

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



GET READY FOR A
Fantastic Fall Sign-Up Party!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

VFW Lafore Lock Post 755 at 2211 Old Jacksonville Rd
Starting at 5:00 PM for sign-ups

Mostaccioli dinner served at 6:00 PM

SIGN-UP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Winter trip to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
- April 2027 Day Trip to Allerton Park and Monticello
- Fall 2027 trip to Poland
- Christmas party December 19th at Panther Creek Country Club.

Plan to celebrate the holidays with the club and purchase your \$30 per person reservation. Space is limited so get your reservation in at the Sign-up Party.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

September means it's time for the Sign-up Party which will be on Saturday, September 19 at the VFW on Old Jacksonville Road.

Sign-Ups Available at the Sign-Up Party!

- A one-week all-inclusive stay at Secrets Royal Beach Punta Cana, Dominican Republic January 29 - February 5, 2027, Thanks to Patty Staab, VP of Tour Trips and the Committee who put this trip together.
- Trip to Poland October 5 – October 20, 2027, Thanks to Patty Staab, VP of Tour Trips and the Committee who put this trip together and Mike and Lois Bloeche, Trip Leaders
- Day Trip to Allerton Park and Monticello April 21, 2027 - Thanks to Janet Nuss, VP of Day Trips, the Day Trip Committee and Steve Wright who will co-lead this trip.
- Christmas Party at Panther Creek December 19 Thanks to Curtis and Ann Meinhardt for sponsoring the Club and to Peggie Powers, VP of Events, for chairing this event.

Thank Yous!

- To Terri Marbold and Misty Dannenberger who led a fun day trip to the St. Louis City Foundry on August 4th!
- To Jana Kincaid for organizing dining out for 14 of us at La Fiesta on August 6!
- To Janice Broughton for making us happy at the State Fair on August 20!!
- To Wayne Rovey for organizing the weekly tennis league!
- To Rose Johnson for organizing the weekly pickleball!
- To all the volunteers and Board members who help make this Club a success!

Check Out What is Happening in September!

- Dining Out at Skybar Lounge on West Iles – Thursday, September 3
- Happy Hour – Thursday, September 17th at Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center on South 6th
- Sign-Up Party, Saturday, September 19th at the VFW
- Day Trip to the Beef House Restaurant and Dinner Theater, Thursday, September 24th
- Mondays - Tennis
- Tour Trip to South Africa August 23 - September 7

I am at your service,

Jan Freeman

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

SSTC Fall Sign-Up Party

When: Saturday, September 19, 2026.

Where: VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Rd., Springfield

Time: 5:00 pm

Sign-Up Procedures for SSTC Trips Offered:

Board members (priority), trip leaders (second priority) and 10-hour volunteer certificate holders (third priority) may sign up prior to the sign-up party for tour trips or day trips by submitting a completed application 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. By September 11, a member must request their 10-hour service certificate from Jean Courtney-Jacobs, the Executive Vice President, jean.courtney@comcast.net. The certificate will be emailed to the club members. Print the certificate. A paper copy of the certificate must accompany the trip application. If you have a 10-hour volunteer certificate you wish to use and you did not submit it to the trip leader prior to the sign-up party, you have immediate access to the trip leader at 5:00.

Sign-Up numbers will be issued in the order of line placement at the door. Note: this number does not guarantee you a spot. All sign-ups are on a first come, first serve basis. Once your number is called, you will be granted access to the area where the trip registration is located.

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.

All applications should be downloaded from the SSTC website and filled out online, printed and signed.

ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President.....	Jan Freeman
Executive VP	Jean Courtney-Jacobs
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Carol Burck	3	Cathy Cragoe	13	Connie Norville	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	Mel Logsdon	27
Michael R. Motor	5	Colleen Kuhn	18	Don Papenburg	27
Hope Rolens	6	Kim Kavanagh	19	Gordon Henderson	28
Wendeline Schluter	7	David J. Halpin	20	Linda Jurgens	28
Barry Webster	9	Robert Wyatt	21	Martha (Marty) Stutz	28
Dean Disbrow	11	Rick Young	21	Karen Hafel	28
Vito Stallone	11	Catherine Rovey	21	Mark Dannenberger	29
Lois Bloechle	12	Michael Bowers	23	Meise Fahsl	30
Scott Tiskos	13	Jim Heller	24		

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Dining Out Sky Lounge 5:30pm	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Board Meeting	15	16	17 Happy Hour Rt 66 Hotel 5pm to ??	18	19 Sign Up Party 5:00pm
20	21	22	23	24 Day Trip Beef House	25	26
27	28	29	30			

DAY TRIP UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who signed up for any of the remaining 2026 club day trips. They have all sold out! If you registered for one of the trips, expect to receive a confirmatory email and text message communication from the trip leaders with instructions prior to the trip.

- ❖ **Thurs., Sept. 24th** Day Trip to Beef House Restaurant and Dinner Theater in Covington, IN
- ❖ **Fri., Oct. 23rd** Day Trip to Josephine's in Godfrey/Aerie's in Grafton
- ❖ **Weds., Dec. 2nd** Day Trip to St. Louis for dinner on the Hill at Zia's and the Garden Glow at Missouri Botanical Gardens (**Please note that the date for this trip had to be changed to Dec. 2nd but luckily, enough people who had signed up for the trip were able to change their plans so the trip is still a GO! Thank you all for your assistance!!**).

NEW DAY TRIP FOR 2027!

We are happy to announce that we will be offering our first day trip for 2027 at the Saturday, Sept. 19th signup meeting/party. This trip will be to **Allerton Park and downtown Monticello on Weds., April 21, 2027**, and will include a guided historical tour of the many gardens/statues, a break for lunch at the Park's Greenhouse Café, a guided bird watching hike, shopping in downtown Monticello, and a stop for an early dinner and drinks at a local favorite (on everyone's own). The cost of the trip is \$115/person and will be limited to 30 people. Janet Nuss and Steve Wright are the trip leaders.

Sign up early! Please remember to bring your completed trip applications and checks to the September 19th event. For more trip details and the contact information for the trip leaders, please see the respective trip handouts included in this newsletter.

Thank you all!!

SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

Oct 1
The Creek

OKTOBERFEST

Oct 11 - 3pm

Happy Hour

Oct 15 - 5pm - ??
Harvest Market

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

Beef House Restaurant & Dinner Theater Covington, IN

September 24, 2026

Trip leaders: *Kathy Bacon*, Baconkb@aol.com, 217-306-2527

Lynne Wright, frauleinale@aol.com, 217-891-3785

Godfrey/Grafton Trip

October 23, 2026

Trip Leaders: *Patti Carver*, Pwcarver2@aol.com, (217) 416-1415

Susan Fisherkeller, (217) 553-0122

PRICE: \$90/person

The Glow/The Hill

December 2, 2026

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

PRICE: \$100 per person

SECRETS ROYAL BEACH PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

January 29 – February 5, 2027

Trip leader: **TBD**

Switzerland Travels

April 30-May 11, 2027

Trip leaders: **Ruth Kopec**, Kopec3@outlook.com

Kathryn Hanlon, 217-494-7967, kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

Classic Poland Tour

October 5 - 20, 2027

Trip Leaders: **Michael & Lois Bloechle**

217.787.1010, m.bloechle@comcast.net

Allerton Park Garden Tour April 21, 2027

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

Steve Wright (217) 971-1600 (scout64ih1@aol.com)

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: \$ _____

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:** Josephine's Tea Room and Gift Shops in Godfrey, Shopping in Grafton, Sky Lyft and Happy Hour at Aerie's Winery
- WHEN:** Friday, October 23, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at 9:30 AM and returning approximately 6:30 PM
- TRIP LEADERS:** Patti Carver, Pwcarver2@aol.com, (217) 416-1415
Susan Fisherkeller, (217) 553-0122
- PRICE:** \$90/person (32 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, Sky Lyft round trip tickets, and light appetizers at Aerie's Winery during group Happy Hour
- ACTIVITIES:** We will travel to Godfrey, IL for an amazing lunch on your own (soup, sandwiches, and desserts are to die for!) and shopping at Josephine's Tea Room and Gift Shop. We will then travel to Grafton for strolling the city sidewalks and stopping at antique stores and small shops. Then we will take the Sky Lyft up to Aerie's Winery and Resort for a relaxing afternoon sipping wine and cocktails while looking out over the peaceful Mississippi River. Drinks are on your own but we will provide light appetizers for Happy Hour snacking. We will then take the Sky Lyft back down and board our bus for the ride home.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by June 30, 2026: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after June 30, 2026: 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 June 30, 2026: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

DAY TRIPPIN'WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN'!

TITLE Dinner at Zia's on the Hill followed by an evening visit to "The Garden Glow" at the Missouri Botanical Gardens

WHEN: **WEDNESDAY, December 2, 2026 (Revised Date)**

Depart from Meijer parking lot at 2:30 pm

Return: approximately 10pm

TRIP LEADER: Sara Oehlert (soehlert@aol.com) (217) 801-5789

PRICE: \$100 per person (32 participants needed for the trip to be a go)

TRIP INCLUDES: Private chartered bus to St. Louis, driver's tip, tickets for entrance to the Missouri Botanical Gardens and "The Garden Glow."

ACTIVITIES: The afternoon will begin with a relaxing chartered bus trip to St. Louis. Our first stop will be at Zia's on the Hill to experience the true taste of Italy. Each Day Tripper will be able to choose from the full menu and will be responsible for the cost of their dinner and beverages. Afterward, we will head to The Missouri Botanical Gardens to experience "The Garden Glow!" "The Glow" is a unique experience because it changes every year and features more than two million dazzling lights to transform the iconic setting of the Missouri Botanical Garden into an enchanted wonderland rich with mesmerizing displays and unforgettable moments.

FOOD: Dinner on your own at Zia's on the Hill. Snacks can be purchased at "The Garden Glow."



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

*Cancel by July 2nd: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

*Cancel after July 2nd: 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 July 2nd: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

- TITLE:** Allerton Park Garden Tour/Bird Hiking/Lunch, and Downtown Monticello Visit/Dinner
- WHEN:** Weds., April 21, 2027 leaving Meijer promptly at 8:30 AM and returning approximately 7:00 PM
- TRIP LEADERS:** Janet Nuss (217) 638-2840 janet.nuss@comcast.net
Steve Wright (217) 971-1600 (scout64ih1@aol.com)
- PRICE:** \$115 (30 participants minimum and maximum)
- COST INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, 2 guided tours, lunch at Allerton's Greenhouse Café
- NOTE:** Members should be prepared to walk approximately 2 miles.
- ACTIVITIES:** Travel to Allerton Park in Monticello, IL where we will break into two groups and enjoy a wonderful, guided historical tour of the amazing gardens and statues, break for lunch at the Greenhouse Café, then go on a guided hike (binoculars included) where we will learn about and hopefully see many beautiful birds that inhabit the gardens. We will then visit downtown Monticello where we can shop freely and break into groups to enjoy glass blowing education at the famous Prairie Fire Glass Company. Before returning home, we will stop for an early dinner, that will be on your own, at 3 Ravens Food & Spirits, a popular local downtown restaurant. Alcohol is available to purchase also on your own.
- FOOD:** Lunch at the Greenhouse Café is provided
Dinner and alcohol at 3 Ravens Food & Spirits will be on your own.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

*Cancel by **October 15, 2026:** Your money will be refunded.

*Cancel after October 15, 2026: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** will be processed after the trip is completed.

*Cancel after October 15, 2026: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.

**SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB
SECRETS ROYAL BEACH
PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

WHEN: January 29, 2027, to February 5, 2027

TRIP LEADERS: (NOT DETERMINED YET)

PRICE:

Air & Land: \$2750/ person (double occupancy sharing a King room, partial ocean view)

Air & Land: \$2600/person (double occupancy sharing a room with two beds, Tropical view or pool view-room category subject to availability)

Land Only: \$390 less per person, adjusted on the final payment

Single cost in pool or tropical view room: \$4,030 (subject to availability)

Minimum number of participants is 20; Maximum number of participants is 30.

TRIP INCLUDES:

* Air transportation between St. Louis – Punta Cana – St. Louis- (round trip, **non-stop**. Airfare is estimated and subject to change)

* Ground services from airport to resort with included air purchase, including all necessary fees, all taxes & charges for ground services

* Resort for 7 nights- All Inclusive

PAYMENTS:

- 1ST Payment due at sign-up event 09/19/2026 - \$1,000 per person double occupancy; \$1,350 single
- 2nd Payment due 10/19/2026 - \$1,000 per person double or \$1,350 single
- 3rd payment due 11/19/2026 \$750 per person double or \$1,330 single

The final payment (including land-only fees) may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including room category changes, 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, & passport expiration date** with your trip application and check.. Passports **MUST** be valid for 6 months after the return date (August 5, 2027)for international travel.

CANCELLATION DATES/ FEES:

Cancel before September 22,2026 – Pay only the \$25.00 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel on or after September 22, 2026, AND A replacement is found- a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club and a \$25.00 SSTC processing fee will be reimbursed.

Cancel on or after September 22, 2026, AND NO replacement is found- No refund will be issued

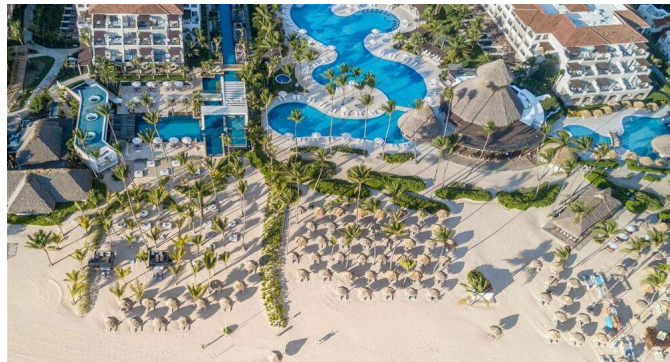
No refunds will be given for unused portions of the package.

All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.

All cancellations are subject to the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

RESORT FEATURES:

- Adult Only
- Located on the majestic Caribbean Sea
- All- Inclusive resort with 24-hour service
- 6 distinct restaurants on site, plus a café, a grill, and 24-hour room service
- Attentive pool and wait service/ Swim up bar in a large infinity pool
- Over 10 bars and lounges on the property
- 4 outdoor pools
- Complimentary WiFi
- Endless daytime activities, themed parties, live nightly entertainment



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS:

- Catamaran cruises to **Saona Island**
- ATV dune buggy tour through local plantation
- Zip-lining and other adventurous activities at **Bavaro Adventure Park**



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 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 the trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage and coverage for any pre-existing conditions.

Springfield Ski and Travel Club
Switzerland and Mont Blanc region – Glacier Express

When: April 30, 2027 – May 11, 2027
(minimum of 30 travelers)

Trip Leaders:

Kathryn Hanlon 217-494-7967 kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

Ruth Kopec kopec3@outlook.com

Price: Combined air and land

Double occupancy - \$6,425.00

Single occupancy – additional \$1,615.00

Land only: \$5,175.00



Trip Includes:

- Bus transportation to/from airport
- Air transportation – Chicago to Zurich, Geneva to Chicago
- Accommodations: 2 nights in Zurich; 3 nights Lucerne; 3 nights Montreux; 2 nights Geneva (4-star hotels)
- Meals: daily breakfast
- Airport transfer, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included (subject to change)
- Tipping for local tour guides, tour manager and bus drivers
- Trip includes:
 - Walking tour of Bern (UNESCO Old Town) and the medieval village of Gruyeres/ Scenic drive across the border into France to Chamonix/Explore Zermatt village/guided tour of Geneva
 - Tickets included for the following: Guided Rhine Falls/Lindt Home of Chocolate Museum and tasting/ Glacier Express train/ Mount Rigi Cogwheel train and boat trip/ Aare Gorge & Giessbach Falls/ Maison du Gruyere cheese factory/ visit Chateau de Chillon/ Wine tasting at the Lavaux terraced vineyards (UNESCO site)/ the Gornergrat Railway to the Matterhorn/ Cable car ride to view Mont Blanc
- Porterage in and out of each hotel
- All transportation



Activity Level:

- You're an on-the-go traveler, walking and standing for longer periods of time 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,

Payment Schedule: Combined air and land (no prepay prior to date due)

1 st payment (deposit) April 10, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
2 nd payment due June 11, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
3 rd payment due August 11, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
4 th payment due October 11, 2026	\$1,595.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00

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

Cancellation Dates/Fees:

- Cancel by April 25, 2026. A full refund will be paid.
- Cancel on or after April 25, 2026 and **a replacement is found**, a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club will be paid.
- Cancel on or after April 25, 2026 and **no replacement** is found, no refund will be issued.

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

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 (November 14,, 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 and Travel Club
Classic Poland Tour – 16 Days & 14 nights

When: October 5th – 20th, 2027 (36 maximum travelers)

Trip Leaders: Michael and Lois Bloechle
217.787.1010
m.bloechle@comcast.net

Price: *Combined air and land*

Double occupancy - \$5,500.00

Single occupancy – additional \$1,099.00

Land only: \$4,100.00



Trip Includes:

- Bus transportation to/from airport
- Air transportation – Chicago to Warsaw, Krakow to Chicago
- Accommodations: 4 nights Warsaw (The Westin Warsaw Hotel);
3 nights Gdansk (Radisson Blu)
2 nights Wrocław (Wyndham Wrocław Old Town)
5 nights Krakow (Golden Tulip Krakow Kazimierz Hotel)
(hotels are subject to availability)
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges, hotel portorage
- 18 Meals: 14 daily breakfast, 4 dinners
- Airport transfer, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included (subject to change)
- Tipping for local tour guides, tour manager and bus drivers
- Trip includes:
 - Travel along Warsaw's famed Royal Route; visit Malbork Castle; Torun, view the house where Renaissance astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born; visit medieval Gdansk; Walk Old Market square on Pozun; In Krakow tour Auschwitz-Birkenau, the 16th century Wawel Royal Castle, and the Jewish Quarter; Visit Wieliczka salt mine and journey into the Tatras Mountains
- Entrance fees per itinerary, sightseeing in modern air-conditioned motor coach, wireless earphones, daily water.
- All transportation

Activity Level:

- You're an on-the-go traveler, walking and standing for longer periods of time 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,

Payment Schedule: Combined air and land (no prepay prior to date due)

1 st payment (deposit) September 19, 2026	\$1,375.00 per person, double; single	\$1,650.00
2 nd payment due November 19, 2026	\$1,375.00 per person, double; single	\$1,650.00
3 rd payment due January 19, 2027	\$1,375.00 per person, double; single	\$1,650.00
4 th payment due March 19, 2027	\$1,375.00 per person, double; single	\$1,650.00

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

Cancellation Dates/Fees:

- Cancel by September 25, 2026. A refund less \$25.00 SSTC fee, will be paid.
- Cancel on or after September 25, 2026 and a **REPLACEMENT is found**, a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club will be paid.
- Cancel on or after September 25, 2026 and **No Replacement** is found, no refund will be issued.

All cancellations must be requested in writing and submitted to the trip leader prior to September 25, 2026. A \$25 processing fee will be deducted from any refund issued. All cancellations subject to the dates and terms listed above.

Passports: With your trip application, submit a color 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 (April 21, 2028) for international travel.**

A fillable trip application is available online. Please fill out on-line and bring a printed copy to sign-up along with your passport copy and check for 1st payment.

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 and coverage of any pre-existing conditions.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Membership Application May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027

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: _____ - _____

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

E-mail Address (es): _____

Type: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

Check for listing in Club Directory: ☐ Home Address ☐ E-Mail Address ☐ Home/Cell 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 on box)

- ☐ Board Member - position of interest _____
- ☐ Activities (volunteer at club events)
- ☐ Membership (volunteer at events, mailings)
- ☐ Community Service (approved events)
- ☐ Day Trips (assist with planning/trip leader)
- ☐ Sports - (assist with events/trip leader)
- ☐ Extended Trips (planning committee/trip leader)
- ☐ Are you a skier?

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 (including 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 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: _____