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From Mission Control

by Sandra McCunis, President



It is already August and it won't be long before we resume our regular monthly meetings. Our first General Meeting will be on September 12th at Dave & Buster's on Richmond at 6:30 PM. You will have an opportunity to discuss the details of our trips with the Trip Coordinators and Assistant Trip Coordinators and make a deposit to hold your spot on one or more of these exciting trips.

Jim Hodges, V.P. of Trips, and his Directors of Trips, Bill Bomberger and Dennis Newell devoted many hours planning a great slate of ski trips for the upcoming season. Early sign-up began on August 1st so you can now sign up for trips by mail or online via PayPal. You must be an active member so if you have not renewed your membership, mail your application and check to Jan Ferrell, V.P. of Membership, or renew on our website at www.spacecityskiclub.org.

Leslie Ward has been busy planning activities and Happy Hours to keep us active between ski trips. She needs

volunteers so we can continue to offer members a variety of fun activities. Please contact her if you are interested in being an Activity Coordinator. It is a great way to meet new people and socialize with your SCSC friends.

I will be planning our programs for the General Meetings. Please let me know if there are programs that you enjoyed at past meetings. I would also appreciate any suggestions for future programs. I plan to organize some of our traditional programs such as a Ski Swap, Fashion Show and Sunshine Kids Auction. I will need volunteers to assist with these programs so please contact me to volunteer.

Our annual Volunteer Party on July 16th was clearly a success. Sixty people attended and enjoyed delicious food and a relaxing day at Marty Kaminsky's beautiful home on Galveston Bay. We owe Marty a thank you for hosting our party and Robert Clements and Bruce Lowther for slaving over a hot barbeque grill and keeping the Margarita machine flowing! I also want to thank those that volunteered at the party and during the previous season.

I hope that you are having a great summer and I am looking forward to seeing you at our September meeting.

Countdown to Liftoff

By Jim Hodges, V.P. of Trips

We began trip sign-up on August 1! Hopefully you are one of the early birds and have already signed up for a trip or two. If you have not signed up yet, what are you waiting for? We have published prices for all trips with the exception of Sun Valley Full Package. We are waiting (and hoping) for better air prices to Boise and expect to publish the full package price in September. All other trips have prices for land packages or full packages including air. If we are able to get a better deal on the air after you have signed up, the trip price will be recalculated and your final payment will be adjusted. You can pay your deposit either with a check sent to the TC or on-line using Paypal - the amount of the deposit is the same. However, you will get a discount if you make all other payments by cash/check. If you make any payment above the deposit amount on Paypal, you lose the cash discount. If you are still undecided about signing up for a trip, be sure and attend the September General Meeting. The

TCs and ATCs for each of the trips will be available at the meeting to discuss their trip with you and answer your questions

Regardless if you sign-up online at the SCSC website or sign-up by mailing a check to the Trip Coordinator, we need you to complete the trip registration form and mail to the TC (or hand-over in person at a SCSC meeting, happy hour, etc). This form provides the TC with your contact information, preference of land or full package and your member number. If you don't remember your member number, look on the mailing label on your Sitzmark and you will find it after the date. This form also references the club rules on cancellation after sign-up in case you need to change your plans after signing up for a trip.

Don't be left out in the heat!!! Sign up for a trip and join your fellow SCSC members on the slopes



Calendar of Events

- 08/06/11 **Houston Astros vs. Milwaukee Brewers** - Minute Maid Park - 6:05 PM AC: Don Macken
- 08/25/11 **August Happy Hour** - Benjy's on Washington -5922 Washington Ave. -5:30 to 9:00 PM
- 09/12/11 **General Meeting** at Dave & Buster's = 6010 Richmond Ave.—6:30 to 9:00 pm
- 09/22/11 **September Happy Hour** - Byzantio Café & Bar - 403 West Gray - 5:30 to 9:00 PM
- 10/10/11 **General Meeting** at Dave & Buster's = 6010 Richmond Ave.—6:30 to 9:00 pm
- 10/27/11 **October Happy Hour** - The Ginger Man-5607 Morningside Drive - 5:30 to 9:00 PM
- 11/17/11 **November Happy Hour** - Boneyard Dog Park & Drinkery - 8150 Washington -5:30 to 9:00 PM
- 12/15/11 **December Happy Hour** - Tango Malbec - 2800 Sage Rd A - 100 - 5:30 to 9:00 PM

Ski Trip Schedule 2011-2012

****Trip Price Cash/Check Discounts (Domestic)—Subtract \$50 on Full Trip Pkgs & \$35 on Land/Short Trip Pkgs**

Destination	Trip Dates	FPD	Trip \$	TC	ATC
Alaska Cruise TSC Summer Expedition	Sept 6-13, 2011 (Tues-Tues)	16-May-11	\$1,571	Ellen Eastham eeastham@prodigy.net 281-989-9935	Tom Danowski tomdanowski@sbcglobal.net 713-725-8624
Vail, CO—Short Trip	Dec 10-14, 2011 (Sat-Weds)	10-Oct-11	Full \$903 Land \$570	Pat Piech ppiech48@comcast.net 281-531-7650	
Vail, CO—Long Trip	Dec 10-17, 2010 (Sat-Sat)	10-Oct-11	Full \$1,232 Land \$884	Pat Piech ppiech48@comcast.net 281-531-7650	
Snowmass , CO TSC Traditional	Jan 7-14, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	1-Nov-11	Full \$1,343 Land \$884	George Lopez GJL_ASTI@yahoo.com 856 296 9399	Camille LaRoe camille.LaRoe@sylvania.com 281-686-2274
Poland	Jan 20-29, 2012 (Fri-Sun)	1-Nov-11	Full \$2,196 Cash Disc \$60 Land \$1,069 Cash Disc \$35	Vicki Faulkner vsfaulkner@att.net 713-863-0470	
Steamboat Springs, CO	Jan 21-28, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	11-Oct-11	Full \$1,227 Land \$719	Derek Shoobridge hlift@aol.com 281-393-1255	Lynda Meyer lynda_meyer@yahoo.com 713-775-9215
Banff, Canada	Feb 4-11, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	21-Nov-11	Full \$1230 Land \$700	Arlen Isham aisham@consolidated.net 713-560-0187	
Heavenly-Lake Tahoe,CA TSC Winter Shootout	Feb 11-18, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	1-Nov-11	Full \$1099 Land \$579	Bob Olsen bobolsen1@comcast.net 713-530-9068	Maria Mendez mendez_me@yahoo.com 281-797-7084
Big Sky, MT	Feb 25 - Mar 3 (Sat-Sat)	14-Nov-11	Full \$1,219 Land \$816	Beverly Roberts 281-496-4897 Beverly.borroughs.roberts@gmail.com	Jill Nanney 832-251-7097 pj_nanney@hotmail.com
Breckenridge, CO Short Trip	Mar 3-7, 2012 (Sat-Weds)	14-Nov-11	Full \$829 Land \$502	Patty Finch finchp@gtlaw.com 936-520-1486	Louella Steller ljdms@aol.com 832-723-9529
Breckenridge/Keystone Long Trip	Mar 3-10, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	14-Nov-11	Full \$1,140 Land \$800	Patty Finch finchp@gtlaw.com 936-520-1486	Louella Steller ljdms@aol.com 832-723-9529
Sun Valley, Idaho TSC Final Showdown	Mar 10-17, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	1-Dec-11	Full TBD Land \$841	Ann Rogers rogersae@msn.com 281-703-0454	Ray Villareal rdforce1@yahoo.com 713-344-3625
Galapagos TSC Summer Expedition	August 1-10,2012 (Weds-Fri)	19-Mar-12	Land Only \$3,563 Cash Disc \$100	Melinda Hughes home@angeloproductions.com 936-825-7039	

Having A Blast!

By Leslie Ward, V.P. of Activities

We had a great time at the annual Volunteer Party on Saturday, July 16th at Marty Kaminsky's home in San Leon on Galveston Bay. Thanks to all that helped (Sandra McCunis, Derrik Shoobridge, LaDaune Ashley, Ray Villarreal, Larry Hord, Peggy Schillinger, Olga Adair, Tom Johns (guest)), and especially our cooks Robert Clements and Bruce Lowther. I apologize if I have forgotten to include someone's name.

Catching a fly ball at a Major League baseball game might be on your bucket list. Don Macken will help you reach out and grab that ball at an Astros game on August 6. Our August Happy Hour will be held at Benjy's on Washington.

See the Calendar of Events for the up coming Happy Hour locations through the end of the year. If you have any favorite places you would like us to go please contact me via phone or email as noted below.

We are working on dates & budgets for the following activities. Thank you to those you have stepped up and offered to help.

1. Cooking Class at T'afia with Chef is Monica Pope
2. Sailing with TASS



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2011-2012 Trip Registration Form FOR USE BY SCSC MEMBERS ONLY

(Complete ONE Registration Form and prepare ONE deposit check PER trip)

Each envelope must contain the registration form and deposit. Deposit is **\$150** per participant (**\$300 for International trips**).

Make the check payable to "SCSC" and write trip name and membership number(s) (from Sitzmarke address label) on the check.
Also, write the trip name on the outside of the envelope.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY—WE MUST BE ABLE TO READ THE DATA ON THIS FORM

Trip Name: _____

Trip Name: _____

Trip Dates _____ to _____

Trip Dates: _____ to _____

Participant #1

Participant #2

Name: _____

Name: _____

2011-12 Membership # _____

2011-12 Membership # _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone(H) _____ (W) _____

Phone(H) _____ (W) _____

Fax _____

Fax _____

E-Mail _____

E-Mail _____

Please check one:

Full package

Land package

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Full package

Land package

I understand the following (per standing rules 5.1 - 5.4): Cancellations after trip sign-up must be *in writing* to the Trip Coordinator and all cancellations after August 1 are subject to a \$30 per person cancellation fee. If I cancel on or after the final payment date, I may forfeit the full amount paid if I cannot be replaced on the trip. Beginning with the 2004-05 season, Trip Transfers were no longer permitted.

Signature(s) (Required) _____

Please mail your deposit check(s) and Trip Registration Form(s) to the appropriate Trip Coordinator (TC) below:

(Remember: Include the trip name and your membership number(s) on your check and the trip name on the outside of the envelope)

TRIP NAME	TC	Street	City, State	Zip	Telephone #
Vail, Colorado - Long	Pat Piech	2118 Woodland Park	Houston, TX	77077	281 531 7650
Vail, Colorado - Short	Pat Piech	2118 Woodland Park	Houston, TX	77077	281 531 7650
Snowmass, Colorado	George Lopez	4642 Hickory Downs Dr.	Houston, TX	77084	856 296 9399
Poland	Vicki Faulkner	806 West 31st St	Houston, TX	77018	713 863 0470
Steamboat Springs, Colorado	Derek Shoobridge	121 CR 959	Liverpool, TX	77577	281 393 1255
Banff, Canada	Arlen Isham	25114 Derbybrook CT	Katy, TX	77494	713 560 0187
Heavenly – Lake Tahoe, CA	Bob Olsen	3610 E Cedar Hollow Dr	Pearland, TX	77584	713 530 9068
Big Sky, Montana	Beverly Roberts	14306 Westway Lane	Houston, TX	77077	281 496 4897
Breckenridge, Colorado – Short	Patty Finch	1107 Jacobs Ct	Conroe, TX	77384	936 520 1486
Breckenridge/Keystone - Long	Patty Finch	1107 Jacobs Ct	Conroe, TX	77384	936 520 1486
Sun Valley, Idaho	Ann Rogers	4507 Alamo Ave	Sugar Land, TX	77479	281 703 0454
Galapagos	Melinda Hughes	16840 Clay Road #111	Houston, TX	77084	936 825 7039

Having A Blast! (cont)

3. Kayaking Day trip 4. Wine Tasting 5. Gala

I am including the other ideas I had previously mentioned for future Activities. I need people to be Activity Coordinators. Please step up and volunteer.

1. Mixed Doubles Tennis Scramble
2. Scavenger Hunt at the Houston Zoo (family friendly)
3. Beach Volleyball and cook out at Third Coast Volley Ball
4. Mad Potter - paint your own pottery (family friendly)
5. Miller Outdoor Theater - Theater Under The Stars (TUTS)
6. Houston Museum of Natural Science - Planetarium Led Zeppelin
7. The Menil Collection - Only place in Houston, TX listed in "1000 Places To See Before You Die"
8. Day trip to see The Painted Churches in Schulenburg, La Grange, and Fayetteville.

Please contact me at 832-863-2018 or shmrck1317@aol.com to volunteer to lead one of these activities or come up with one of your own.

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This is the last Sitzmarke you will receive if you are not current with your dues. The Club wanted you to learn about the wonderful trips we will be taking for the 2011-2012 year. You will not be able to sign up for these trips until you have paid your dues. Please contact vpmembership@spacecityskiclub.org if you have any questions

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