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From Mission Control

Happy 50th Anniversary Space City Ski & Adventure Club! I am honored to be our club's president during our anniversary year and hope that it shapes up to be a great year for everyone.

A little club history is appropriate for the kick-off edition of the Sitzmarke. "Space City Ski Club" was organized in 1964 by Tom Cronin and Rolfe Beaudry, both experienced skiers. They conceived the idea and gathered approximately 15 friends for a formative session in September, 1964. Within two weeks, an enthusiastic group of almost 50 officially launched Space City Ski Club. Several week-end trips to New Mexico areas were scheduled during this initial season but the highlight was a week-long trip to Aspen in February, 1965. This trip became the annual "tradition." Interest in the Club was evidenced by membership growth to almost 200 by the end of the first season in 1965 and by continued growth throughout the years. Membership ultimately grew to 1400 members, which made it one of the largest flat land ski clubs in the nation. The Club has evolved over the years to a ski and adventure club. The leadership recognized that travel interests were shifting for a variety of reasons and began incorporating non-ski trips interspersed with the traditional ski destinations. The goal of the club remains consistent: to introduce the sport of snow skiing and to encourage beginning skiers; to conduct economical and enjoyable trips; and to provide an acceptable and desirable social outlet. Don't miss out on great travel opportunities this year! Make sure you have renewed your membership no later than August 1st or you'll miss out on the annual printed Sitzmarke and early trip sign up. Members can begin signing up for trips on August 15th and the kick off meeting is September 8th. Review the following pages for our trip destinations and calendar or you can check out the slate online at spacecity.org.

Mark your calendar for our general meetings. We meet on the second Monday of each month beginning in September. Several special general meetings are planned to celebrate our 50th year together. I look forward to seeing you over the year and hope that this year of travel proves to be exceptional!

Welcome all!



Melinda Hughes,
President

Countdown to Liftoff

Everyone knows that from late July to the end of August is "peak summer" for Houston. But did you know that if you sign up for a Space City Ski & Adventure Club ski trip beginning August 15, 2014 you will immediately feel much cooler? Just the thought of ski resorts, untracked snow and crystal clear blue skies will have you feeling better!

August 15, 2014 marks the official start date to sign up online and make a deposit for one (or more!) of the 2014-2015 trips. The very popular club trip to Vail in December is back again. It is a chance to stay at a very plush ski-in/ski out resort during the low season before the holiday price

increase. Early January is the Texas Ski Council Traditional trip to Beaver Creek. The TSC Traditional trip is normally our club's biggest trip of the year. Combine that with a luxurious ski resort like Beaver Creek and you should definitely not procrastinate getting your name on the list. Late January is the TSC Winter Expedition trip to Madesimo, Italy. We have had great European trips the past few years to Spain, Switzerland and Germany and the trip to Madesimo will be another unforgettable trip. Late January is also the TSC Winter Shoot Out trip to Mammoth, California. This is another chance to ski a "mammoth- sized" mountain and stay at a ski-in/ski-out resort. President's Day week will find the Club at the Snakedance Condos at the base of the ski area at Taos Ski Valley. This trip is back by popular demand following the success of the Taos trip two years ago. The last week in February has the club skiing at Whitefish, Montana. If you want to see a snow ghost up close, join this trip and you will get your chance. We finish the ski season with TWO trips to the very popular Breckenridge ski area. First trip to Breckenridge is the TSC Final Showdown trip. The second trip to Breckenridge is a family friendly spring break trip. Regardless which Breckenridge trip you choose, you will definitely need a full week to explore all five of the peaks at Breckenridge. The last trip on the schedule is the TSC Summer Expedition trip to Tuscany, Italy. This is definitely a "must see" bucket list trip. Read all the articles in the Sitzmarke to find out what the TC and ATC have planned for transportation, lodging, activities and parties for each of these trips.

Signing up for a trip is very easy. First, you must be a member of the club.

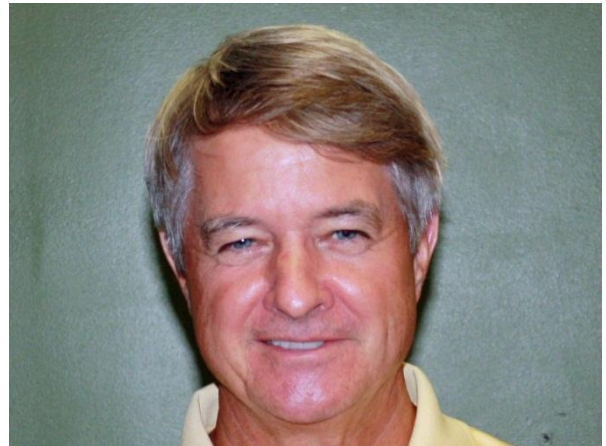
Preferred and easiest way to sign up:

1. Go to www.spacecity.org and sign-in to your account.
2. At the top of the web page, click on "TRIPS" and scroll down to "Destinations".
3. Choose your trip and click on "Register Now".

4. Fill in the requested information. You will have an option at the end to either pay your deposit via PayPal or else you can elect to mail a check to the TC. If you elect to mail a check, your registration is not complete until the TC receives your check and confirms you are on the trip.

There is also a paper trip registration form included in this Sitzmarke. You can complete the information on the form and mail the form to the TC (along with your deposit check) or else you can hand the form and check directly to the TC or ATC at a Club event such as a General Meeting or Happy Hour.

For complete details for trip sign up, please read the detailed article in this Sitzmarke titled "The Art of Trip Sign Up".



Jim Hodges
VP of Trips

Trips 2014-2015

Destination	Date	Prices* Full / Land Only	Final Payment Date	Trip Coordinator	Assistant Trip Coordinator
Vail, CO Club Long	Dec 6 – 13 2014	\$1,203 (Land Only)	15-Oct	Bob Olsen	-
Vail, CO Club Short	Dec 6 – 10 2014	\$776 (Land Only)	15-Oct	Bob Olsen	-
Beaver Creek, CO TSC Winter Traditional	Jan 10 – 17 2015	\$1,175/\$865	19-Oct	Anne Thomas	Kate MacDougal
Beaver Creek, CO Club Short	Jan 14 – 18 2015	\$610 (Land Only)	19-Oct	Anne Thomas	Patti Finch
Madesimo, Italy TSC Winter Expedition	Jan 23 – 31 2015	\$2,313/\$1,282	13-Oct	Barbara Brescian	Sandy Schneider
Mammoth, CA TSC Winter Shootout	Jan 31 – Feb 7 2015	\$1,626/\$1,066	24-Oct	Dave Stotz	-
Taos, NM Club Long	Feb 14 – 21 2015	\$1,060 (Land Only)	10-Nov	Chris Bryan	-
Taos, NM Club Short	Feb 14 – 18 2015	\$693 (Land Only)	10-Nov	Chris Bryan	-
Whitefish, MT Club Trip	Feb 21 – 28 2015	\$1,442/\$689	21-Nov	Derek Shoobridge	Andy Smith
Breckenridge TSC Final Showdown	Feb 28 – Mar 7 2015	\$1,330/\$902	17-Dec	Steve Ying	Cindy Moore
Breckenridge TSC Final Showdown Short	Feb 28 – Mar 4 2015	\$644 (Land Only)	17-Dec	Steve Ying	Cindy Moore
Breckenridge Spring Break trip	Mar 14 – 21 2015	\$1,018 (Land Only)	12-Jan	Tony Curry	-
Discover Tuscany TSC Summer Expedition	Oct 29 – Nov 7 2015	\$3,799/\$2,469	1-July	Maria Mendez	Leyla Ozkardesh

* **Published prices are before cash discount.**

Information shown on this Trip Schedule is subject to change. Contact the Trip Coordinator (TC) or Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC) for the most up-to-date information.

PRICING: FULL packages include air, all transfers, and per person lodging based on double-occupancy. LAND ONLY packages do not include air. Published prices do not include baggage fees, equipment rentals or lift tickets, and are subject to change. All trip deposits can be made by check or by PayPal; however, final payment must be made by check to receive the 'Cash Price'. Trips frequently have optional activities, such as a group dinner, or offer pre- and post-trip segments that are not reflected in the price published above. The TC is your source of information as to what is included in the package price and the cost of available options. Each trip has a different 'final refund' date -- that is the last date you can withdraw from the trip without a penalty. Refer to the club's Standing Rules 5.1-5.4 for the governing policies on trips, cancellations, refunds, etc.

DEPOSITS: All trips require a per person deposit to make a reservation.

SIGN UP - DON'T DELAY.

We have a great list of trips for this coming ski season. Don't procrastinate and miss out on the trip of your dreams. Last season some trips filled up very fast and a few folks were disappointed. Don't let that happen to you. You can send a check or use PayPal.

Last year this trip sold out in less than a week!!!



Photo by Fred Pethick

Vail, CO - CLUB TRIP

LONG - DECEMBER 6 - 13, 2014

SHORT - DECEMBER 6 - 10, 2014

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Bob Olsen

VAIL 2014 - Kick off the Ski season at Vail, home of the best early season snow in Colorado. Skiers of all levels are invited to join our jolly group for our annual early season trip to Vail. This trip is LAND ONLY from Saturday to Saturday, Dec 06-13 (Long Trip), or Saturday-Wednesday, Dec 06-10, 2014 (Short Trip). We will meet at the Denver airport and then whisk you away on comfortable tour buses to a Winter Wonderland called Vail Lionshead. In addition to the largest and best managed mountain, you will enjoy both villages decked out for the holidays with all manner of shops and eateries. We will stay at the newly updated Lion Square Lodge in fully equipped luxury condos with ski in/ski out access to the Eagle Bahn Gondola and Born Free Express Lift. Vail is consistently voted a top ski resort in the World! It does not get any better.

VAIL MOUNTAIN STATS

Our discounted lift tickets will get you access to the Front Side, and if conditions permit, seven legendary Back Bowls, and Blue Sky Basin.

- 365 inches of annual snowfall beginning in October. Average Annual Snowfall 354 inches. Clear blue sky 300 days a year. More groomed terrain than anywhere on the planet.
- Peak elevation: 11,570 feet. Base Elevation: a comfortable 8,120 feet. Vertical rise: 3,450 feet. Total skiable terrain: 5,289 acres. Front side: 1,627 acres. Named runs: 193
- Beginner 18%, Intermediate 29% and Advanced/Expert 53%. Longest Run: Riva Ridge 4 miles.
- 16 Lifts: four high-speed 6 passenger chairs, three high speed quads, seven triple chairs, & two double chair lifts.

LODGING

We will be staying at the newly updated Lion Square Lodge in Lionshead Village. We will have two parties there: first on Saturday night to meet other skiers and organize for the first big ski day on Sunday, and the second on Thursday evening in the Lodge lobby. Lion Square Lodge is located a very short walk from the Eagle Bahn Gondola. Ski in access is even closer. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, heated pool and hot tubs, ski storage, fully equipped kitchens, flat screen TVs, humidifiers, housekeeping services, concierge and 24 hour-front desk, fire place and wood, balconies and panoramic views. But wait there's more... An onsite ski shop, bar and restaurant, hot beverages and cookies in the Lobby! Finally, we will stop on the way to Vail to pick up groceries and beverages.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS AND PRICING

Vail in December is simply the best way to start the ski season: we will get the best rates for luxury, ski in/ski out accommodations at the best prepared ski area in the World. This trip is LAND ONLY. This means that you obtain your own transportation to the Denver Airport and we take it from there. Discounted lift tickets are available to our members. These tickets are interchangeable at Beaver Creek,

Breckenridge, Keystone, and Arapahoe Basin. We will have more information on options and prices later in the year. Of course, if you are going to ski more than one week at any of the Vail family of resorts, we suggest exploring the Epic Pass options. We will help you with this option.

Finally, there will be an optional dinner at one of the outstanding restaurants in Vail Village.

PACKAGES OFFERED (Land Only)

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
LONG (Dec 6 th -Dec13 th)	\$1,203	\$1,153
SHORT(Dec 6 th -Dec 10 th)	\$776	\$741

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. **FINAL PAYMENT:** Due by 10/15/14

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' *write trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope.* Online payments using PayPal are available.



Photo by Bob Olsen

Beaver Creek, CO TSC WINTER TRADITIONAL

LONG - JANUARY 10 - 17, 2015

SHORT - JANUARY 14 - 18, 2015

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Beaver Creek



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Patti Finch



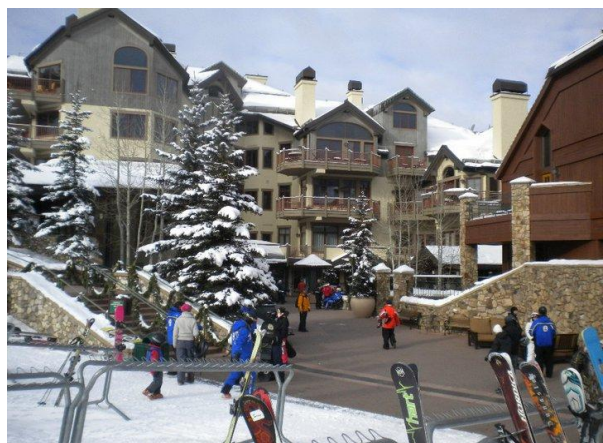
Kate MacDougal

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Long trip option - 7 nights/up to 6 ski days.
- Short trip option - 4 nights/up to 4 ski days.
- Over 1800 skiable acres with 4,040' vertical drop.
- Terrain for all abilities.
- Upscale Beaver Creek lodging.
- TSC Traditional trip offers lots of extra activities; friends from other TSC ski clubs.

SKIERS PARADISE

If World Cup racers refer to Beaver Creek as their favorite place to compete, maybe there is something you should know when you register for this trip with Space City. Every year, athletes and spectators alike migrate to Beaver Creek for the Birds of Prey Men's World Cup. But that is only a slice of what Beaver Creek Resort has to offer. From the gentle, manicured slopes of Bachelor Gulch, to the open intermediate trails of Larkspur and Rose Bowl, to the steep bumps of Grouse Mountain, skiers and riders of all abilities will feel at home on our mountain.



LUXURIOUS LODGING: THE CHARTER AT BEAVER CREEK

Situated in the heart of the Beaver Creek Ski Resort, The Charter offers ski-in/ski-out access within walking distance of Beaver Creek Village. Recognized by *Condé Nast* as one of the "Top 50 Ski Hotels in the US and Canada" for 2010, this European-inspired property is considered one of Colorado's best lodging options. The Charter at Beaver Creek invites guests to experience the finest in mountain hospitality and luxury.

The Charter's first-class hotel services include a 24-hour

front desk, concierge, bell staff, and full meeting and catering services. Our accommodations at The Charter will be luxury, individually owned 2 bedroom/ 2 bathroom condominiums.

The Charter offers many on-site amenities such as an indoor lap pool and hot tubs, as well as a game room, health club and summer-season outdoor pool. A computer center with complimentary printing is available for guest use, and wireless Internet access is complimentary throughout the property. Two on-site restaurants are available at the Charter. The Terrace Restaurant offers a daily breakfast buffet, and Black Diamond Bistro serves dinner nightly. Spa Struck is a full-service resort spa and fitness center located on site. It offers over 60 types of massages, facial, nail and body wrap services in a comfortable retreat where you can unwind and indulge in any number of stress-reducing, relaxation or therapeutic treatments. A fluffy robe, sandals and locker key are waiting when you arrive. Relax in the Tranquility Room before and after your services. Spa Struck offers many packages and gift certificates should you want to purchase one in advance for yourself or for your Trip/ Assistant Trip Leader. ☺

MOUNTAIN STATS:

- 325 inches of annual snowfall, 1832 skiable acres.
- Summit Elevation 11,440, Vertical Rise 3,340, Base Elevation 8,100.
- Trails 150, Lifts 25, Gondolas 2, High-Speed Quads 11, Triple Chair 1, & Double Chair 2.
- Beginner Terrain 19%, Intermediate Terrain 43%, Advanced Terrain 21%, Expert Terrain 12%, Extreme Terrain 5%, & Bowls 2.



Photo by Tom Thomas

SNOW ALTERNATIVES:

Snowshoe tours, Cross Country lessons/tours and Tele Tuesday's: **McCoy Park** which is accessed via The Strawberry Park Lift - Chair 12, is considered to be one of Beaver Creek's best kept secrets and features 32-plus kilometers of groomed and rustic trails for Cross Country skiing and snowshoeing. Nestled between Beaver Creek and Bachelor Gulch villages, McCoy Park offers spectacular views of 3 mountain ranges.

NORDIC SAMPLER PACKAGE

Check out the **Nordic Center** for Snowshoe tours, Cross Country Lessons and Telemark Skiing. It is located across from the covered bridge in the Strawberry Park building and next to Chair 12, the Strawberry Park express lift. In 2014, the Nordic Sampler Package allowed a broad range of half day mix-and-match Nordic activities for the single price of \$229. Participants could choose (3) half day activities in a 7 day week - for example, half day Snowshoe tours, Cross Country lessons/tours and Tele Tuesday's.

Space City participants should obtain reservations and current pricing by directly contacting the Nordic Center before or during our trip: Ph: (970) 754-5313, Email NateG@VailResorts.com.

FRESHLY-BAKED COOKIES

Every day at three o'clock is cookie time in Beaver Creek where chefs serve over 495,000 freshly-baked cookies each year! I can smell and taste them already.

RAFFLE - EARLY REGISTRATION BONUS \$100 APPROXIMATE VALUE

All trip participants (including those on the wait list) that are registered on/before September 15th are eligible to win either:

1. One complimentary 50 minute massage at Spa Struck, or
2. A \$100 gift card to the Black Diamond Bistro

Winner(s) will be drawn at final payment. In the event the winning participant cancels, the gift is forfeited and goes to the runner up. Background - Your trip leader received this as an unexpected gift from The Charter. In lieu of accepting, she's offering all early registrants (including the TC & ATC) a chance to win and enjoy it.

PACKAGES OFFERED Long Trip - Jan 10th- Jan 17th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,175	\$1,125
LAND ONLY	\$865	\$830

PACKAGES OFFERED Short Trip- Jan 14th - Jan 18th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
LAND ONLY	\$610	\$575

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/19/14

All packages include lodging, ground transportation, TSC buffet dinner, Space City souvenir tee shirt, and complimentary bottle of wine per unit. The long trip participants also receive a TSC Welcome party, happy hour, and \$10 credit at The Bistro at the Charter.

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.

TRANSPORTATION

AIR ITINERARY (Full Package) Long Trip

Check our website for the latest info.

LAND TRANSFERS

Ground Transportation will be provided by Gray Line bus to/from Denver International Airport. A grocery/beverage stop will be made outside Denver. Remember to bring your reusable shopping bags. The bus will operate according to the FULL Package arrival/departure times, which are subject to change. Land participants should book their flight times to arrive earlier/depart later than the Full package participants to assure adequate time to meet Gray Line. There are private shuttles to/from the Denver airport to Beaver Creek resort if your flight plans fall outside of the Full Package timeframe.

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 15, 2014 – Raffle qualification period ends.

October 10, 2014 - Final date for changes without penalty (i.e., Full to Land)

October 19, 2014 - Final payment.

OPTIONAL

LIFT TICKETS

	TSC Adult Rate	TSC Senior Rate	TSC Child Rate
Age Range	18-64	65+	7-12
Daily	\$105	\$95	\$54
4 Day	\$260	\$231	\$150
5 Day	\$306	\$270	\$187
6 Day	\$321	\$277	\$225

Lift tickets are interchangeable with Vail, Breckenridge and the other nearby Vail Resorts. We plan to arrange optional bus transportation for 1-2 days at Vail. Bus pricing and registration will be available at Final Payment.

GROUP DINNER

Stay tuned for possible optional group dinners, on Tuesday for Long Trip participants or Saturday for Short Trip participants. On Thursday all participants will enjoy the TSC Traditional buffet dinner and dancing to be held at the Park Hyatt, Beaver Creek.

Madesimo, Italy – TSC WINTER EXPEDITION

JANUARY 23 - 31, 2015

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WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Savor the tastes, sounds and skiing of the Italian Alps.
- Terrain for all abilities with runs leading to the village.
- Daily breakfast/dinner included plus lift tickets ½ of US prices.
- 4-star hotel with heated indoor pool and wellness center.

Magnifico Madesimo - buon giorno! You'll arrive in Milan, Italy and a short 2 -1/2 hour motorcoach ride later, a traditional Alpine village high in the Italian Alps will be home for the next 7 days. It is Madesimo, a playground for Italians and Swiss alike on weekends, but weekdays the slopes will be yours to enjoy. For



beginners, intermediates or experts, you'll find Madesimo will challenge, cater and care for you while offering a terrific ski vacation value. Off-slope, the charming Madesimo village awaits your sightseeing, shopping and gourmet dining pleasure.

MOUNTAIN STATS

- Base elevation: 5,086 feet; Top elevation: 9,842 feet; Vertical descent: 4,587 feet.
- 9 chair lifts, 3 gondolas/cable cars.
- 32 runs covering 34 miles; 37% beginner; 48% intermediate; 15% advanced.
- Terrain Park for snowboarders and 4 half pipes.
- 50% of slopes have snowmaking capability; 6 miles of cross country trails.

Madesimo guarantees there will be snow. The slopes are well groomed with excellent and varied terrain from the tree-lined Lago Azurro to the high altitude

slopes in the Val di Lei. Madesimo's skiing on Groppera above the village ascends to almost 9,843 feet. The lower runs cut through the conifer trees, while the higher runs are wide open sunny slopes above the tree line. There are a half a dozen access points, but the Cima Sole and Groppera cable cars offer the fastest ascent. The Alps traditionally receive plenty of snow, but snowmaking is available on many of the runs.

LODGING: 4- STAR HOTEL ANDOSSÌ

Convenience and comfort are by-words for our trip – we will be staying at the 4-star **Hotel Andossi** for 7 nights with daily buffet breakfast and dinner included each day. The Masanti family has owned and operated the hotel for more than 50 years. The owner's son Andrea runs the onsite restaurant, which serves typical local dishes along with national and international cuisine. Other amenities include a bar, wellness center with gym, indoor swimming pool, Wi-Fi, ski storage and boot warmers. All rooms have satellite TV. During our stay, we'll be treated to a welcome reception and a farewell party. The hotel is a short walk to the slopes and to the center of Madesimo with many shops, restaurants and bars.

THE CHARM OF THE ITALIAN ALPS

Our hosts want to assure us that we will all have a good time. The Sports Center, with its fitness center, gym and ice skating rink can easily be reached on foot. Thanks to the perfect condition of the snow, you can also enjoy snow-shoeing, heli-skiing, ice driving and snowmobiling with 44 miles of marked trails. You can take the excursion to the Splügen Pass, at an altitude of 6,890 feet, driving a motorized sleigh to visit the top of Valle Spluga which is closed to traffic in winter. The variety of the ski slopes, the runs in the high mountains and through the woods, the advantage of being able to reach the village on skis and the walks in the pedestrian precinct are the features that make Madesimo one of the most hospitable and famous tourist resorts in the Alps.



PACKAGES OFFERED Jan 23rd – Jan 31st, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$2,313	\$2,248
LAND ONLY	\$1,282	\$1,232

DEPOSIT: \$300 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/13/14

All packages include 7 nights lodging at the Hotel Andossi, buffet breakfast and dinner daily, a welcome reception and farewell party. Full package includes airfare.

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.



TRANSPORTATION

AIR ITINERARY (Full Package)

Check our website for the latest info.

LAND TRANSFERS

Land transfers to and from the resort are included in the full travel package. If you book land-only and your flight times do not match that of the full package travelers, you must arrange your own transfers.

OTHER TRIP OPTIONS

At an additional cost, the tour operator is offering a day of skiing, sightseeing and shopping in St. Moritz, Switzerland, just across the Italian border. They are finalizing half-day or full-day sightseeing excursions, all within a short distance of Madesimo. Travelers can also select an optional 3-night pre-trip to beautiful Lucerne, Switzerland on Lake Lucerne as well as a 3-night post-trip to historical and art-filled Florence, Italy.

For non-skiers, Madesimo offers many sightseeing opportunities. There is an excellent museum at nearby Compolocino which is a 15 minute bus trip away. Also a visit to medieval Chiavenna, just 50 minutes by bus, to explore, dine, and shop, is a must.

Besides skiing and snowboarding, winter visitors can rent snowmobiles to explore the 70 kilometers of trails. And there are plenty of walking opportunities in Madesimo, where you will find various restaurants, bars and shops like Moiola Market which is a hodgepodge of local, non-local and "gourmet" items. Or maybe a trip to Milan for a day of shopping is in order.



Mammoth, CA – TSC WINTER SHOOTOUT

JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 7, 2015

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Dave Stotz

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Ski-in, ski-out lodging at Juniper Springs Condos.
- TSC Winter Shootout includes multiple activities.
- Terrain for all abilities.

Don't go small, GO MAMMOTH! Join us at the Texas Ski Council's Winter Shootout at Mammoth Mountain. At 11,053 feet, Mammoth boasts the highest summit of any California resort, making for deeper, higher quality snow, beautiful views and a season that can last until July. And with 3,500 skiable acres, 400 inches of snowfall and an average of 300 days of sunshine per year, Mammoth continues to earn its reputation as California's only genuinely big mountain skiing/riding experience each and every season.

MOUNTAIN STATS

- 400 inches of annual snowfall; 5,000 skiable acres open; Snowmaking capabilities: 46 trails.
- Top Elevation 11,053 ft., Base Elevation 7,953 ft., & Vertical Drop 3,100 ft.
- Over 150 named trails: 25% beginner, 40% intermediate, 20% advanced, 15% expert.
- 28 lifts, including 9 high-speed quads, 2 high-speed six-packs, 3 high-speed gondolas.

LODGING: SKI-IN, SKI-OUT AT THE JUNIPER SPRINGS CONDOMINIUMS

Inviting Retreat in Mammoth Lakes, Ca. Delight in a private craftsman-style family condominium nestled along the pristine Valentine Reserve and framed by Mammoth's vast world-famous ski terrain. The area's premier ski-in, ski-out all-condominium hotel acts as the gateway to Mammoth's best family skiing and has one goal in mind: to bring comfort and simplicity to your mountain experience.

This romantic and family-friendly escape is like the mountain home you've always dreamed of, quietly removed from town by just one traffic light and never too far from dining and nightlife. They've designed their impressive mountain lodge as the modern-day family base camp with comprehensive hospitality services focused on your comfort. That means a personal driver, bell service, a concierge to help you plan your stay, and a front desk staffed 24 hours a day to ensure you have the best stay possible. They believe in carefree comfort for the ultimate mountain vacation. They want things to be so simple during your stay that you'll have all the time you need to reconnect with loved ones and enjoy the natural beauty of California's Eastern Sierra. Mammoth is one of Conde Nast Traveler's Top 50 Ski Resort properties.

At a glance:

- Ski-in, ski-out (Late November - Mid April). Front desk, concierge, driver and housekeeping.
- Ski lockers and exclusive in-house ski and snowboard rental shop.
- Steps from Eagle Lodge. Complimentary airport transfer shuttle.
- Heated outdoor swimming pool and hot tubs.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

SNOWMOBILE ADVENTURES: If you've ever been snowmobiling, you know it's a great way to find fun off the beaten path. If you haven't, well, it's time you tried. Mammoth Snowmobile Adventures is the perfect outfitter for first-timers or seasoned experts. Experienced guides and top-of-the-line equipment grant you access to California's greatest playground including: thousands of acres of trails, pristine backcountry, spacious meadows, historic landmarks and lush pine forests.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING: Want an unforgettable winter experience? Escape to the serene, tree-lined trails of Mammoth's scenic Lakes Basin and enjoy 19 miles of freshly groomed skiing, classic and snowshoe trails for all abilities. In the tranquility of the backcountry, only the sound of winter birds and your own locomotion fills your ears as the bustle of town dissolves.

RACING: Skiers of all abilities can race with Space City in competition against the other TSC clubs. Come on out and help us win the Texas Ski Cup! The Race Department has hosted quality racing events since 1974, ranging from the FIS World Cup and the U.S. Alpine Championships, to the J 4/5 Championships, as well as many events for ski clubs and racing leagues. They are also the home of the Mammoth Masters Team. State-of-the-art racing facilities and coaching are provided for skiers and snowboarders.

LESSONS: An outstanding team of professional PSIA/AASI certified instructors from around the world is drawn here by Mammoth's fantastic terrain, tremendous snow, mild temperatures, and abundant California sunshine. Their mission is simple: "We create lifelong skiers and riders by instilling in them our love of the



mountain experience." After a day on the slopes, your skiing and riding will certainly improve and you will know what we know - that the better you get, the more fun you have. They are so confident in their team that every lesson is guaranteed. They promise that your learning experience will be everything you've come to expect from Mammoth Ski & Snowboard School. If you're not completely satisfied, they'll set you up with another lesson at no charge. Texas Ski Council will be offered Group discounts for all participants. Lessons may be arranged individually by calling 1-800-MAMMOTH.

RENTALS: When you are in Mammoth, they want you to have as much time on the mountain as your legs will allow, which is why their rental locations are located on the slopes (Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge and Eagle Lodge). That way, you never have to leave the mountain for exchanges or adjustments. Plus, their rental shops provide complimentary ski storage so you can leave your skis with them overnight. Rental/Demo Shop Hours: 8am-5pm Daily. In addition to that, rentals for guests of Juniper Springs Lodge are located inside the lobby.

Texas Ski Council attendees are also welcome to use the self-timing race course as available, based on weather conditions. TSC attendees get a discounted rate of \$10 per person per day.

PACKAGES OFFERED Jan 31st – Feb 7th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,626	\$1,576
LAND ONLY	\$1,066	\$1,031

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/24/14

All packages include lodging at the Juniper Springs Condominiums, a Space City Welcome Party on Saturday night, the TSC Welcome Reception on Sunday night at the Yodler & Beer Garden in the Main Lodge (snacks), a Space City Club Dinner, the TSC Final Award Dinner on Friday night at the Mountainside Conference Center (barbeque and sides) and special pricing at après ski happy hours at various venues.

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.

TRANSPORTATION

AIR ITINERARY (Full Package)

Check our website for the latest info.

LAND TRANSFERS

Land transfers to and from Reno to Mammoth Mountain will be provided by 'All West Coachlines'.

OPTIONAL LIFT TICKETS

	TSC Adult Rate	TSC Senior Rate	TSC Child Rate	TSC Student Rate
Age Range	19-64	65+	12 or less	13-18
Daily	\$113	\$97	\$35	\$89
3 out of 7	\$214	\$181	\$93	\$167
4 out of 7	\$267	\$227	\$124	\$208
5 out of 7	\$307	\$270	\$155	\$247
6 out of 7	\$380	\$323	\$186	\$297

GROUP DINNER (Optional)

Along with our SCSC Welcome party on Saturday night January 31, we will also have a group dinner at Mammoth Brewing Company.



Taos, NM – CLUB TRIP

LONG – FEBRUARY 14 - 21, 2015

SHORT – FEBRUARY 14 – 18, 2015

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TAOS



Chris Bryan

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Short & long options available.
- President's Day Week - take fewer vacation days to ski more.
- Taos offers 'Ski Week' - you'll ski better for the rest of your life.
- Terrain for all abilities & New Runs.
- Exciting new lift to the 12,450 ft. Kachina Peak – no more hiking to the backside!

Things are different in Taos – in a good way. A walk around its base will have you convinced you were somehow transported to Europe. That's because it was founded by Swiss native Ernie Blake, and is surrounded by hotels and restaurants built by Frenchmen and Austrians. Taos is a place where the quality of skiing matters. It's known for offering some of the most challenging terrain anywhere for experts, with half of its expert runs rated double-diamonds. Yet, for beginners, intermediates or experts, you'll find Taos will challenge, cater and care for you and offer a terrific ski vacation value. A recent enhancement to the mountain is the addition of the new lift providing access to the 12,450 foot Kachina Peak, previously accessible only by hiking to the backside, you can be among the first to enjoy it! Off-slope, you'll find new renovations to the village and the charming historic town of Taos, 22 miles down valley.

MOUNTAIN STATS

- 305 inches of annual snowfall & 1,294 acres open.
- Top elevation 12,481 ft; base elevation 9,237 ft; vertical drop 3,000 ft.
- 110 trails: 24% beginner, 25% intermediate, 51% expert.
- 15 lifts: 4 quad chair lifts; 3 triple chair lifts; 5 double chair lifts; 3 surface lifts.
- Snowmaking capabilities: 100% of beginner and intermediate trails.

LODGING: SLOPE SIDE AT THE SNAKEDANCE CONDOMINIUMS

Convenience and comfort are by-words for our trip. We will be staying slope side at the Snakedance Condominiums where 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). The condo is less than 10 yards from the lift, and is walking distance to all shops, restaurants and services in TSV (Taos Ski Valley). Our condos are 2BR/2 BA, with king/split-king configurations and satellite TVs. Each living area has a gas fireplace and French doors, a queen sleeper, a fully equipped kitchen with granite countertops, wireless high-speed internet, and a DVD player. The condo complex has an on-site restaurant and bar, spa and 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 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 (also available to boarders) run 5 or 6 days and 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 \$235 per person!! Additional ski school options for children and first timers are also available. Participants must purchase ski lift passes separately.

OTHER SKI OPTIONS IN NEW MEXICO

Both Red River and Angel Fire are within 30 miles of Taos. While smaller than Taos, they each offer an interesting day trip. These side trips are optional, and if there is enough interest among Taos trip participants, I can arrange for day trips to these ski resorts through our travel vendor.

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. The Taos Pueblo is the only living Native American community designated both a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and a National Landmark. Taos has a majestic town center, which is built in Santa Fe architectural style. Taos is an easy town to walk, and you



can spend the day visiting galleries, art studios, historic pueblos, and shops. Relax in the easy-going post-hippie culture vibe it espouses. And when you're hungry, Taos has some of the best restaurants in all of New Mexico. There is a public shuttle bus between TSV and the town of Taos for \$1, and the Snakedance provides transportation as well.



PACKAGES OFFERED Long Trip Feb 14th – Feb 21st, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
LAND ONLY	\$1,060	\$1,025

PACKAGES OFFERED Short Trip Feb 14th – Feb 18th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
LAND ONLY	\$693	\$658

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/24/14

All packages include lodging at the Snakedance Condominiums, a welcome reception, and each participant will receive a fleece vest. Our lodging hosts will entertain us one evening at their private home (no charge).

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.

TRANSPORTATION**AIR ITINERARY (Full Package)**

Check our website for the latest info.

LAND TRANSFERS

Land transfers that coincide with the group flight times, to Taos Ski Valley (TSV) will be provided by Snakedance Condominiums. There are private shuttles from the Albuquerque airport to Taos Ski Valley if your flight plans are outside of these timeframes.

OPTIONAL**LIFT TICKETS (SKI FREE @ 80 YRS)**

	TSC Adult Rate	TSC Senior Rate	TSC Child Rate
Age Range	19-64	65+	12 or less
3 out of 7	\$189	\$174	\$132
4 out of 7	\$252	\$232	\$176
5 out of 7	\$315	\$290	\$220
6 out of 7	\$378	\$342	\$264

SKI WEEK

For \$235, Ski Week includes 2 hour lessons each morning with the same instructor for 5-6 days, video analysis, NASTAR & après ski talks. This is a great way to improve your skiing for all your skiing days.

GROUP DINNER

Monday night (February 16) at the owner's personal home. No additional cost for food, beverage or transportation including a brief stop at the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge - the 7th highest in the U.S.

Whitefish, MT – CLUB TRIP

FEBRUARY 21 – 28, 2015

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WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Great skiing with uncrowded slopes.
- Luxury ski-in/ski-out condominium accommodations.
- Northern Montana-- low elevation skiing – base is below 4500’.
- Terrain for all abilities, including many bowls and tree runs.
- Optional day trip to Fernie Alpine Resort in Canada

Whitefish was formerly known as “Big Mountain” for good reason! With 3,000 acres and groomed runs on four sides, this mountain has plenty of room for skiers and boarders to escape the crowds and lift lines. Free mountain tours (morning and afternoon) allow you to quickly locate the best runs. Slope side accommodations at Morning Eagle Condominiums in the heart of the resort village will make an easy start and finish each day. Lunch and après ski options abound in the resort, but for even more choices, a free shuttle runs regularly to and from the town of Whitefish at the base of the mountain.

Trails & Terrain

Terrain: 3,000 acres, 102 marked trails with vast amounts of bowl and tree skiing
Terrain Difficulty: 18% Beginner, 38% Intermediate, 43% Advanced, 6% Expert, 100% Fun
Longest Run: 3.3 miles (Hellfire)
Terrain Parks: 5 Parks & Skier/Boarder Cross Course

Snowfall & Temperatures

Average Snowfall: 300 inches annually
Average High Temperature: 32 degrees F/ 0 C
Average Low Temperature: 17 degrees F/ -8 C

Elevation

Summit Elevation: 6,817ft/2,078 meters
Base Elevation: 4,464ft/1,361 meters
Vertical Drop: 2,353ft/717 meters

LODGING: SLOPE SIDE AT THE MORNING EAGLE CONDOMINIUMS

Comfort and convenience will define our time at Whitefish. We will be staying in the Morning Eagle Condos, a luxury slopeside property in the center of the Whitefish Resort Village. Complimentary baggage service will be offered on arrival and departure, heated ground floor ski lockers, elevators to all floors, heated underground parking and en suite washer/dryer are all provided. The common areas include a two story stone fireplace and lounge areas, and Guests have the use of fitness facilities as well as an outdoor, top floor hot tub to soak up the spectacular views while soaking in the hot, soothing water. (Simultaneous soaking is super satisfying!) Several eateries, bars and shops are nearby, and the Whitefish town shuttle stops just a few steps from your door.

THE TOWN OF WHITEFISH

A free shuttle runs at least hourly all day from the resort village to the town of Whitefish, where you will find supermarkets, pharmacies, shopping, and diverse dining options. This authentic mountain town and its laid back atmosphere make for a great visit. With a population of about 6,000, the town is easy to navigate and the warm smiles of locals welcome you everywhere you go.

OTHER ACTIVITIES NEAR WHITEFISH.

Glacier National Park lies 31 miles from the resort. Winter activities there include guided snowshoe treks and cross country skiing, as well as visits simply to enjoy the serenity and beauty of the park. And for



something completely different, an outfitter nearby offers an authentic dog sledding experience for up to four people. With the small group and two sleds, each person fully participates and interacts with the dogs. This is only available on weekends, which means Sunday for our group. Winter Wood Dog Sled Tours requires reservations, so if you're interested, contact them early.

We are planning a day trip to Fernie Alpine Resort for those who wish to make the week an international event. Fernie has long been considered one of the best ski areas in Canada, and a bus ride (about 2 ½ hours, but worth it) will allow us to sample their 37 feet of annual snowfall, 3,550 feet of vertical, legendary bowls, and Canadian hospitality, eh!



PACKAGES OFFERED Feb 21st – Feb 28th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,442	\$1,392
LAND ONLY	\$689	\$654

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 11/21/14

All packages include lodging at the Morning Eagle Condominiums, airport transfers (land-only participants must schedule appropriately or will have to arrange own airport transfers) and a party one evening at the resort.

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.

TRANSPORTATION**AIR ITINERARY (Full Package)**

Check our website for the latest info.

LAND TRANSFERS

Land transfers will be provided to and from Whitefish Mountain Resort. If you book land-only and your flight times do not match those above, you will have to arrange your own transfers, but the airport is only 19 miles from the resort.

OPTIONAL**LIFT TICKETS (SKI FREE @ 70+ YRS)**

	TSC Adult Rate	TSC Senior Rate
Age Range	18-64	65-69
3 out of 7	\$132	\$109
4 out of 7	\$176	\$145
5 out of 7	\$220	\$182
6 out of 7	\$264	\$218

SKI SCHOOL

If you are a first-time skier or boarder, the Whitefish Mountain Resort offers a great deal! For only \$75, you get TWO half-day lessons, TWO days lower mountain lift tickets, & TWO days of rentals. You get to choose either morning or afternoon lessons on consecutive days with one of their top-ranked instructors. For those beyond the first-timer stage, small group and private lessons are available at bargain prices, too.

Breckenridge, CO - TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN

LONG - FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 7, 2015

SHORT - FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 4, 2015

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WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- "Peak 6" is new for 2014.
- 543 additional acres of high alpine intermediate bowl skiing.
- Short lift lines! - Four six pack high speed lifts (the most in Colorado).
- Ski-in/Shuttle-out lodging one block from Main Street.
- Awesome terrain for every skill level.

Within the last year, Breck has added an amazing fifth peak to their already impressive array of skiing mountains called Peak 6. This is the largest expansion of any ski resort in the world over the past decade. So awaken your sixth sense because this major addition increases Breck's skiable terrain by an awesome 23%. The most impressive feature of this new addition is that it includes three new bowls, of which two are intermediate. Breck advertises it as "high alpine intermediate bowl skiing" which we all know is a rare find in North America. If that isn't enough, there are also ten new runs below the tree line.

Don't worry if you aren't a big blue skier because Breckenridge offers five interconnected peaks with an incredible variety of terrain for every skill level. There are over twenty beginner runs ranked among the world's best and longest learning terrains. And for the more advanced skiers, there are three mountains of wide-open bowls with plenty of big fat bumps, hidden kickers and legendary glades. The daunting 55 degree incline of the Lake Chutes is among the steepest in the region. With 3,400 ft. of vertical drop, Breckenridge has no shortage of steep and deep.

The resort added two new lifts last year, including the Kenscho Super Chair that will soar over 12,300 feet, the highest in North America. As an extra bonus, the resort will also be upgrading the Colorado Super Chair this upcoming season to a high speed six pack. They already have three, so this fourth will allow Breck to boast that they have the most in Colorado. These improvements will increase lift capacity by 29%. Can you say short lift lines?

MOUNTAIN STATS

- [Interactive Trail Map](#)
- 353 inches of annual snowfall.
- 2,908 skiable acres including 1,061 acres of bowls; 29% is groomed daily.
- Vertical Drop = 3,398 ft., Summit Elevation = 12,998 ft., & Base Elevation = 9,600 ft.

- 187 total trails: 14% Beginner, 31% Intermediate, 19% Advanced, 36% Expert & 8 Bowls.
- 34 total lifts: 4 Six passenger Super Chairs, 8 quad, 1 triple, 6 double, 1 gondola, 5 surface & 9 carpets.
- Lift Capacity = 42,880 people / hour

Meteorologists say this mountain makes its own snow, and they are not just talking about the 600 acres of snowmaking. The resort is nestled high among some of Colorado's famous "fourteeners". The moist air forced over these surrounding towering peaks increases the chances of snow. Our trip is scheduled for the peak snowfall of the season, so conditions should be excellent. There is a reason Breck is perennially one of North America's top two most visited ski resorts. Awaken your sixth sense and make it your first choice this season.

LODGING: SAWMILL CREEK CONDOMINIUMS

The Sawmill Creek Condominiums are often called "I wish I was staying there" by many seasoned visitors of Breckenridge who have skied down the famous 3.5 mile Four O'Clock trail. This is truly ski-in lodging because the trail runs right into our building. Our spacious 2BR / 2BA condos will each feature a full kitchen, high speed internet, washer & dryer, access to hot tubs and queen beds for everyone including singles. These condos are situated on the free and frequent resort shuttle route which will take you directly to the lifts as well as Breck's vibrant Main Street, just one block away.

THE TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE

Rich in history originating from its gold mining origins in the 1800's, this captivating mountain community, with its Victorian charm, has grown into Colorado's largest historic district. Together with the world renowned ski resort, Breckenridge is often referred to as the perfect mountain town. Aside from its aesthetic appeal, Breckenridge offers an abundance of activities for skiers and non-skiers alike, including



Photo by Jeff Andrew, Vail Resort

over 200 businesses for shopping, fabulous dining, spas and nightlife.

MORE THAN JUST GREAT SKIING

This trip includes a TSC Welcome Party, Pub Poker Crawl and group apres-ski happy hours every day. ATC Cindy Moore will also be arranging fun club parties and will be finding venues close by where we can dance the night away! There will also be the always fun TSC final dinner and dance to cap off the week!

PACKAGES OFFERED Long Trip: Feb 28th – Mar 7th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,330	\$1,280
LAND ONLY	\$902	\$867

PACKAGES OFFERED Short Trip: Feb 28th – Mar 4th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
LAND ONLY	\$644	\$609

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 12/17/14



Photo by Liam Doran, Vail Resort

All packages include lodging at the Sawmill Creek Condominiums and ground transportation from Denver International Airport. The full package includes round-trip air. An additional \$50 discount is available if you purchase an Epic Pass from us by September 1, 2014. Restrictions apply, call Steve Ying for details.

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.

TRANSPORTATION

AIR ITINERARY (Full Package)

Check our website for the latest info.

LAND TRANSFERS

Ground transportation from Denver International Airport to the Sawmill Creek Condominiums will be provided by our private charter bus. If you are arranging your own flights, you must arrive before and depart after the full package flight schedules.



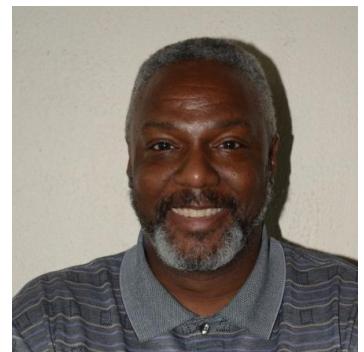
Breckenridge, CO – SPRING BREAK TRIP

MARCH 14 –21, 2015

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WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Spring Break Week – With youngsters out of school for the week, take your children/grandkids, nieces/nephews on a memorable ski vacation to the Snow Country of the Rocky Mountains.
- Got Scouts? Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts can earn a Snow Sports Merit Badge.
- Breckenridge Ski Resort offers terrain for all abilities.

Come check out the new 'Peak 6' mountain area, which is the largest & most notable ski area expansion worldwide in the past decade, adding over 540 acres featuring bowl skiing. There are plenty of other winter activities in addition to skiing/snowboarding. There is tubing, ice skating, snowmobiling, sleigh rides, cross country skiing, dog sledding and, of course, the all-important SHOPPING and WONDERFUL SPAS, not to mention lots of fabulous restaurants and nighttime entertainment. You'll find there is something for everyone in Breckenridge.



MOUNTAIN STATS:

- Years Open: 53
- Total Ski/Ride Terrain: 2,908 acres
- Summit Elevation: 12,998 ft., Base: 9,600 ft. Vertical Rise: 3,398 ft.
- 187 trails: 11% beginner, 31% intermediate, 58% expert
- 34 lifts: gondola 1, six-passenger superchair 3, quad chair 9, triple chair 1, double chair 6, surface lifts 5, carpet lifts 9.
- 300 inches of average annual snowfall.
- Snowmaking capabilities: 600 acres
- Number of Trails: 187; Longest Trail: Four O'Clock - 3.5 miles; Bowls: 1,061 acres; Terrain Parks: 25 acres

LODGING: The Village at Breckenridge Condominium

Convenience and comfort is the key for lodging for our trip – we'll be staying at the base of Peak 9 at The Village at Breckenridge Condominium Suites (including Antero, Shavano, and Wetterhorn) which is one of the most desirable locations in Breckenridge. There we will be treated to a Welcome reception. This Colorado resort welcomes families and offers ski school right next door, as well as on-site ski and board rentals. We will be joined by at least two other Texas Ski Clubs.

The Village at Breckenridge is half a block from Breckenridge's Historic Main Street and is bordered by Maggie Pond. The condo is less than 10 yards from the Quicksilver Super6 Lift – this is the main access point on the mountain, with walking distance to all shops, restaurants and services in Breckenridge.



Our spacious condominium suites are 2BR/2BA with balcony. The buildings surround The Village's pedestrian plaza and offer town and mountain views. Each unit has a dining area, sleeper sofa, fully equipped kitchen, wireless high-speed internet, and a DVD player. The condo complex has an on-site Park Avenue Pub restaurant and bar, spa and fitness facility, indoor/outdoor pool, outdoor hot tubs, 24-hour guest service, concierge services, laundry facilities, ski lockers, Village Childcare Center and shuttle service. Fuel up before you hit the slopes and enjoy the Park Avenue Pub breakfast buffet for only \$10 per person.

PACKAGES OFFERED Mar 14th – Mar 21st, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
LAND ONLY (Adult Price)	\$1,018	\$983

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 1/12/2015

All packages include lodging at The Village at Breckenridge Condominiums and a welcome reception.

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TRANSPORTATION

AIR ITINERARY (Full Package)

Check our website for the latest info.

LAND TRANSFERS

Private Charter Bus round trip between Denver airport and Breckenridge Resort including a grocery/liquor stop.

OPTIONAL

LIFT TICKETS (Adults 80+ and Children under 5 Ski Free)

	TSC Adult Rate	TSC Senior Rate	TSC Child Rate
Age Range	19-64	65+	12 or less
3 out of 7	\$258	\$230	\$112
4 out of 7	\$329	\$292	\$150
5 out of 7	\$347	\$304	\$183
6 out of 7	\$374	\$322	\$219

GROUP DINNER

Welcome party, club dinner and dancing party included. For full agenda check our website.

Ski School Details

Full day lesson deals! 4 - 12 years. Full day lessons include lunch!

Equipment Rental Details

Rentals	Ski.Com - 4+ Days
Kids Ski package or Snowboard	\$20.50 per day
Sport Snowboard Package	\$24.00 per day
Performance Ski or Snowboard	\$26.50 per day
Helmets - 12+ years	\$ 6.25 per day

Get one kids free rental with each adult Performance or Demo Rental

SKI with a Ranger - Ski or Snowboard with our Volunteer Rangers on a tour that will open your eyes to the rich natural and cultural history of the White River National Forest. Participants will meet at the top of the Independence SuperChair at 11:00 am.



Discover Tuscany, Italy

TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION

OCTOBER 29th – NOVEMBER 7th, 2015

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TUSCANY



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WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Trip of a Lifetime – check this one off your “Bucket List”.
- Gorgeous rolling landscapes and stunning architecture.
- Magnificent historic monuments, mouth-watering cuisine and wines.
- 1st Class and Deluxe hotel accommodations. Door to Door pick up to/from your home to airport within a 50 mile radius.



Come visit Tuscany; come in search of fine art; visit Michelangelo's statue of David; view the exquisite architecture, monumental cathedrals, palaces and charming villages; experience the natural beauty; sample the world famous local cuisine and fine wines. We will start our tour with an overnight flight to Rome. After a day in Rome, we'll travel north to the medieval walled city of Assisi and the magnificent Basilica of St. Francis. We'll settle into a six night stay in the resort town of Montecatini Terme. From here, we'll take daily tours to Lucca, Tuscany's best-kept secret, San Gimignano, one of the most picturesque places in Tuscany, and Florence, the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance".

10 DAYS • 13 MEALS: 8 BREAKFASTS, 5 DINNERS

HIGHLIGHTS... Rome • Assisi • Basilica of St. Francis • Montecatini Terme • Lucca • Gothic Line • San Gimignano • Winery Tour • Florence.

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Hotel Villa Pamphili Hotel, Rome or Grand Hotel Melia, Roma
Days 3 – 8	Hotel Ercolini & Savi, Montecatini Terme or Hotel Tettuccio, Montecatini Terme
Day 9	Hotel Villa Pamphili Hotel, Rome or Grand Hotel Melia, Roma

LODGING: HOTEL ERCOLINE & SAVI

This beautiful hotel is situated in the heart of **Montecatini Terme**. Ercolini & Savi is close to **Terme di Montecatini Spa**, **Piazza del Popolo**, and **Montecatini Congress Center**. Also nearby are **Terme Excelsior** and **Terme Leopoldine**. The family-run hotel is in a 19th-century Art Nouveau-style building, a quarter mile from Montecatini Centro Station. It's a short, one-hour ride to Florence and Pisa.



TOURS INCLUDED IN PACKAGE

Your trip includes three full day guided sightseeing tours:

- Guided tour of the Basilica of St. Francis and the medieval walled city of Assisi. Breakfast and dinner is included.

- Embark on a lovely guided walking tour through Siena's narrow Gothic streets and behold stunning palaces, mansions and the historic Piazza del Campo. Climb to the top of the Torre Del Mangia for a breathtaking view of Siena and the Tuscan countryside. Breakfast and dinner are included.
- Enjoy a guided tour of the hilltop village of San Gimignano, with its famous 14 towers. After free time for lunch, continue with a special visit to a Tuscan winery and learn about the art of winemaking and the process of making Italian olive oil. Breakfast and dinner are included.

One ½ day tour:

- Cultural tour of the beautiful city of Florence. A local Florentine guide will highlight many of the city's priceless treasures, such as Michelangelo's David and the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore with its impressive gilded bronze doors. Breakfast is included.

OPTIONAL TOURS

	Date	Amount
Terre Cinque - Pre-Trip Option	10/26/15	\$899
Tuscan Cooking Class & Dinner in Montecatini	11/02/15	\$80
Montecatini Terme: Tuscan Villa Dinner & Entertainment	11/03/15	\$75
Lucca & The Basilica de San Frediano	11/03/15	\$60
Florence: Guided Tour of the Pitti Palace	11/04/15	\$55
Rome: The Vatican Museum and St. Peters	11/05/15	\$85
Rome - Post Trip Option. 2 extra nights	11/07/15	\$240



PACKAGES OFFERED Oct 29th – Nov 7th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE
FULL	\$3,799
LAND ONLY	\$2,469

DEPOSIT: Full package \$490 / Land Package \$370 - paid by check or online via PayPal.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 07/01/2015. Last date for full refund less club cancellation fee: March 1, 2015.

Optional travel insurance protection is available for an additional \$270 and must be paid before Nov 15, 2014. Trip price is subject to change if there is an increase in fuel surcharges by the airline. **Final payments** will be made directly to the Travel Agency (Collette) by check or credit card.

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TRANSPORTATION**AIR ITINERARY (Full Package)**

Check our website to the latest info.

LAND TRANSFERS

Transportation via deluxe air-conditioned motor coach to Montecatini Terme and back to airport.

GROUP DINNER

Five dinners are provided starting with a get acquainted dinner at a local restaurant in Rome where regional foods, fun Italian melodies and fine Italian wines kick off your Tuscany adventure, and ending with a farewell dinner on your last night in Montecatini.



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 2014-2015. The trip registration form is in the back of this issue of the Sitzmarke and online. Go to www.spacecity.org to sign up online starting August 15th and pay your deposit using PayPal, or you may follow up your online registration by mailing a check to the TC. You also have the option of sending your trip registration form by USPS mail; however, the envelope can be postmarked no earlier than August 15 and you will need to wait for the trip TC to notify you if you are on the trip or come to the September General Meeting to verify your registration.

1. Trip sign-up for all trips begins August 15, 2014. We take sign-ups in three ways: 1) mail your trip registration form and deposit payment to the TC or 2) give your registration form and deposit payment directly to the trip TC at an SCSC event or 3) signup online and pay your deposit by PayPal. If you sign up by mail, make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227. Write trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope. The envelope cannot be postmarked prior to August 15. Any signup postmarked prior to August 15 will be at the back of the line of day one sign-ups if it becomes necessary to determine the order that registrations were received.
2. You must be a current member in good standing to be added to a trip. Contact Ali Pethick, VP of Membership (membership@spacecity.org), if you have questions regarding your membership status.
3. You may sign up yourself and one other SCSC member per trip (plus children for Family Optional trips) (see by-law 2.8.A.)
4. If you choose to register by mail, include the trip registration form with your deposit. The deposit for Madesimo, Italy is \$300 per participant. The deposit for Tuscany, Italy is \$490 per participant for the Full Package and \$370 per participant for the Land Package. The deposit on all other trips is \$150 per participant. Checks are to be made payable to 'SCSC' and write the TRIP NAME in the memo field on your check.
5. If you choose registration by mail, mail your trip registration form and check to the TC listed for that trip. Additional information, TC telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, is listed in this Sitzmarke.
6. If the registration meets the above guidelines, your name(s) 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 confirmed on the trips, the checks will be deposited immediately.
7. 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.
8. SCSC is not responsible for any problems with the U.S. Postal Service or the internet, including delayed delivery or lost mail.
9. Information shown on the Trip Schedule is subject to change. Contact the TC or ATC for up-to-date information.
10. Any registrations received which do not meet the above qualifications, may be returned to the sender.
11. 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.
12. 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

13. 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.

14. 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 "Shadow" a trip by arranging their own transportation, lodging, etc., and pay only for the parties and trip options. Please arrange to do this in advance as some of the trip options (group dinners, parties, and lift tickets) are reserved well in advance of the departure date.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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)

Deposit (per participant) is \$150 for domestic trips, \$300 for Madesimo, Italy, and for Tuscany, Italy: Full Package \$490/ Land Package \$370.

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227. Write trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope. Each envelope must contain the registration form and deposit.

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

Trip Name: _____ Trip Dates _____ to _____

Participant #1

Participant #2

Name: _____

Name: _____

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 ☐

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Full package ☐ Land package ☐

Note for Full Package participants: Trip price includes all current air taxes & fuel surcharges subject to change until ticketed. Does NOT INCLUDE any additional fees imposed by the airline such as baggage fees.

Note for Land Package participants: 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.

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 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. For Tuscany, Italy the final *refund* date is March 1, 2015. After that date \$250 of the deposit plus club cancellation fee is non-refundable

Signature(s) (Required) _____

Having a Blast

Can you believe summer is more than half way over and we are starting to think about signing up for ski trips?

The big event for SCSC this summer was the Jimmy Buffet Margaritaville-themed annual volunteer party. More than 50 people enjoyed the day swimming, feasting on great food and listening to the live entertainment. A group got together the evening before the party to enjoy the Kemah fireworks and sample a selection of gourmet cheeses and wine. Another group got together the day after for a fun afternoon sailing on a private yacht on Galveston Bay.

Many thanks to our activity coordinators Sandra McCunnis and Olga Adair and all the volunteers who helped make this a great weekend. Special thanks to our key lime cupcake bakers Ali Pethick and Nelson Turner.

This month we will have two activities. Jo Barrie is coordinated a Bowling activity on August 9th. If you know Jo, she always runs a fun activity! On August 23 we will get a group together to watch "Classic Albums Live" - AC/DC Back in Black concert at Miller Outdoor Theater. Check our website for more information.

Our happy hours are getting bigger and better every month. Our July happy hour was at the Grotto Restaurant and was well attended. It was Fantastic Italian food with good happy hour prices. Our August happy hour will be at Katch 22 Restaurant and Bar. Remember our happy hours are always the 4th Thursday of every month unless there is a conflict with a holiday. Please come out and support the happy hours as they require a lot of work to coordinate, plus it's a great way to meet new people. If you have a favorite place for a happy hour just let me or Lori know and we will try and make it happen!

It's also not too early to mark your calendar for our annual Christmas Gala on December 20th,

which will be coordinated by Ann Dorn (who always throws great parties). We are putting together a fantastic evening of dinner and dancing that you won't want to miss!



Gayle Dale
VP of Activities

Upcoming Activities

August

August 9th – Bowling

August 23rd – "Classic Albums Live" - AC/DC Back in Black concert at Miller Outdoor Theater

August 28th – Happy Hour at Katch 22 Restaurant and Bar

September

September 25th – Happy Hour at Cedar Creek

October

October (TBD) – Track 21 Go Cart
& the Cellar Door

October 23rd – Happy Hour at
Pistolero's

November

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December

December - Singing at the Mucky
Duck

December 20th – Christmas Gala

January

January 18th – Chevron Marathon

February

February 6th – Mardi Gras
Umbrella Parade

Membership

Now that we've been to Margaritaville at Gayle and Dana's house in Kemah and sailed with Olga, it's time to start thinking about skiing. Be still my beating heart. Join or renew your Club membership soon. The trips are out and you must be a member in good standing to sign up for trips. That means you must be a paid member. As a member, you also get discounts for other Club activities. You can use PayPal or mail a check. My bucket list trip closed in one week last year. I'm usually one to procrastinate but I lost out the previous year on a trip and I wasn't going to let that happen again. I think I now have learned my lesson. ☺

Member Profile – Tony Curry

I first met Tony Curry at the SCSC Ice Skating Party in January, 2014. He and I had e-mailed several times regarding Tony bringing his Youth Group to the ice skating event. Once they laced up their skates, they never stopped until it was pizza time. At the pizza place, Tony and I discovered that his family and mine were soon to



be condo-mates on the Winter Park Trip.

At Winter Park we got to know his wife Carolyn and his triplets, Neo, Kaley and Trinity. We learned and reminisced about mutual adventures and misadventures skiing the Northeast. Tony played ice hockey on Long Island.

Neo, Kaley and Trinity started skiing at the age of 3 and moved to snowboarding at 8 years old never looking back. The Curry family has been on many trips to different resorts but favor the familiar Colorado Summit County resorts.

Tony has been skiing with TSC clubs long before his teenage triplets came along. His first SCSC trip was in 2011 to Snowbird. His kids participated in TSC Youth Foundation before joining SCSC.



Tony became a trip leader long before his own children were born when he took nephews and nieces on their first ski adventures through involvement with other youth organizations. Recently he has been promoting snow sports to his local Boy Scout Troop where he is an Assistant Scout Master and to his old Cub Scout Pack where he was the Cub Master. Tony says he is thankful that youth organizations exist to foster the love of snow sports and help to make the trips affordable to people who might otherwise not be able to participate. Tony will be leading the Spring Break trip to Breckenridge in March, 2015. If you want to go on a trip that keeps you and your family involved – and let's not forget

laughing--all week, sign up with Tony. You won't be disappointed.

He ended our interview saying, "Our true blessing is the wonderful memorable moments we shared as a family with all the great folks, fun club members and places we all met over the years. The bonds with our ski families started in Texas and stretched to Snow Country in the Colorado Rocky Mountains."

Ski Ya Later.

Ali Pethick *VP of Membership*

Join the conversation!!!

Have something interesting to contribute? Share with fellow SCSC members your thoughts, experiences, memories of trips and activities. We'd love to hear from you!

Send articles, essays or photos to
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