REFUNDS

NOTE: This trip is for independent travelers who can navigate airports, walk the length of the cruise ship, and stay with the group when together. Requests for special accommodations, such as plane seats and accessible rooms, are the responsibilities of travelers and subject to availability.

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 return date.



Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends that you purchase trip insurance. At a minimum, it should cover accident, sickness, or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation prior to or during the trip. Travelers are encouraged to buy 'Cancel for Any Reason' insurance if possible. Be sure to compare policies, as some do not cover the full price of the trip. Purchase as soon as possible for maximum coverage.

Springfield Ski and Travel Club

Stunning South Africa Trip

When: August 20, 2026 – September 4, 2026 (31-44 maximum travelers)
(Possibility of date variance by 1 day due to flight schedule)

Trip Leaders: Ed and Anne Midden (217) 836-9816 Anne.midden@gmail.com

Price: Combined air and land

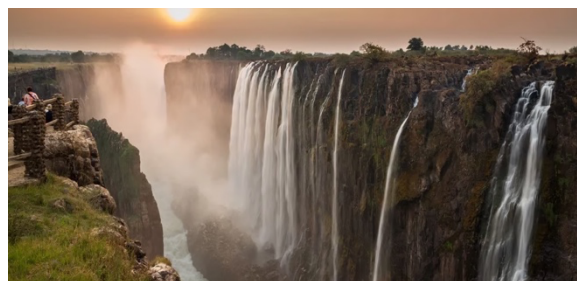
Double occupancy - \$7,500.00

Single occupancy – additional \$1,600.00

Land only: \$5,950.00

Trip Includes:

- Bus transportation to/from airport
- Air transportation – Chicago to Johannesburg; Cape Town to Chicago
 - Flights Johannesburg – Victoria Falls and Victoria Falls to Port Elizabeth
- Accommodations: 2 nights in Johannesburg; 2 nights Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe; 3 nights Kariega Game Reserve; 2 nights Knysna; 4 nights Cape Town
- Meals: Welcome dinner, 6 dinners, 2 lunches, daily breakfast
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included (subject to change)
- Local tour guides
- Trip includes:
 - Guided Soweto tour with Apartheid Museum/ Guided Cape Point tour and entrance/ Table Mountain Cable car pass/ transport along the Garden Route/ Sundowners Lagoon cruise in Knysna/ Entrance to Knysna Elephant sanctuary/Safari at Kariega PGR/ Sundowners Zambezi River Cruise/ Guided tour of Victoria Falls/Constantia Winelands for wine tasting
- Gratuities for drivers, safari guides and tour guides
- All transportation



Activity Level:

- You're an on-the-go traveler, walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal
- You must be able to walk 3 miles unassisted on rough terrain and be able to climb 3 flights of stairs easily,
- participate in 6+ hours of activities each day,
- This trip takes you to remote places with no medical facilities nearby,
- Balance and agility are required for boarding 4x4 safari vehicles, not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers in need of a CPAP machine may only bring one that runs on rechargeable batteries.
- You must be able to handle your own luggage.

Payment Schedule: Combined air and land

1 st payment due September 6, 2025	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00
2 nd payment due November 6, 2025	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00
3 rd payment due January 6, 2026	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00
4 th payment due March 6, 2026	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00

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

Cancellation Dates/Fees

Cancel by September 19, 2025-A full refund will be paid.

Cancel on or after September 20, 2025 **and a replacement is found**, a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club will be paid.

Cancel on or after September 20, 2025 and **no replacement** is found, no refund will be issued.

****** A \$25 processing fee will be deducted from any refund issued.

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

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 (March 8, 2027) for international travel.**

Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club **strongly** recommends at a minimum the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip. Travelers are encouraged to purchase "Cancel for Any Reason" insurance if possible (be sure to compare coverage as some packages do not cover the full price of a trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Membership Application May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026

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 sstcquestions@springfieldskiclub.org

Primary Membership Information:

First Name: _____ MI _____ Last Name: _____

Membership and Dues - Non-Refundable:

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

Volunteer Hours (check at least 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: _____