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SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

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**NEW LOCATION: The HESS Club- 5430 Westheimer**

**Monday, November 12th @ 6:30—9:00 pm**

## From Mission Control

*by Sandra McCunis, President*

The SCSC October General Meeting was well attended even though there was a Texans game on the same evening. I feel sure that we lost a few people to the game but we still had a crowd of about 75 people. The members and guests that attended enjoyed our meeting. Since we moved to the HESS Club, I have received many positive comments about our new location.

Sara Clemons with Sports America was our guest speaker at the October meeting and she shared some very useful travel tips to help make our trips more enjoyable. We also launched our new website at the meeting and Lynda Meyer, our Director of Communications, gave a demonstration on how to manage your trips and activities online. After the many hours that Lynda devoted to implementing a new and improved website, we were pleased to be able to present it to our members. If you are not familiar with our new website yet, please login to [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org) and take a tour.

It was announced at the October meeting that the executive committee had voted to amend the Bylaws and change the age required to apply for membership with SCSC to 21. The age for membership in past years was 21 until the Bylaws were amended to the age of 18 on April 11, 2011. Since that date, we have eliminated our dual

membership and added a family membership which will include all family members up to the age of 21. We also feel that it is in our best interest to require members to be not less than the age of 21 since we serve alcohol at our meetings. We will hold a vote of the general membership at our meeting on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> to approve amending the Bylaws. Please see the Special Notice in this publication.

Marty Kaminsky, an SCSC member, will give a presentation on "Ski & Travel Photography Techniques" at our General Meeting on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Marty has taught photography courses at San Jacinto Community College and has recently exhibited his photography and woodturning at an SJC Fine Arts show. Join us to learn about these tips and techniques to improve your photos.

We have added a Caribbean Cruise out of San Juan, Puerto Rico to our trips for this season. The details for this exciting trip are posted on our website. We are also considering an adventure trip to Aspen during their music festival this summer. Please let us know if you have suggestions for other travel destinations.

Please mark your calendar for Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and plan to join us at the HESS Club for our General Meeting. Also, invite a friend!



## Countdown to Liftoff

*By Ann Rogers, V.P. of Trips*

Have you signed up for your ski trip? I sure hope so! Several trips are now Full and have waiting lists. The Vail trip is a little more than a month away! Those participants will soon be zooming down the slopes of Vail. If you were not able to sign-up for Vail or Steamboat, what about one of our other trips? Taos, Telluride, Mt. Bachelor, Beaver Creek or Big Sky, all have space available. These are wonderful places to ski and enjoy the beauty of the mountains. The Big Sky trip is over Spring Break so bring the kids and have some fun.

After ski season is done, how about taking a Caribbean cruise? We are running a trip to the Southern Caribbean May 5 - 12, 2013. The cruise ship is the Carnival



Valor, a 4 star cruise ship. This cruise will depart from San Juan, Puerto Rico on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will visit several islands on our journey, Barbados, St. Thomas, St. Kitts, St. Lucia and St. Maarten. Craig Campbell is the trip coordinator for the cruise and has all the details. We are selling this trip as a "Land Only"; you arrange your airfare into San Juan, Puerto Rico. So come a day early and enjoy a relaxing day in San Juan, Puerto Rico!

I hope you were at last month's meeting where Lynda Meyer demonstrated our new website. Our new website allows participants to register online for trips. We are working on making this process streamlined and eliminate some of the paperwork we have done in the past. I hope you check out the new website and let us know what you think. See you on the slopes very soon

## Having A Blast!

By Cindy Moore, V.P. of Activities

Our new web site is in full swing and with that comes some changes in how to sign up for activities. You now should go straight to the web site to "register" for all activities. You then have the option to pay with pay pal on the spot for no extra fee, choose "pay the activity coordinator in person", or send a check. It helps everyone involved if you make sure you go to [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org) to register for all activities no matter how you want to pay. It is also very important that you sign in as a member before registering/paying as often there are member discounts for an activity and if you don't sign in you will be charged the non-member higher price! Now, for the activities for the remainder of this year.

The 6 week salsa class, also taught by Michael Stephens at The Dance Place has started and culminates in a Christmas party on the last night of 12-19-12. They will again be 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Pay now on Pay Pal, at the meeting or send a check to reserve your spot at Ann Dorn's always packed fall wine tasting party and dinner on Saturday 11-17-12. Tons of interesting wines, as well as fabulous cuisine, including some very special gourmet desserts this year, are all included in this annual, popular SCSC social event. She usually ends the night with dancing, piano music or both! You will not want to miss this Saturday night event. It is filling up extremely fast!

The 26 spots for the 12-01-12 to 12-02-12 overnight gambling trip to Louisiana to the fabulous Paragon Casino Resort are also disappearing quickly. A mere \$58.00 nets you round trip bus transportation, double occupancy at Paragon Casino Resort, as well as \$30.00 in spending money. Besides gambling there are all kinds of activities to choose from including golf, movies in a theater, live entertainment/dancing, swimming, an ice bar with a D.J., even an alligator



moat! Your AC is Marianne Pearce, [marian-netx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marian-netx@sbcglobal.net). Don't wait until there are no spots left to register!

December 16th Kay McKeough is the hostess and AC for her renowned Museum of Fine Arts excursion and Christmas Cocktail party. Be one of the first to see the Prado Exhibit on loan from Spain on opening weekend and enjoy cocktails and her incredible heavy hors d'oeuvres at her home following the museum! Sign up at the upcoming general meeting or online as this event is a day prior to our December general meeting! Members are limited to one guest for this event.

And now for what is in the works for 2013.....

Jan Ferrell is gearing up for the SCSC start line for the **Chevron Houston Marathon**. If you are not going to Steamboat, please contact her to see how you can help. This event will be a huge boost to our club marketing for new active, younger members. If you want to help our club with getting new members, and give back to our great community of Houston at the same time, you will want to seriously consider volunteering. Besides, several free parties are included and you will have FUN!

I am working on the following activities for winter and spring 2013: A spectacular super bowl party that will also have the potential to net us some new members, a Rockets game, a theater play production and a musical theater production, a Memorial Day weekend get-away to Fredricksburg, TX a Prom night dance, a Dynamo game and a possible rollerblade/bike outing with picnic. I also still would like to convene a committee to put together a road rally. This can't be accomplished without a group of 3 or 4 committed people to help with this. I have a place for the ending party, but need people to help make this event happen. I only have activity coordinators for a few of the above activities so if you would like to coordinate any of the above events, or have ideas for any other interesting events, let me know ASAP!

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Jan Ferrell, VP Membership

Exciting news! We had a membership drive in October and the winner of the \$50 voucher towards a ski trip went to **Mary Heafner**. Congratulations, Mary!!

**IMPORTANT!** If you refer someone to our club and they become a member, they must enter your name when they apply online. It goes in the very last question data field. Your name will then be entered in a drawing for another voucher.

Volunteers to help at the membership table are always appreciated. Ask anyone who has helped in the past how great it is to meet and greet our members and guests. Now is your chance to put a name to a face and vice versa.

While the tours are 30 minutes long starting at 6:30pm, most volunteers find themselves staying longer because it is a lot of fun. So-o-o-o, if you are interested please email me at [jferrell123@att.net](mailto:jferrell123@att.net) and I will always find a slot for you.

**Don't forget**—you can change/add/delete any of your membership information at [spacecity.org](http://spacecity.org). If you need help with logging in, don't hesitate to email me.

**THINK SNOW!!**



## Calendar of Events

- 11-7-12 **Dance Lessons** - Start of the Salsa lessons every Wednesday of the month for 6 weeks through 12-19-12. Christmas party snacks included on 12-19-12 with extended floor time to dance. AT THE TIME OF THIS WRITING 4 MEN NEEDED--WAIT LIST FOR LADIES. The Dance Place, 3300 Chimney Rock, Suite 500, Houston, TX 77058 AC Sharon Simandl, [ssimandl@hotmail.com](mailto:ssimandl@hotmail.com)
- 11-12-12 **November General Meeting**, The HESS Club, 5430 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77036, 6:30 to 8:30
- 11-15-12 **Happy hour** - one week early because of Thanksgiving, Sylvia's Enchilada Kitchen, 6401 Woodway, Houston, TX 77057, One block East of Voss, bar drinks and house wines \$4.00 all night for SCSC! Outdoor covered patio.
- 11-17-12 **Wine Tasting party** - Taste all kinds of wine to your heart's content and eat Ann Dorn's fabulous cooking for a dinner buffet. Gourmet desserts will also be served this year! 1635 S. Medio River Circle Sugar Land, TX 77478, 7:00 to 11:30. AC Ann Dorn, [ann\\_dorn@yahoo.com](mailto:ann_dorn@yahoo.com)
- 12-01-12 to 12-02-12, **Overnight trip** to Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville, LA, Includes round trip bus transportation, double occupancy at Paragon Casino Resort, all kinds of activities to choose from golf, live entertainment, dancing, swimming, movie theatre, ice bar with D.J., alligator moat) and, of course, gambling! Only 26 spots. AC is Marianne Pearce, [mariannetx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mariannetx@sbcglobal.net).
- 12-16-12 **Tour & Party** - Exclusive tour of the Museum of Fine Arts exhibit of masterpieces from Madrid's Prado Museum on opening weekend followed by a cocktail party with elaborate hors d'oeuvres follows at Kay McKeough's home. Meet at 4:45 P.M. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at the MFA Beck Building for our timed (5:00 p.m.) entry—no late admissions. Cocktail Party: (located between the Galleria and Highland Village; just South of Westheimer.) **Final refund date** 11-15-12. Contact: Kay McKeough at [kaymckeough@gmail.com](mailto:kaymckeough@gmail.com) or 713-622-2715
- 12-17-12, **December General Meeting**, The HESS Club, 5430 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77036, 6:30 to 8:30 Come to this Christmas social meeting with dancing and some instruction by SSQQ!
- 12-20-12, **December Happy Hour** - one week early The Memorial Wine Cellar, 7951 Katy Freeway, Suite. B, Houston, TX 77024. (Between Chimney Rock and Antoine on the south side of Katy Freeway.) Come out and celebrate the holidays with your SCSC friends! One dollar off of wines and beer until 7:00 p.m. If we have more than 30 attendees from our club he will extend happy hour until 8:00 for us!
- 01-13-13 **MARATHON** - SCSC RUNS THE START LINE FOR THE CHEVRON HOUSTON MARATHON. DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! SEE JAN FERRELL IF INTERESTED AT [jferrell123@att.net](mailto:jferrell123@att.net)

## TEXAS SKI COUNCIL YOUTH FOUNDATION

By Cindy Moore, TSCYF President

### WIN STEAMBOAT LODGING BY REFERRING THE MOST FAMILIES TO JOIN SCSC

Greetings from the Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation (TSCYF) Board! We recently voted to implement a contest to encourage TSC club members to get new families to join TSC clubs. The grand prize is a three-night stay in a two-bedroom/two-bath condominium at one of Steamboat's 26 properties donated by TSC President Tere Mayne. It can be used from now through March 27<sup>th</sup> 2014! The winner will be the TSC club member contest participant who refers the most new member families to join a TSC Club during 2012-2013 ski season. If there is a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the winner. Recruitment of at least 3 new families is required to participate in the contest. A family is defined as at least one adult and one youth. The winner will not be able to resell this prize.

Any TSC club member, excluding TSCYF board members, are eligible to win. Any family recruited between April 1, 2012 and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 will count towards this contest. The official ending date of this contest is March 31<sup>st</sup> 2013. Membership must be verified by the participating club's VP of Membership and validated by the President of the organization. The president and VP of Membership for the participating club must also verify that the contestant was the person who referred the family to join their club. Submittals and questions should be made to Camille LaRoe, VP of Final Showdown, at [Camille\\_laroe@yahoo.com](mailto:Camille_laroe@yahoo.com). Good luck to you all and go out and refer, refer, refer!!!!

# SCSC Ski Trip Schedule 2012—2013

**\*\*Trip Price Cash/Check Discounts (Domestic)—**Subtract \$50 on Full Trip Pkgs & \$35 on Land/Short Trip

Destination	Trip Dates	FPD	Trip \$	TC	ATC
Vail, CO—Short Trip	Dec 8-12, 2012 (Sat-Weds)	30-Oct-12	Land \$594	Judy Schiro jschiro1@comcast.net 832-689-9365	
Vail, CO—Long Trip	Dec 8-12, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	30-Oct-12	Land \$924	Judy Schiro jschiro1@comcast.net 832-689-9365	
Steamboat Springs, CO TSC Traditional	Jan 12-19, 2013 (Sat– Sat)	12-Nov-12	Full \$1,423 Land \$904	Anne M. Thomas annemthomas1@yahoo.com 713-589-3660	Melinda Hughes
Granda & Torremolinos, Spain TSC Winter Expedition	Jan 25-Feb2, 2013 (Fri-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Full \$2,127 Land \$1,115	George Lopez GJL_ASTI@yahoo.com 856 296 9399	
Zermatt, Switzerland	Feb 1-9, 2013 (Fri-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Full \$2,243 Land \$1,225	Arlen Isham aisham@consolidated.net 713-560-0187	
Telluride, CO TSC Winter Shootout	Feb 9-16, 2013 (Sat-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Full \$1,367 Land \$826	Betty Donellan bettyrelaw@gmail.com 310-775-9215	
Taos, NM Short Trip	Feb 16-20,2013 (Sat-Weds)	12-Nov-12	Full \$1,103 Land \$634	Lynda Meyer lynda_meyer@yahoo.com 713-775-9215	
Taos, NM Long Trip	Feb 16-23,2013 (Sat-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Land \$947	Lynda Meyer lynda_meyer@yahoo.com 713-775-9215	
Mt. Bachelor, OR Long Trip	Feb 23-Mar2, 2013 (Sat-Sat)		Full \$1,297 Land \$726	Ellen Eastham eeastham@prodigy.net 281-989-9935	
Beaver Creek, CO	Mar 5-10, 2013 (Tues—Sun)	12-Jan-13	Full \$1,169	Helene Robinson helenerobinson@mac.com 954-253-1681	
Big Sky, Montana TSC Final Showdown	Mar 9-16,2013 (Sat-Sat)	9-Dec-12	Land \$963	Candance TenBrink Candance@ctenbrink.com 312-543-1151	Abhi Gami
Ireland	Sept 6 -14, 2013 (Thurs-Fri)	13-May-13	Full \$1,983 Land \$1,011	Sandy Wellhausen Sandywp.ski@gmail.com 281-996-8653	Sean O'Brien

## Space City Ski Club

## 2011-2012 Executive Committee

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	Jose Araujo
713-662-0493	Bill Bomberger
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281-894-4203	



## Oct General Meeting & Halloween Party





## Website Tips – from Lynda Meyer, Director of Communications

Unless you've been living under a rock, you know we have launched a new website:  
[www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org) -- please bookmark it for easy access.

Through a series of columns in the newsletter, I'll be sharing helpful tips and highlighting new features on the website you will want to use. In this issue, I'll touch on the following:

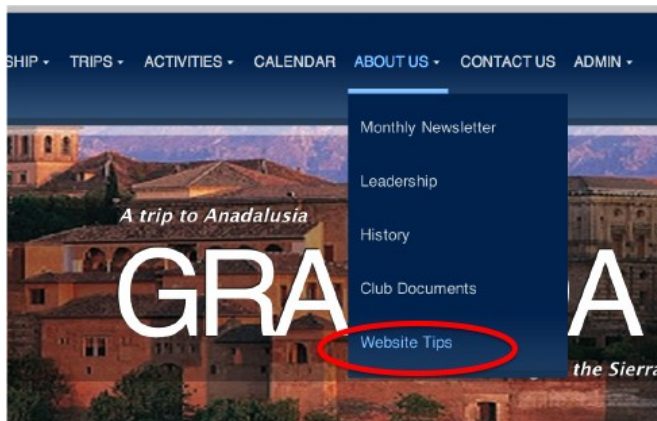
USERID/PASSWORD HELP  
SIGNING UP FOR YOUR TRIP OPTIONS ONLINE  
THE FINANCIAL ADVANTAGES OF SIGNING ON

### USERID/PASSWORD HELP

The most common questions this month were "I forgot my password" and "what's my userid?" On the new website, you can retrieve your userid and you can reset your password. I've created a video [on the website](#) to show you how to do this.

To find helpful website video tips on the website as they are created:

Click on ABOUT US, and then WEBSITE TIPS



PLAY the video you are interested in (there's just one currently)

### SIGNING UP ONLINE FOR TRIP OPTIONS, SUCH AS LIFT TICKETS

The new website allows you to choose your trip options. For example, you've made a deposit on the Taos Ski Trip and want to purchase your lift tickets. Sign up for Taos Ski Trip Options and you can select your ski tickets, Ski week (if you purchase a 6-day lift ticket), and choose whether you wish to join the group dinner. Using this online sign-up will really help your TC.

Currently we only accept checks for trip options – just follow the mailing directions the website provides.

### THE FINANCIAL ADVANTAGE OF SIGNING ON

If an event that has different pricing for members and non-members, **you have to sign-on to take advantage of the member pricing.** We're going to mark all the activities with this dual pricing with this icon:



It's super easy to have the website AUTOMATICALLY sign you on, so you won't have to remember to do so each time...and you'll get the special member pricing each time. Just click the 'remember me' box on the member login when, then click the 'Login' button. If you change browsers or delete all your cookies, you will have to set this up again.

A screenshot of the 'MEMBER LOGIN' form. The form is blue with white text. It contains a username field with 'lmeyer55' entered, a password field with six dots, a 'Remember me' checkbox which is checked, a 'Login' button, and two links: 'Forgot login?' and 'Register'.

## SPECIAL NOTICE:

Space City Ski Club will hold a vote of the general membership at the General Meeting on Monday, December 17, 2012 to amend Article 2.1 of the ByLaws.

"Qualifications: Membership is open to those persons not less than 18 years of age who are interested in promoting the object of this club".

We will vote to approve changing the age to qualify for membership in SCSC to 21 years. Please see details in President's article.



### *Paragon Casino Resort Overnight Trip Saturday 12/1 12 thru Sunday 12/2/12*

**\$58**

Enjoy a fun bus ride with movies to Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville, LA. Your \$58.00 includes overnight double occupancy accommodations, \$30.00 in cash perks, roundtrip motorcoach transportation, luggage tags and handling. Resort amenities include gambling, spa, golf, pool, entertainment (Memphis All Stars live band and D.J.), variety music and dancing at an ice bar, as well as a moat with alligators and an international buffet including prime rib and snow crabs. Take advantage of this incredible deal for a local gambling extravaganza! (\$98.00 for single occupancy)

Final Payment 11/12/2012

Travel package provided by First Class Tours

Departure 9:30am Sunday Return 8:30pm

Click [here](#) to register now.

Activity Coordinator : [Marianne Pearce](#)

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