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From Mission Control

News Flash June 21, 2016 at 7:30 pm.



At approximately this time I became your President of Space City Ski and Adventure Club. Unfortunately, George Lopez had to resign due to personal reasons.

After being a member of Space City for over twenty years and saying no, no, no, it finally happened.

Other than saying YES, here is a short resume of my career with Space City.

- Trip Leader - More than 5 trips
- Director of Trips - Several years
- Vice President of Publications - 2 Years
- Treasurer - 2 years
- Board of Directors - too many years to count or remember

I am looking forward to carrying on for George leading the club. Chuck Pena is putting together a fantastic Ski Season for all of us. For those of you who do not know, all of the work for next year's trips is being worked on as you read this. We have to be ready by mid-July to be able to sell the trips to you. The ex-com, board and trip leaders do not get the summer off! All we ask of you is to practice your naked snow dance on the roof at midnight to assist in getting us great snow for these trips!!

Just remember that this is your club and it is run by volunteers. If you have a passion for something, run an activity to support your passion. It is a fantastic feeling sharing your passion with others. It can be a free activity or a fee based one. Houston has made impressive improvement in just the walking trails and biking trails in Houston to keep us in shape for all of our activities. So contact Jo Barrie at

Activities@spacecity.org and let her know what you would like to do, and when, so we can all participate with you.

Bill Bomberger,
President

Countdown to Liftoff

Hi everybody! I hope everybody had a great Independence Day weekend and are getting ready for a great 2017 ski season. As you read this, I know 51 lucky members are getting ready for a great trip to my favorite mountain town, Whitefish, Mt. I know Dennis Hughes and Max Langley have a great week planned for you.



No need to feel left out, Leyla Ozkardesh and Rita Cardenas still have 3 or 4 land only spots left on the Danube Bike & Barge cruise down the beautiful Danube River. The trip is coming up soon! The boat departs on Sunday September 25th from Passau, Germany and returns for a Sunday October 2nd

flight back to Houston from the Munich Airport. Don't miss the boat, contact Leyla or Rita today.



Well we have been working all summer to get these great trips ready for you at great prices. So I want to send a big thank you to everybody who pitched in. Below is the revised slate of trips with the TC and

ATCs that will be trying their best to make their trip the best you have ever taken. Prices and eye catching pictures are shown in the trip articles in this Annual Trip Edition of the Sitzmarke.

Trips 2016-2017

Destination	Date	Price** Full / Land	Trip Coordinator
Whitefish, MT Club	August 20 - 27 2016		TC: Dennis Hughes
Danube River Boat/Bike Tour TSC Summer Expedition	Sept 24 - Oct 2 2016	\$1,953 Land Only	TC: Leyla Ozkardesh ATC: Rita Cardenas
Vail, CO TSC Winter Traditional	Jan 7 - 14 2017	\$1,546/\$1,260	TC: Anne Thomas ATC: Kate MacDougall
Paradiski (Club Med) TSC Winter Expedition	Jan 21 - 30 2017	\$2970/\$2065	TC: Sandra McCunis
Breckenridge, CO Club	Jan 21 - 28 2017	\$951/\$759	TC: Bil Cusack
Heavenly Valley TSC Winter Shootout	Feb 4 - 11 2017	\$1,297/\$914	TC: Jim Jeans
Park City, UT (Short) Club	Feb 11 - 15 2017	\$717 Land Only	TC: Melinda Hughes ATC: Sandy Schneider
Park City, UT (Long) Club	Feb 11 - 18 2017	\$1,507/\$1,134	TC: Melinda Hughes ATC: Sandy Schneider
Telluride, CO TSC Final Showdown	Feb 25 - Mar 4 2017	\$1,628/\$973*	TC: Betty Donellan
Iceland TSC Summer Expedition	Aug 24 - 30 2017	\$3,098/\$2,283	TC: Jan Ferrell ATC: Ellen Eastham
Keystone, CO TSC Youth Foundation (This Not an SCSC Trip)	Mar 12 - 16 2017	\$504 Land Only	Sports America Trip SCSC: Cindy Moore

* Telluride Land Price does not include ground transfers

** Published prices are based on payment of cash or check. 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 or cash. Consult the TC for credit card payments which can be accepted with an added charge. 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 payment' date -- that is the last day you can withdraw from the trip with only a \$30 penalty. After this date a penalty of up to 100% might be assessed. 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.

As you can see we have a great slate lined up and we hope you have been doing your midnight dances that Bill, our President requested. Bill & President in the same sentence, I bet many of you never thought that would happen.

As many of you know, we rolled out our new website in July and I'm happy to say it appears that it is going to be a great improvement for selling our trips this season. We have added a lot of required information into your user profile that will make registering for a trip or activity very easy. But to make sure you can register quickly you have to go to your user profile and add the required data. You do it once and you won't have to do it every time you sign-up for a trip.

We have gone back to our standard single trip price method. Your actions showed that a cash price is what most of you want. However, we still are allowing and prefer trip deposits to be paid on PayPal and as before there is no fee included for this convenience. The pricing system will not really change for most of you and for those that need that ability to pay final payment on PayPal we will process that manually for a small extra charge. To do this you must request this from the TC, who will get the process approved for you.

So I hope you like this special edition of the Sitzmarke and especially all the colorful trip articles. The team has put a lot hard work on preparing them. We are all looking forward to a great season and hope to see you all on several of these great trips.

Cheers,
Chuck Pena,
Vice President of Trips

Having a Blast

Greetings to All:

I hope everyone had a super summer and was able to join at least one of our well-attended water activities. A big thank you to Bil Cusack for coordinating our Kemah Sailing afternoon on the

beautiful Escapade. Thank you Margaret McCord for coordinating the Lake Conroe Pontoon Boat cruise and weekend at a very comfortable lake house. We learned that pontoon boats CAN take on water and that weight distribution is important! Ali Pethick got 20 of us on board for a morning of Stand Up Paddle boarding. Guess what? We were ALL able to stand up! It was a good workout, we had a good time and we will do this again! (need a Coordinator!)



I wish to express my personal gratitude to Stan and Linda Kuper for opening their pool and patio for our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party in July. They are terrific hosts! If y'all know what's good for you, you should remember to thank Bruce Lowther and Robert Clements, too, for volunteering their time, sweat, and labor to cook us that delicious brisket, chicken, and pulled-pork beans.

This month we go indoors for our spirited bowling event on Sunday afternoon, August 7th. If you

haven't signed up yet, get on it!! We take ALL skill levels! Contact Activity Coordinator Larry Hord at 713-480-4396 for questions. Sign up at www.spacecity.org. Beat the heat, go bowling!

We started a dance class in April and each month since then the Club has been asked to "do it again!" so we are continuing East Coast Swing lessons on through August. In the future, if we find a larger dance space, we may also offer Salsa and/or Texas Two-Step classes! We will keep you posted.

The Astros are bringing it on! They have been performing well this year which makes it a great season to attend a game, and Marsha Lutz has the tickets for the September 9th game! Our group will be on the Mazda Club Level which offers a good view for a reasonable price of \$53 Members and \$56 NonMembers, AND that includes a \$15 power card good towards drinks, food, or merchandise. marsha.lutz@comcast.net. Sign up at www.spacecity.org.

YOU MAY NOT BE AWARE THAT summer is always an extremely busy time for your Club's Executive Committee (ExComm). We create a new budget, plan and approve new trips, and discuss a multitude of items that I won't bore you with. This summer we had another huge task to deal with. We transitioned to a new website! Please check it out and do not be afraid to use it to register and pay for activities. We expect some blips as we work out the kinks we didn't stumble on while testing the site, but all will get worked out and in the end it will save our volunteers time and make us more efficient.

So, here are the Top Ten Reasons you should register and pay for Activities online at www.spacecity.org:

10. We now have a "Forgot password?" link! Your login name is the email address you registered with our club. Click the "Forgot password" link the first time you log in or when you forget your password.

9. After bravely registering for an Activity, a confirmation will be automatically emailed to you to let you know you entered everything properly. Or not.

8. Registering online will eliminate those memory glitches. ("Did I register and pay for this already?")

7. If you registered but did not pay, our website will remind you to do so. This makes the Volunteers giddy because WE do not have to remind everyone to pay. It can also save you from being Wait-Listed due to lack of payment!

6. You do not have to write a check. but you may if you feel the need.

5. You can pay by credit card via our PayPal link and you do NOT need a PayPal account to do it.

4. You can see who else is attending the event --IF everyone registers online. (You can register online and still pay by check if you wish.) When everyone registers online it shows that people like the event and others will be more likely to join it!

3. Again, you will have the giddy gratitude of all club volunteers because you are saving US time.

2. Chuck Pena, who managed the bulk of this conversion, will know that all the time he spent on this was not in vain! (Buy him a beer if you really want to show your gratitude.)

1. You will feel good knowing you are contributing to the club's efficient operation! (well we're getting there)

LOOKING AHEAD, I am planning Fall and Winter events and I need volunteers! Lead an activity that you enjoy so others will also have something to look forward to! Could you host a Wine & Cheese Social at your home? How about a Games night? Theater outing? Kayaking the Bayou? Downtown Bar-Hops? What do you find fun? That may be the best activity for you to lead. Talk to Jo, VP of Activities, at 713-498-5570.

Until next month,

Jo Barrie,
VP of Activities

AUGUST HAPPY HOUR

COTTONWOOD



3422 N. Shepherd Dr.; Houston, TX
 Thursday, August 25th
 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Join us at this very popular Garden Oaks-Oak Forest (GOOF) area bar and restaurant. Huge covered patio, huge outdoor courtyard, rustically beautiful inside bar space. People and dog friendly.

40+ beers on tap, full bar and food service. Large unpaved parking lot. Entrance is a bit tricky. Go to www.cottonwoodhouston.com and click on "Map".

Coming Up!	
August 3	Dance Lessons Begin!
August 7	Bowling
August 15	Tip Information Happy Hour at Karbach Brewery
August 20	SCSC Volunteers at the Sandcastle Competition at East Beach
August 25	Happy Hour at Cottonwood in Garden Oaks/Oak Forest Area
September 9	Astros vs. Cubs and Fireworks set to Honky Tonk Music

Membership

We have a great slate of trips and activities planned for 2016-2017 and would love to introduce more people to our club.



Invite your friends, family, co-workers, etc. to take a look at our website and to come to a happy hour this summer! Bring a prospective member to a general meeting or happy hour and you and your guest will earn

a SCSC Koozie! See Cindy Moore at the happy hours and me at the general meetings.

Together we can grow our club membership! For those of you who have not yet renewed your membership, it is really easy to do online. Go

to www.spacecity.org - Log in with your email address and if you have not already created a password, to create a password, click "forgot my password". You will then be able to create or reset your password.

All members, please also Update your User Profile with all your contact information, check for accuracy and add the new required information. It is required, so do it now and you won't have to when you sign up for a trip. Once you are logged in you will see "Profile/Directory" at the top. Click there, then "Update User Profile". Space City Ski & Adventure Club is more than just a snow ski club.

As always, feel free to contact me at membership@spacecity.org with suggestions and/or question.

Leslie Cashio,
VP-Membership

Texas Ski Council Winter Traditional – Vail, Colorado



January 7-14, 2017
 \$1546 Full
 \$1260 Land
 Deposit \$150 PayPal
 Preferred



Trip Coordinator:
 Anne Thomas
Anne@spacecity.org

Assistant Trip
 Coordinator: Kate
 MacDougall



Start the New Year off right with your skier and boarder friends throughout Texas. We are going to Vail; don't be the one left out of this trip! Yes, there is plenty of groomed terrain, but some fun gnarly stuff too. This January trip is called Traditional for a good reason – it was the first TSC trip and it is still the biggest. The fun doesn't stop on the mountain as there will be lots of parties, après ski and general camaraderie with existing and new winter ski buddies from clubs throughout Texas.



THE RESORT: Offering more than 5,200 acres of skiable terrain, Vail provides fantastic slopes for all ski abilities with ample groomed trails and seven legendary Back Bowls. Vail Village and Lionshead are the two main lodging areas and they are connected by Vail's excellent free bus transportation system. We will be staying in the Lionshead

area. Vail is full of things to entertain you: shopping, dining, bars and other après nightlife options. Vail is an extraordinary winter vacation destination.

THE SKIING: Our planned ski activities are centered at Vail resort with an optional day at Beaver Creek. Vail lift tickets are also valid at Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin. Group discounted lift ticket prices are shown on the website. If you are certain to ski more than one Vail Resort destination this season, we recommend you purchase an Epic pass. See website for discount Epic pass offer from Gloria at Gloria@ski.com.

Mountain Statistics:	5,289 acres
Base Elevation: 8,120'	Longest Run 4 miles
Summit: 11,570'	Green 18%
Vertical Drop: 3,450'	Blue 29%
Avg Annual Snowfall: 320"	Black 53%

LODGING: We are staying at the upscale, convenient Landmark condos which are a short walk to the Eagle Bahn Gondola. Off the slopes, we are footsteps away from the heart of Lionshead, close to shops, restaurants and popular nightlife pubs and bistros.



TRAVEL: Our included group bus departs at 12:45 to Vail with a quick stop for groceries. Departure is based on these flights:

- 1/7/17 - SWA # 2911 10:45 departs HOU
12:15pm arrives DEN
- 1/14/17 - SWA # 1197 2:10 pm departs DEN
arrives HOU 5:25pm

A TRADITIONAL FUN FILLED

EXPERIENCE: There will be lots of club gatherings starting with our arrival get together on Saturday evening, followed by a TSC welcome party on Sunday evening. We will recommend daily lunch locations and après ski events most afternoons. We are considering an optional group dinner in addition to the TSC Farewell dinner. Register promptly for this fun filled trip – don't be the one left out!!

Texas Ski Council Winter Expedition – Paradiski (Club Med) / Pre-Trip Paris

 <p style="font-size: small;">Photo Courtesy of Club Med</p>	 <p>January 21-30, 2017</p> <p>Paris Pre-Trip January 18-22, 2017</p> <p>Trip Coordinator: Sandra McCunis sandramccunis@gmail.com</p>	
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Join Space City Ski Club for a fantastic experience at Club Med's La Plagne 2100 resort located in the Paradiski Domain of the French Alps. This 4-star ski-in, ski-out resort is all-inclusive with food, drinks, lift tickets, ski and snowboard lessons included with your lodging.

flight to Houston is early morning on January 30, 2017.

TRIP PRICING	
Full Package (Paradiski & Paris)	\$3665
Full Package (Paradiski Only)	\$2970
Land (Paradiski Only)	\$2065
\$300 Deposit; Remaining balance due 10/10/16	
Note that Full Package prices are subject to change due to airline taxes & fuel surcharges	



Photo Courtesy of Club Med

We depart from Houston on January 21, 2017 and fly to Geneva where we will meet those who opted to participate in the pre-trip to Paris leaving on January 18th. We will transfer by bus to La Plagne. Our group will check out of the resort on January 29th and spend this last day visiting Geneva. The return

With its contemporary architecture, this winter sports resort has mesmerizing views and wonderful runs. It sits at 6188 feet and overlooks the ski domain from the foot of the slopes. The 12 story

hotel has 340 comfortable rooms each equipped with a flat-screened television, hair dryer, towel dryer and safe. The hotel amenities include a fitness center, sauna, Jacuzzi and Turkish bath. Spa treatments are available at an additional cost.



Photo Courtesy of Club Med

La Morraïne, the resort's main restaurant, offers a variety of cuisine and a beautiful view over the slopes and valley below. Le Serac specialty restaurant serves Savoyard delicacies such as fondue and pierrade in the evenings. On select days, guests are invited to ski over and stop for lunch at other Club Med resorts in Paradiski.



Photo Courtesy of Club Med

Take advantage of the lounges and festive evenings. Full open bars with premium alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are included in your package. Le Bobsleigh bar is open all day and evening. After an exhilarating day on the pistes, it is a great place to relax around the fireplace and enjoy an après ski drink or sweet treat. L'Indoors, a world class night club, opens at 11 PM. This is the place to be for socializing and dancing the night away!

Fitness classes, alpine skiing and snowboarding lessons for all levels are included. What a great opportunity to learn to ski or improve your skills! The ski pass in your Club Med package gives you the freedom to enjoy the "Paradiski Domain" which is one of the world's largest ski areas. The resort is equipped with a "hands free" ski pass system.

- Altitude between 4100 ft. and 10,262 ft.
- 139 ski lifts; snow park
- 264 miles of ski runs: 37 black, 65 red, 132 blue, 12 green
- 95 miles of cross-country ski trails

The town of La Plagne offers a variety of exciting activities. In the ski resort you will find (at additional cost):

- Snow Scooting
- Paragliding
- Zip Lining
- Telemark Skiing
- Bobsleighbing
- Speed Luge
- Fat Bike Ride
- Torch lit Ski Show

- Ice Caves and Igloo Village



Photo Courtesy of Club Med

In the area is the valley of Champagne le Haut where natural waterfalls freeze. It has therefore become a favorite playground for climbers from mid-December to the beginning of March. Its "Ice Tower", an artificial ice-climbing structure, is unique in Europe. This fun activity is open to all.

When night falls, it's time to party! With over 30 bars, pubs and night clubs, you will find La Plagne's festive night ambiance. Fun and hospitality await you with theme nights and a wide variety of atmospheres. The restaurants in La Plagne are as varied as people's taste. With over 60 options, you will always find a menu that will get your taste buds tingling! You will find all the shops and services you need for a great holiday in La Plagne, so go on ... spoil yourself!

A full day excursion to Lyon, France on January 25th is included in the price of your Paradiski trip. Lyon is a city in France's Rhone-Alpes region. The Historic Site was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1998. Its city center reflects 2000 years of history with a Roman amphitheater in Fourviere, medieval and Renaissance architecture in Vieux Lyon, and a modern, redeveloped Confluence district on the peninsula between the Rhone and Saone rivers.

In addition to the included tour to Lyon, there are three optional day tours (subject to at least 15 people signing up). Each day tour is approximately 12 hours including travel time.

- Chamberry - A private coach will provide transportation from La Plagne resort to Chamberry. A guide will meet the group for a walking tour of Chamberry Old Town and wine tasting of local wines at Savoie Winery or Wine Cellar.
- Geneva - A guide will meet the bus and provide a 24 hour Geneva Pass. You will have approximately 6 hours free to discover everything Geneva has to offer. The city is yours to explore with its museums, cruises on the lake, Segway and more. Over 40 attractions are free or discounted. The Geneva Pass also gives you access to free public transportation.
- Grenoble - You will take a private coach to Grenoble where a guide will meet the group and provide a tour that includes admission to the Cable to Bastille Summit and the Museum of the Mountain Troops.



Basilique de Fourviere (Lyon) vue de la Saone - Author: MickaelG

It will be a fun-filled week for both skiers and non-skiers. Spectacular scenery of the French Alps, miles of wide open runs, great après-ski, plenty of activities, day tours and culture at no extra charge at a beautiful all-inclusive resort. What more could you want? Sign up soon!

Paris Pre-Trip

Paris, the City of Light, will be the pre-trip for the Paradiski Club Med trip. It is one of the world's top tourist destinations. Paris has the well-deserved reputation of being the most beautiful and romantic of all cities. It is the home of the most visited art museum in the world, the Louvre, as well as the Musee d'Orsay, noted for its collection of French Impressionist art.

A large part of the city of Paris, including the River Seine, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The notable architectural landmarks include the Eiffel Tower (1889), Notre Dame Cathedral (12th century), the Sainte-Chapelle (13th century), and the Basilica Sacre-Coeur of Montemarte (1914). Other iconic landmarks include the Arc De Triomphe, Moulin Rouge and the Lido. Paris is also known for its fashion and haute cuisine.

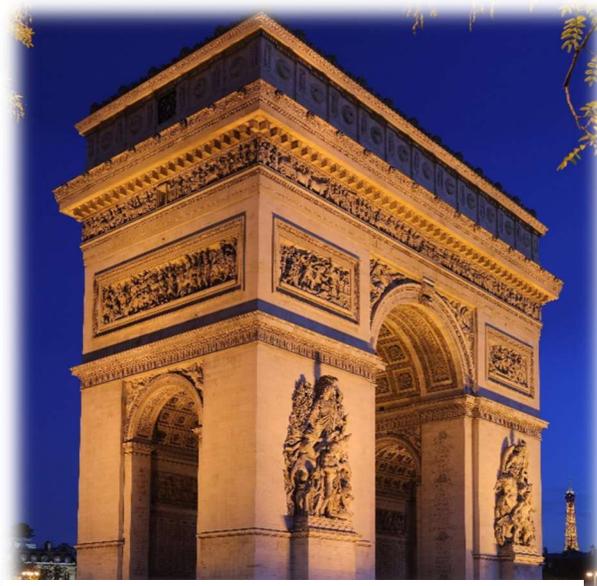


Benh LIEU SONG
(squared by Juan Pablo Arancibia Medina)



Courtvard of the Louvre Museum. with Pvramid Author: Alvesgabar

The SCSC group will depart on January 18, 2017, on an Air France flight to Paris. Our lodging will be at a



Author: Benh LIEU SONG

4-star hotel near the Montparnasse train station. The hotel is located in an area with good access to public transportation. We will leave Paris on January 22 and travel by train to Geneva where we will meet the Paradiski main trip participants.

An optional tour of the Eiffel Tower is planned during our stay in Paris. You will have the freedom to explore this exciting city with the 2 day Paris Pass that is included with your package. The Paris Pass includes entry to over 60 attractions plus a guidebook and map. The highlights include:

- Free skip-the-line entry to top Paris attractions like the Louvre Museum and Centre Pompidou
- Free sightseeing tours on the Hop-on Hop-off Bus and the River Seine Cruise
- Free entry to local attractions including the Palace of Versailles, Opera Garnier and French Wine Tasting
- Discounted entry to local attractions and museums
- Unlimited Paris travel on the Metro, RER and select buses (zones 1-3)

The allure of Paris draws tourists from around the world. Plan your visit to this spectacular city!

Space City Ski Club Trip – Breckenridge, CO



Photographer: Jeff Scroggin

BRECKENRIDGE SKI RESORT

JANUARY 21 -28, 2017

\$ 951 Full
\$759 Land

Trip Coordinator:
Bil Cusack
Bil@spacecity.org

Come join Bil, myself and 42 other SCSC friends as we rediscover Breck. Well, maybe it is just me that hasn't been there in 10 years. A lot of changes have been made; they even opened a new peak (6) in 2013. Even if you have been there recently, come back for the great price we arranged. The skiing options are plentiful and maybe enjoy a nice lunch at the remodeled Overlook Restaurant at 11,274 feet on Peak 9. If you bought an Epic pass, the lifts are free. Sign up today; at this price all 44 pillows will go fast!



The Resort - Breckenridge is one of Colorado's original mining towns and it still reflects a quaint Victorian atmosphere in its shops, boutiques and

restaurants lining Main Street. Breckenridge, known as “the perfect mountain town” has exciting events, dining and nightlife. An authentic, yet hip mountain town, “Breck” is one of the most popular ski resorts in the western hemisphere. It is renowned for the welcoming spirit and friendly character of the locals. With over 200 restaurants, bars, shops, and numerous year-round activities, Breck embodies more than just a destination; it inspires a way of life.



Photographer: Carl Scofield

The Skiing - With five huge peaks, 2,908 acres, four terrain parks, a 22ft Super Pipe, 11 bowls, the highest chairlift in North America and a world-class ski and snowboard school, it has something for everyone. There are almost 2,000 acres of deep-powder skiing

on four mountains for every type of skier, including expert runs from the 12,677 foot summit (now served by a high speed lift). All served by sixteen interconnected ski lifts and four high-speed quads assuring un-crowded slopes and short lift lines. For snowboarders & skiers of all ages and skill levels, Breckenridge boasts a dynamic snowboard park, arguably the best in the Rockies. Statistics: 355 inches of annual snowfall, 2,908 acres open, top elevation 12,998 feet, base 9,600 feet, 34.0% expert, 24.0% advanced, 31.0% intermediate, 11.0% beginner, 34 total lifts. The longest run is Four O'clock at 3.5 miles.



Photographer: Jack Affleck

Lodging - We are staying in Beaver Run Condos, one of Breckenridge's most popular properties. This ski in, ski out property is located on the ski run above the base of Peak 9, making it an excellent choice for the skier or snowboarder looking to get as much time on the slopes as possible. Amenities include massage and spa services, two indoor/outdoor heated pools, seven hot tubs, exercise room, sauna and steam room, retail stores, mini market/deli, bars and restaurants, ski

and snowboard shops, business center, concierge, complimentary in-town shuttle, in-room movies and games, coin-operated laundry and dry cleaning services.

Travel - We have up to 32 Full (with non-stop air) packages and another 12 Land only packages. All include RT ground transportation but land only participants must arrive at DEN on time to meet the full package group on these Southwest flights.

- January 21, 2017 SWA #3444 9:05am HOU departure 10:40am DEN arrival.
- January 28, 2017 SWA #1197 2:10 pm DEN departure 5:25pm HOU arrival.

Our group bus departs Denver at 11:15am to Vail with a quick stop for groceries and beverages in route.

The Fun - Nightlife is just as exciting with a great variety of brewpubs, taverns, casual nightspots, fine restaurants, shops, and even an authentic historic Victorian district to explore. Several group activities will also be planned: a group dinner, suggested lunch meetings and of course what is a ski trip without Apres'!

Discounted Lift Ticket Options		
	Adult	Senior (65+)
1 Day	\$ 102	\$ 93
3 Day	\$ 295	\$ 270
4 Day	\$ 371	\$ 340
5 Day	\$ 440	\$ 400



TSC Winter Shootout at Breathtaking Lake Tahoe (Heavenly Valley)



Photographer: Rashid Dahn

Trip Coordinator:
Jim Jeans

jimjeans@spacecity.org



February 4-11, 2017
\$1297 Full / \$914 Land
Deposit \$150

You will never find a more beautiful place. Join us and other Texas clubs for skiing at Heavenly, dining, casinos, Super Bowl Party and top flight live entertainment. Side ski trips to legendary Kirkwood and upscale Northstar ski areas and to Virginia City, the legendary Nevada mining town at the heart of the Comstock Lode Silver mine are also planned.



Photographer: Corey Rich



Photographer: Corey Rich

The Resort: We are seconds from the warmth of the Heavenly Gondola taking us to the top of the Sierras 3600 feet above cobalt blue Lake Tahoe. We are at the hub of activity for restaurants, pubs, live music, art and shopping.

The Skiing: 4800 acres, 3500 Vertical, 97 trails, 2 Gondolas, 2 terrain parks, 2 back country areas, great mix of green, blue, black and double black, along with world class grooming and snowmaking if necessary. Follow the sun all day crisscrossing the mountain through Ponderosa pine forests. There are 10 on-mountain lodges that often have outdoor live music and après ski concerts. For even more adventure, take a side trip to the upscale Northstar or to Kirkwood, which is the home of the lightest, deepest snow in the Sierras.



The Lodging: All accommodations are 1-bedroom luxury suites with living room and kitchenette. The Tahoe Resort Hotel is at the foot of the mountain half a block from the Gondola. Included is a full breakfast every day and a \$100 Helly Hanson gift certificate per person with a 7-night stay and purchase of a 5-day pass or owner of an Epic Pass. The lodge has an indoor heated pool and hot tub. During happy hour there will be free snacks and special drink prices.

Travel: Full package includes air February 4, 2017 via Southwest Flight # 1932/5503 departing HOU at 11:55am and arriving in Reno at 4:25pm with a short stop in Las Vegas. Our return flight on February 11, 2017 will be Southwest Flight # 4739/1934 departing Reno at 10:25am and arriving at HOU at 4:30pm with a short stop in Las Vegas on the return. Bus transportation is included for both Full and Land packages, but you must arrange to be at the airport for the scheduled bus departure.



Photographer: Dan Wallisch

The Fun: Since this is a TSC trip, there will be lots of new people to meet from other cities in Texas. We will arrive by mid-afternoon Saturday with plenty of time to unpack and have our group happy hour. Sunday night starts with a Super Bowl Party followed by the TSC welcome party with fajita bar and DJ.

An optional side trip to Northstar is on Monday. Tuesday is race day. Wednesday is an optional trip to Virginia City. Thursday we will have an optional trip to Kirkwood and then the TSC Banquet and dance. Our Heavenly lift tickets or Epic pass are honored at our optional side ski trips.

The Experience: Tahoe is magic. It was a sacred place to the Native Americans who thought it to be inhabited only by their deity. We will be surrounded by beauty and ease. The locals are friendly and thrilled to live in a place they also consider sacred. Almost everyone has a daylong smile. We will likely have sun and deep blue sky most days. This is one you will always remember.

LIFT TICKETS	Adult (12 and above)	Senior (65++)
3 Day	\$ 220	\$ 174
4 Day	\$ 278	\$ 221
5 Day	\$ 325	\$ 265
6 Day	\$ 347	\$ 304

Option: Epic Season Pass is honored at all Vail Resorts!! A Local Epic Pass is \$609 (Price subject to change) and Full Epic Pass is \$809 (Price subject to change.) Get \$50 off if you purchase through Gloria at Gloria@SKI.com. Restrictions apply. For details, go to www.vail.com

Space City Ski Club Trip – Park City, UT



Courtesy of Park City Chamber of Commerce

LONG TRIP:
FEBRUARY 11-18, 2017

SHORT TRIP
FEBRUARY 11-15, 2017



LONG:
\$ 1,507 Full
\$ 1,134 Land

SHORT:
\$ 717 Land Only



Trip Coordinator:
Melinda Hughes

melinda@spacecity.org

Assistant Trip Coordinator:
Sandy Schneider

Utah has the best snow in the country. BOOM! You read it here. If you have skied in Utah, you know it! If you have not, you are in for a real treat! Join your Space City Ski and Adventure Club Members for this ski trip to Park City Utah, home to the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The Resort: Nestled high in the Wasatch Mountains, the historic mining town of Park City, Utah is unlike any other ski town in the world. It boasts two world class ski resorts, sophisticated dining (the town is a gourmet mecca) and year-round events just 32 miles from Salt Lake City International Airport. Park City is a unique blend of the old and new. Many of the buildings in town are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Add its pubs, quiet wine bars and nightclubs and now you have the best quaint village

for Après' Ski time or live music. Enjoy shopping at small boutiques and galleries on historic Main Street or at the Tanger Outlet Mall in the area.

The Skiing: With an elevation ranging between 6500 -10,000ft., you will find world class skiing and snowboarding on well-groomed ski runs for all ability levels. Park City is the only resort with lift access directly to the town's historic Main Street. With ski in ski out at our resort, you can experience the largest ski area in North America. Park City averages 360 inches of snow and temperatures are 24 to 33 degrees Fahrenheit. Getting around is easy thanks to the ski-friendly public transportation system. Snow shoeing, cross country skiing and advanced powder and Heli-skiing are also available.



Lodging: We will be staying in the Snow Flower Condominiums. These 2 bedroom/2 bath condos are centrally located within the town of Park City granting easy access to skiing, shopping and numerous activities for everyone to enjoy, while providing the opportunity to take a deep mountain breath of fresh air and relax in front of your fireplace in a condominium perfectly suited for you with complimentary wireless internet. Well known for their hospitality and commitment to customer satisfaction, the on-site office and professional staff are available 24 hours a day. Amenities include fitness center, outdoor heated pool and hot tub, laundry facilities, equipment storage, complimentary underground parking, conference rooms and midweek cleaning (nice!). The complimentary city-wide bus picks up every 20mins (peak hours) serving Park City Main Street, Deer Valley, Canyons Village, Tanger Outlet and local grocery stores.



Travel: We have secured a block of air seats with Southwest Airlines, so bags fly free. So sign up soon if you want a full package. We also have a bus scheduled to pick us up at the airport upon our



Courtesy of the Park City Chamber of Commerce

arrival. For details regarding travel and ground transportation, please ask the TC.



Fun: There will be a Welcome Party when we arrive and a Farewell Party when we leave and plenty of good times in between! Along with daily meet ups for lunch and après ski we will also have an optional sleigh ride dinner in the mountains. Come join us as we walk around Park City in the evening and experience the ambience of this unique ski village. Relax and rejuvenate at one of the many world-class spas located throughout the town. Visit the Olympic Park which still serves as a training center for future Olympians and you can fulfill a lifelong Olympic dream on the recreational bobsled ride and enjoy exhibits from the 2002 Olympics. If you like even more action, try the tubing hill, snowmobiling, the dogsled rides and the Ice Arena.

DISCOUNTED LIFT TICKET OPTIONS			
	Park City Adult	Park City Senior 65+	Deer Valley 2/11 - 2/16
1-Day	\$ 88	\$ 58	\$ 92
2-Day	\$ 170	\$ 110	\$ 166
3-Day	\$ 243	\$ 155	\$ 245
4-Day	\$ 313	\$ 202	\$ 322
5-Day	\$ 373	\$ 237	\$ 395
6-Day	\$ 420	\$ 268	NA

Texas Ski Council Final Showdown – Telluride, CO



February 25, 2017 – March 4, 2017

\$1628 Full
\$973 Land

Trip Coordinator:
Betty Donellan
bettyrelaw@gmail.com



TELL everyone **U** are going to **RIDE** this season!



THE MOUNTAIN: Telluride is consistently ranked North America’s number one ski resort! Telluride has plenty to offer everyone, including the longest run at 4.6 miles, 2,000 skiable acres, 309” annual average of light dry powder blanketing 127 trails accessed by 18 lifts and a vertical drop of 4,425 feet! The area boasts 23% Beginner, 36% Intermediate and 41% Advanced terrain. Yes, nearly 60% of the terrain is beginner or intermediate and there is at least one intermediate run accessible off each lift! And the best part is you can enjoy all of it without crowded ski slopes and long lift lines.

WHY COME ON THIS TRIP? It just doesn’t get any better! Look at what you get!

Your full package trip includes:

- Non-Stop Flight IAH-Gunnison, CO
- Transfers to Mountain Lodge
- Ski in/Ski Out Accommodations at the Mountain Lodge
- Free pedestrian gondola to/from town
- Korbels/Kenwood Wine & Cheese Apres
- TSC races and Mountain Picnic
- On Mountain Scavenger Hunt/poker Run
- Farewell Dinner Dance *Souvenir Trip Pin
- MARDI GRAS/FAT TUESDAY!

MOUNTAIN INFORMATION	
Base Elevation	8,725 feet
Top Elevation	12,570’ (Revelation Bowl) 13,320’ (Hike to Palmyra Peak)
Vertical Drop	4,425 feet
Skiable Acres	2,000
Avg Snow Fall	309” per season
Snowmaking	YES
Snowboarding	YES

THE TOWN: There are actually two towns: Telluride and the Mountain Village. Telluride is a National Historic Landmark District, a historic mining town and is infamous for the first bank robbed by Butch Cassidy! This quaint town has many original Victorian houses, old saloons and clapboard stores now home to numerous world-class restaurants and nightlife options. At 9,545', Mountain Village offers a more modern, lux feel in a European-style alpine setting and the Conference Center is the setting for our Welcome Reception and Farewell Dinner Dance. The free gondola links the two communities, the only transportation system of its kind in North America. They come here to experience some of the best skiing in North America, and others come to enjoy all this beautiful area has to offer year round. If this town doesn't stir your inner spirit and sense of adventure, we are not sure what will. Come with us and experience the fun and adventure.



THE ACCOMMODATIONS: Mountain Lodge is ski-in/ski-out with an on-site restaurant and bar, daily housekeeping, complimentary wireless internet, outdoor deck with heated pool, two Jacuzzis, steam/massage/exercise rooms, ski lockers, balconies and on-site ski rentals. There is also a free shuttle to Mountain Village Market, the gondola and the Center of the Village.



TRANSPORTATION:

- Non-Stop Flight IAH-Gunnison, CO plus R/T transfers to Mountain Lodge (Full Package Only)
- Land Only must contact Telluride Express or Colorado Mountain Express for transfer options



OPTIONAL PURCHASES:

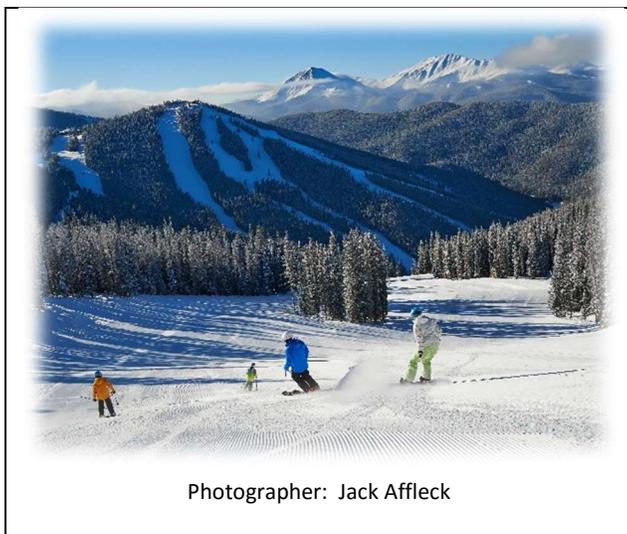
DISCOUNTED LIFT TICKETS	
3 Day	\$172
4 Day	\$221
5 Day	\$276
6 Day	\$276 (6 th day is comped with a 5-day purchase)

Optional Group Dinner at the New Sheridan Chop House & Grill in Historical Old Saloon
 AND Ice Climbing / Snow biking / Fly-fishing / Kite Skiing / Fat Tire Biking / Ice Skating / Heli-skiing / Snowshoeing

SKI YOU SOON!



Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation – Keystone, CO



Photographer: Jack Affleck



March 12-16, 2017
 \$504 per Adult
 Land Only

SCSC Trip Contact:
 Cindy Moore
Marketing@spacecity.org
 713-628-7613



GOT FAMILY? NO? GOT AN EPIC PASS? SKI WITH EITHER AT KEYSTONE OVER SPRING BREAK

Join the Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation (TSCYF) this ski season at Keystone. It is a perfect family get-away for parents with children or grandparents with grandkids. **Get reimbursed \$50 for every all-day ski or board lesson taken by your child up to 4 days.** No kids, no worries; take that final fling on the slopes with your Epic pass! You want a 4 night only trip? This is it. You want to hang out longer? That is an option as well. You don't want kids as condo-mates? That can most likely be arranged.

The lodging is only \$504 per adult based on a two-bedroom condo with 4 paying people in a condo for 4 nights. Included will be a welcome party and a kid friendly social event with light refreshments. Kids 18 and under stay free on the sofa sleeper with 4 paying adults. This trip is run by the Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation which is supported by the Texas Ski Council and its member clubs which includes your Space City Ski and Adventure Club (SCSC). To sign up, simply go to this link: <http://spacecity.org/page-18235> and you will be directed to the Sports America website to pay a \$200.00 deposit per adult.

No need to fear about not knowing anybody as membership in a TSC club is required and other

members of SCSC will be attending. In fact, Cindy Moore, our V.P. of Marketing, is going and has volunteered her services to TSCYF to assist those from SCSC who would like to go. She will be contacting those who signed up for the trip and help with arranging condo mates. Not a member yet? She will even help you join our club! **An SCSC family membership is only \$70.00 a year and a single is only \$40.00 a year!** Once you join, she will answer any questions you might have about registering through the tour operator's link and arranging condo mates, etc.

To secure your lodging at a cost of only \$504 per adult just make a \$200 online deposit per adult on Sports America's web site. Hurry, only 60 TSC adult spots are available and you can sign up NOW!

Lift tickets, priced below, are good at Breckenridge, A-basin, Keystone and half of the tickets can be used at Vail/Beaver Creek:

	Child (< 12)	Teen (13-18)	Adult	Senior (65+)
2 Day	\$111	\$144	\$193	\$174
3 Day	\$161	\$208	\$275	\$246
4 Day	\$203	\$265	\$351	\$312
5 Day	\$244	\$317	\$419	\$370

THE SKIING AND BOARDING: Planned ski/board outings and all lessons will be centered around Keystone and their 131 trails for all ski and

board abilities, however, our lodging is on the shuttle route to the other resorts. Our Vail Resorts Pass will allow you to ski at Breckenridge, A-basin and half can be used for Vail/Beaver Creek; or get more mileage out of your Epic Pass with no problem! Like long days? Keystone will be your Heaven; they offer the longest ski day in North America with many runs open from 8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. They have the largest night skiing operation in Colorado! For the thrill seekers, Keystone Resort has one of America's best terrain parks, boasting 60 acres.

THE RESORT: Keystone offers excellent skiing for never ever skiers all the way to black diamond. This kid-friendly resort offers many activities for children including tubing at one of Colorado's best tubing spots at the summit of Dercum Mountain at Adventure Point. With a good pitch and long run out, you're sure to enjoy the ride! There is also a snow fort for snow wars and snow biking for a change of pace.

We will be staying in the heart of Keystone Village where nightlife and restaurants are abundant for both families and singles with all price ranges. In addition to the brand new ice skating rink in River Run Village, how about trying the ice skating at the largest Zamboni maintained outdoor skating rink in North America?



Photographer: Jack Affleck

THE LODGING: We are staying at the most popular lodging units at Keystone Resort. Guests at River Run Condominiums will find amazing shopping, upscale and casual dining, and signature events right outside their door. Units are located a short walk away from all skier services, including

the River Run Gondola and Summit Express High-Speed Quad, and children's and adult's Ski and Ride School. These deluxe, quality condos are professionally decorated and each has a fireplace. River Run offers on site laundry facilities, a hot tub, on site bar and restaurant, ski storage and a full kitchen.



TRAVEL: Make your own travel arrangements with any airline. Check Southwest's site soon and often to catch their low price. Planning on driving? Start on Friday or Saturday and arrive in time for skiing on Sunday. Ground transportation from the Denver Airport can be arranged if desired for an extra cost. If individual travel schedules permit, a group bus could be arranged.

THE FUN: A small welcome party is included as part of this package as well as a mid-week, kid friendly, event with refreshments such as hot cocoa and s'mores for example. Make lifetime friends and ski with family and friends your own level. If you have never skied, this is a great place to learn. The after ski events, including relaxing in the hot tub and the social events, make the whole ski club experience one you will never forget. However, beware, as the ski club experience can be addicting! You just might become hooked for life!

TRIP SUMMARY:

Keystone Lodging: **4 nights** River Run Condos
 March 12, 2017 to March 16, 2017 **\$504 per Adult**
 Discounts Available: Lift Tickets (stated above) & rentals and group lessons for all ages TBA.

Final lodging payment date: December 12, 2016
 Final trip payment due: January 26, 2017

TCS Summer Expedition - Iceland



Trip Coordinator:
Jan Ferrell
Jan@spacecity.org



August 24-30, 2017
\$3098* / \$2283
Deposit \$300
* Subject to change due to taxes and fuel surcharges



Assistant Trip Coordinator:
Ellen Eastham
Ellen@spacecity.org

This is your opportunity to visit Iceland – one of Trip Advisors top 25 destinations in 2016. A country truly defined by earth, wind, fire and water. August in Iceland offers warm weather, sunny skies and long daylight hours. Reykjavik, Iceland’s coastal capital, is renowned for its nightlife and restaurants. In addition to Reykjavik, we will stay in Akureyri, both of which are lovely cities where there are planned activities every day or you can venture out on your own. Join us and experience the beauty, the people and excitement of Iceland!

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP?

You’ll find stunning scenery, waterfalls, volcanoes, fjords, geysers, wild life and birds as well as the

famous Blue Lagoon. Whale watching, horseback riding and flightseeing are options available. Iceland is an amazing country filled with beautiful nature, wonderful food, warm people, inspiring art, history and culture.

WHAT IS INCLUDED FOR \$3098 IN THE FULL PACKAGE?

- 5 nights in First Hotel Aldi - a 4-star accommodation in Reykjavik
- 2 nights in Hotel Kea - a 4-star accommodation in Akureyri
- 8 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- English speaking bus driver & guide between cities
- RT air between Houston and Reykjavik



Reykjavik Photographer: Velkrodade

Day 1: Arrival, breakfast in Keflavik, transfer to the Blue Lagoon and to Reykjavik. Dinner at the hotel.

Departing Houston August 23rd on Delta, we arrive in Iceland the morning of August 24th. We'll start the day with breakfast in Keflavik. Our bus will then drive us to the Blue Lagoon, one of Iceland's most popular attractions. We'll have 1-1/2 hours to enjoy a refreshing bath or a swim in the inviting, rejuvenating and warm mineral-rich water. Be sure and pack a swimsuit in your carry on! Tonight is our Welcome TSC dinner at a local restaurant in the city center. We are staying in the First Aldi Hotel located on the main boulevard.



Blue Lagoon Photographer: sketch up

Day 2: Reykjavik city tour with guide (Breakfast)

Our guide will take us past Hallgrimskirkja Church as well the Nordic house and National Museum. You'll have outstanding photo opportunities with a panoramic view over Reykjavik, the fjord and mountains. Dinner is at



Orca
Photographer: Manuel Anistacio

your leisure at the many restaurants nearby. You may wish to go on an optional whale watching excursion in the afternoon.

Day 3: Reykjavik - Akureyri (Breakfast and Dinner)

After breakfast, we leave Reykjavik and head to our next destination – the city of Akureyri. This is the capital of north Iceland and our base for the next two nights in the Hotel Kea. We'll visit Iceland's most powerful hot spring and climb the Grabrok volcano crater in west Iceland. Dinner is at the hotel.

Day 4: Akureyri (Breakfast and Dinner).

We will explore Gothafoss, the waterfall of the Gods, and continue to Lake Myvatn, known for its rich bird life and extraordinary volcanic lava landscapes. You may wish to go on an optional whale watching excursion in the afternoon. Dinner is at the hotel.



Gothafoss waterfall Photographer: Andrea Tille

Day 5: Akureyri - Reykjavik (Breakfast)

Leaving Akureyri, we will travel west over the mountains to the valley of the horses and home to many ancient villages. On the way, we'll stop for coffee and cake at a horse farm. Evening is at your leisure.

Day 6: Reykjavik - Golden Circle day tour (Breakfast).

Over a scenic route, we reach Thingvellir National Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stroll around the country's most sacred site, home of the oldest existing parliament in the world, the Althing. Next we explore the valley of Huakadalur that is home to the geyser Strokkur which erupts at about 5-7 minute intervals. Evening is at your leisure.



Strokkur Geyser Photographer: Dieter Schweizer

Day 7: South shore of Iceland - Reykjavik (Breakfast and Dinner).

Our route passes through some of the prettiest countryside in Iceland with fields, farms and villages toward the glaciers in south Iceland. The impressive Skogafoss waterfall is more than 197 feet high. After a lunch break, we reach the volcanic black sandy beach of Reynisfjara that is famous for its bird species, especially puffins. The Farewell TSC dinner will be held at the hotel in Reykjavik.



Skogafoss waterfall Photographer: Chris77



Iceland Waterfall Photographer: Diego Delso

Day 8: Departure transfer (Breakfast)

Unfortunately, today, August 31st, we depart Iceland and will be taken to the airport for our return flight back to the USA or on to the post trip to Bergen, Norway.

Post Trip – Bergen, Norway

August 31- September 4, 2017
\$1015 pp

Via Icelandic Airlines, we fly to Bergen, Norway, a city on Norway's southwestern coast. Included is a half day city tour of Bergen exploring the charming streets with vibrant wooden houses, cultural and historical buildings. An optional ride on the Floybanen funicular to the top of Mount Floyen is a must. Accommodations for 4 nights are at the Hotel Admiral located in the center of Bergen.



Bergen Photographer: Espt123

An optional tour via a spectacular train which will stop at Kjosfossen, a waterfall with a 738 ft. drop is available. We'll continue on a boat to view the amazing fjords and picturesque villages. Our return to Bergen is via a tour bus which will climb through the hairpin turns on Stalheimskleiva.



Kjosfossen waterfall Courtesy of Jenni Douglas

Departure from Bergen will be September 4th back to Reykjavik where we will stay 1 night at the Icelandic Hotel at the airport.

Pre-Trip – New York City

August 20–22, 2017
\$550 or \$655 pp (depending on the hotel)

Explore The Big Apple with your friends. Visit Times Square, Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art, Broadway shows, Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Central Park, One World Trade Center---and that barely scratches the surface! Check out what's playing on Broadway and make your reservations as soon as possible. The hotel selected will be within a few blocks from Times Square.



New York City Photographer: William Warby

The Art of Trip Sign-Up



Trip Sign-Up: HERE IT IS! Your chance to sign-up for your favorite SCSC ski trip(s) for 2016-2017. The Mail-in Trip Registration Form will be in the August issue of the SITZMARKE and on-line. **The Mail-in Registration Form is only required if you don't use our preferred online sign-up process.** See www.spacecity.org to sign up online starting August 16th at 8pm. You may complete your online registration by mailing a check to the address listed on your confirmation email or by paying by credit card on PayPal (no PayPal account is required).

You also have the option of mailing the Trip Coordinator (TC) your Mail-in Registration Form and check, but it cannot be postmarked before August 16th at 8pm. **Once the TC has entered your registration information onto the website, for you, an automated email will be sent to you notifying you that you got a spot on the trip. If no spots are available, the TC will contact you to see if you would like to be added to the wait-list. Once you confirm your request to be added to the list, you will be added then and your spot on the list will be set at that time.** If you join the wait-list while online, your position on the list will be determined immediately and not slowed due to mail delivery time and confirmation of desire to join the list.



The last method you have to register is to hand your Mail-in Registration Form and check to the TC in person. **Once the TC is able to entered your registration information onto the website, for you, an automated email will be sent notifying you that you got a spot on the trip. If no spots are available, the TC will contact you to see if you would like to be added to the wait-list. Once you confirm your request to be added to the list, you will be added then and your spot on the list will be set at that time.**

1. You must be a current member in good standing to be added to a trip. Contact Leslie Cashio, VP of Membership, if you have questions regarding your membership status.
2. You may sign-up yourself and one other member per trip (plus children for Family Optional trips) (see by-law 2.8.A.)
3. The deposit for the Paradiski and Iceland trips are \$300 and \$150 per participant for all other trips.
4. If you use Mail-in Trip Registration, mail Form and check to the TC listed for that trip. Must not be post marked before August 16th at 8pm. Their address is listed on the bottom of the trip registration form. Additional information, phone number and e-mail addresses, are listed in the membership directory.
5. If your registration meets the above guidelines, your name(s) will be entered into our website trip registration system. The order shown on our website will be the official order for determination of those receiving a spot or being added to the wait-list. **All registrations done on the website by the participant will be added immediately to the registration system upon completing all required registration information.** All wait-list participants are required to send a check to the TC to hold your spot on the wait-list. All checks will be cashed but if you are not placed on the trip a refund will be paid to you for

- the full amount of your deposit.
6. These procedures apply to ALL members except the trip TC and ATC. 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, will be returned to the sender.
 10. All Land Package participants bare all risk of any costs they may incur due to the cancellation of a trip. SCSC is only responsible for costs the Land only participant paid SCSC and any refunds would be per the club's cancellation policy. In the event that SCSC must change the ground transportation plan, even at the last minute, a Land only participant's maximum refund will be the budgeted amount for the bus seat. Any cost a Land participant incurs due to delayed or canceled flights or other transportation problems, are their sole responsibility and does not entitle them to a refund of their ground transportation cost paid to the club.

Rules and Restrictions for Land Packages

1. The price of the land package generally includes ground transportation unless specifically stated otherwise. To utilize this ground transportation, the land participant must 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. Full package and Land only are the only packages generally offered. No other combinations of lodging and/or transportation will be offered unless approved by the VP-trips and the Executive Committee.
3. Normal cancellation policies apply plus the added stipulation that after final payment date, land only participants must be replaced from a land only wait-list and full package participants must be replaced from a full package wait-list.
4. Be sure this is the package you want - All switches between Land and Full Package must be approved by the TC.
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.



SPECIAL TRIP INFORMATION HAPPY HOUR

6:00 – 9:00pm Monday 8/15/16

Karbach Brewery (2032 Karbach, Houston)

Come have a beer with this season's trip mates! Register on our website. Admission is Free, Purchase your own drinks and food. Sign up won't start until 8pm on Tuesday 8/16/16, but come meet many of the Trip Coordinators that will be there. Mingle with your fellow members to see what trips they are eying. Learn more about those details not on our website or this Sitzmarke. Come celebrate with us the launching of another great slate of trips.

Mail-in 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 International trips
Make the check payable to 'SCSC' and mail to trip address listed below

Write trip name on the check & on lower left corner 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. ALL INFORMATION WITH a '*' MUST BE PROVIDED WITH EVERY REGISTRATION, OR FORM WILL BE REJECTED

Alternatively, this info can be entered in your User Profile Once and automatically populated when you register for a Trip on our website: www.spacecity.org

Trip Name: _____
Trip Dates _____ to _____

Trip Name: _____
Trip Dates _____ to _____

Participant # 1

Participant #2

* First name _____

* First name _____

* Last name _____

* Last name _____

* Email _____

* Email _____

* ID First Name _____

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Please check one:

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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 most trips unless explicitly stated otherwise. As a land package participant, you must 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 immediately subject to a \$30 per person cancellation fee. If I cancel on or after the final payment date, I may forfeit the full amount paid if I cannot be replaced on the trip. *Beginning with the 2004-05 season, Trip Transfers are no longer permitted without paying the applicable cancellation fees.*

Signature, Participant 1

Signature, Participant 2

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Trip Report - Fredericksburg

SCSC travelled to fabulous *Fredericksburg, the "Wine Capital of Texas"* for a fun-filled weekend of wine and activities last *Memorial Day Weekend (5/27-30)*! Some of our members elected to come in early on Friday night to maximize their weekend fun.

Deb Cini, our trip coordinator, **Nick Morrone, Betty and Bob Donellan, Robert Rowley, Pete and Terri Matheau, Stuart Traver** and others met for a German dinner and dancing to the local band at the busy Crossroads Bar! The place was hopping and the band played the best classic rock, country and some honky-tonk blues as well. **Cindy Moore, Mark Rosetta, David and Diane Gresco** and others went to Luckenbach to enjoy a swing dance at the local saloon. Regardless of what your dance preference was that night...we had a great kickoff to our weekend!

On Saturday morning we met the wine buses and Deb Cini, our trip coordinator, led us on a Wine Tour of four outstanding wineries, each with a different "flair":



Becker Winery, the first, was the biggest of the four and was located on a large estate with lavender flowers growing among the grapes. We were able to taste many of Becker's premier wines, some available in grocery stores, but many reserved for winery patrons only. The guided tour of Dr. Becker's



winery was interesting and fun. We enjoyed learning about the history of this great vineyard in the well-appointed wine room downstairs. Many bought bottles to bring home or share on our bus and at our party!

Torre Di Pietra Winery was our next destination and we got to enjoy "The Almost Patsy Cline Band" under the

tent as we sipped and two-stepped our way through a catered lunch. It was 'dancing with the stars' competition with Cindy and Mark and David and Diane and it seemed that most of our crew was reluctant to leave!

We were able to get to two more wineries to round out the day. They were complete opposites of one another: Messina Hoff, an older winery and well-known for their white wines, have provided wines for presidential dinners. "Fat Ass" - a new winery in town, had a young, hip vibe that was very informal and fun!



After returning to the hotel to rest up, we got ready for our big evening - the Hanger Dance at the airport Hanger Hotel! This annual event is a 1940's WWII USO - style dance in an old airplane Hanger! **Picture vintage 40's dresses, military uniforms and a big Tommy Dorsey/Glenn Miller style band!** Many of us wore costumes, you would

not believe the creativity. Great job to **Kate Kinard, Missy Adams, Leslie Taylor, the Donellans, the Greskos, Cindy and Mark, Gina Curet, Wanda Callahan** and all those who participated in the dress up event! We made quite a statement and a presence there!!



Party at the Fredericksburg Inn and everyone shared wine, snacked on lite bites and got crazy in the hot tub. What a great way to end our Memorial Day weekend!

Thanks to all who participated for making this truly a memorable second visit to Fredericksburg...can't wait for NEXT YEAR!!!

Sunday was a free day to shop in Fredericksburg, dine out on main street, attend the Crawfish festival or see the WWII museum. **John Burk** and his crew decided to hike Enchanted Rock and said it was fabulous! Sunday night, we got back together for an exciting Hot Tub

Deb Cini,
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