



The Sitzmarke

SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

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May 2013

Member
Texas Ski Council

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GENERAL MEETING: The HESS Club- 5430 Westheimer

Monday, May 13th @ 6:30—9:00 pm

SKI SWAP

From Mission Control

by Melinda Hughes, President

Welcome to the 2013-2014 ski and adventure season with Space City! Your Executive Committee and Board are working diligently to bring fun trips and activities to fill your calendar. We are starting with a Ski Swap at the general meeting this May. If you have something to sell, come about 30 minutes before the meeting to label and price your items. In addition to the ski swap, Arlen Isham will provide a slide show and talk about adventure trips to the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park. In future planning, you will be able to enjoy happy hours to socialize with your friends, attend monthly general meetings for interesting programs, and discuss your



ideas with Executive Committee members at these meetings.

We have more in store over the season so keep abreast of the happenings via our website, spacecity.org, and the Sitzmarke. We have monthly e-mail blasts with links to the publication and the newsletters can also be found on the website.

Finally, I would like to thank last year's Executive Committee members for a job well done. The new committee plans to use your ideas as a spring board for the upcoming year. To thank all of our volunteers, we will be hosting a volunteer party on July 20th. The Kuper family has graciously offered their home to help thank our tireless volunteers. Watch your e-mail blasts and future publications for the time to start celebrating.

Have a great summer and enjoy the activities that we have planned for you.

Countdown to Liftoff

By Susan Blome, V.P. of Trips

While the heat of Houston's summer has yet to hit us, planning for the new ski season (2013-2014) is well on its way! The 2013-14 Texas Ski Council (TSC) Trips were announced at the annual Texas Ski Council BidFest held in San Antonio April 5-7 and, in case you haven't heard, they are:

- Park City - Traditional, Jan 4-11
- Garmisch/Partenkirchen in Bavaria, Germany - Winter Expedition, Jan 25-31 (or earlier)
- Jackson Hole - Winter Shootout, Feb 8-15
- Keystone - Final Showdown, Mar 8-15, Family trip
- South Africa - Summer Expedition, 10 days betw May-Sept.

I want to thank our members who made the trip to San Antonio to help in our decisions and I am very

excited the choices made at BidFest are exactly what Space City wanted! I also want to thank Melinda Hughes who took my place as SCSC's spokesperson on Sunday because I had to leave early for a prior commitment.

Our club-sponsored trips are still being finalized and we are still looking for volunteers to run trips - ski and other. If you are interested, please contact me. Our club relies on volunteers and we need your help to keep our club running strong,

On-line trip registration will open August 1st and the big seasonal kickoff meeting will take place August 12th, so save these dates! Also, please remember to renew your membership so you are ready to sign up for a trip.

Have a WONDERFUL summer! I look forward to a fun filled and exciting ski and adventure season and hope you do too!



SKI SWAP @ May Meeting

Members—take advantage of the Ski Swap to trade up or clean out equipment or apparel you no longer use for all your sporting activities.

Having A Blast!

By Gayle Dale, V.P. of Activities

I'm excited to start my year as the V.P. of Activities. I'm already busy planning some of the happy hours, looking for upcoming fun gatherings at such places as Denis' Seafood on the Katy Freeway, Leon's Lounge on McGowen, The Capital Bar in Midtown, and the Derek Hotel by the Galleria. Have a favorite bar you like to frequent for Happy Hour? Let me know and we will set it up as a Happy Hour if possible.

I look forward to working with the members on our activities for the year also. Cindy and I have been working on the Dynamos Game, boat trip on Lake Conroe, the Astros game, and the AIA Sandcastle competition to name a few. But after that, I won't have Cindy to rely on anymore so I really need a lot of help from everyone.

Please let me know what activities you are interested in and also if you are willing to run an activity. As with any club, we need all the members input and manpower to keep things operating. With that thought in mind, I also REALLY need a Director of Activities. There are some perks associated with the job in addition to just a lot of



fun planning the activities.

We would like to expand our membership and hope that more activities will attract new members.

We recently went on the Pedal Party and it was a BLAST!! Hoping for more activities like this one, in addition to possibly kayaking on the Buffalo Bayou, a luau complete with an emu style cooked pig, bicycle tour of downtown, day cruise on Clear Lake, to name a few.

So be sure and let me know about the activities that you like to do and especially ones that you would like to run.

I'm hoping for a fun filled year of activities that will increase our membership and introduce our current members to one another.



Pedal Party Group

Membership News

By Jan Ferrell, VP of Membership



Hear that sound?

It's the clock ticking on renewing your membership.

Renew your membership before 5/31 and you will get a \$5 discount. I know \$5.00 will probably only buy you a Starbucks latte (well, maybe not) but in today's economy 5 bucks is 5 bucks.

At any rate, 5/31 is the deadline for renewing at the discounted rate and we really want you back. The best way to renew is via PayPal—a few clicks and you are done. If your login and password have escaped you, I can help! Send me an email and I will reset you. I can also send you an application form if that is what you prefer.

For those of you wanting to join our club, we would love to have you a member of the largest ski and adventure club in Texas. You can use PayPal or I can send you an application form if that is what you prefer.

Talking about really needing you, your friendly VP Membership (that would be me) would love to have you help at the check-in table at our general meetings. A smile and checking names off a roster are the requirements. Bring a friend! Make new friends! Reconnect with old friends! It's all good.

As they say in S. Texas---c'mon back!



SCSC Ski Trip Schedule 2012—2013

Destination	Trip Dates	FPD	Trip \$	TC	ATC
Caribbean Cruise	May 5-12, 2013 (Sun-Sun)	1-Feb-13	Land (\$668—\$948)	Craig Campbell craigcam48@aol.com 713-882-6544	
Ireland	Sept 6 -14, 2013 (Thurs-Fri)	13-May-13	Full \$2,002 Land \$1,030	Sandy Wellhausen Sandywp.ski@gmail.com 281-996-8653	Sean O'Brien



7 Day Southern Caribbean Cruise from San Juan, Puerto Rico on the Carnival Valor
4 Star Cruise ship — Exceptional ports of call
St. Thomas, USVI, Barbados, St. Lucia, WI, St Kitts, WI and St. Maarten, NA.
Sunday May 5—Sunday May 12, 2012 (Final payment Feb 1, 2013)

Our cruise will depart from San Juan, Puerto Rico on Sunday evening, May 5, 2013. This is a Land Only package so you will have the flexibility to arrive a day or two early in San Juan or extend your stay after the cruise. Explore Old San Juan with its Spanish tradition, cobblestone streets and colonial architecture or visit New San Juan which is distinctly elegant with lavish resorts, great restaurants and grand casinos. Visitors can also take an excursion of El Yunque, the only tropical rainforest in the U.S. national forest system.

Please see website www.spacecity.org for details

Calendar of Events

Register on line at www.spacecity.org. Make sure you sign in as a member first!

- 05-04-13 **Kentucky Derby Party at Sam Houston Race Park**, 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm– Enjoy live horse racing and also watch the Kentucky Derby from reserved counter seats while munching the included hamburger basket and sipping your favorite adult beverages! Don't forget to make a creative hat for both the SCSC and the Sam Houston Race Park hat contest! AC Sue Salvage, SSalvage@sbcglobal.net.
- 05-13-13 **SCSC General Meeting**, The HESS Club, 5430 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77036, 6:30 to 8:30
- 05-18-13 The **Company on Stage Theater Production** of Wildest Dreams – Comedy by Alan Ayckbourn, AC Peggy Schillinger psspring@earthlink.net
- 05-23-13 **SCSC Happy Hour**, Denis Seafood House, 9777 Katy Freeway, 77024, 5:30-8:30 pm. Live music 6:30
- 05-25 to 5-27-13 **Memorial Day Weekend get-away to Fredericksburg, TX!** This is a weekend full of fun! It includes a crawfish festival, a winery tour, tickets to the World War II Museum, Tickets to the World War II Reenactment, lodging at the beautiful Fredericksburg Inn and Suites for Saturday and Sunday nights, a hot tub party, an excursion to Luckenbach, TX and their huge birthday/Memorial Day party with live entertainment and an optional World War II Hanger East Coast Swing (Jitterbug) Dance
AC Deb Cini, dcini@victoria.com , AAC Patricia Finch finchp@gtlaw.com
- 06-01-13 **AIA Sandcastle Competition on the East Beach in Galveston** –NEED VOLUNTEERS.
AC Derek Shoo@earthlink.net
- 06-23-13 (back up date 06-21-13) **Sky High Sports Trampoline Dodgeball**- Family Optional- enjoy our private trampoline court for 2 hours. Contact AC Diane Baker at diane@rossbaker.com. AAC Ross Baker at Ross@rossbaker.com
- 06-27-13 **SCSC Happy Hour** TBA
- 06-29-13 **Astro's vs. the Los Angeles Angels**, We have CLUB LEVEL seats and our tickets come loaded with \$15.00 in spending money for food, any drinks or even souvenirs! AC Don Macken, mackendonr@aol.com.
- 07-20-13 **SCSC Volunteer Party** at the Kupers. Save the date if you volunteered for SCSC this year. Info to come.
- 07-25-13 **SCSC Happy Hour** TBA
- 08-10-13 (Rain date 08-11-13) **Pete's Boating Day on Lake Conroe**. Pete Mathieu will be our Captain and AC for this intimate boating experience on his high-powered pontoon boat. Water skiing included with sodas, water and some snacks. BYOB. Contact Pete at petemathieu@sbcglobal.net

Mt. Bachelor, Oregon, February 23 to March 2, 2013

By Ellen Eastham, TC

Oregon is not a state that most people ever ski. There are a few ski resorts in Oregon, but Mt. Bachelor is the most well-known, which is a massive volcanic mountain. It has a unique image of a lone Mountain of 9000' elevation, hence the name Bachelor! The "Cone" is a 7000' cinder cone on the northern flank, 715' vertical, and has skiing 360° from the top. Because the ski area has 55% advanced/expert runs, it attracts more advanced skiers. Several of the clear-sky weather days, the chair lift opened to the top, and you could see **Mike and Charlene Fleming** skiing on super snow! **Nelson and Marti Turner** and most of the skiers that made it to the summit gave a consensus that it was a spectacular view from the top! The mountains surrounding Mt. Bachelor are the Three Sisters volcanic peaks each exceeding 10,000' elevation, were named Faith, Hope and Charity by early settlers, and now commonly known as North Sister, Middle Sister, and South Sister. Did you know there is often skiing through the summer at Mt. Bachelor and now the end of April the mountain is still open!



We have many reasons that we all belong to Space City Ski Club. We want to ski (or travel), we don't have to research where to ski and where to stay, yet we sign up for a unique resort destination, check another state or location off our list, and meet new ski and travel friends. SCSC Members that signed up for the Mt. Bachelor trip were looking for a unique ski opportunity, **Kate Barry** wanted a get-away to a new location as a non-skier, she and **Angela Stagg** signed up to meet new ski friends, **Steve Ying** wanted to return because he skied at Mt. Bachelor several years ago and remembers how outstanding the Mountain Ambassadors were (guides on the mountain), **Beverly Roberts** signed up along with many of the "Big Dogs" to follow **Keith Kirkman** to a resort for great skiing. TC **Ellen Eastham** and ATC **Tom Danowski** had both skied many years with SCSC, never in Oregon, and never together, even though they have dated 7 years! So ski trips are a first for many reasons that result in new friendships. **Dennis Hughes**, prior SCSC TC for Mt. Bachelor in 2010, and his wife who is current President, **Melinda Hughes**, decided to return to superb accommodations at Sunriver Resort. The recently opened Aquatic & Recreation Center included indoor and outdoor pools, fitness center and hot tub. **Bruce Fleming** had a great workout in the weight room and visiting the new \$20MM facilities!

February is the low season for Sunriver Resort because summer months are for fishing, golf, and travel time for families that book the resort solid. With fewer guests, we had prompt shuttle service anywhere we needed to go at the huge resort and superior hospitality. Also staying at Sun- river were participants with the California LA Ski Council and Connecticut Snow Snakes. SCSC had various mixers with them at Sunriver, such as the Welcome Party Saturday evening soon after arrival, when we were introduced to Ann Cook, who is the rep from Mt. Bachelor, and her fun side-kick, Carol Mergenthaler. We joined the other ski clubs Monday evening for Salsa Dance Lessons and a Mexican Dinner at the beautiful rustic historic Great Hall at Sunriver. Built in 1944, it is the only remaining structure of the original Camp Abbot Army Base. The food was not Tex-Mex, but there was a nice table set up with a sombrero and colorful decorations on the buffet. **Dennis and Melinda Hughes**, **Jim Hodges** and **Mariana Wang** showed everyone how to dance as they have been taking Salsa Dance lessons in Texas. There were 14 others from SCSC that attended, along with the two other ski clubs. The group followed the professional instructor, Victoria Tolan, and her partner in their dance steps.



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Mt. Bachelor—Continued

Sunday was a perfect blue-sky day, with new snow from the day prior, and the SCSC group was loving Mt. Bachelor! After the first ski day was over, SCSC joined 5 other ski clubs for après ski party with Connecticut Snow Snakes, 3M Ski Club of Minneapolis, MN, Buck Ridge Ski Club in Pennsylvania, IBEX from Illinois, and SCSC. Ann Cook, Mt. Bachelor rep, could be seen strolling the crowd, serving pizza and adult beverages, while she met and spoke with everyone. That evening, SCSC had a club party at the condo of TC, ATC, **Mitch Gaspard** and **Craig Campbell**. Early in the week, it was a great time to get to know everyone. Many stayed around late just to consume adult beverages and tell ski stories!



Four SCSC'ers took advantage of a beautiful day on Tues. Feb. 26, to join all the other ski clubs on Wanderlust Tours to snowshoe Crater Lake National Park. **Mitch Gaspard**, **Kate Barry**, **Frank Stanley**, and **Ellen Eastham** knew there was no guarantee the weather would be clear enough to see the lake, but that particular day it was! A guided tour by 2 naturalist guides told the group about the lake, forest, ecology, wildlife, and volcanoes. The highlight of the trip was 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. The tour was well-worth the long drive to explore the unique area.

Wed. some of the SCSC group rode to Bend with the LA Ski Council President, Norbert, and his wife, and enjoyed an afternoon wine-tasting. Bend has population of 78,000, spread out in the flat land, and not in the mountains, and is 15 miles from Sunriver Resort. **Judy Schiro** and **Ron Hayes** were joined by **Kate Barry** when they rented a car one day to explore Bend, and the surrounding scenic area.

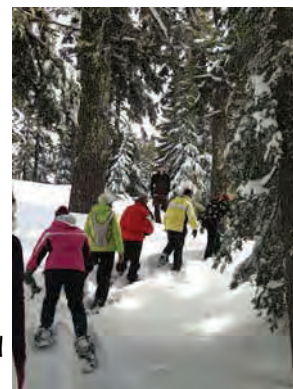


Wed. evening the SCSC group had a planned night out in Bend, the "Ale Trail Pub Crawl". Microbrews, pubs, and handcrafted beers are renowned in Central Oregon, and there are so many restaurants in town. Beer tasting was plentiful, especially the 6-beer sample tray that one could try at the Deschutes Brewery. **Bruce Fleming** said "Oregon beer is even better than Oregon snow!" **Susan** and **Frank Stanley** are so glad to be back from living in Europe, and skiing in the U.S.A. They celebrated at the State Line Brew Pub by sampling just about every beer they had! We are glad they are back, too, as the Stanley's have been long-time SCSC members and joined us for the ski trip.

James and **Nancy Townsend** explored the area around Mt. Bachelor mountain on cross country skies. James preferred cross country, but

Nancy also joined her downhill ski buddies several days. Sunriver Village Mall with so many stores was close by to explore, purchase souvenirs, bargains, groceries, and only minimal people shopping because of low-season. **Craig Campbell** skied hard all day, then worked at his computer in the condo day & night. His condo-mates hope he set up some great business meetings because he did not get a full vacation away from work! It was fascinating learning about **Derek Shoobridge's** English background. He and **LaDaune Ashley** taught condo mates **Paul** and **Sandra Stolnacke** how to play cribbage the way they did in pubs in England. Everyone enjoyed the huge hot tub, perfect for large groups, to relax the aching muscles after skiing, and unwind before the evening gatherings.

Keith Kirkman led the "big dogs" daily all around Mt. Bachelor, skiing such runs as Expert Devil's Backbone, and Snapshot Alley. **Marti** and **Nelson Turner** loved the several beautiful sunny ski days, but also had to endure the terrible rainy, slushy, sleety, blizzardy days when the clouds descended over the mountain creating low visibility. Some of the big dogs that skied with **Keith** and the group were **Juel Hill**, **Ed Freiter**, **Ross Baker**, and **Davis Tucker**. He always had a pack with him, whether it was sunny or snowing! The Mountain Ambassadors were in abundance and volunteered to take any size group skiing and show their favorite runs. **Steve Ying** said, "I shot off a ledge and ended up getting my ski stuck and hanging upside down from the top of a tree. I must not have learned my lesson because it happened again two days later."

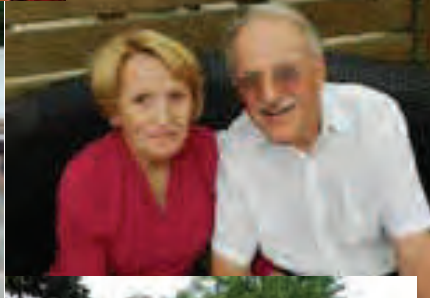


Mt. Bachelor—Continued

Friday was the final day of skiing, the weather was picture perfect. **Mitch Gaspard, Kate Barry, Tom Danowski, and Ellen Eastham** went dog-sledding with the Oregon Trail of Dreams. 2 sleds were pulled by 9 dogs each, some of the dogs had been in one or more Iditarods. The group heard about the owner's daughter, who has a visual handicap and is a 3-time competitor in the Iditarod. All the ski clubs met at Pine Marten Lodge, mid-mountain, for a lasagna luncheon. A rescue dog and its owner made a special appearance during lunch, followed by group picture with blue skies creating a picturesque background. The group left, but a few stayed to take additional photos, when **Ellen** was asked to take a video at that location by a man, who ended up proposing while it was being filmed! At the end of the ski day **Paul and Sandra Stalnacke**, many SCSC members, and those from the other clubs had an afternoon at the Snowblast Tubing Park, an 800' tubing ride. What a fun way to end the ski week!

Friday evening SCSC had their last evening club party. Secret Bachelor Buddies were announced one-by-one presenting a present to their Buddy. **Bruce Fleming** gave Mike Fleming a French bottle of wine, since his ancestors were from France. Then by surprise, **Mike Fleming** had Bruce for a Secret Buddy (no relation) and gave him a "Fleming Coat of Arms." Since **Mitch Gaspard** was such a "spiffy dresser," **Steve Ying** presented him "squirrel underpants" because it was the only clothing item he could find with the budget for the gift at the ski shop! This received much laughter from the group at the humorous gift. Thoughtful and funny gifts were awarded, but most of all it was sharing of memories of how we got to know each other on the trip. SCSC members ski many trips to many world-wide destinations. However each trip results in a common bond for the group and the memories they shared.





2013-2014 Executive Committee

President	Melinda Hughes	home@angeloproductions.com	936-825-7039
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In this dark comedy, four people who are unable to cope with everyday life participate in a role-playing board game involving dragons and monsters. Into their fantasy world enters a beautiful newcomer, Marcie, who upsets and exploits the dangerous and delicate balance between reality and escapism between who people actually are and who they think they are.

The Company OnStage Theater

Saturday, May 18th

Performance 7:45pm

Optional Dinner 6:00pm

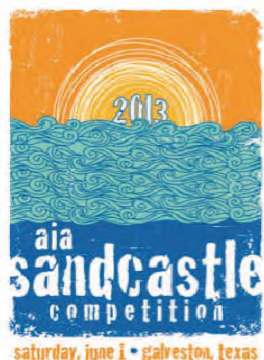
Contact AC [Peggy Schilinger](#)



AIA Sandcastle Competition—Sat, June 1st

Join Derek, Ellen and other volunteers to help make this 27th Annual Sandcastle Competition event on Galveston Beach a success. Help set up before the teams arrive and then assist as necessary. You will get free food, a free T-shirt, free beer and have a ton of fun!

Come down the night before for the optional Friday Night Beach Bash at the Galveston Hilton and enjoy the band by the pool, includes Mexican buffet, beer, sodas and water, \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door. Contact AC [Derek Shooobridge](#)



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SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

2013-2014 (MAY 1 – APRIL 30)

2013 APPLICATION	#	_____
“CASH” OR CHECK	#	_____
AMOUNT PAID	\$	_____

MINIMUM AGE FOR MEMBERSHIP IS 21
 Make Checks payable to: “SPACE CITY SKI CLUB”
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 22567, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77227-2567

For Club Information
 Visit www.spacecity.org

MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULES (Check One)

☐ NEW MEMBER

1 yr. membership (4/30/13) ☐ \$40 Single ☐ \$70 Family
 3 yr. membership (4/30/15) ☐ \$99 Single ☐ \$189 Family

Referred to SCSC by: _____

☐ RENEWAL of existing membership

Renewal by 5/31/13 ☐ \$35 Single ☐ \$65 Family
 Renewal after 5/31/13 ☐ \$40 Single ☐ \$70 Family
 3 year membership ☐ \$99 Single ☐ \$189 Family

MAILING AND DIRECTORY LISTING DATA (Please Print Clearly)

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT SCSC?

(A1) APPLICANT 1

(A2) APPLICANT 2

LAST FIRST MIDDLE

LAST FIRST MIDDLE

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIPCODE + 4 (See Phone Bill for Zip + 4)

Home Phone

Applicant1 Work Phone

Applicant1 Cell Phone

Applicant2 Work Phone

Applicant2 Cell Phone

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APPLICANT 2 E-MAIL ADDRESS

APPLICANT 1 BIRTHDAY: MO/DAY

APPLICANT 2 BIRTHDAY: MO/DAY

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 APPLICANT 1 SIGNATURE DATE

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 APPLICANT 2 SIGNATURE DATE

Signature constitutes acceptance of Release of Liability and Standing Rules printed on page 2 of this application form.

TRIP/ACTIVITY PREFERENCES

(A1)(A2) (A1 = Applicant 1 A2 = Applicant 2)

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- ☐ ☐ Cross Country Skiing
- ☐ ☐ Ice Skating
- ☐ ☐ Running
- ☐ ☐ Water Skiing
- ☐ ☐ Dancing
- ☐ ☐ Rodeo
- ☐ ☐ Beach Party
- ☐ ☐ Downhill Skiing

- ☐ ☐ Bicycling – ON Road
- ☐ ☐ Hiking/Trail Running
- ☐ ☐ Wind Surfing
- ☐ ☐ Cultural/Theater
- ☐ ☐ Halloween Party
- ☐ ☐ Rafting/Kayaking/Canoeing
- ☐ ☐ Bicycling – OFF Road
- ☐ ☐ Tennis

- ☐ ☐ Camping
- ☐ ☐ Wine Tasting
- ☐ ☐ Mardi Gras
- ☐ ☐ Snowboarding
- ☐ ☐ Sailing
- ☐ ☐ Golf
- ☐ ☐ Road Rally
- ☐ ☐ Yoga

WE NEED YOU AS A VOLUNTEER – PLEASE TELL US WHERE YOU CAN HELP

(A1) (A2) (A1 = Applicant 1 A2 = Applicant 2)

Ski Trips

- ☐ ☐ Trip Coordinator
- ☐ ☐ Assistant Trip Coordinator
- ☐ ☐ Race Director

Other Activities

- ☐ ☐ Activity Coordinator

Meetings

- ☐ ☐ Member Check-In
- ☐ ☐ Ambassador (Host)

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA (for SCSC use only, not for publication purposes)

(A1) Applicant 1

(A2) Applicant 2

Male/Female Single/Married

Year of Birth

Male/Female Single/Married

Year of Birth

1.0 DUES. (Amended 8-28-05)

A. Members may pay dues in 1-year or 3-year increments. Dues shall be as follows: (Amended)

1-year \$40 single	\$70 Family
3-year \$99 single	\$189 Family

Two individuals applying for a family membership must use the same mailing address and will receive one (1) monthly copy of the Sitzmarke, when published.

B. Members who renew their current membership within the first month of the membership renewal year will receive a \$5 discount per membership. Dues with this discount included shall be as follows:

1-year \$35 single	\$65 Family
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C. Dues are nonrefundable may not be pro-rated and may not be converted to family membership during the first membership year. In subsequent years for the 3 year memberships, conversion from single to family memberships and vice versa will be allowed. If such a request is made, the Executive Committee shall determine on a case-by case basis any additional dues money required (or refunded) as well as any remaining time on a revised single or dual membership.

5.0 TRIP PENALTIES.

5.1 FINAL PAYMENT DATE

A. If a trip participant withdraws from a trip after the published final payment date, the trip participant will lose the entire payment upon withdrawal. If the participant can be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the entire payment less any costs incurred by the Club in addition to cancellation fees as specified in 5.2. If the trip participant cannot be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the amount which the Trip Coordinator is able to recover by cancellation of lodging, transportation, and/or other commitments less any costs incurred by the Club and cancellation fees as specified in 5.2.

B. If a trip participant fails to make final payment by the published final payment date the Trip Coordinator may replace the participant after making a diligent effort to contact the participant, who will be subject to cancellation fees as specified in 5.2.

5.2 CANCELLATION FEES.

A participant may forfeit his full deposit if he fails to notify the Club in writing of his intent to withdraw on or before the published final payment dates. A minimum charge of \$30.00 or 20% of the published trip cost, whichever is less, said amount not to be less than \$10.00 will be assessed for each trip cancellation.

5.3 Deposit and cancellation charges for non-domestic trips shall be determined by the Executive Committee and included in the trip release form as well as in all trip publicity; in no case shall these requirements be less than those provided in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of these Standing Rules. (Amended to remove transfer 9-9-2003, Effective 5-1-2004)

5.4 NO SNOW.

If the Club encounters a cancellation situation prior to the departure of a trip, the trip participant is entitled to recover the entire cost of the trip less charges incurred by the Club as a penalty for cancellation of lodging, transportation, operating expenses and/or other commitments made on behalf of a trip participant. Refunds to any trip will be made upon receipt by the Club of the total refund due the Club by the resort, airline and/or other entity or as approved by the Executive Committee.

7.0 RESTRICTIONS.

7.1 Allowing non-trip participants to occupy any room as a non-registered guest is strictly prohibited, and in violation of Club policy.

7.2 The illegal use of controlled substances during Club trips, or any other official Club function, is in violation of Club policy, and is strictly prohibited.

7.3 No substitutions of trip participants shall be allowed without the knowledge and approval of the Trip Coordinator, and new additions to the trip shall come from that trip's Waiting List. The Trip Coordinator shall make all substitutions.

7.4 It is the policy of the Club not to allow the active solicitation of the general membership at a Club function or in the Club publication for any other than Club sponsored trips or activities without the consent of the Executive Committee.

7.5 No person may participate in a Club sponsored trip, or participant paid activity, without first completing a written and signed Release of Liability for that trip or activity, on a form approved by the Board of Directors.

7.6 No person may sign up on a wait list for a Club sponsored ski trip without being a member in good standing. A trip must be full before a wait list can be started. A deposit is required in order to sign up on a trip wait list.

7.7 A Club Officer, Director, Director(s) of Trips, Director of Programs, Assistant Treasurer or Audit Committee Chair shall not accept a gratuity in excess of \$25.00 from a vendor without notice to the Executive Committee.

8.0 MISCELLANEOUS.

8.1 SKI TRIP SIGN UP.

A. Members shall be allowed to sign up for club ski trips each year by 1) following the directions for Mail-In Sign Up, as published in the August issue of the Sitzmarke newsletter, or 2) beginning with the opening of the August General Meeting, by contacting the Trip Coordinator and paying the appropriate deposit or amount due for the trip. No other methods of sign up will be accepted, except as authorized by the Executive Committee and published in advance in the Sitzmarke.

B. Each member may sign up for him/herself and one other member on any ski trip or ski trip waiting list.

8.2 **WEATHER.** If a trip should be "weathered-in," the additional lodging expense will be left up to the individual, although the Trip Coordinator will assist in making accommodation arrangements and collection for same shall be left up to the lodge.

8.3 **NON-SKI TRIPS/ACTIVITIES.** Reservations for participation in such activities may require full payment, instead of a deposit fee.

8.4 **DIRECTORY.** The membership directory is available online at www.spacecity.org.

8.5 A member who does not follow/adhere to accepted business practices in financial dealings by, for, or with the Club is in violation of Club policy, is subject to disciplinary action, and may be held financially responsible for any resulting liability incurred by the Club.

8.6 A member who fails to abide by the laws of the state in which an activity or trip is being held and/or fails to meet policies and rules of our contractual vendors (airlines, bus lines, lodging and/or properties, etc.) while participating in a Club activity or trip, which results in placing himself, another member, or the Club into a position of liability, is in violation of Club policy and is subject to disciplinary action as stated in the SCSC By-Laws Article 2.4.

8.7 TRIP PACKAGES

A. It is the policy of the Club to sell complete trip packages (air, lodging, and ground transportation) at the full budgeted price unless otherwise authorized by the Executive Committee.

B. "Shadow participants" shall be defined as members making their own travel and lodging arrangements, but wishing to participate in club or Texas Ski Council activities on a trip. This type of participation will be allowed on each ski trip as authorized by the Executive Committee. Shadow participants shall pay the appropriate fee for the trip's activities plus a \$10.00 shadow participant fee, the sum of which shall be set forth on the approved trip budget.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I certify and recognize that SCSC is a non-profit organization, run entirely by volunteers who have no special training or experience at conducting trips or other activities and I do not rely on the expertise of any director or officer or their appointed representatives in conducting trips or activities. I am aware that SCSC carries no insurance nor maintains a reserve for liability.

I wish to participate on this trip or activity because SCSC provides me with the economics and discounts of group purchasing power, social interaction with compatible individuals, and does all the planning and reservation work for me.

In consideration of the above, I, for myself, my heirs, executors and assignees do hereby release and discharge SCSC, its directors, officers, members and any other person appointed by them, from all claims, damages, demands or actions whatsoever in any manner arising from my participation on this trip or activity. I agree that I am solely responsible for my personal safety and conduct. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless SCSC, its directors, officers, members and agents, or contractors from any loss, cost, or expense, incurred by, or attributable in any way to me, in connection with this trip or activity.

I also certify that I have read, that I understand, and that I agree to abide by, all the Bylaws and Standing Rules of SCSC. I understand that payments made for trips or activities may not be refundable, in whole, or in part, and that all payments will be handled in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

I hereby appoint SCSC, its directors, officers and agents, as my agent to perform all acts and to enter into, any and all contracts as may be deemed desirable in connection with this trip or activity. I understand SCSC acts only as coordinator and accepts no responsibility for the service of any person, ski area, resort, airline, motorcoach, hotel or any organization whatsoever rendering any of the services or accommodations being offered on this trip or activity. Trip and activity fees are based on current tariffs and are subject to change without notice. SCSC accepts no responsibility, in whole or part, for any delays, delayed departures or arrivals, missed plane or other carrier connections, loss, damage, or injury, to person or property, mechanical defect or failure of any nature, however caused, or for any substitution of hotels or common carriers, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby.



Trip Coordinator (TC)/Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC) 2013-2014 Application

Do you love to ski or snowboard? Do you enjoy working with people and making new friends? Are you good at planning and organizing? If your answer is YES to these questions, SCSC needs YOU to join the great team of Trip Coordinators and Assistants running fun ski trips to exciting destinations.

Please complete this form and return to 2013-2014 V.P. of Trips, Susan Blome, 5814 Weeping Willow, Houston, TX 77092 or email to sdblome1@gmail.com

Name:	Telephone-Home:
Address:	Telephone-Work:
	Telephone-Cell:
Preferred contact type: (circle all that apply) Telephone: Home Work Cell e-mail	E-Mail Address:
Occupation:	Year you joined SCSC (Approx):

Position you are applying for: _____TC _____ATC _____Either

(Note: In order to serve as an ATC, you must have taken at least one ski trip with SCSC. In order to server as a TC, you must have served as an ATC on at least one SCSC ski trip or an AC for a large activity or experience running trips with other organizations.)

What type of SCSC ski trip do you prefer to run?

_____TSC (Texas Ski Council) _____Club (SCSC) _____Either

What length of SCSC ski trip do you prefer to run?

_____Long (week long) _____Short (4 or 5 day) _____Either

Where would you like to run a trip (Destination/s)?

Availability: Dates that you are *Unavailable* to run a trip (If any):

Preferred dates (If any):

Are you available for monthly SCSC meetings usually the 2nd Monday of the month? (August-May)

Yes _____ No _____

Are you available for monthly SCSC happy hours usually the 3rd Thursday of the month?

Yes _____ No _____

Are you available to attend 2 to 3 training sessions?

Yes _____ No _____

(Training sessions likely will be May, June or July 2011)

On what side of town do you live/work? _____

**Prior SCSC Volunteer Experience: TC/ATC/AC-Activity Coordinator /AAC-Assist. Activity Coordinator/Officer
(Start with most recent)**

Year	Trip/Activity/Office	Year	Trip/Activity /Office

SCSC-Ski Trips Taken

Non-SCSC Ski Trips Taken

Year	Trip	Year	Trip	Year	Trip	Year	Trip

Other Volunteer Experience: (Start with most recent)

Year	Organization/Office	Year	Organization/Office

Computer experience:

_____Microsoft Word _____Microsoft Excel _____Other

Do you have access to a computer at home or work? _____Yes _____No
 Do you have access to a fax machine at home or work? _____Yes _____No
 Can you make & receive SCSC related phone calls at work? _____Yes _____No
 Can you send & receive SCSC related e-mail at work? _____Yes _____No

What other experience/skills can you bring to the position of TC/ATC?

Why are you interested in running a SCSC ski trip?