

The Sitzmarke

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From Mission Control

by Sandra McCunis, President

Although we don't have General Meetings in the summer, your Executive Committee and Board of Directors have been busy planning for a fantastic 2011/2012 season



for SCSC members. We have approved our trip venues, prepared our budgets, recruited and trained our TC's and ATC's and organized social activities and Happy Hours. I appreciate their support and dedication to ensure a successful upcoming year.

Jim Hodges, our V.P. of Trips, has volunteered many hours of his time organizing a great slate of competitively priced trips. You may reserve your spot on one or more of these exciting trips beginning August 1st. Please mail your Trip Registration form and a check for the deposit to the Trip Coordinator or sign up online at www.spacecityskiclub.org via PayPal.

Leslie Ward, our V.P. of Activities, has been working on new ideas for fun activities and Happy Hours. She needs volunteers to help her organize these

activities. Please consider volunteering to be an Activity Coordinator. It is a great way to meet people and make new friends. Also, contact Leslie if you would like to suggest a new activity.

Join us for fun day on Galveston Bay at the home of Marty Kaminsky in San Leon. Marty has graciously offered to host our annual Volunteer Party on Saturday, July 16th. We will be serving barbeque with all the trimmings, frozen Margaritas, beer, wine and soft drinks. You can relax on the deck or swim in the bay. Bring your small boats. Marty has a 200 foot pier and boat ramp for light boats.

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so now! You can download a form from our website and mail it and your check to Jan Ferrell, our V.P. of Membership, or log on to our website and renew via PayPal. Don't miss your opportunity to sign up on August 1st for your choice of our exciting trips. Also, you will not continue to receive your copy of the Sitzmarke if you are not an active member.

I am looking forward to our new season and I hope that you are too!

Countdown to Liftoff

By Jim Hodges, V.P. of Trips

The new ski season is here!! Well, not exactly here as in here in Houston. But the TCs and ATCs have spent the past few months planning their trips for the 2011-2012 ski season and you can now read about the trips in this issue of the Sitzmarke! Ski trips to Colorado, Idaho, California, Montana, Canada and Poland - and a "bucket list" adventure trip to Galapagos in August 2012. The most difficult part is now up to you - which one of these great trips will you join?

Trip sign up begins August 1, 2011. Don't forget you must be a member to sign up, so if you have not renewed yet better do it now! Tear out the page and complete the "Trip Registration Form" included in this Sitzmarke. Mail the completed form and your deposit to the TC. Better yet make copies of the form and join several trips. You will also be able to sign up on-line starting in August and pay your deposit by Pay-

pal. However, please note we are implementing a new system this year regarding paying final payment. If you pay final payment on-line using Paypal, you must pay full price for the trip. If you pay final payment by



cash or check, you will get a discount depending on the price of the trip. See the complete list of trips for more details.

The TSC Summer Expedition Alaska Cruise is scheduled for September 6-13, 2011. Although this trip is essentially closed, if you suddenly discover an empty week on your calendar and wish you had signed up for this trip, contact Ellen Eastham

(eeastham@prodigy.net). It might still be possible for Ellen to contact the tour operator for this trip and get you included with the ski club.

NEED TRIP COORDINATOR FOR THANKSGIVING TRIP TO BRECKENRIDGE

This is a great opportunity to get involved.

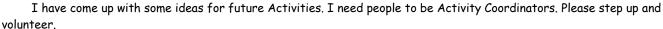
Please contact Jim Hodges at vptrips@spacecityskiclub.org

Having A Blast!

By Leslie Ward, V.P. of Activities

We will have our annual Volunteer Party on Saturday, July 16th at Marty Kaminsky's home in San Leon on Galveston Bay. Guests and members that did not volunteer may also attend for a cost of \$15. If you are interested in helping with this party please let me know. Bowling at Palace Lanes with Larry Hord should be on your bucket list. Luckily Larry has graciously scheduled a bowling activity for Sunday, July 31st at 2:00 PM. Our July Happy Hour will be held at Chuy's on Westheimer.

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.



- 1. Mixed Doubles Tennis Scramble
- 2. Scavenger Hunt at the Houston Zoo (family friendly)
- 3. Cooking Class and Wine Tasting at T'afia with Chef is Monica Pope
- 4. Beach Volleyball and cook out at Third Coast Volley Ball
- 5. Mad Potter paint your own pottery (family friendly)
- 6. Sailing with TASC
- 7. Miller Outdoor Theater Theater Under The Stars (TUTS)
- 8. Houston Museum of Natural Science Planetarium Led Zeppelin
- 9. The Menil Collection Only place in Houston, TX listed in "1000 Places To See Before You Die"
- 10. 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.

Calendar of Events

07/16/11 Volunteer Party - Marty Kaminsky's home in San Leon - 3:00 to 9:00 PM AC: Leslie Ward

07/28/11 **July Happy Hour** - Chuy's - River Oaks - 2706 Westheimer - 5:30 to 9:00 PM

07/31/11 **Bowling Tournament** at Palace Lanes - 4191 Bellaire Blvd. - 2:00 to 5:00 PM AC: Larry Hord 08/06/11 **Houston Astros** vs. Milwaukie 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

Space City Ski Club wishes to thank the following volunteers for the 2010-2011 year. Their generous dedication, participation and support make this club an exceptional one. Please excuse our incomplete list last month!

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	Debbie Abadie Olga Adair	Robert Clements David Cone	Linda Guice Ron Hayes	George Lopez Gloria Lopez	Marianne Pearce Chuck Pena	Louella Steller Betty Storms
	Christina Anderson	Gayle Dale	Jim Hodges	Bruce Lowther	Patty Piech	Diane Stotz
	Sharon Anderson	Tom Danowski	Roger Holzman	Marsha Lutz	Ron Rambin	Marilyn Swanson
	Jose Araujo	Ann Dorn	Melinda Hughes	Don Macken	Beverly Roberts	Candace Tenbrink
	Ross Baker	Llona Doubet	Dennis Hughes	Christine March	Jim Robertson	Barb Tuley
	James Barbee	Ellen Eastham	Arlen Isham	Margaret McCord	Larry Robinson	Marti Turner
	Sue Bean	Jim Edwards	Rick Jaeger	Sandra McCunis	Thuy Rocque	Linda Walden
	Gail Blanton	Doris Escobar	Millie Jude	Lisa McDonald	Richard Rocque	Leslie Ward
	Bill Bomberger	Vicki Falkner	Marty Kaminsky	Kay McKeough	Ann Rogers	Dana Wardell
	Stan Broniak	Jan Ferrell	Richard Keller	Maria Mendez	Robert Rowley	Sandra Wellhausen
	Christie Burke	Patty Finch	Laura Kinney	Barbie Miller	Sue Salvage	Sylvia Wetuski
	Charles Butler	Grant Fowler	Keith Kirkman	Cindy Moore	Jeff Sarff	Ted Widmer
	Gary Butler	Leasa Garza	Linda Kuper	Jill Nanney	Peggy Schillinger	Steve Ying
	Leslie Caldwell	David George	Stan Kuper	Dennis Newell	Judy Schiro	
	Craig Campbell	Steven Giesler	Camille LaRoe	Sean O'Brien	Leona Schroeder	
	Penny Chancy	Lori Gilliland	Shirley Lang	Bob Olsen	Derek Shoobridge	
	Deb Cini	Debbie Greco	Tor Lilena	Levla Ozkardesh	Steve Slade	



Snowbird is the Word (Surfin'Bird)

(By The Snowbird Committee: Lori Gilliand, Christine March, Bruce Lowther and Candace TenBrink, with editing by Cindy Moore)

B-bird's the word oh well-a bird, bird, bird

On Wednesday March 16^{th,} 35 of us headed off to Utah to experience The Greatest Snow on Earth! Bird IS the Word! SNOWBIRD that is!

TC Cindy Moore & SCSC Race Director Bruce Lowther, arrived to Snowbird 5 days before the rest of the SCSC gang, to put the final touches on this awesome TSC trip, and get in a few extra ski days.

Snowbird committee girls, Lori Gilliland & Christine March rounded up 28 SCSCers for the flight from Houston to Salt Lake City. The flight went super smooth. After arriving at SLC, we grabbed our luggage & jumped aboard our bus for a nice 40 minute drive up scenic Little Cottonwood Canyon to Snowbird. We barely had the time to drink a large bottle of Fiji Water before we were unloading the bus.



Upon arrival, we were greeted by Cindy, who handed out our lift tickets, fun packets of credentials, and lip balm. The real go-getters, Davis Tucker & Chris Urbanczyk, grabbed their lift tickets, used the revolving door, and hit the slopes immediately, not to waste a moment of skiing.

The Cliff Lodge was beautifully built of solid concrete and rich natural wood and marble. Every wall was covered with beautiful and exotic carpets. SCSC was treated to a club welcome party with delicious pizza at Snowbird Center, then for the adults it was on to the Tram Club for drinks and dancing with other TSC clubs. Very few of the adults were missing from the Tram Club. Evan Howell and his grown kids, Shana and Evan, Jr, partied with us. Chaille Hutchison, and her son Tal, came by later for a nightcap with us. Gin Knebel was one of the few missing, giving her daughter Cassandra Rodriguez a well deserved night out. Peggy Schillinger was photographing the events with her usual finesse!

Space City had 4 racers for the TSC club races and they ALL brought home medals; Robert Rowley and Larry Edmondson silver, Bruce Lowther bronze and Candace Tenbrink, with her blazing speed, brought the club 25 points. Even though we only had 4 racers, we brought in more points than Lone Star's 9 racers and thus placed 3rd in Division I. Space City participants averaged more points per racer (40) than any other club. The top two clubs won by sheer number of participants.

In the individual races, Candace won an award for the fastest woman in her age group, while Bruce was 2nd in his age group. Amazingly, the entire TSC club race processed 81 racers in 45 minutes. This allowed most skiers 2 hrs of skiing before their race time, an average of about 12 minutes waiting their turn, 30 to 40 seconds of racing, and then to lunch, or back to skiing. During the rest of the day you have to keep reminding yourself that you are not trying to beat that person to your left back to the lift.

Kids on the trip to Snowbird had a fabulous time also. While the Curry triplets (Kaley, Neo, and Trinity) were too fast and furious to be seen by the mortal skiers; the kids just learning to ski and carve rocked the ski school. Ava Gami moved up 1 level a day, to end as solid green/blue while also learning how to pelt her instructor with class 1 snowballs. Rookies Trace and Evelyn Rodriguez, moved up from the magic of the carpet belt to their first full-fledged hill with a chair lift! They also loved the games, Leprechaun drinks, and decked out shamrock hats at the kids party.

One of the best side notes of traveling with kids on a club trip is the camaraderie the kids felt, sharing their achievements and onsnow antics with each other at dinner. Strangers before arrival, they all left with a badge of courage, many wonderful ski stories, and new friends. When Ava was asked about her trip, she described it as "Awesome!" Straight from the mouth of a 5 year old.

The ski dogs (Ash Moza, Davis Tucker, Robert Rowley, Chris Urbanczyk, and Larry Edmondson) tore up the advanced terrain and the daily blanket of powder. Tony and Carolyn Curry were so busy they finally picked up their SCSC neck wallets from Cindy on the day we left!

The TSC awards party on Friday had great, plated food, so we all got plenty. There was a fun DJ, and dancing until 11:00 p.m., and we saw Los Amigos members shake their tails.

Snowbird has this tunnel cut through the center of the mountain with a connection to Alta through a tunnel conveyer belt, allowing access to two snow covered resorts. Saturday was like a weird dream, traveling through a tunnel with light on the other end, where you end up in a groovy snowy wonderland. Christine had always heard that in whiteout conditions you cannot tell where you are, and can easily get lost. They never said you could end up in Russia (AKA Alta). This tall leggy Russian blonde named Minka (Deb Cini) and a group of other equally hot Russian ladies, Lucinka, (Cindy), Slovinka, (Sandy Fowler) Ekaterina, (Lori). Christinka (Christine) and Sven/Boris.(Karl Jauhiainen), were participants in the Alta "Russian" blue skifest! That same day Sylvia Wetuski was seen braving the Alta greens with her new found ski skills.

Meanwhile, Abi Gami, Ann Dorn and Cassandra beat the beginner hill and headed for the mountain Saturday morning. The word of the day was "Out of the Way! The lesson of the day was, "gravity is your friend, don't fight it."

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		Ski Trip	Schedule 2	011-2012		
**Trip Price Cash/	**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	\$1,481	Ellen Eastham eeastham@prodigy.net 281-989-9935	Tom Danowski tomdanowski@sbcglobal.net 713-725-8624	
Breckenridge TSC Fall Roundup	Nov 22-27, 2011 (Tues-Sun)	15-Sept-11	Full \$1,299 Land \$750	TC Needed		
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 \$1,415 Land \$956	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 \$1,205 Land \$697	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	Land \$826	Beverly Roberts 281-496-4897 roughs.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 TBD	Ann Rogers rogersae@msn.com 281-703-0454	Ray Villareal rdforce1@yahoo.com 713-344-3625	
Galapogos TSC Summer Expedition	August 1-10,2012 (Weds-Fri)	19-Mar-12	\$3,563	Melinda Hughes home@angeloproductions 936-825-7039	.com	

Snowbird is the Word—Continued

Jose Arajuo was seen following Candace and Bruce off to ski Saturday morning. He was found in the bar that afternoon, muttering something about "crazy people", and "near death experiences. Ann Dorn learned a valuable lesson — don't ski mad, or you might forget to turn — as she skied off a green trail into a ditch. If it hadn't been for a friendly pine tree motioning Chris to look over here, he wouldn't have found her (but it is still all his fault). Christine learned powder and long, skinny skis do not mix. Go fat and have tons of fun. -The unbelievable fact was that we were skiing at spring break without crowds and with fresh powder each day!

On the bus ride home we saw Stuart and Dawn Allen from the first time since we arrived. Cindy thought they were having a romantic 2nd honeymoon or something. She found out that poor Stuart had been struck down by altitude sickness the whole trip and Dawn swore she would never take him on another ski trip!

Christine and Lori stuck around 2 extra days and new member Jo Barrie also stayed a few extra days so she could spend some time with her Mom over in Salt Lake City.

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 2011-2012. 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 and will continue until each trip is full. We are 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. You may also signup online and pay your deposit by Paypal, however you must still complete an application form and mail or deliver to the trip TC. Trip applications and money cannot be received prior to August 1 for all trips. Any application received prior to that date will be considered as the last application received on August 1 (not the first). 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 2011-2012 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 Poland and Galapagos trip 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.

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 \$\frac{\\$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 Datesto	Trip Dates:to
Participant #1	Participant #2
Name:	Name:
2011-12 Membership #	2011-12 Membership #
Address:	Address:
CityZip	CityZip
Phone(H)(W)	Phone(H)(W)
Fax	Fax
E-Mail	E-Mail
Please check one: Full package □ Land package □	Please check one: Full package □ Land package □

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 #
Breckenridge, CO	TC Needed	Contact Jim Hodges			281 844 2858
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

2011 - 2012 Ski Trip Descriptions

VAIL. COLORADO

Long trip - Sat, Dec 10 - Sat, Dec 17, 2011 Short trip - Sat, Dec 10 - Wed, Dec 14

TC - Pat Piech

Ppiech48@comcast.net

281-531-7650

Full package - \$1,232 (\$1,182 cash) Full Package—\$903 (\$868 cash) Land Package—\$849 (\$765 cash) Land Package—\$570 (\$535 cash)

Yes, SCSC skiers, we are heading to Vail again for an early season ski trip.

Vail is one of the best resorts in the world with over 7 miles of mountain front, 7 back bowls and the most groomed terrain on the planet. Whatever type skier or boarder you are, you will find fabulous trails; 18% beginner, 29% intermediate and 53% advanced and all served by 31 ski lifts.

The snow promises to be better than EVER since, this year, we will be skiing the second week of December as opposed to our traditional first week. Yes friends, we are giving Mother Nature an extra week for to do her stuff, i.e., SNOW!!

There are two trips to choose from, a week long adventure or a four-day getaway. Our entire group will depart on Saturday, December 10th on Continental at 8:45 am arriving Denver at 10:24 (times are subject to change). This will give us plenty of time for our grocery stop and to get our rentals once we get to Vail. The short trip will depart Vail on Wednesday, December 14th to catch a 2:30pm flight back home. The remainder of the group will leave Vail on Saturday, December 17th also in time for a 2:30 pm departure to Houston.

Again this year, we will be staying at the Lion Square Lodge, which is a true ski-in, ski-out condominium that is literally just steps from the Eagle Bahn Gondola in Lionshead. In addition, the condos are above the Mezzaluna restaurant, which is open for a complimentary continental breakfast each morning for guests. Other amenities include outdoor heated swimming pool, 3 outdoor hot tubs & sauna, exercise room, access to Aria Spa and Health club, computer center as well as complimentary high speed internet in every condo.

Our fun will include daily après ski, welcome reception, wine & cheese party and optional group dinner. Sign up starts August 1 and this trip is sure to fill up fast, so sign up early....

SNOWMASS, COLORADO - TSC TRADITIONAL

Sat, January 7 - Sat, January 14, 2012

TC: George Lopez ATC: Camille LaRoe

Full package — \$1,415 (\$1,365 cash) Land only package - \$956 (\$921 cash)

Snowmass The perfect start to the New Year!

Listen my children and you shall hear of Space City's trip to Snowmass next year.

On the 7th of January begins a ski week that all will be talking over fine wine and beer.

He said to his friend "it's the TSC Traditional that will roll in the town that night so save me a spot at

the great Crestwood Tower. \$926 by land and \$1370 with air and I will be ready to ski or ride not one but 4 mountains and play in the village and town. So hurry the list of fun things is as long as your arm".

You don't have to be Paul Revere to go on this trip, but you will have to move fast because the number of full packages is limited.

Snowmass offers an awesome 4400 foot vertical drop and over 3100 acres of diverse terrain to fit any taste or level of skiing and boarding. If that is not enough; Aspen, Aspen Highlands, and Buttermilk are just a short shuttle ride away.

Convenient flights will take us through Denver to Aspen and back. No long bus ride on this trip.

We will be staying at the Crestwood Condominiums located slopeside, with ski in/out convenience, and directly adjacent to the new Base Village and the Village Mall with numerous restaurants and shops. Of course there is Aspen a few minutes away.

Getting around will be easy during our stay. Free shuttles are available around Snowmass Village. There is also free shuttle service to the town of Aspen and the other three ski areas.

It's the TSC traditional so you will be able to catch up with friends from other clubs. The trip will include:

- Welcome packet including souvenir pin
- Welcome Party including appetizers and drink tickets
- Complimentary mountain tours
- Daily Apres Ski with drink specials

- Mid-week activity such as a Poker Run or Pub Craw
- Ski races Club and Individual competition
- Discounted lift tickets, equipment rentals and lessons
- Farewell party including dinner and entertainment

So hurry don't wait get your money in early before it's too late!

POLAND

January 20-29, 2012

Optional Warsaw Post trip: January 29 to February 1, 2012

TC: Vicki Faulkner

713-863-0470 (home) | vsfaulkner @att.net

Full Trip: \$2,196 (\$2,136 cash) Land Package: \$1,069 (\$1,034 cash)

Poland - the land of SKIS - Danowski, Klimoski, Schidlowski, Jablonski, Kowalski, Polski, Brewski!

Check the status of your passport, because SCSC is again offering this wonderful opportu-

nity for a European travel and ski adventure! Eastern Europe is an economically friendly destination with mountains and cities that are off the beaten track. Even though Poland is in the European Union, the euro has not yet been adopted as their currency; hence, one Polish Zloty (PLN) = \$.35 US. Food, drink, and souvenirs will be reasonable!

Departing Houston late afternoon on Friday, January 20, we arrive in Frankfurt on Saturday morning, January 21. A layover in Frankfurt allows time for an included guided city tour. Our flight to Krakow is $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, so we're there in time for a provided welcome dinner at the newly renovated Wyspianski Hotel. It's located across the street from one of the main gates into the historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We stay in Krakow for three days, enjoying the second largest city and cultural center of Poland, and getting acclimated and rested prior to our skiing adventures. In Krakow, we offer options for a city tour as well as other site-seeing opportunities. Also included are daily breakfast buffets at the hotel.

On Wednesday, January 25, we bus to Zakopane, the "Winter Capital" of Poland. Known for its fun, holiday atmosphere, Zakopane is in the Tatra mountains on the Poland/Slovakia border. Included at our 4-star hotel are a welcome dinner and breakfast buffets each morning. Four days of skiing options include locations in both Poland and Slovakia. Transfer times to the areas vary from 20 minutes to two hours; lift ticket prices average \$35/day.

Not skiing? Daily optional expeditions range from historical to cultural to environmental. A traditional Polish farewell dinner and folklore entertainment is scheduled for our last night in Zakopane.

On Sunday, January 29, we return to Krakow by bus for the early afternoon return flight to the U.S.

Post trip to Warsaw - January 29 to February 1

To extend the adventures, we bus from Zakopane to visit the largest and capital city of Poland - Warsaw. This extension includes three nights lodging and daily breakfast buffets at a 4-star hotel. More optional excursions will be available. On Wednesday, February 1, we depart Warsaw for the return flight to the U.S.

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS RESORT, COLORADO

Sat, January 21 — Sat, January 28, 2012

TC - Derek Shoobridge ATC - Lynda Meyer

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Anticipated Trip Prices (to be confirmed when airline price published)

Full Trip \$1205 (\$1,155 cash) Land only \$697 (\$662 cash)

Final Payment Date: October 11, 2011 ← NOTE EARLY CUTOFF DATE

Reserve now for a fun-filled week at one of the biggest ski mountains in North America - Steamboat Springs. With over 28 feet of snow annually, Steamboat offers skiing across 4 mountains for all skier levels. Tree skiing is Steamboat's claim to fame, with legendary Champagne Powder® for the most avid powder hounds. There is exceptional skiing for everyone with 165 trails, 3,668 ft. vertical and 2,965 acres of terrain. Steamboat's runs are mostly uninterrupted pitches that go on-and-on. The longest run (Why Not) wanders over 3 miles. And with more than \$27 million in recent on-mountain improvements, you'll enjoy great on-mountain dining, and be whisked up the mountain via 18 lifts, including 1 gondola, 5 high-speed guads and 1 high-speed 6.

Steamboat's lower elevation allows magnificent aspen stands grow to the top of the peaks--they are incredible to ski through and fabulous to look at with their lacy, fringy tops. Expert descents here mean trees and glade skiing at its best! Intermediate skiers can find lots of groomed cruisers throughout the mountain. The blue runs served by the Sunshine Express also have spots where beginning tree skiers can practice. Adult beginners can enroll in a 3-day learn-to-ski class. For boarders, Steamboat is in the Top 20 in the country for its parks and pipes offering 4 different terrain parks.

Pending Continental's confirmation, we have booked direct flights into Hayden. From there we've arranged transportation for the short 40 min. ride to the resort with a grocery stop en route. By mid-afternoon we'll arrive at our 2BR/2BA condos at the 4-star Steamboat Grand, located at the base of the mountain. We'll close out the day picking up our ski rentals and having a Welcome Party. The Grand is a 2 minute walk to the gondola, and has a spa, heated pool, 2 hot tubs, convenient ski storage and complimentary transportation into town. If you need to take a break, there's no shortage of activities: snowshoeing, snowbiking, sledding/tubing, iceclimbing, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. To unwind, stargaze while relaxing in natural hot springs, shop, catch some live music, take a sleigh ride or go horseback riding. Steamboat's ideal snow, varied terrain, great lodging and activities will combine to make for a wonderful week for SCSC participants. We hope you'll join us!





BANFF, ALBERTA, CANADA

Sat, February 4 - Sat, February 11, 2012

TC: Arlen R. Isham
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\$1,230 Full Package, \$1,180 cash or check \$ 700 Land Package, \$ 665 cash or check

Skiing in the Canadian Rockies for the first time or returning? Located in the heart of Banff National Park is three of the world's finest ski resorts. Well, what have you been waiting for? From wide open bowls and tree lined glades covered with fresh, dry powder, to meticulous groomed slopes, visitors

enjoy unspoiled scenery, short lift lines, and friendly hospitality. Skiers can experience Sunshine Village, Lake Louise and Banff Mt. Norquay offering almost 8,000 acres (on an interchangeable lift ticket). The resorts receive over 30 feet of snow each season. Lake Louise Ski Area is consistently rated as having the best scenery of any resort in North America. Lake Louise and Sunshine each have over 3,200 vertical feet. Ski with Arlen for number of runs, vertical feet, and miles each day.

Final Payment 11/21/2011

ATC: Pending

Flying nonstop into the Calgary Airport from Bush Airport on an Air Canada flight, 2:30 pm. arriving at 5:50 pm. Our 90 minute shuttle moves us direct to our hotel, so we can prepare for skiing the next morning, Our return flight on Feb. 11th is a comfortable 6:30 pm. flight, which gives us time to relax, before catching our shuttle back to Calgary. Flying Air Canada earns frequent flier miles on Continental / United.

Where do we stay? The Banff Aspen Lodge hotel places guests within walking distance to many area attractions. The down-town area, filled with museums, galleries, bar/lounges, shopping, movie theatre, etc. and restaurants is 2 blocks away. Guests at the Banff Aspen Lodge wake up to panoramic mountain views and enjoy a delicious continental breakfast that's included with their stay. Take the time to browse for gifts in the on-site gift shop, relax after a long day in the steam room or warm up in the outdoor hot tubs by the outdoor fireplace. www.Banffaspenlodge.com

Ski Resort Shuttles pick us up our hotel in Banff and run throughout the day.

SCSC rarely goes to Banff. This year we have a trip price that is competitive and an opportunity to ski in one of the most beautiful locations in North America. We will have a great time.

HEAVENLY at Lake Tahoe, California - TSC WINTER SHOOTOUT Sat, February 11 - Sat, February 18, 2012

TC: Bob Olsen ATC: Maria Mendez bobolsen1@comcast.net Mendez_me@yahoo.com 713-530-9068 281-797-7084

Full package \$1,099 (1,049 cash) Land only package \$579 (\$544 cash)

Top Ten Reasons to enjoy Winter Shootout 2012 at Heavenly in South Lake Tahoe

One - Start with the jewel of the Sierra, world-famous Lake Tahoe. There is amazing beauty in the view of the Lake from the Heavenly 10,000 foot summit. Heavenly Mountain rises 3,500 feet from the Lake's crystal blue waters.

Two -At 4,800 acres, the ski area is the largest of several world class ski areas in the region. Thirty four miles of wide open cruisers are groomed every night. Sixteen hundred foot chutes in two expert canyons challenge the best Texas Skiers. Acres upon acres of powder filled glades will delight even the most hard core skiers. Beginners have not been neglected ... 20% of the terrain is devoted to green runs. Boards are welcome.

Three - The sun shines 300 days a year and the average snowfall is thirty feet. There are 94 trails to keep us busy, all served by 29 lifts split between California and Nevada. Ride up in one state and ski down into another.

Four -We will be staying at the Forest Suites Resort in the heart of South Lake Tahoe. Two bedroom two bath suites are equipped with full kitchens. A heated pool and two hot tubs along with Al's Saloon will rejuvenate tired skiers in time for the evening activities.

Five -Special evening plans include two Welcome parties and the Texas Ski Council Awards Banquet. Races will be held on a NASTAR-like course.

Six -World class casino entertainment and wagering await the more adventurous among our crowd.

Seven -Customize your ski holiday with optional trips to nearby ski areas including North Star, Kirkwood and Squaw Valley. Tired of skiing? Try the winery and history tours, tubing, snowmobile tours, a Lake Tahoe cruise, ice skating, or relax with a massage.

All geared to make a very memorable trip with forty fellow Space City Ski Clubbers.

Eight -We have nonstop reservations on Continental Airlines leaving Saturday February 11th, 2012 and returning to Bush Intercontinental the following Saturday. We fly to Reno Airport and travel 55 miles by coach to South Lake Tahoe.

Nine -This week will be made special by all the Texas Ski Council Winter Shootout events and a chance to see old friends and meet new ones from across Texas. Be sure to sign up early and be included on this fabulous journey to Heavenly.

Ten -Your Trip Coordinators are experienced and dedicated to making this trip a memorable experience for everyone who signs up soon. Souvenir Heavenly T-shirts or Water bottles are reserved for the first ten sign ups Act NOW!





BIG SKY, MONTANA

Sat, February 25 - Sat, March 3, 2012

TC: Beverly Roberts ATC: Jill Nanney
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Full trip cost: \$1,449 (\$1,399 cash) Land Package: \$826 (\$791 cash)

Join us for the ultimate Big Sky experience!

There's never been a better time to sign up for the ultimate ski vacation at Big Sky, Montana!

We'll begin this exceptional ski adventure with great travel arrangements - no pre-dawn wake-ups coming or going! We fly on United Airlines, departing IAH at 10:15am. We connect in Denver, arriving in Bozeman at 4:19pm. After a grocery/liquor stop, our 42 passenger motor coach will whisk us on an easy one hour ride to the iconic Huntley Lodge.

Our accommodations at the Huntley Lodge are conveniently located in the heart of Big Sky's Mountain Village. The Huntley Lodge is a three-story hotel that was part of the late NBC news broadcaster Chet Huntley's original vision for Montana's first alpine ski area. The Huntley is ski in-ski out, located just steps from the lift. Each room features wet bar, coffee maker, refrigerator, TV and sitting area. A daily full breakfast is included with made-to-order omelets and a huge array of hot and cold choices. The Huntley complex includes restaurant, lounge, spa, two Jacuzzis, outdoor swimming pool, sauna and outdoor hot tub.

Ski the total most vertical feet of skiing in the U.S. with 360 degree views of Yellowstone Park, the Tetons and all three bordering states. Skiers of all levels will fall in love with the Big Sky terrain: 14% beginner, 26% intermediate, 40% advanced, and 20% for the dare-devil experts! Challenge yourself - the longest run is 6 miles! There are 5512 skiable acres, 4530 vertical feet, and average snowfall of more than 400 inches. Best of all, Big Sky is constantly recognized in national ski magazines for short or non-existent ski lines. And to top it off, purchase a four day lift ticket and the fifth day is free!

Take advantage of other fun activities; besides the welcome party, you can find lots of shopping and dining, both casual and upscale, in Mountain Village. Or hang out at the Huntley and relax with a spa day at the Soltice spa or enjoy a hot toddy at one of three sitting areas with fireplaces. And don't forget Yellowstone is a short drive away! Talk to anyone who has taken a snowmobile or snow coach ride through Yellowstone, and be prepared to hear of the breathtaking beauty of frozen geysers as well as the incredible experience of being within yards of bison, elk, and bald eagles!

Don't miss out on the fun as well as the great value for this incredible trip. Contact your friendly trip coordinators today!

BRECKENRIDGE AND KEYSTONE, COLORADO

TC: Patty Finch ATC: Louella Steller finchp@gtlaw.com ljdms@aol.com 936-520-1486 713-666-2347

Short Trip to Breckenridge only - Sat, March 3- Weds, March 7, 2012

Full trip price \$829 (\$794 cash) Land price \$502 (\$467 cash)

Long Trip to Breckenridge and Keystone - Sat, March 3 - Sat, March 10

Full trip price \$1,140 (\$1,090 cash) Land price \$800 (\$765 cash)

Westward Ho !!! To the Rocky Mountain highs-the beautiful vistas-the cold, clear, crisp air that rejuvenates the spirit of all skiers. Turn your thoughts from the heat of summer to the cold of winter and the best ski trip planned for this season - Brecken-ridge and Keystone

Whether you choose the long or the short trip, please join us for some Spring skiing at one or both of these world famous ski resorts. We promise you will have a great time. Your trip coordinators are experienced at running trips and know what it takes to make this an enjoyable vacation.

We leave Houston on Saturday morning at 8:45 AM on Continental Airlines to Denver and arrive at 10.24 AM. We then take a short bus ride, with a grocery stop, to Breckenridge. We will be staying at the Pine Ridge Condos, which are close to the ski lifts, for four nights. On Wednesday, the short group will return to Houston on Continental airlines on the 5:00 PM flight, after a half day of skiing, and arrive in Houston at 8:22 PM.

Participants on the long trip can look forward to three more nights in Keystone, staying at the River Run Resort. The resort is located in the village of Keystone, which offers a variety of excellent dining options. The resort also has night skiing, snow cat skiing, tubing and dinner sleigh rides. There is plenty to do at both resorts for the non-skiers as well. The week-long trip departs from Denver the following Saturday at 5:00 PM, arriving back in Houston at 8:22 PM.

We look forward to having you on the trip.





SUN VALLEY, IDAHO - TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN

Sat, March 10 - Sat, March 17, 2012

TC: Ann Rogers ATC: Ray Villarreal 281-703-0454 713-344-3625

Sun Valley, Idaho, the American Original, since 1936, Sun Valley has held this distinction. The resort began as a desire to create the magic of a European resort in America. It has since become a popular destination for American families.

Sun Valley has a vertical rise of 3,400 vertical feet and offers 2,054 skiable acres. There are two mountains to ski, and between these two varied mountains there is something for everyone. For those learning to ski, Dollar Mountain is "the finest teaching mountain in the world".

This mountain is perfect for those just learning to ski and will help get their ski legs under them. Sun Valley is offering Learn to Ski Packages and lesson discounts for the TSC. Over on Bald Mountain skiers will have access to a variety of terrain. There are 75 varied runs for skiers and snowboarders to explore. Bald Mountain has a total of 13 chair lifts and short lift lines so you can maximize your ski and snowboarding time. You can ski to the bottom of the mountain with virtually no stopping, a great run that will leave you breathless.

Spring Break is a great family holiday and Sun Valley is truly a family friendly resort. They have a program where Kids under 15 ski FREE, no charge for lift tickets (one child per paying adult). This is great for budget-minded families. Group lift ticket rates will apply, so that you can make the most of your vacation dollars. Want to take a day off of skiing? No problem, Sun Valley has one of the most unique programs where you can trade your lift ticket for credit at restaurants, shops, massages & ice skating.

We will be flying from Houston to Boise (with 1 stop) then transfer by luxury coach bus for our 3 hour ride to the resort. We will make a stop for groceries and spirits. Our entire group will be staying in at the Sun Valley Village Condos. These are beautiful three bedroom three bath condos. The location is perfect, convenient access to the Sun Valley Lodge. You can across the way to the ice rink or over to the huge 100 person hot tub.

You can look forward to a fun-filled week of adventure, exploration and relaxation. We arrive on Saturday, settle into to our condos and get familiar with the resort. The TSC activities begin on Sunday night with the Welcome Party, on Monday night we will have a pub crawl in Ketchum. Wednesday night is ice skating night, fun for kids and adults. Our race day is Thursday, and we end the week with the TSC banquet on Friday night. We will depart Sun Valley on Saturday and head back to Houston.

GALAPOLOS - TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION

Trip Dates:

August 1 - 10, 2012

August 8 - 17, 2012 (family friendly, opens after I fills)

August 19 - 24, 2012 (opens after II fills)

TC: Melinda Hughes

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Join us for a 10 day trip to the Galapagos Islands National Park, a protected nature preserve. The experience will be like nothing else in the world. We'll start in Quito, Equador which sits in a beautiful

valley surrounded by volcanoes. From Quito, the group will fly to San Cristobal Island and spend two days. Here, we'll explore the underwater world at Isa Lobos. For an additional \$160, you can dive instead of snorkel. We then are off to snorkel at Kicker Rock, sea kayak, and bike from La Soledad through lush forests to the beautiful Mann beach. You'll see sea lions and dine on fresh fish. We then move on to Champions Islet near Floreanna Island where we will see dolphins and thousands of tropical fish. Our two day stay will allow us to tour the most uninhabited island with a population of 70! On Isabela Island, we'll hike to the summit of the world's second largest volcano with a mile wide crater. We'll bike back to the beach and toast the sunset. From Isabela, the next stop is the Santa Cruz Island and Tortuga Bay where we will tour lava caves, body surf, and relax. We'll see giant, prehistoric tortoises and hike to the "wall of tears". There will be wildlife that is seen only in the Galapagos - blue-footed boobies and Sally lightfoot crabs. We'll visit the Charles Darwin Research Center - a research facility dedicated to preserving the ecosystem. In Las Tijeretas, we will snorkel with guides and see thousands of tropical fish in the crystal clear water. This is our last adventure in the islands before we return to San Cristobal Island. There will be time explore before we fly back to Quito for dinner. From Quito, you can return to Houston or extend your 10 day trip with a four day post trip tour of Peru and Machu Picchu. The trip is limited to 16 participants and a final name list is due in December, 2011!

Land Only Price: \$3,563 (\$3,463 cash)

Participant is responsible for acquiring round trip air from Houston to Quito

All meals except for two are included; gratuity included. Gratuity for porter and guide encouraged.

 $\underline{\text{http://www.galapagostourist.org/information/facts.php}}$





Breckenridge, Colorado -75C Fall Round-up

Tues, Nov 22-Sun, Nov 27, 2011

Full Price \$1,299 (\$1,249 cash)

Land only \$750 (\$715 cash)

Space City Ski Club is currently looking for a TC for this trip. If you are interested please contact Jim Hodges, VP Trips, 281-844-2858

Thanksgiving is a time for being with family and giving thanks! Why not spend that time with your family at a beautiful resort on the slopes of Breckenridge, Colorado?

The group will leave Houston on Tuesday and fly to Denver, then have an easy 100 mile bus ride to Breckenridge. The group will be staying in 2 bedroom 2 bath condos at The Plaza Condominiums at The Village of Breckenridge. Children 12 & under are allowed to stay free when utilizing the sleeper sofa! The condo is located at the base of Peak 9 and only steps from the chairlift.

There are great deals on equipment rental and ski lessons. A 3-day adult lift ticket is only \$124 and 3-day child lift ticket is only \$83(12 & under). This is a great trip if you are new to skiing or you want to introduce your kids or grand kids to skiing. The group returns to Houston on Sunday afternoon. Join us and give thanks in Breckenridge!

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