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SPACE CITY
SKI & ADVENTURE CLUB

From Mission Control

Here we go again – for the 50th season! Happy anniversary Space City Ski & Adventure Club!! The 2014-2015 season marks our 50th year in existence and your Executive Committee has taken notice. We are planning an exciting kick off meeting as well as making plans for the new slate of trips so stay tuned. To help us with planning and execution, I would like to welcome Bobby Goel and Matt Crnkovich to the Executive Committee. Bobby, our new VP of Marketing, has had extensive experience with ski clubs and brings marketing experience to the committee. Matt is our Director of Communications and will be in charge of website maintenance. He has experience in web design and HTML programming so we think he'll be a great fit on the team. Thanks to both of you for volunteering.

May 12th is our next and final general meeting for this season. Ellen Eastham will provide a slide presentation on the Grand Prix activity this summer. The club will continue to be very active during the summer so stay tuned for upcoming events. To thank our volunteers for this year, the volunteer party is scheduled for July 12 so watch for announcements further in this newsletter. Gayle Dale will have plenty of

activities for us to participate in. Susan Blome is busy forming next season's trip slate so be sure and check our website, to get the latest news.

The Texas Ski Council trips have been finalized so we're now rounding out the slate with club trips. "Like" our Facebook page, to get immediate posts of club updates. Be sure to read the summer Sitzmarkes that will be popping up in your inbox. Bobby has a great format for the next year that I am sure you'll enjoy! Ali Pethick will be tending the membership beginning in May while Sandy Fowler will be busy making sure we document our meetings. Marti Turner will be in the back ground helping us set next season's budget. I am so lucky to be part of this new team and feel privileged to volunteer with them in the new season.



Finally, I would like to thank our outgoing Executive Committee for a job well done in 2013-2014. This past year will go down as an

epic ski season for years to come and I'm sure you are proud to be part of it. Have a great summer!

Melinda Hughes,
President

Editor's Note

This year Space City Ski Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary. This is a very special occasion. It gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on our achievements so far, and also on the dedication and hard work of past officers who have made this club a success. We are proud of their commitment to serve you and enhance the sport we all love. This is also a time to move ahead and embrace the future; to continue to build on past achievements so that we can make our club all it can be. The new Board is committed to carrying the torch of excellence, handed over to them by very capable people, in the best possible way. We will be communicating our plans over the next few months, so please stay tuned.

As the new Editor of the Sitzmarke, I take this opportunity to lay out my plan. My predecessor, Lynda Meyer, did a fabulous job of delivering an excellent newsletter to our members, keeping them abreast with the latest news about trips and upcoming events. This year we embark on a different path with new things. We will deliver the same content, which you love so much, in a slightly different format and design, so that you can get to the information more quickly

and easily. Your feedback is always appreciated, so please let us know your comments. We are here to serve you.

Bobby Goel
VP of Marketing

"Please mark your calendars for our next **general meeting on May 12th**. We are honoring our out-going Executive Committee and your attendance will demonstrate your appreciation for their selfless efforts."

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Destination	Date	Prices Full/Land Only	Final Payment Date	Trip Coordinator	Assistant Trip Coordinator
South Arica Summer Expedition	Sept 19 - 30	\$5,130/\$2,938	TBD	Melody Bohlmann	
This news just in! TSC trips for 2014-15 announced:					
Beaver Creek TSC Traditional	Jan 10 - 17	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Mammoth Winter Shootout	Jan 31 – Feb 7	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Breckenridge Final Showdown	Feb 28 – Mar 7	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Madesimo, Italy Winter Expedition	Jan 23-31	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Discover Tuscany Summer Expedition	Sept/Oct 2015	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

SOUTH AFRICA - TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION

SEPTEMBER 19-30, 2014

Melody Bohlmann
melody@spacecity.org
210-410-7302

WAIT-LIST ONLY

- 'Bucket List' South Africa destination with a 3 night pre-trip option available for Victoria Falls and a post-trip to Kreuger Park.
- This trip has something for everyone – the adventurer, nature lover, animal lover, wine taster, historian, photographer, and the shopper.



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 packages do not include air. Ground transportation will be included and available on selected trips for land package participants if they can meet the group at the destination airport in time to meet the group. Ground transportation will not be delayed for land package participants arriving later than the group. Check with your Trip Coordinator for ground transportation arrangements if you are choosing a land package.

Published prices do not include baggage fees, equipment rentals or lift tickets, and are subject to change. All trip deposits can be made with PayPal; however, final payment must be made by check to receive the discounted rate. 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.

Published prices are before cash discount.

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

Countdown to Liftoff

Welcome to May and, while we all have been enjoying Houston's spring, your club leadership is already busy planning trips for the 2014-2015 season. The Texas Ski Council (TSC) BidFest was held in San Antonio the first weekend in April. BidFest is the annual event where the TSC trips for next year's ski season are selected. Many members of our club made the journey, as well as our club delegates – Melinda Hughes, Patti Finch, Gayle Dale, Sandy Fowler, Sandra McCunis and I. I want to personally thank each and every individual who made the trip and gave input to the process. Our club is the sum of our members and your input is very important to insure support for the trips we run. So, with the help of our members, SCSC and the TSC decided on the listed above TSC trips.

In addition to the TSC trips, SCSC has the following trips in the works: A weekend tubing trip to the Guadalupe summer of 2014, Vail in December 2014, Taos and Whitefish in February 2015. I also would like to run a Spring Break trip - destination to be determined. Plus, let's not forget our Summer Expedition in 2014 to S. Africa, led by Melody Bohlmann.

However, none of our trips are possible without dedicated trip leaders.

Volunteering as a trip leader is a great way to meet the members of the club and get involved. I speak from experience. I began as an ATC over 20 years ago and I treasure the many friendships and memories I have

made from my travel and involvement with the club.

Please consider running a trip this next season. I am still looking for leaders for both TSC and club trips! The TC/ATC Application is included in this edition of the Sitzmarke. If you are interested in running a trip, please submit this application to me ASAP.



Our next General Meeting is on Monday, May 12th. I look forward to another great slate of trips in 2014/2015, working with great TCs & ATCs and "Counting Down to Lift Off".

In the meantime, take care & stay safe!
Cheers!

Susan Blome
VP of Trips

Having a Blast

Hope you all had a wonderful Easter celebration. Several SCSC members were able to view the beautiful Texas wildflower display along I-10 on the drive to San Antonio to attend this year's TSC BidFest. It was a little cold and rainy but we still all enjoyed the ambience of the Riverwalk.



Kay McKeough's Poverty Party, which she graciously hosted in her home, was well attended. Could it have anything to do with Kay's extraordinary culinary skills? It was a beautiful evening, and we all feasted on delicious appetizers and drank lots of good wine while relaxing on Kay's back patio. She even created a tax trivia game to liven up the evening. I know everyone needed this break from the tax deadline. Thanks for hosting this fun event, Kay.

The April Happy Hour was held at The Refinery in downtown Houston where everyone munched on their famous burgers and washed them down with a sampling of over 30 different varieties of whiskey.

We still have openings for the TOP GOLF party on May 17th. We will play for 3 hours, and your food and soft drinks are included in the cost. A cash bar is available. Top Golf is one of the "HOTTEST" gaming

venues around right now, and you DO NOT need to know how to play golf.

The Happy Hour in May will be at Brio's Restaurant in City Centre. Come "savor the flavors of Tuscany", so you can experience the country's cuisine before signing up for the TSC trip to Tuscany next year.

We will be going to Minute Maid Park to cheer on the Astros on June 14th. We have great seats and they are selling quickly so don't hesitate on this activity too long. It's the day before Father's Day so it would also be a great family outing.

Mark your calendar for July 12th for the SCSC Annual Volunteer party. Invitations will be going out shortly and any help with this event will be greatly appreciated. The party is free if you volunteered during the 2013/14 year and is also free if you volunteer to help out with the party. We will need folks to help set up, tear down and work the door.

If you would like to be an activity coordinator for an event in the coming months, contact me at any time at activities@spacecity.org

Gayle Dale
VP of Activities

TOP GOLF

Get your clubs ready!!

Top Golf is the country's premier golf entertainment complex. Just picture a 215-yard outfield with dartboard-like targets in the ground.

The closer to the center or 'bulls-eye' you get and the farther out you hit your microchipped balls, the more points you receive. You hit the golf balls from 'bays' which accommodate up to 6 players at one time. There are 20 shots in each game which players take in 5-shot rotations. Your points are accumulated during the game and shown on the kiosk screen at each bay.

Fees include 3 hours of play, unlimited soft drinks, and State Fair Food Package which includes 2 servings each of pulled pork sliders, mini corndogs, southwest chicken eggrolls and tater tots with chipotle aioli dipping sauce. Cash bar available. Bring your own clubs (driver, 3-wood, 7 iron & pitching wedge) or they will provide clubs. No golf shoes required. You will not be required to have a Personal Lifetime Membership Player Card as you will all get an event player card which will eliminate the \$5.00 fee the next time you want to go to Top Golf.

Check out this website for more info:

<http://videos.topgolf.com/1176033/player>

WHAT: Top Golf, Golf Entertainment Complex

WHERE: Top Golf Houston West, 1030 Memorial Brook Blvd. (I10 and Highway 6)

MAP: <http://binged.it/1ioZzv3>

WHEN: Saturday, May 17th, 5-8pm

AIA SANDCASTLE COMPETITION

Hosted by the Houston Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, teams of architects, designers and engineers will take their tools to East Beach in Galveston to create one of the world's largest sandcastle competitions. Looking for volunteers to help set up, monitor beach access, serve beer, and assist with judging. Complimentary t-shirts, food, drinks and LOADS OF FUN.

Volunteer for one or both shifts:

SHIFT A: 6-11am SHIFT B: 11am-5pm

Register below or email Derek if you want to volunteer!

WHAT: Volunteer at the AIA Sandcastle Competition www.aiasandcastle.com

WHERE: East Beach 1923 Boddeker Galveston, TX

MAP: <http://goo.gl/maps/yZNdW>

WHEN: Saturday, May 31st *RAIN or SHINE* 6:00am - 5:00pm (shifts)

FEE: This volunteer activity is free for members

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR: Derek Shoobridge

Trip Report Garmisch

Space City blew into Berlin in January for the pre-trip tour, along with the City's first snowfall of the season. Eighteen club members, along with several other Texas Ski Council clubs enjoyed sightseeing in a winter wonderland on a city tour which included photos at Checkpoint Charlie, viewing the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag. A tired crew headed to bed but a few like **Bob and Marilyn Davis** headed out to explore the surrounding area of the hotel. The fabulous fireplace surrounded by comfortable chairs in the hotel lobby was a popular meeting place the entire 4 days, as trip members came by with reports on their activities. KadeWe Department Store with its huge food halls was a magnet for the entire group. **Barbara Carlson, David Weathersby and Roger Holzman** dined in the beer garden there while others picked other German delicacies to enjoy. An Irish Pub in Berlin (who knew?), complete with music and dancing, was a popular spot for some in the group. **Frank and Susan Stanley** enjoyed the opportunity to connect with Berlin friends. **Frank Yu and his wife Sue Ann Chu** dined one night on duck and Frank proclaimed it "the best ever"! Rumor has it that Frank ate duck every chance he got on the trip.

Meanwhile, **Roger Holzman** was seen struggling with the hotel computers that for some reason only spoke German - an experience we all shared when we ventured online. Thursday, **Christie Burke, Margaret Walker and Betty Gosse** headed out early to the Museum District and almost the entire group followed, including **Sandy Schneider**

and **Peggy Strong**. Berlin pre-trip participants loved the Pergamon Museum, the primary visitor attraction on Berlin's museum island and home to more than 6,000 years of cultural history. After puffing up and then back down the foot-high stone steps of the ancient altar, the group all headed to the nearby Berlin Cathedral, the City's largest Protestant church, and gave thanks they survived.



Was that **John Salinas** we saw heading for the fitness facility? Perhaps John was taking too much advantage of the 3 course breakfasts Germans are famous for!

Barbara and John Brescian, along with **Marilyn and Bob Davis** enjoyed lunch atop the revolving restaurant at the TV Tower, a Berlin landmark, and Bob stopped at a nearby store to buy gloves - handy in the low 20's temperature of Berlin. Almost the entire group toured the dome high atop the Reichstag Parliament building, only to find it was like walking in an igloo in Alaska - the open top trapped the cold air in the space. John Brescian could be seen speed reading the placards.

After a 9-hour motorcoach ride to Garmisch, the group arrived at the Hotel Konigshof and joined the 31 new Space City arrivals from the U.S. and Moscow. Moscow? Club members **Bob and Carol Viktorin** currently are based there. The Texas Ski Council Winter Expedition now could officially begin.



Most nights, you could find workaholics **Brent McGibbon and Steve Nickels** in the lobby, trying to communicate via iPhone or iPad with the US. Trip Coordinator **Barbara Brescian** was spotted at St. Martin's Church, praying, no doubt for more snow.

Andy and Leslie Cashio were enjoying their day on the Garmisch slopes when Andy was sideswiped by a boarder – a fellow American, no less! A beginner snowboarder made an abrupt right turn and sat down coming into the lift line. This created a perfect yet unintended ski jump for Andy Cashio. He got high marks for distance but was unable to stick the landing. **Ali and Fred Pethick** had a blast on their first European ski venture.

No, that wasn't an Italian tenor staying at our Garmisch hotel, but **Evan Howell**, practicing in the hallways for his Happy Birthday serenade to **Christie Burke**, who celebrated her special day on the trip. **Sue Ann Chu** picked up a paper crown for her at

a nearby Burger King and picked up a spare for **David Weathersby**, who celebrated his birthday a few days later. **Laura Nowicki** got surprised with a cake at dinner for her birthday, and everyone in the Hotel Konigshof restaurant sang.

Mega shopper **Ann Rogers**, egged on by super mega shopper **Gloria Lopez**, hit the jackpot with the purchase of a mink coat for \$300 at a second-hand shop in Garmisch. She couldn't wait to walk in the door back in Houston and see the look on her husband's face.

All enjoyed the Garmisch-Partenkirchen's welcome event for the Texas Ski Council with hot spiced wine including **Senjit Sarkar, Tor Lileng, Cindy Moore, Debbie Cini and Jose Araujo**. At the event, **John Salinas**, thinking the mugs contained hot chocolate, added whipping cream to his cup, the hot gluwein coagulated before his eyes.



The high tech Garmisch area issued lift cards that skiers slipped into their pockets for reading when passing through the gates at the lifts and trams. Very cool.

After gondola-ing up the Garmisch Classic ski area, it didn't take **John Brescian** and

Bob Davis long to find the bar on the slopes and – you guessed it – the Pilsner Urquell. **Carol and Bobby Viktorin** skied hard and **Roger Holzman** reports he was exhausted trying to keep up with them.

By day, ski experts **Bob Whitten and Laura Nowicki** got the full alpine experience, while spouses **Jim Nowicki and Myra Whitten** found lots of sightseeing and Garmisch activities to keep them occupied. At night, the **Nowickis** and the **Whittens** headed to the Casino. **Marilyn, Bob Davis, Melissa and Bob Frazier** tried their hand there, too.

The **Whittens** and the **Nowickis** were also spotted at the lobby bar playing a lively hand of bridge. They had a couple of extra decks and loaned them out to **Sarah Granbery and Elizabeth Albright** who found a couple of easy marks in **Ralph Eureste and Charles Albright** for a mean game of spades. Everyone wanted in on the game so it became a rotation of players and partners. Just a few libations were enjoyed while dealing and bidding!



A brave group of folks traveled 1 hour and 15 minutes on a cog train moving up the mountain, partially through a dark tunnel. They then raced to a tram that rose vertically

to the 10,000 foot top of Zugspitze – quite literally, the “Top of Germany.” It was cold, it was windy, but they all faced the web cam and got the shot. No doubt the aromatic goulash in the restaurant was topped off with a glass of gold liquid following that adventure!



Garmisch skiing wasn't enough for ski diehards **Pete Mathieu, Ric Levi, Ralph Eureste, Dayle Hein and Joe Salley**, who rented a car and headed for St. Anton in Austria (incredibly, only a short drive away).

TSC Expedition Coordinator **Ross Baker** took a day off to train to Munich and sightsee – BMW museum anyone? Meanwhile, **John Brescian and Brent McGibbon** trained to Munich and then Stuttgart to spend the day at the Porsche factory and museum. Alas, all came home empty-handed. **Margaret Walker** headed via train for a day trip to Munich to visit friends.

The day excursions to Innsbruck, Austria and Neuschwanstein Castle were very popular with the entire TSC group. The bus was full both days with adventurers. **Bobby**

Viktorin managed to get a year's worth of shopping in during his free time in Innsbruck. He took his wife, **Carol**, to the Frey Willa store and took care of her February birthday, Valentine's Day, and anniversary. You know how to vacation, Carol! The following day the group traveled to the village of Fussen to tour just one of King Ludwig II's castles. Some folks walked up the hill to the castle while others enjoyed a horse drawn wagon ride. When we arrived at the top, we experienced rainbows and a glittery atmosphere on a frosty morning.



Meanwhile the adventure continued with the Prague post trip for 23 energetic Space City members. They partied the entire way on the 5-hour train ride to Prague – or so said the beverage cart guy who made numerous stops at the compartments occupied by **Debbie Cini, Cindy Moore, Ann Rogers and Gloria Lopez**.

Every day, most everyone scattered in all directions to visit the Royal Castle (the world's biggest), the Old Jewish Quarter, dating back to the 13th century, and Old Town Square with its incredible Astronomical Clock. If you want evidence, **Andy Cashio** was busy with his camera catching all the action. Most of the group opted to travel one day to Pilsen, home of

the Pilsen Urquell brewery. A glass poured straight from the vat? No problem!

Ross Baker even tried touring Prague by Segway- a bumpy proposition with all the cobblestones. **The Brescian's, the Frazier's, and the Davis's** enjoyed a scenic but chilly boat ride on the River Vltava.

The group broke off into various farewell dinners, the most unique in a church bell tower. **Jose Araujo** escorted **Betty Gosse, Sandy Schneider, Margaret Walker, and Peggy Strong** for dining with a panoramic view of the Prague lights.

The big question at trip's end was "Where are we going next year?" Count me in!

Barbara Brescian
TC - Garmisch

Trip Report Breckenridge

Another wonderful ski trip for the Club. We arrived to a beautiful sunshine day with 90 inches of snow. I have been skiing Breckenridge for 20+ years and this is the most snow I have ever encountered.



On the first day, everyone settled into their condo and then attended a Welcome Party with Vail Resorts giving an enthusiastic presentation and information on the new PEAK 6. The opening of Peak 6 represented one of the biggest and most notable ski area terrain expansions in North America in the past decade, and is the first expansion since Peak 7 opened in 2002. Even though it was Spring Break, the lift lines were not as crowded as I had anticipated and I think it was because of the additional Peak 6 opening which helped eliminate some of the crowds. Everyone was at Peak 6 trying out the new area.

Everyone was excited to get on the slopes. **Martin Bradley, Monika Trieb, Helene Robinson and Ellen Matson** wanted to room together and also have an additional day of skiing. **Helene and Ellen** have been close friends even though they live in different states, Helene in Montana and Ellen in New York. I understand **Martin and Monika** were out early each morning and did not return until the very end of the day. **Harriet and Whitney Leavell** along with the **Hutcheson's, Tom and Challie**, made sure they were able to ski as much terrain as possible. **Jennifer Ju**, one of our first time skiers with the club tried refreshing her snowboarding skills, while her roommate **Marda Waters** and I stuck to the nice easy runs. **Ash Moza** skied with another SCSC club member who has a condo in Silverthorne and came each day to Breckenridge. **Madhu Moza** was a trooper. She took lessons each day to improve. New members **Chris Ary** and **Alex Landon** made the most of each day on the slopes. **Chuck Britton and John Gay**, we did not see much of them until it was time for a party. They

were out each day enjoying the mountain. **The Kupers, Linda and Stan**, drew the black bean and had to room with me. **Linda Kuper** skied the first day and had an injury that took her off the slopes for the remainder of the trip. Stan continued to enjoy skiing each day. My husband, **Jesse**, tried skiing for the first time in 15 years, but decided snowmobiling was a better choice.



We also had a wonderful person shadow our trip. **Nina Jannetti**, who has a home in Breckenridge and wanted to enjoy our ski club company. So, thanks Nina.

Breckenridge has something for everyone. The last day was very snowy so **Marda** and I made the most of it and went shopping. I know some of our members enjoyed the night life, we would see them in town in the evening having dinner or just walking around. Wednesday was another beautiful clear day to head back to Denver for the connecting flights home.

Pat Finch
TC – Breckenridge

Member Profile - Fred and Ali Pethick

Thank you both for agreeing to this interview. How long have you lived in Houston?

Fred--We've been here 6 years. I moved here on business. **Ali**--I came shortly thereafter. We moved from Massachusetts.

What do you do?

Ali--I am a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. All states have programs that help people with chronic injuries/disabilities find and maintain employment. We are given an opportunity to be creative in order to address individual needs. I have been in this field for 25 years— I went back to school for my Master's Degree 5 years ago. I taught adaptive skiing for 10 years, which is teaching disabled people how to ski.

Fred--I am a chemical engineer. **How did you get into that?** **Fred**--In high school I scored the highest in math.



What do you like to do outside of work?

Ali--we are into scuba diving. Fred and I were married underwater in the Blue Grotto in Florida. Then we discovered skiing.

What is your favorite thing to do in Texas?

Ali--we love to get out of the city and see what's out there. We love Big Bend and Marfa and The McDonald observatory and Balmoral. It surprises us how many people in Houston have never heard of even one of those. The scenic drive along the Rio Grande was featured in National Geographic as one of the most scenic drives in the world. It's positively awesome.

If money or time were not an object, what would you do?

Ali--I would live in snow country. **Fred**— I would live on top of a mountain.

You are a member of SCSC. How did that come about?

Ali— First thing we did when we moved here was look for a ski club. We didn't hold our breath but we found one. We enjoy making friends with people that have similar interests. **Fred**--skiing the Alps was on my bucket list and I got to do that on the Garmisch trip.

Last but not least— what is something most people don't know about you?

Ali--I was born in Brooklyn, NY and I've been face to face with a shark. **Fred**--I was born in the Poconos, in PA.

Jan--you'll find out more about Ali Pethick in her profile as the new VP of Membership. Thanks for volunteering, Ali! We'll see the two of you at the next SCSC event.

Jan Ferrell
VP of Membership

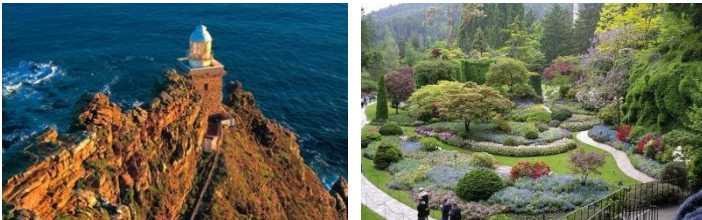
Once in a life time opportunity to visit...

South Africa

2014 TSC Summer Expedition Sept 19-30

The first stop of the tour will take us to Kariëga Private Game Reserve, just a short drive from our arrival city of Port Elizabeth. **Our first three days** we stay at the reserve provides the opportunity for us to enjoy an evening wildlife safari upon arrival and then two wildlife safaris daily thereafter.

For details go to <http://www.texas-ski.org/>



On **day four** we move on to Tsitsikamma (Garden Route). We will stay at Tsitsikamma Village Inn. We have the opportunity to explore the Tsitsikamma Forest. After an early breakfast is enjoyed, **day five** takes us to the Knysna Lagoon to enjoy the featherbed excursion over the Knysna Lagoon to the Featherbed Nature Reserve. After lunch at the reserve we continue our day's journey up the Outeniqua Pass to Oudtshoorn. In Oudtshoorn we will rest up for the night and get ready for the next day's adventure

Day six finds us traveling to the Cango Caves for a fantastic caving experience. As

we leave the Cango area, we will stop at working ostrich farm to learn how this area has excelled in this industry. From there we move on towards Cape Town, along the famous Route 62.

And on the seventh day God rested but we will not as we will have a full day of touring the city of Cape Town, visiting the main attractions: Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, Cape Point, Simons Town, Boulders Beach (Penguins) and the parliament Buildings.

It will be another full day on day eight as we find ourselves touring a minimum of three wine farms, with a cellar tour and wine tasting.



Day nine finds us visiting Table Mountain and Robben Island. Table Mountain is a natural World Heritage site and a natural New Seven Wonders of the World site. It provides a magnificence backdrop to cosmopolitan Cape Town. Robben Island, originally part of the mainland, is a World Heritage Site and a poignant reminder to the newly democratic South Africa, of the price paid for freedom. Day ten finds us having to depart from Cape Town International Airport for home, full of wonderful memories and experiences of a life time. (Yes it is an 11 day tour because it takes a full day just to get to this fabulous place from Texas.)



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Trip Coordinator (TC)/ Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC) 2014-2015 Application

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

Please complete this form and return to 2014-2015 V.P. of Trips, Susan Blome, PO Box 22567, Houston, TX 77227 or email to trips@spacecity.org

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

Position you are applying for: _____TC _____ATC _____Either

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

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

_____TSC (Texas Ski Council) ____Club (SCSC) _____Either

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

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

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

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

Preferred dates (If any): _____

Are you available for monthly SCSC meetings usually the 2nd Monday of the month? Yes ____ No ____

(September-May)

Are you available for monthly SCSC happy hours usually the 4th Thursday of the month? Yes ____ No ____

Are you available to attend 2 to 3 training sessions? Yes ____ No ____

(Training sessions likely will be May, June or July 2014)

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

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

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

SCSC-Ski Trips Taken

Non-SCSC Ski Trips Taken

Year	Trip	Year	Trip	Year	Trip	Year	Trip

Other Volunteer Experience: (Start with most recent)

Year	Organization/Office	Year	Organization/Office

Computer experience:

_____Microsoft Word _____Microsoft Excel _____Other

Do you have access to a computer at home or work? _____Yes _____No

Do you have access to a fax machine at home or work? _____Yes _____No

Can you make & receive SCSC related phone calls at work? _____Yes _____No

Can you send & receive SCSC related e-mail at work? _____Yes _____No

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

Why are you interested in running a SCSC ski trip?

Our Leadership Team

President	Melinda Hughes	president@spacecity.org
VP of Activities	Gayle Dale	activities@spacecity.org
VP of Trips	Susan Blome	trips@spacecity.org
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Houston, TX 77024
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