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NEW AUGUST MEETING TRIP SIGNUP
NEW LOCATION: The Hess Club- 5430 Westheimer
Monday, August 13th @ 6:30—9:00 pm
Read about Ski Trip Selections in this issue—Online Signup August 1st

From Mission Control

by Sandra McCunis, President

While our SCSC members have been enjoying the summer, the Executive Committee has been working on plans for the 2012/2013 season. We have approved a great slate of exciting trips for the upcoming season and you will be able to sign up for one or more of them as of August 1st. We have also organized some fun social events and Happy Hours.

We will be starting our General Meetings one month earlier this year. Our first meeting will be on Monday, August 13th and it will be a special meeting to promote early sign ups. Those members that attend and sign up for a trip will have their names entered into two drawings of \$50 each and will have a chance to win a discount applied to the trip of your choice. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The SCSC General Meetings will be held at a **new location** this year. We will be moving to the **HESS Club** at 5430 Westheimer in the Galleria area which is located between



Yorktown and Chimney Rock. We will be in the elegant San Jacinto room and have our own private bar. You will also be able to purchase appetizers from their bar menu.

Ann Rogers, our V.P. of Trips, has devoted many hours to negotiating competitively priced trips for our members and to filling the positions of Trip and Assistant Trip Coordinators. You can sign up for a trip at our meetings or online at www.spacecityskiclub.org via PayPal. You may also download a Trip Registration form, complete and mail it and your check for the deposit to the Trip Coordinator.

Cindy Moore, our V.P. of Activities, is in the process of organizing a variety of new activities and Happy Hours for your enjoyment. Don't forget to check out her Calendar of Events. These events are a great way to socialize with your SCSC friends and an opportunity to meet new people.

If you have not renewed your membership, the time to do so is now! You can download a form from our website and mail it and your check to our V.P. of Membership, Jan Ferrell, or log on to our website and renew via PayPal. You must be an active member to sign up for a trip. Some of our trips fill quickly so don't delay!

Countdown to Liftoff

By Ann Rogers, V.P. of Trips

The marketing campaign for next year's trips is heating up, just like a summer day in Houston. We have been working hard on finalizing all the details for the club and TSC trips. Trip leaders have attended training sessions, attending, budget meetings and finalizing the details on the individual trips. Check out the articles on all the destinations



we plan to ski. Domestic or International, there is something for every level of skier or snowboarder. Our lodging choices are 1st class with all usual amenities and are ski-in/ski-out. Trip leaders will be busy marketing their trips at happy hours and other gatherings, so please come meet them! They will be happy to answer your questions regarding the trip they are running. The trip sign-ups will begin on August 1st, the registration form will be on the website for you to download. Get a group together and be ready to sign up on August 1st for your favorite destination!

Having A Blast!

By Cindy Moore V.P. of Activities

The Sandcastle Building Contest in Galveston was a huge success! Thanks to all of the hard working volunteers who came out, helped and helped promote SCSC, and especially to Susan Blome, Ellen Eastham and Tom Danowski for their organizing.

We had 50 people at Rainbow Lodge for the June Happy hour! Join us on July 28th at Chuy's in West Chase and keep the summer momentum strong! You will be able to sign up for

activities and get information you need for the upcoming August trip sign up.

The start and end times of the volunteer pool party has been confirmed to be from 4:00 to 10:00 PM on July 14th. This year it will be hosted by Betty and Bob Donellan at their beautiful home and pool at 17403 Wilton Park Ct, Spring, TX 77379

Spring, TX, The volunteers should have received their e-vite by now. If you haven't, check your spam folder.



Having A Blast! (cont)

If you still don't find it, sign in as a member on the web site and you will see the address under "payment address." This will be a pool party so bring your bathing suit, sun screen, towel and a folding chair if possible. There will be plenty of wine, beer, margaritas and award winning BBQ brisket and chicken by Bruce Lowther and Robert Clements and lots of other sides. If you were not a volunteer last year, you can still attend by paying \$15.00, cash or check, at the door.

We have just changed the "Fun Day on Lake Conroe" Sunday afternoon, July 29th event to completely family optional with children 12 and under only \$15.00. Anyone over 12 is \$35.00 for lunch, a terrific private party boat, complete with two water slides, water and sodas. It is BYOB. Our captain will take us out on the lake and let us swim and play in the lake. Please call or email Helene Robinson ASAP to sign up and pay. You can also pay via Pay pal on our web site.

Contact Louella Stellar to sign up to attend "Life Could Be A Dream" a musical comedy at Stages Theatre on August 4th. It is only \$35.00 a person and will have an optional group dinner at Pei Wei before. You can also pay for this event on our web site through Pay Pal.

Contact Craig Campbell to sign up for the Triple P Pool

Party at the Kuper's house in West Houston. We have changed the date back to Sunday, 9-16-12, due to a conflict. Sign up with Craig or by Pay Pal.

I think we are going to try something different instead of the Gala this year, but as of this writing this event has not been approved. We are thinking of a "Denim and Diamonds" (D & D) Holiday Kick-off Party. This will include a meal (probably BBQ) and an excellent (mostly country western) band and a DJ for your dancing pleasure at a cost of a lot less money than the traditional Gala. This event will be geared towards singles as well as couples. Save the date of November 17th for this new event! Contact me ASAP if you are interested in being the activity coordinator for this. To get you ready for the D & D party, Sharon Simandl is organizing some SCSC group two step dance lessons for September and October. Let one of us know if you are interested. You don't want to be a wall flower at the D & D, do you? Diane Stotz is helping me plan a spring semi-formal dance. I need activity coordinators! Contact me if you have interest in being an AC or an Assistant AC. This is a great stepping stone to being a trip leader in the future! I will publish a line-up of proposed activities with my next article. My email is info@tscyf.org

Many Thanks to our TCs & ATCs! Training Session Pics



2012-2013 Ski Trip Descriptions

VAIL, COLORADO

Long Trip - Sat, Dec 8 - Sat, Dec 15 Short Trip - Sat, Dec 8- Weds, Dec 12

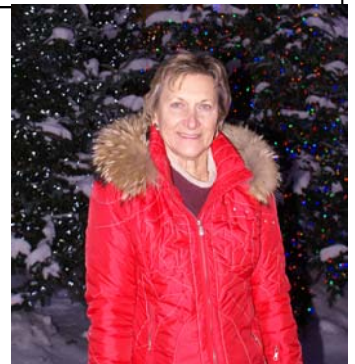
TC- Judy Schiro Email: jschiro1@comcast.net Home: 713.939.8235 Cell: 832.689.9365

Trip Prices: Long Trip Land Only Package - \$924 (\$889 cash)

Short Trip Land Only Package - \$594 (\$569 cash)

We are headed back to Vail for our annual ski trip December 8-15 for the long trip and 8-12 for the short trip. This year we are offering LAND ONLY packages on this trip. Choice of flights are United Airlines #UA5498 that leaves Houston at 7:25am and arrives in Denver at 8:53am or Southwest Airlines #4899 that leaves Houston at 8:15 a.m. and arrives Denver at 9:45 a.m. There will be a bus at the airport to take us to Lionshead in Vail at approximately 10:45a.m.

Return flights will be on Wednesday so that the participants can still ski that morning and then catch the 4:50pm #372 flight on Southwest Airlines. If you want to take United Airlines then you will need to make your flight arrangements for after that time. On the Saturday return, the bus will leave in time for the Southwest Airlines #1689 flight leaving Denver at 1:10pm. For those taking United Airlines they will need to make arrangements to reserve a flight after that time. Due to renovations at Lions Square Lodge we are staying at Montaneros, just a short walk away from Lions Square Lodge.



SCSC Ski Trip Schedule 2012—2013

****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
Galapagos TSC Summer Expedition (Weds-Fri)	Aug 1-10,2012	19-Mar-12	Land Only \$3,563 Cash Disc \$100	Melinda Hughes home@angeloproductions.com 936-825-7039	
Vail, CO—Short Trip	Dec 8-12, 2012 (Sat-Weds)	30-Oct-12	Land \$594	Judy Schiro jschiro1@comcast.net 832-689-9365	
Vail, CO—Long Trip	Dec 8-12, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	30-Oct-12	Land \$924	Judy Schiro jschiro1@comcast.net 832-689-9365	
Deer Valley, UT	Jan 5-12, 2013 (Sat-Sat)	15-Oct-12	Full \$1,337 Land \$781	Derek Shoobridge hlift@aol.com 713-501-1032	
Steamboat Springs, CO TSC Traditional	Jan 12-19, 2013 (Sat– Sat)	12-Nov-12	Full \$1,423 Land \$904	Anne M. Thomas annemthomas1@yahoo.com 713-589-3660	Melinda Hughes
Granda & Torremolinos, Spain TSC Winter Expedition	Jan 25-Feb2, 2013 (Fri-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Full \$2,127 Land \$1,115	George Lopez GJL_ASTI@yahoo.com 856 296 9399	
Zermatt, Switzerland	Feb 1-9, 2013 (Fri-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Full \$2,296 Land \$1,227	Arlen Isham aisham@consolidated.net 713-560-0187	
Telluride, CO TSC Winter Shootout	Feb 9-16, 2013 (Sat-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Full \$1,551 Land \$890	Betty Donellan bettyrelaw@gmail.com 310-775-9215	
Taos, NM Short Trip	Feb 16-20,2013 (Sat-Weds)	12-Nov-12	Full \$1,103 Land \$634	Lynda Meyer lynda_meyer@yahoo.com 713-775-9215	
Taos, NM Long Trip	Feb 16-23,2013 (Sat-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Land \$947	Lynda Meyer lynda_meyer@yahoo.com 713-775-9215	
Mt. Bachelor, OR Long Trip	Feb 23-Mar2, 2013 (Sat-Sat)		Full \$1,297 Land \$726	Ellen Eastham eeastham@prodigy.net 281-989-9935	
Beaver Creek, CO	Mar 5-10, 2013 (Tues—Sun)	12-Jan-13	Full \$1,151 Land \$820	Helene Robinson helenerobinson@mac.com 954-253-1681	
Big Sky, Montana TSC Final Showdown	Mar 9-16,2013 (Sat-Sat)	9-Dec-12	Land \$925	Candance TenBrink Candance@ctenbrink.com 312-543-1151	Abhi Gami
Ireland	Aug 23-31, 2013 (Fri-Sat)	13-May-13	Full \$1,983 Land \$1,011	Sandy Wellhausen Sandywp.ski@gmail.com 281-996-8653	Sean O'Brien

2012-2013 Ski Trip Descriptions

VAIL, CO (cont)

They offer complimentary tea/coffee in the lobby, heated swimming pool, hot tub & sauna, parking, wireless internet, humidifiers and hair dryers and they have a room to store your skis. Their condos have full kitchens and spacious living rooms. Montaneros will have a welcome party with cheese/wine for us on Tuesday evening.

We will do our usual stop at the grocery/liquor store for those necessary items and then arrive early for those of you to rent your skis and get yourselves organized. We will have our club welcome party on Saturday evening with lots of food/drink so that you can get your lift tickets, meet the other participants and organize with your skiing buddies as to where to meet and where to ski. Lift tickets are also accepted at Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin for those of you who would want to venture away to another mountain.

For those few of you that have never joined us, this is the year. Vail is a huge mountain boasting 5,289 acres of skiing/snowboarding and 300 days of sunshine. Of course, everyone will want to check out those fabulous world-class restaurants and night life.

DEER VALLEY, UT

Sat, January 5 — Sat, January 12, 2013 Final Payment Date: Oct 15, 2012

TC - Derek Shoobridge Email: hlift@aol.com Cell: 713.501.1032

Anticipated Trip Prices (to be confirmed when air finalized)

Full Trip \$1,337 (\$1,287 cash)

Land only \$781 (\$746 cash)

Right after the New Year's holiday heading to the snowy slopes of first trip of 2013 will be Deer Valley revolutionize 28 years ago by being the first North American resort to provide the first-class service one would find at a five-star hotel and has the last 5 years been rated the No 1 North American ski resort in "Ski" magazine.

Deer Valley boasts an annual snowfall of 300 inches, award winning ski school and exceptional customer service. Six mountains to ski with lots of runs, bowls, glades and trees, there is something for everyone and it is all below 10,000 feet, so acclimatization to the altitude is not a problem. With 21 chair lifts including 11 high speeds and a gondola, this resort's lifts can move 46,500 skiers/hour, 50% more than the local competition. The ski package we have arranged, for an additional \$301 gives 5 days skiing, 3 at Deer Valley, 1 at Park City and one at The Canyons. A 6th day is available at any of these resorts for an additional \$59.

There are no Boarders at Deer Valley!!

Present air is by Delta with direct flights to/from Salt Lake City. We have luxury condo accommodation at "Lakeside Condos" located a short distance from the Deer Valley lifts. The condos are located a half hours ride from the airport by private bus, with the mandatory grocery/liquor store stop. Baggage handling at the resort is included together with a welcome reception.



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Don't Miss The Boat! Steamboat is hosting the TSC Traditional Ski Week. And, in January, Steamboat will be celebrating the resort's 50-year anniversary. Join us for the SCSC/TSC spectacular "golden anniversary" trip.

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO - TSC Traditional

Sat, January 12-Sat, January 19, 2013

TC - Anne M. Thomas Email: AnneMThomas1@yahoo.com Cell: 713.589.3660

ATC - Melinda Hughes

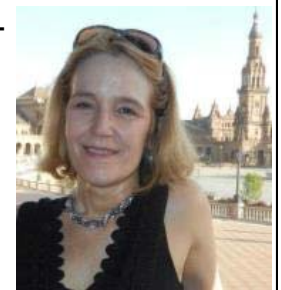
Trip Prices: Full Package - \$1,423 (1,373 cash price)

Land Package- \$904 (\$869 cash price)

Nestled quietly in the Colorado Rockies below one of North America's largest ski mountains, sits a small ranching community that serves as a constant reminder that the Old West is alive and well. Never far from its ranching roots, Steamboat remains firmly linked to a Western tradition that sets it apart from every other ski resort. It captures the romance from its old west, early pioneer days and retains its true western heritage and old fashioned hospitality. As an example, just look at the trail names- Quickdraw, Longhorn, Buckshot, Cowboy Coffee and a high-speed quad chairlift named Pony Express.

Getting there is easy with Space City!!

SCSC has booked DIRECT flights from IAH to Hayden Airport, which is a quick and convenient 22 mile bus ride to the ski slopes



STEAMBOAT SPRINGS (cont)

Want to use miles or drive, no problem. We have many land packages available.

Lodging - WOW. We've raised the bar for this TSC trip as, once again, Space City returns to the luxurious ski-in Kutuk Condos.

- Ski Time Square location - 75 yards to the Christie Lift On-site clubhouse; Two outdoor hot tubs#
- Free high-speed Internet access in each unit, a business center and wireless Internet access in the clubhouse#
- Complimentary long distance phone calls
- On-site complimentary laundry facilities
- Complimentary morning coffee & doughnuts in clubhouse
- Covered parking garage
- Complimentary evening shuttle.#
- Large sun deck with gas grills#
- Bell staff & concierge services#
- Direct dial telephones & message services#
- Private ski lockers#

This ski trip has the BEST accommodations for skiers and non-skiers alike. It is well worth the money to have great lodging and direct flights.

The Mountain Experience - Top to Bottom

Since 2007, nearly \$30 million in on-mountain improvements have erupted at the Steamboat Ski Area -all designed to make your visit even better! Look forward to enhanced terrain to challenge all levels of ability, faster and more comfortable chairlifts, expanded culinary options and remodeled restaurants, high-tech snowmaking and much more. 2 of the newer chair lifts are now powered by renewable energy.

Downtown Steamboat Springs has an elevation of about 6,700 feet and the summit is at 10,568 feet - so a little less altitude than some resorts if that is a concern of yours. With 164 trails, 18 lifts, 3 terrain parks, and nearly 3,000 skiable acres, Steamboat's 6 peaks are filled with world-class groomed cruisers, bumps, steeps, open meadows, legendary trees and Mavericks Superpipe. There is something for all ages and abilities for skiers and boarders. The Trail Classification ranges from 14% Easier, 42% More Difficult and 44% Most Difficult.

Ski Time Square has had some major upgrades - including improved traffic flow, civic improvements and vibrant landscaping designs with the creation of a new Promenade & Plaza. New at Gondola Square is a fully-heated, glass enclosed facility just steps off the heated promenade. The all-season, European-inspired Umbrella Bar features floor to ceiling windows for year-round enjoyment. In addition, a new outdoor fire pit adds to the fun at the base area.

TSC Ski Week Activities

We are planning plenty of activities so SCSC participants and TSC clubs can mix and mingle. The ski week events include:

- TSC Welcome Reception and Farewell Dinner-in Thunderhead Lodge at the top of the Gondola.
- Both functions promise plenty of good food, drink tickets and music.#
- Mountain picnic lunch at Bashor Picnic Area (included). (Nonskiers have option to take a snowshoe tour that stops at picnic area for lunch.)#
- Exclusive TSC - Ski with an Olympian - Join Billy Kidd or other Steamboat Olympians for free pointers & runs down the mountain.#
- Club and individual NASTAR races .
- Discounted Lift Tickets with TSC pricing#
- Poker Pub Crawl
- Optional guided snow shoe tour with a Yampatika naturalist#
- SCSC Condo party
- Daily - Complimentary mountain tour for intermediate ski/ snowboard#
- Après Ski - Complimentary Kenwood/Korbel Wine Tasting#

Other Après-ski events#

Besides this usual list of fun winter activities, to celebrate their 50th anniversary, Steamboat Ski Resort is planning an amazing week filled with additional concerts, torchlight parade, fireworks show, laser light show, vintage ski race, 1960's fashion show & much more! The place is going to be hopping and it will dazzle and shine!

For another unique adventure - just a few miles outside of town is the famous Strawberry Park natural hot springs. It is open day or night, but relaxing under a beautiful starlit sky (hopefully!) is heavenly.

Join your fellow Space City Skiers for this golden opportunity to experience the year's best wild west ski adventure. Sign up begins August 1st and airline seats are limited. Register early.

GRANDA + TORREMOLINOS, SPAIN

Fri, January 25—Sat, February 2, 2013

TC: George Lopez Email: gjl_asti@yahoo.com Cell: 856 296 9399

Trip Prices: Full package \$2,127 (\$2,067 cash)
 Land package \$1,115 (\$1,080 cash) Single supplements only \$260 additional!

TSC Winter expedition to Granada Spain. An extraordinary trip that offers opportunities for skiing, touring, dining & night life, as well as **time on the beach!**

FULL TRIP PRICES INCLUDE:

- * Air between Houston and Malaga Via Delta
- * Round trip transfers between Malaga and Granada in private motorcoach with English speaking assistance
- * 5 nights accommodations in Granada at the Hotel Carmen www.hotelcarmen.com
- * Full Breakfast buffet and dinner daily at the Carmen



GRANDA + TORREMOLINOS, SPAIN (cont)

- * Welcome drink and resort orientation in Granada www.granadainfo.com
- * Gala / Welcome Party in Granada at the Palacio Del Capricho featuring a bullfight, dancing to a DJ and Two Drinks per person
- * Transfer between Granada and Torremolinos in private motorcoach with English speaking assistance.
- * 2 nights accommodations in Torremolinos at the Melia Costa Del Sol <http://www.melia-hotels.com/en/hotels/melia-costa-del-sol-2916.html>
- * Breakfast Buffet daily in Torremolinos
- * Guide & Hospitality desk each evening at the hotel.
- * Optional Tour Program
- * All Local Taxes
- * Passport Cases and Luggage Tags
- * Special Holiday Souvenir Commemorative Pin

Optional activities include:

*Pre and Post trip extensions are in the works but not available yet

Sierra Nevada Ski Area http://go-sierranevada.com/en/ski_slopes/ski_slopes.html

SIERRA NEVADA 3 day SKI PASS \$150, \$120 if over 60

OPTIONAL DAY EXCURSION AND EXTENSIONS TOURS

FROM GRANADA:

- Full day tour of Granada and the Alhambra.
- Full day tour to the White Villages on the East coast of Spain.
- Full day tour to Cordoba.

FROM TORREMOLINOS:

- Full day tour to Gibraltar.
- Full day tour to Tangier, Morocco. (unless opting for Morocco extension)

SKIING ZERMATT, SWITZERLAND

Fri, February 1 to Sat, February 9, 2013

TC: Arlen Isham Email: aisham@consolidated.net Cell: 713-560-0187

Trip Prices: Full Package: \$2,296 (\$2,178 cash)

Land Package: \$1,227 (\$1,190 cash)

- Wonderful, high and extensive slopes in four varied areas
- Charming, if rather sprawling, old mountain village, largely traffic-free
- World's best mountain restaurants
- Smart shops
- Spectacular high mountain scenery
- Reliable snow at altitude
- Nightlife to suit most tastes
- Linked to sunny Cervinia in Italy



Flying Delta Airlines at 7:00 am. on Friday, Feb. 1, 2013 to Milan, Italy arriving at 7:30 am. on Saturday, Feb. 2. We connect with a bus in Milan for an approximate 4 hour trip to Tasch. At Tasch, we catch a 16 minute train to Zermatt. Saturday afternoon in Zermatt has time to sightsee, rent ski equipment, and prepare for our great week of skiing and exploring the area. Our return trip will leave Zermatt early Saturday morning Feb 9, arriving back in Houston Saturday night Feb 9 at 8:35 pm.

Dominated by Switzerland's most famous landmark - the **Matterhorn** - Zermatt is certainly the country's best all-round ski resort. Moreover, there are many who would have no hesitation in naming Zermatt as the Best Ski Resort in the World. Partly thanks to the sublime beauty of the Matterhorn, but also thanks to the lack of cars and the resort's great sense of tradition, Zermatt has a special, alluring atmosphere, which draws visitors back time and time again.



Our hotel is the 4 **** Astoria, located in the old part of Zermatt. It is within a 5 minute walk of the center of the resort, the town church. It is surrounded by restaurants, bars, wine bars, cafes, and other hotels. We are in the middle of where to catch the bus to take us to one of 3 access points for the ski areas.

Skiing in Zermatt is on a vast scale. Fabulous scenery captivates your attention during your ride up the mountains. It is easy to be dazzled by the mountain world around you, being surrounded by 29 peaks over 4000m (13,100ft). *These are the highest mountains in Europe.* And most always within sight is the moody and multi-faceted Matterhorn. Cable cars (aerial tramways) are common here - being very necessary in such an imposing mountain environment. Many soar silently across chasms and up cliff faces suspended thousands of feet above the snows. But it is when you get out and snap on your skis that the real action begins.

All three of Zermatt's **ski areas** soar to at least 3100m (10,200ft). This translates into *excellent snow conditions, and long runs* to the village (5 to 8 miles). Not only are the slopes long, but they are open for a long day! Lifts begin operation at 8-8.20am and do not close until 4.30pm in midwinter.

The **longest run** is from the Klein Matterhorn into town. At 3820m (12,500ft) the Klein Matterhorn lift is the highest cable car in the world. As a comparison, to stand at the top, you are higher than all the highest mountains of Austria and New Zealand. From Klein Matterhorn to Zermatt is 8 miles and vertical (7250 ft) of varied terrain. It makes for one heck of a run. The panoramic views over much of Switzerland, deep into Italy, even to distant France are astounding. All about lays the eternal white wilderness of the high Alps.

For the non-skiers and those who want to explore, we will have several optional ideas for you. In addition, an extension to Genoa, Italy is available at the end to top off this great trip to Europe. If you have never skied Europe, this is the one for you!

TELLURIDE-WINTER - SHOOTOUT TSC

Sat, February 9— Sat, February 16, 2013

TC: Betty Donellan Phone: 281-374-2172 cell 310-702-2090 Email: bettyrelaw@gmail.com

Trip Prices: Full package- \$1551 (\$1,501 cash)
Land package - \$890 (\$865 cash)
\$245 for lift tickets (5 days same price as 6)

SHHHH! Don't **TELL** everyone **U** know we're going to **RIDE** 2/9-16, 2013 because we **only have room for 42** people. You'll want to sign up early as SCSC will be joining other TSC clubs at the **Mountain Village** for a fabulous week in **Telluride, CO**. Staying at our first choice, the Ski In-Ski Out **Mountain Lodge** is located between 2 ski runs.

Accommodations include:

- * Onsite: The View Restaurant and Bar
- * Daily housekeeping and complimentary wireless internet
- * Ski in-Ski out accommodations
- * Exercise/steam/massage rooms and outdoor deck with heated pool and 2 Jacuzzis
- * Free shuttle to the Mountain Village Market/Gondola and center of the village
- * Condominiums with fireplaces, gourmet kitchens and jetted tubs
- * On-site ski rentals
- * Ski lockers

Your package includes:

- * Welcome Reception
- * Discount lift ticket *
- * Transportation
- * Racing
- * On-Mountain Tour
- * Farewell Dinner with Dancing
- * Credentials/Lanyards
- * Souvenir Pin
- * Naughty and Nice Party on Valentine's Day
- * Possible Pub Crawl

*6 days same price as 5 days

There's also the FREE gondola that takes us to/from town. Since we're walking distance to Village amenities, you can choose to shop at your leisure.

Now, for the skiing! The mountain is 23% Beginner, 36% Intermediate and 41% Advanced. 33% of the mountain has snowmaking available. Want corduroy-how about easy cruising from the top for nearly 4,000 feet! We have a NASTAR course race where Space City is expecting to take home the GOLD and everyone is invited! We'll have a club race to compete against other TSC clubs and individuals races based upon your age group. Take a break from skiing and enjoy the grill and historic saloon on the Gorrone Ranch deck and live music on the "beach". Try heli-skiing, take a snow-biking class, or choose from many other non-skiing activities which include: winter fly fishing, glider rides, ice climbing, ice skating, snowmobiling, dog sledding, guided snow shoe tours, a walking tour of historic Telluride and museums. Visit the site where Butch Cassidy robbed the San Miguel Valley Bank.

Decide fast and email me at bettyrelaw@gmail.com and let me know if you are interested in going on the trip. We'll be taking deposits in August, but we'll need to decide soon how many we will take. Let's ensure I know everyone who wants to go and we'll make room. I can't wait!



TAOS , NEW MEXICO

SHORT Trip - Sat, Feb 16 - Weds, Feb 20 & LONG Trip Sat, Feb 16- Sat, Feb 23
(President's Day Week)

TC: Lynda Meyer Mobile: 713 775 9215 -eve or weekends Email: lynda_meyer@yahoo.com - anytime!

Trip Price: Short trip Full Package \$1,103* (\$1,053 cash)
Land Package \$634 (\$599 cash)
Long trip Land Only Package \$947 (\$912 cash)
*final pricing may be higher if fuel surcharges are levied

Want to spend fewer vacation days and ski more this season?

Want to ski better for the rest of your life? CHOOSE TAOS!!

WHY CHOOSE TAOS?

Things are different in Taos - in a good way. A walk around its base area will have you convinced you were somehow transported to Europe - that's because it was founded by Swiss native Ernie Blake, and surrounded by hotels and restaurants built by Frenchmen and Austrians. Taos is a place where the quality of skiing matters. It's renowned for offering some of the most challenging terrain anywhere for experts, with half of its expert runs being rated double-diamonds. Yet for beginners and intermediates, it is home to the famous Ernie Blake Ski School - frequently named the best ski school in the country. So whether you're a beginner, intermediate, or expert, you'll find Taos will challenge, cater and care for you and offer a terrific ski vacation value. Read more about the resort [here](#).

SLOPESIDE LODGING: THE SNAKEDANCE CONDOMINIUMS

Convenience and comfort are by-words for our trip - we'll be staying slopeside at the [Snakedance Condominiums](#) -- less than 10 yards from the Lift One quad - the main access point on the mountain, and walking distance to all of TSV. We'll be treated to a Welcome reception, a fleece vest for each participant, and a host hospitality dinner (at the home of the property management).



Taos, NM (Cont)

fitness facility, ski valet with ski storage and boot warmers, concierge services, a market and liquor store, and a courtesy van to major airports and to the town of Taos (by reservation).

SKI ONE WEEK IN TAOS AND SKI BETTER FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE

One of the reasons I think Taos is so special is the Ernie Blake Ski School. If you elect to participate in 'Ski Better Week', you are destined to be a better skier for the rest of your life! Ski weeks run 5 or 6 days; include morning lessons, video analysis, NASTAR, and après ski talks. You'll be with the same instructor for the week - building a bond and working together to reach breakthrough levels in your skiing. All for just \$200 per person. Additional ski school options for children and 1st timers are also available.

Participants must also purchase ski lift passes

THE TOWN OF TAOS

Named one of America's prettiest towns by [Forbes Magazine](#), Taos is a stunningly beautiful mountain community, an artistic hub, and historic site. An easy town to walk, you can spend the day visiting galleries and art studios, historic pueblos, shop and relax in the easy-going post-hippie culture vibe it espouses. There is a public shuttle bus between TSV and the town of Taos, as well as the condo private shuttle

AIR OPTION and LAND LOGISTICS

We've arrange direct flights between IAH and ABQ on United. The Snakedance Condos will provide our land transfers with a grocery stop en route.

MT. BACHELOR, OREGON

Sat, February 23 - Sat, March 2, 2013

TC: Ellen Eastham Email: eeastham@prodigy.net Phone: (281) 989-9935

Trip Prices: Full package: \$1,297 (\$1,247 cash)

Land package price: \$726 (\$691 cash)



Have you skied in Oregon? Join us at Mt. Bachelor to check this unique ski resort and Oregon off your list! Mt. Bachelor is a massive volcanic mountain with 72 trails and the largest ski area in the Cascade Mountains of Central Oregon. Enjoy skiing from the Summit in any direction, with 3,365 feet of total vertical drop, five different terrain parks, and 11 lifts, 7 are high speed quads. Become a "Conehead" by skiing "the Cone," a 7000' cinder cone on Mt. Bachelor's northern flank with 715' vertical.

The mountain has a variety of ski trails, with runs for all levels of skiers, 40% novice/intermediate, 35% Advanced, and 25% Expert. Join up with Mt. Bachelor's Ambassador hospitality service, which are guided mountain tours every day. Due to popular demand, SCSC selected to ski Mt. Bachelor following a successful TSC trip in 2010. Prior Mt. Bachelor TC, Dennis Hughes, said the ski area is one of the friendliest he knows and it was a great ski trip for their group!

For non-ski fun and activities, Mt. Bachelor is home to the largest specialty retail shop in Oregon, while Bend offers a true shopper's paradise, Old Mill District. Try a wild, magical experience by riding with a real dog sled team, while a professional musher takes you on an hour-long exciting adventure, operated by "Oregon Trail of Dreams". Have a fun time at the Snowblast Tubing Park, an 800' tubing ride. Trip package includes a welcome party, snowshoe tour with the forest service, and 2 evenings in Bend. Take part in Bend's "Ale Trail Pub Crawl," starting at Deschutes Brewery. Microbrews, pubs, and handcrafted beers are renowned in Central Oregon, and it is our duty to try them for evaluation, such as Brewing Companies....Three Creeks, 10 Barrel, Cascade Lakes, 5 Fusion, and many more.

Sunriver Resort is a brief 20 minute shuttle from Mt. Bachelor, also 20 minutes from downtown Bend. Superb accommodations will include the Lodge Village Suite for 4, kitchen, stone fireplace, with complimentary hot breakfast daily at the Meadows Restaurant. Featured at the resort are 6 restaurants, complimentary access to the new \$20 million aquatic center and sledding hill, work out at the Sage Springs Private Athletic Club and Spa, and relax at the three outdoor hot tubs.

For a unique activity, visit Crater Lake National Park on snowshoes. A guided tour will teach participants about forest and watershed ecology, wildlife, volcanoes and avalanches. The highlight of the trip will be the spectacular view of Crater Lake, the shimmering body of emerald blue water that fills the six-mile-wide caldera of Mount Mazama at 7100' elevation.

Our group will fly United nonstop into Portland, a scenic 4-hour bus ride to Sunriver, with a late afternoon arrival. With amazing skiing, lodging at a premier resort, a variety of non-ski activities, and a one-of-a-kind pub crawl, be sure to sign up for this trip! If you have skied all over the U.S., but not Mt. Bachelor yet, sure hope you'll join our group. To those that have skied Mt. Bachelor, return for a memorable trip.

BIG SKY, MONTANA - TSC Final Showdown

Sat, March 9- Sat, March 16, 2013

TC: Candance Tenbrink Email: Candace@CTenBrink.com Phone: 312-543-1151 ,

ATC - Abhi Gami

Trip Prices: Land Only Packages - \$925 (\$890 cash)



Gear up for a high-flying week of skiing and exploring at the TSC's Final Showdown in BIG SKY, MONTANA during Spring Break week - March 9-16, 2013. We are offering this **FAMILY OPTIONAL** trip as **LAND ONLY** packages at this time. Full packages MAY be offered at a later date. Once you land in Bozeman, get to know your fellow travelers during the 45 minute shuttle to Big Sky (plus a pit stop to load up on groceries and goodies). Continue your conversations that evening over dinner and drinks. Or just catch up on sleep; take pictures of the breathtaking scenery

Big Sky (Cont)

We are staying at the Huntley Lodge Hotel, a Space City Club favorite, located near the base of the mountain (elevation 7,500 feet). The Explorer chair lift just steps from the door will get you off to a fast start in the morning and you can ski right back in to the hotel when your day is done. A large outdoor heated pool and two jetted soaking pools, roaring log fires in the lounges, free breakfast (including omelets made to order!), friendly service, high-speed wi-fi in the rooms, two comfortable queen beds, and a mini-frig to keep your evening refreshments chilled are just some of the great amenities you can look forward to. I hear that the coffee cart in the Firehole Lounge makes a killer hot cocoa!

As the sun rises each morning, get ready to experience the time of your life. With views of Yellowstone Park from the top of Lone Peak (elevation 11,166 feet) and even three different states, we will have the world at our feet. Experts, beginners, kids, and everyone in-between will find more than enough fun and challenging terrain to explore.

Big Sky has 5,532 skiable acres, 4,350 vertical feet, 220 named runs, and average snowfall of more than 400 inches! Around 40% of trails are suitable for beginner or intermediate skiers, 40% for advanced skiers, and 20% for those who have never met a slope they didn't want to conquer! There is even a six mile long run! You'll have more time to ski and less time to stand around catching your breath because there are few, if any, lines for lifts throughout the resort. This is a TSC trip and we are planning plenty of activities so SCSC participants and TSC clubs can mix and mingle.

The ski week events include:

- TSC Welcome Reception and Farewell Dinner buffet. Both functions promise plenty of good food, drink tickets and music.
- Club and individual NASTAR races. Daily - Complimentary mountain tours for intermediate ski/ snowboard
- Daily Après Ski events
 - Pub crawl
- Kids tubing/pizza party
 - **PLUS** - Discounted Lift Tickets and Ski Rentals

NOTE - KIDS 10 AND UNDER SKI FREE!!!

If you aren't skiing, need a break from the action, or perhaps just a day off to gather your strength for another assault on the mountains, there are many interesting things to do around the area. Yellowstone is a short snowmobile adventure away and Mountain Village has all the shopping and dining you could ever want to explore. With so much to do, the week is going to fly by quickly!

Sign up NOW for the best trip you'll take all year. Don't wait -- drop us a line or give us a call and we will be happy to help you get the (snow)ball rolling!

Beaver Creek, CO

SEE WEBSITE FOR DESCRIPTION

Tues, March 5—Sun, March 10, 2013

TC: Helene Robinson

Trip Prices: Full Package \$1,151

Land Package \$820

IRELAND

Thurs, Sept 6- Sunday, Sept 14, 2013

TC: Sandy Wellhausen email: sandywp.ski@gmail.com Phone: 281.996.8653

ATC: Sean O'Brien Phone: 713-859-1649

Price: \$2,043.00 pp (\$1,983 cash) \$300.00 deposit



Join SCSC's trip to the beautiful Emerald Isle known as Ireland. We will depart Houston IAH Friday, August 23rd. We will be spending 4 nights in the West Coast area of Limerick and then on to Dublin on the East Coast for 3 nights.



Upon arrival at Dublin airport we will be met by our driver-guide for our departure to Limerick. Along the way, we will have an opportunity to tour the Newbridge Showrooms and Museum of Style Icons. After this visit we will continue on to Kildare and visit the Irish National Stud and Japanese gardens before arriving in Limerick.

We will have an opportunity to tour the cities of Galway, Killarney, Dublin, Limerick and Wicklow. As we travel we will have the pleasure of viewing some of the most beautiful landscapes such as Connemara, the Ring of Kerry, Burren, Cliffs of Moher, MacGillycuddy's Reeks, Wicklow Mountains and the Powerscourt Gardens. We will also have an opportunity to visit a few historic sites such as Bunratty Castle, Kilkenny Castle, Glendalough, and the Rock of Cashel.

We have a choice of activities to choose from including a river cruise, pub crawl or an Irish dance party. Who knows, we might even encounter a leprechaun along the way! Or we can look for snakes (I heard St. Patrick banned them from the island). We will have an opportunity to go to several pubs to taste the Irish cuisine and the local beer, Guinness! Finally, on Saturday, August 31st, we will depart Dublin airport for either the USA or the extension of 3 nights in London.



The tour price includes air between Houston and Dublin on Delta, all transfers, 4-night accommodations at a 4* hotel in Limerick and 3-night accommodations at a 4* hotel in Dublin, full Irish breakfast daily, 4-dinners at hotel and driver/guide for 3-days of traveling, tour of Newbridge Showrooms and Museum of Style Icons, Irish National Stud and Japanese gardens, city tours of Limerick and Dublin. There are several optional tours available.

THE ART OF TRIP SIGN-UP AND THE FINE PRINT

Trip Sign-Up: **HERE IT IS!** Your chance to sign-up for your favorite SCSC ski trip(s) for 2012-2013. The sign-up form will be in the SITZMARKE for you to mail your application/check or sign-up on-line at www.spacecityskiclub.org. If you sign up on line, you may use Paypal to pay the trip deposit. Then, wait for the trip TC to notify you if you are on the trip or come to the September meeting to verify your registration, sign the Trip Release Form and pick up additional information the TC will have for you.

1. Trip sign-up for all trips begin on **August 1**. As with last year, the sign-up does not end a few weeks later and start up again at the September meeting. Instead, it just begins. We are also continuing the process of taking sign ups either through the mail or giving your form and money directly to the TC at an SCSC event OR sign up online and pay by credit card. However, the form and money cannot be received prior to August 1 - for all trips. Any received prior to that date will be returned. Note that this is not the postmark, but when the form and money is received. You must be a current member in good standing to be added to a trip. Note that memberships are approved at the monthly Executive Committee meeting. Send in your membership by the first of the month for it to be considered at the meeting. After that, you will have to wait until the next month. Your 2012-2013 membership number should be shown on the mailing label of the SITZMARKE. Call your VP of Membership, Jan Ferrell, if you have questions
2. You may sign-up yourself and one other SCSC member per trip (plus children for Family Optional trips) (see by-law 2.8.A.)
3. In the registration envelope include the trip registration form and your deposit. The deposit for the Granada, Spain and Zermatt, Switzerland trips is \$300 per participant. The deposit on all other trips is \$150 per participant. Checks are to be made payable to "SCSC" and should have your membership number and the TRIP NAME listed on the check.
4. Mail your registration to the TC's Address on the Form for the trip on which you wish to participate. TC's names are listed for all trips. For obtaining more information, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed in this SITZMARKE and on the Trip Registration Form. If your registration is mailed or given to anyone other than the TC, it will be returned to you and you will not be registered for the trip.
5. If the registration meets the above guidelines, names will be added to each trip's Participant List in the order received. If a trip's participant roster is full, additional registrations received will be added to a waitlist in the order received. The TC will hold deposit checks for waitlisted members until a space becomes available on the trip. For the participants that are on trips, the checks will be deposited immediately.
6. These procedures apply to ALL members (except the trip's TC and ATC) and all Trip Participants are subject to SCSC Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures.
7. SCSC is not responsible for any problems with the U.S. Postal Service or the internet, including delayed delivery or lost mail.
8. Information shown on the Trip Schedule is subject to change. Contact the TC or ATC for up-to-date information.
9. Any registrations received, which do not meet the above qualifications, may be returned to the sender.
10. Land Packages have been approved by The Executive Committee for this year's trips. On the trips which have a limited number of available land packages, if all are filled, you will be given the option of being on a "Land Wait List" or switching to a full package.
11. Because of the restrictions noted below for land packages, be sure you have concrete travel arrangements made before you sign up for one of these. SCSC will not be responsible for any difficulties or extra expense you incur due to delayed or canceled flights or other transportation problems.

Rules and Restrictions for Land Packages

1. The price of the land package will be the full trip price minus participant's airfare. Ground transportation will be included and available, on selected trips, to land package participants if they can meet the group at the destination airport on time. Ground transportation will not be delayed for land package participants arriving later than the group.
2. Other than the full package, this is the only package price available; no other combinations of lodging and/or transportation will be offered. (Note: As in the past, members may still arrange their own transportation, lodging, etc., and pay only for the parties and trip options. If so, please arrange to do this in advance, ideally by the pre-trip meeting.)
3. Normal cancellation policies apply: 1) the added stipulation that, on or after final payment date, land package participants must be replaced from a land package wait list and full package participants must be replaced from a full package wait list in order to receive a refund.
4. Be sure this is the package you want - It may not be possible to convert your trip from land package to full package, or vice versa. The Club may not be able to secure additional airline seats.
5. If you sign up for a land package, please notify the TC of your transportation plans in advance of the trip. The TC can tell you where to meet the group at the airport and other pertinent details.

**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: _____

2012-13 Membership # _____

2012-13 Membership # _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone(H) _____ (W) _____

Phone(H) _____ (W) _____

Cell _____

Cell _____

E-Mail _____

E-Mail _____

Please check one:

Full package

Land package

Please check one:

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, CO – Long	Judy Schiro	9206 Roy Bean	Houston, TX	77041	713-939-8235
Vail, CO – Short	Judy Schiro	9206 Roy Bean	Houston, TX	77041	713-939-8235
Deer Valley, Utah	Derek Shoobridge	121 County Road 959	Liverpool TX	77577	713-501-1032
Steamboat, CO	Anne Thomas	1306 W Park at Shady Villa	Houston, TX	77055	713-589-3660
Granada, Spain	George Lopez	4642 Hickory Downs	Houston, TX	77084	856-296-9399
Zermatt, Switzerland	Arlen Isham	25114 Derbybrook Court	Katy, TX	77494	713-560-0187
Telluride, CO	Betty Donellan	P.O. Box 12013	Spring, TX	77391	281-374-2172
Taos, New Mexico Long	Lynda Meyer	12322 Moorcreek Dr.	Houston, TX	77070	713-775-9215
Taos, New Mexico Short	Lynda Meyer	12322 Moorcreek Dr.	Houston, TX	77581	713-775-9215
Mt. Bachelor, OR	Ellen Eastham	2045 Lee Road	Pearland, TX	77581	281-989-9935
Beaver Creek, CO	Helene Robinson	18445 Hwy 105 W, Ste 102-260	Montgomery, TX	77356	954-253-1681
Big Sky, Mt	Candace TenBrink	4222 Oberlin	W University, TX	77005	312-543-1151
Ireland	Sandy Wellhausen	2408 Creekridge Drive	Pearland, TX	77581	281-996-8653

Calendar of Events

- 07/14/12 **Volunteer Pool Party**, Betty & Bob Donellan's, 17403 Wilton Park Ct, Spring, TX 77379
4:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- 07/26/12 **July Happy Hour** at Chuy's- 9350 Westheimer (Westchase) - 5:30 to 9:00 PM
- 07/29/12 **Summer Fun Day on Lake Conroe**, 17742 Hwy 105 W. Montgomery, TX 77356 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM
- 08/13/12 **Special Trip Sign-up Meeting**, The Hess Club, 5430 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77036, 6:30 to 8:30
- 08/23/12 **August Happy Hour** at The G Bar, 15455 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079 (West Houston) 5:30 to 9:00
- 09/04/12 **"Life Could Be A Dream"** Stages Theatre, 3201 Allen Parkway, 8:00 p.m.
- 09/16/12 **The Triple P Pool Party** (note date change to Sunday) at the Kuper's, 8 Rain Hollow Place, Houston, TX 77024 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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Are you a Facebook user? If so, you'll want to "LIKE" Space City Ski Club's official page at www.facebook.com/spacecityskiclub ! Facebook is a very easy way to stay in touch with the latest news from the club, and you'll soon see updates from our trip coordinators there. We're also using the Facebook page to recruit new prospective members -- since adding a 'join our email list button' just a week ago, we've had 3 people sign-up! As the year progresses, we hope to run some contests for our Facebook fans -- so don't miss out....!

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