



# Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski Club



February 7

## Fritz's

2709 S. MACARTHUR, SPRINGFIELD

COCKTAILS 5:30 | DINNER 6:00

Please make reservations by the Wednesday night before with Karen and Tom Hafel at [kmhafel76@comcast.net](mailto:kmhafel76@comcast.net) or call (217) 546-0236.

## Happy Hour

February 21 • 5:00 to ?

## Blue Margarita MEXICAN BAR & GRILL

3151 HORIZON STREET  
SPRINGFIELD

### DAY TRIPS

- February 23 -

Taste of Soulard

- May 4 -

Cinco de Mayo Celebration,  
St. Louis

# Save the Date



### TOUR TRIPS

FEB. 2 OR 3 -9 SKI TRIP TO CRESTED BUTTE

FEB.22-MARCH 4 ANDORRA AND BARCELONA, SKIING IN THE PYRENEES

MARCH 14-26 TOUR DE FRANCE

SEPTEMBER 9-17 EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, 3 NIGHTS LONDON, ENGLAND, 4 NIGHTS.

# February 2019

The Dining Out Group always meets the 1st Thurs of each month kmhafel76@comcast.net  
 Springfield Ski Club Board meets every 2nd Thursday of the month  
 The SSC Happy Hour is ALWAYS the 3rd Thurs of the month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 <i>CRESTED BUTTE SKI TRIP</i>	4 <i>CRESTED BUTTE SKI TRIP</i>	5 <i>CRESTED BUTTE SKI TRIP</i>	6 <b>Bowling</b> <i>CRESTED BUTTE SKI TRIP</i>	7 <i>Dining Out Group</i> <b>Fritz's</b> <i>CRESTED BUTTE SKI TRIP</i>	8 <i>CRESTED BUTTE SKI TRIP</i>	9 <i>CRESTED BUTTE SKI TRIP</i>
10	11	12	13 <b>Bowling</b>	14	15	16
17	18	19 <i>Board Meeting</i> VFW 5:30	20 <b>Bowling</b>	21 <b>HAPPY HOUR</b> <b>Blue Margarita</b>	22 <i>Andorra/Barcelona Ski Trip</i>	23 <i>Taste of Soulard Day Trip</i> <i>Andorra/Barcelona Ski Trip</i>
24 <i>Andorra/Barcelona Ski Trip</i>	25 <i>Andorra/Barcelona Ski Trip</i>	26 <i>Andorra/Barcelona Ski Trip</i>	27 <b>Bowling</b> <i>Andorra/Barcelona Ski Trip</i>	28 <i>Andorra/Barcelona Ski Trip</i>	1 <i>Andorra/Barcelona Ski Trip</i>	2 <i>Andorra/Barcelona Ski Trip</i>

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month's photo is from our first trip to Branson this fall. We loved the shows! We'll see if SSC would like to plan a trip to Branson!

**The SSC Board has made a motion to change the name of the group to The Springfield Ski and Travel Club. We will be voting on the new name at our April General Meeting.** Please give our board your input.

Patty Staab, VP of Tours, has announced the committee will offer a **Fall Trip to Edinburgh and London. We will have sign-ups at our April General Meeting.** Remember, if you would like to receive early sign up privileges you can volunteer to be an officer, trip leader, or earn 10 volunteer hours for each person, prior to the April General meeting cut off time.

Our website committee has met with our designer at *e-websmart* and the process of getting an updated, streamlined and more user-friendly



website has begun.

We have many more plans in the works. Please consider getting involved by volunteering for a commit-

tee to help assist an officer or plan trips. The more input, the better!!

**See you at Dining Out & Happy Hour!  
Cheri Brueggemann Sloat**

## February Birthdays



Gail Hunter.....	1	Mary Mucciante.....	11	Pam Walters.....	20
Melissa Dannenberger.....	1	Sandy Goodner.....	12	Michael Blair .....	20
Garrett Johnson.....	2	Kimberly A. Reece.....	12	Julie Carter .....	21
Richard R. Williams .....	3	Julie Hubbard .....	12	RoyceAnne Scoville .....	22
Michael Kane .....	3	Kent Trexler .....	12	Andrea Trexler.....	22
Jeffry Fuhrmann .....	5	Lynn Bierma .....	13	John Hawkins .....	22
Sue Foard .....	5	Dinah Willard.....	13	Norma Brantley .....	22
Debra Walls .....	7	Brenda Stimac.....	14	Patti Baird.....	22
Kelly Costello.....	7	Lindsay S. Hahn.....	14	Karen L. Kuhar .....	23
Kathy Handy .....	7	Michael Sherman.....	15	Kristi Katcher .....	25
Michelle Rowe .....	8	David Scoville.....	17	Lisa Cox .....	25
Shirley Lilly.....	9	Deb Philo .....	18	Karen O'Beirne .....	25
Anne King .....	9	Geri Zamco .....	18	David R. Young.....	25
Michael Joyce.....	10	Donna Burke .....	20	Jake Rettberg.....	27
Jan Joyce .....	10	Phillip Broccardo .....	20	Diane Urbanckas .....	27

# Ski Club Went Cruising

In November, twenty-one Ski Club members enjoyed fun in the sun on an eleven day cruise of the Caribbean Sea onboard the Norwegian Jade. We flew from Springfield to Miami, where we spent the night before shuttling to the ship. It didn't take us long to unpack, explore the ship and find the bars and bartenders that would become our favorites during our trip.

Our first stop was Cartagena, where we toured Columbia's port city on the Caribbean coast, with its 16th century walled city, cobblestone streets, and colonial buildings.

Our second excursion was in Colon, Panama, where most stayed onboard to experience the Panama Canal, and others explored the city and its history.

I had a nasty eye infection that left me unable to see clearly most of the day, so Bob and Theresa Watkin stated the following about the Panama Canal crossing: "The Panama Canal is considered one of the wonders of the world and was definitely on our bucket list. It is a nautical connection of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. This fifty-mile waterway transports ships by raising them from sea level to more than 85 feet via a series of gravity-powered locks. We only went as far as Gatun Lake before turn-



ing around and going back through the canal. Ships passing through the canal from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean actually move from the northwest to the southeast, due to the east-west orientation of the Isthmus of Panama. We watched the men and machinery get us from the Atlantic Ocean to Gatun Lake. We had a ship lane next to us and were able to watch other ships lifted by the water through the locks. It was surreal to stand on our balcony seeing a huge ship next to us be lifted above our heads and in turn have our ship be lifted.

Over all, our trip through the canal was quite the experience. We're very glad we took this cruise. "

Puerto Limon is known for its rainforests and one of the most naturally diverse biospheres in the world, and it did not disappoint. On our excursions, we visited the national parks

and preserves by trains, boats, walks and ziplining.

Our next stop was Roatan, Honduras which is known for its breathtaking reefs. Some of us took advantage of the seeing them onboard a semi-submarine while others snorkeled and scuba dived the waters. Others spent their day enjoying the beach, animal preserves or sightseeing.

In Belize, most enjoyed the day at the Harvest Caye resort, where a few snorkeled and ziplined while most of us just enjoyed the beach and pool.

Costa Maya, Mexico was our last excursion. It is a stretch of coast along the Yucatan Peninsula known for its beaches and coral reefs. Some enjoyed a day at Jaime's Resort, while others snorkeled, swam with dolphins, and explored the Mayan Ruins.

Most spent their days at sea pool-side while others took classes, exercised, and played games. The food was abundant and delicious. Always, we ended our days with onboard entertainment; karaoke, dancing, and much laughter and joviality. You'll have to ask Luke and the Lukettes to perform for you some time. They



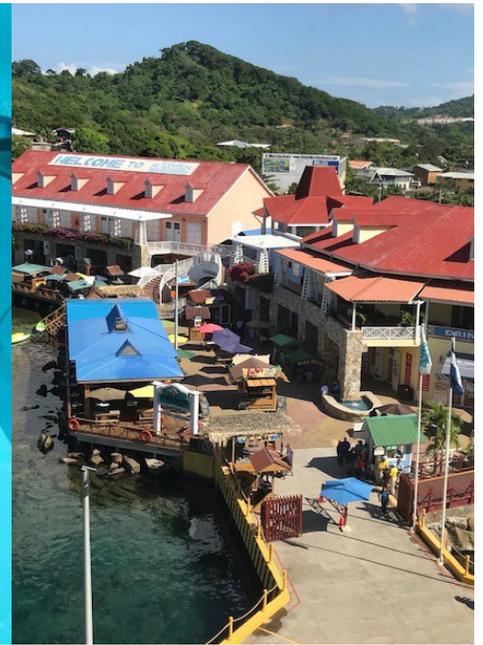
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were quite entertaining and had many fans among the passengers. When asked about the favorite cruise experience, almost all said it was spending time with their ski club friends.

The only misadventures of the trip were Kay and Roger Ryan having the wrong room assignment on record, therefore not getting their luggage until late the first night and we all learned what a very thorough second and third pat-down involved. (For future reference, do not move during the airport screening process and avoid filling your gas tank prior to your flight.)

**Karen Kuhar, Trip Leader**



## **Pool League Wraps Up Season!**

The Ski Club Pool league wrapped up the season in mid-December. We fielded six three person teams this year. It was a fast paced, good natured competition, a few nights with free pizza. The final result was very close with only two points separating the first three teams.

Coming in first were Debbie Fry, Bill Tinsley, and Jeff Elston and their team, Here For The Beer. Second were Greg Cox, Ed Thomas, and Judy Nesbit and their team, Racks and Balls. Third place went to Kay Ryan, Kathy Seketa and Roger Ryan and their team, Tight Pockets.

The last night of pool we had a Scotch doubles tournament. We divided into two person teams with an experienced player matched with a less experienced player on each team. Again the results were very close. Kathy Richardson and Ed Thomas won the tournament. Kathy Seketa and Roger Ryan came in second. Andrea Trexler and Kay Ryan came in third.

We wrapped up the season with our banquet at Engrained Brewery where we ordered from the menu, had some drinks and, as with the rest of the season, settled in for a good time.

We thank all who pitched in to help out throughout the season, especially Greg Cox and Rick Griminger.

Kay and I have enjoyed facilitating the league the past three seasons. We are stepping aside next year to do some traveling and hope one or two league members can step up to do the few chores necessary to keep the league going.

**Kay and Roger Ryan**



# Turks & Caicos!

On January 12, 2019, twenty-four members of the Springfield Ski Club headed out on a blustery winter morning to Capitol Airport to catch the 5:45 a.m. flight to Chicago to begin our winter beach trip to Turks and Caicos. Little did we know that Mother Nature had other plans!

Our flight kept being delayed, but not cancelled. Around 11:00 a.m. we went to the desk to seek other alternatives at other cities, but everything hinged on getting to Chicago. There was just no way we were going to go by plane from Springfield that day. (Eventually, our flight was cancelled.)

Working with the United representative, I found an opportunity that, if we could get up to Chicago by 9:00 the next morning, we could fly to Newark, NJ and make a connection to Turks. Jennifer Shrake called the train station to find out their schedule for Chicago that afternoon/evening, and if they could accommodate us. They not only could, but added a train car for us in order to do it. United rerouted our trip through Newark so we could be at our destination the next day. They also held up the connecting flight in



New Jersey for us.

Tired and weary from the delay, we all trudged back home to await our departure to Union Station, and that's when the party began!!

Rich Bergt provided the music and we sang and danced all the way through the three and a half hour trip. The time just flew by. Fortunately, we had the train car all to ourselves.

Spending the night at O'Hare wasn't thrilling, but in the morning we boarded the plane, made our connections and reached our destination. It was unanimous that the beach at Turks was more beautiful than any we had ever seen. We hit the beach daily and had dinner together every evening. Some snorkled, some took a boat tour and a few of us went Conch hunting at high tide. We danced under the stars at Sharkey's and even had a wedding.\*\*

We met a lot of nice people and thoroughly enjoyed our new pirate friend. I've never seen anyone jump so high as Terri when he snuck behind her and scared the daylights out of her! As the end drew near and reports from home were promising more snow, Maurine made train reservations for us from Chicago to Springfield. And yes, we used them because that flight was also cancelled.

There's one thing I know for sure, that no one on the trip will ever forget it! Mother Nature handed this group of people lemons and they went on to make lemonade. They should be an inspiration to us all on the power of positivity. They are a great group of people and I am honored to have traveled with them.

**Jan Joyce**  
**Trip Leader**

*\*\*Editor's note: Congratulations and best wishes to Jan Joyce and Jim Russell!*



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Despite warnings and predictions of snowfall on Trivia Night, the turn out of Ski Club members and nonmembers was excellent. About two hundred participants braved the wintery weather. It was a fun filled evening hosted by Curtis and Ann Meinhardt and entertaining music by Jon Roth. Thanks for making the evening a success. Special thanks to Beth Beasley for the many hours spent for the slide presentation. I greatly appreciate the amusing and entertaining questions made by Chris Schofield. Rick Griminger, Julie Hubbard, Jeff Foust, and Carolyn Bergt. To all those who helped in some way and are not mentioned here, my heart felt thanks to you on behalf of me and your Ski Club.

Thanks also to each of the team

members that took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for donating their prize money back to our charities. The final totals will be announced at the presentation

to these charities in April.

**Richard Bergt**  
**Community Service Chair**



## ***Andorra/Barcelona, Skiing in the Pyrenees*** ***Feb. 22-March 4, 2019***

Five nights in Andorra with many shopping and sight seeing activities. Grandvalira in Andorra is the biggest ski resort in the Pyrenees and Southern Europe. It has 127 runs, covering more than 200 km. Great Pass pricing and Senior discounts for lift tickets. Senior Gold pass for those born 1948 or before, ski free! Daily Breakfast and dinner .

Four nights in Barcelona, with daily breakfast.  
Round trip from Chicago to Barcelona, Price based on double occupancy rooms.  
Transfers in Europe. Springfield to Chicago a la carte. Price: \$1,800.

# Taste of Soulard ~ February 23, 2019

*This has been a popular event! For a modest price, Taste of Soulard attendees receive a ticket booklet that includes a map of the Soulard area and location of participating establishments. Attendees create their own "pub crawl," exchanging tickets from their booklets for drinks and/or food.*

**Cost: \$70.00, includes \$25.00 ticket booklet • Cancellation fee, \$18.00**

**Bus will leave Springfield at 10:00 for St. Louis, will return between 5:30 & 6:00.**

**Trip Leader: Chris Schofield, [Chris\\_Schofield\\_560@comcast.net](mailto:Chris_Schofield_560@comcast.net)**

## Cinco de Mayo Celebration and BOOM BOOM ROOM DINNER and BURLESQUE SHOW

**SATURDAY MAY 4, 2019**

We will begin our day leaving the 6th street Walmart parking lot at 11:00 am and travel to St. Louis for Cinco De Mayo: A Cherokee Street Festival which has evolved into a celebration of community and one of the largest and most diverse festivals in the St. Louis area. The festival will pack Cherokee Street with people enjoying authentic food, drinks, music, and entertainment. The festival brings together over 50,000 attendees to celebrate the rich, multicultural and spirited, eclectic community within the Cherokee Street neighborhood and surrounding south St. Louis area. Three stages of live music will feature an assortment of local and regional acts, brought to you by **Hornito's Tequila, 4 Hands Brewing Company, and Urban Chestnut.**

Our evening will begin at 6:00 in The Boom Boom Room, a live burlesque experience located near downtown St. Louis. The over-the-top visuals will delight, the well-mixed drinks will go

down smooth, and the food is excellent. St. Louis Magazine quoted owners Jim Callahan and Brandy Dunn, "What we try to imitate is the entertainment of the 1920s and 30s. The idea for this place came from the dueling pianos scene in the movie *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* It's kitsch, fun and some people think we're crazy. We're risqué for 1928. We say we're Bugs Bunny hot, or like the vintage pin-up girls." It has been described as a nearly-naughty-nightclub mixed with fairy dust. The chef of the Boom Boom room has created a buzz with his French flair a la Moulin Rouge and correspondingly classic cuisine. Dinner is served against a back drop of live entertainment. The burlesque show combines humor, over-the-top costumes, and audience interactions to create a unique experience.



**SCHEDULE** Leave south sixth street Walmart at 11:00 am  
 Arrive at Cinco De Mayo Festival at 12:45 pm  
 Leave Cinco De Mayo Festival at 5:15 pm  
 Arrive Boom Boom Room at 5:45  
 Dinner and show starts at 6:00 pm and ends at 9:30 pm  
 Depart for Springfield at 9:45 pm  
 Arrive Springfield at about 11:15 pm

**Price is \$110.00 which includes the bus, snacks, show tickets, and dinner.  
 Drinks are not provided.**

**Cancellation fee: \$28.00---Increases to \$55.00 two weeks before the trip.**

**Trip Leaders: Charlotte Montgomery and Mark Edmiston.**

**Charlotte at [charlotteamontgomery@yahoo.com](mailto:charlotteamontgomery@yahoo.com) or Mark [markredmiston@msn.com](mailto:markredmiston@msn.com)**

**Please contact Charlotte or Mark to sign up for this exciting trip!!!**

# TRIP PREVIEW

September 9-17, 2019

## EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND & LONDON



**Cost: \$2875 (with minimum of 26)**

**A very limited # of single supplements: \$583 additional**

**3 NIGHTS IN EDINBURGH, 4 NIGHTS IN LONDON**

### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

#### Scotland:

Panoramic tour of Edinburgh  
Edinburgh Castle  
Palace of Holyroodhouse  
Stirling Castle  
Loch Lomond Cruise  
Trossachs National Park  
Visit to Stonehenge and the Roman Baths in Bath

#### London:

Panoramic tour of London  
Tower of London  
St. Paul's Cathedral  
British Museum  
Changing of the Guard at  
Buckingham Palace

#### Trip leaders:

**Diane Long, 737-8643**  
**dlong819@comcast.net**  
**and**  
**Joan Gardner, 341-2540**

**Inclusions:** Non-stop flights & hotels for 7 nights  
daily breakfast, 2 lunches, & 3 dinners  
dinner and entertainment at Spirit of Scotland  
train between Edinburgh & London  
entry fees for included visits  
English speaking guide

**COMPLETE TRIP DETAILS IN THE MARCH SNOWJOURNER**

# SPRINGFIELD SKI CLUB

presents...

## *Andorra & Barcelona* **Spain**

**Feb. 22 - March 4, 2019**

**\$1800 per person (double occupancy)**

- Roundtrip air Chicago to Barcelona via Lufthansa and Swiss.
- 5 nights lodging at the 4\* Art Hotel Andorra, 2 per room.  
Breakfast & Dinner daily  
Hotel taxes
- 4 nights lodging in Barcelona, 2 per room.  
Breakfast daily  
Snacks & Beverages free in the Café Bar
- Airline taxes and fuel surcharges.
- Transfer from Barcelona Airport to Andorra
- Transfer from Andorra to the Hotel Continental in Barcelona
- Transfer from Barcelona to the Barcelona Airport

***Plenty to do for Skiers and Non-Skiers alike!***

*for more info: Jim Hamrick: 217-553-6195*



**There are a few openings for this tour, please contact Trip Leader David Sloat for more information; (847)902-1691.**

# TOUR DE FRANCE

## March 14-26, 2019

*Trip Leader: David Sloat*

**\$3550/person (double occupancy) depending on the number of travelers.  
Single Supplement - \$579 added to the price of the trip.**



### ***Trip Includes:***

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare
- Air transportation to and from Paris (CDG Airport)
- High-speed train transportation between Paris and Avignon
- Three nights in Paris at Mercure Paris Gare Montparnasse (4 star)
- Two nights in Caen at Royal Hotel de Caen (4 star)
- Two nights in Tours at Relais Saint-Eloi (3 star)
- Three nights in Avignon in Mercure Centre Palais des Papes (4 star)
- One night near Charles De Gaulle Airport at ibis Styles Paris CDG Airport (3 star)
- Actual hotels may change based on availability.
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Tour Leader Guide throughout the trip
- Four full-day tours (entrance fees included)
- Lunch cruise on the Seine River
- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and Welcome and Farewell dinners
- Gratuities for Tour Leader Guide, local guides, bus drivers and hotel porters (*one piece of luggage per person*), serving staff at included meals

### ***Included Sightseeing Activities:***

- Panoramic tour of Paris
- Luncheon cruise of the Seine River
- Visit to Normandy sites – 360 HD movie, Omaha Beach, The American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, Pointe du Hoc
- Explore the cliffs of Etretat
- Visit to Honfleur
- Tour Chateau du Breuil and their distillery with a tasting of old Calvados wine
- Visit the Chateaux of Angers, Villandry, Chenonceau and Chambord
- Trip to Chartres and its famous Cathedral
- See the Pont d'Avignon on the Rhone
- Participate in a guided visit of the Palais des Papes in Avignon
- Visit the Pont du Gard aqueduct
- Explore Nimes with its Amphitheatre and Roman Temple –Maison Caree
- Visit to Arles (Roman Arenas, Ancient Theatre, Church of Saint Trophime, Van Gogh's Café and the Forum Place)
- Visit to Versailles Palace
- Visits to five World Heritage Sites:  
• Pont du Gard • Arles • Chartres Cathedral • Versailles Palace  
Palais des Papes and Pont d'Avignon in Avignon)

### ***Optional Sightseeing Activities:***

- Guided tour of the Musee d'Orsay (entrance ticket included), walking tour of the Marais and Les Passages Couverts (\$165 pp) with two-course lunch with wine and coffee
- Full day excursion to Champagne and Reims (\$165 pp) – Champagne House (entrance tickets), two-course lunch with drink and coffee, and Reims and its Gothic Cathedral.
- Afternoon Luberon Villages Tour (\$45 pp) – Roussillon and Gordes

### **Deposit at sign-up: \$900**

AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT #, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the return date for international travel.

**2nd Payment due 10/8/18 \$900**

(Single supplement add \$190 to 2nd payment.)

**3rd Payment due 11/8/18 \$900**

(Single supplement add \$190 to 3rd payment.)

**4th Payment due 12/7/18** Amount to be determined by the trip leader in November 2018 and will depend on the number of travelers and finalization of costs.

(Single supplement add \$199 to 4th payment.)

The final payment may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator or from the Springfield Ski Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.

### **Cancellation Dates/Fees:**

Cutoff date – September 14, 2018, with SSC \$25 processing fee. 90 days or more prior to departure - \$300; 60-89 days prior to departure – \$1000; 45-59 days prior to departure – \$1500; 30-44 days prior to departure – \$2000; 29 days or fewer prior to departure – no refund. ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSC PROCESSING FEE.

***Trip Insurance:*** The Springfield Ski Club strongly recommends the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip. Trip insurance is available from smarTours (800.337.7773) for \$179 (nonrefundable), but you can use other insurers as well. Trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

**SPRINGFIELD SKI CLUB**

**Application Form for Trips/Sporting Events**

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

Trip/Sporting Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work#: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Complete this section for Ski or Tour trips only:**

Male: \_\_ Female: \_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ DL #: \_\_\_\_\_ DL State: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # (if international trip): \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Request: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**For trip leader use only**

App. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Wait List: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Final Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Approved Refund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **STANDING RULE #2**

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

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

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

## **STANDING RULE #5**

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

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

## **STANDING RULE #7**

### **GROUND TRANSPORTATION SMOKING POLICY (11/14/96)**

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

## **STANDING RULE #8**

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

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