



# *The Sitzmarke*

SPACE CITY SKI CLUB [www.spacecityskiclub.org](http://www.spacecityskiclub.org)



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## Space City Ski Club February General Meeting

Monday, February @ 6:30 pm to 9:00pm

**Relocation Notice—Dave & Busters**

### From Mission Control

by Sandra McCunis, President

The SCSC annual Sunshine Kids Auction was held at the January General Meeting and we raised almost \$3000. I would like to thank the members that donated and purchased items to make our auction a success. I especially want to thank Peggy Montgomery who made a trip from Austin to be the chairman, Leona Schroeder for organizing this event and Diane Stotz for volunteering to be on the committee.

Please join SCSC for a Valentine's Day Dance at our General Meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> at Dave & Busters. We will be featuring dance instruction by award winning dancer Michael Stephens of Time 2 Dance. He will be teaching a class on slow dancing with partners. Bring your partner or grab one at the meeting and have some fun while brushing up on your dance moves. It will be time to stop watching and start dancing!

Our monthly Happy Hour will be at Sullivan's at 4608 Westheimer on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. You can enjoy listening to soft jazz music by their pianist while



mingling with your SCSC friends. Please help us to promote our club by inviting your friends and co-workers to join us.

The Texas Ski Council 2012 Ski Bid Fest will be held on the weekend of March 30 thru April 1 in San Antonio. We will be staying at the historic Drury Plaza on the beautiful San Antonio River Walk. All members are invited to attend and it will be an opportunity to you to participate in the decision of which TSC trips our club chooses to support for the 2012-2013 season. The Drury Plaza will offer discounted room rates for reservations made by March 9<sup>th</sup>. The link to the Delegate and Guests registration is: <http://www.texas-ski.org/insidetsc/Meetings.htm>. Our SCSC representative and TSC Ski Bid Fest Chair is Camille LaRoe and you can contact her at [camille.laroe@sylvania.com](mailto:camille.laroe@sylvania.com) if you have additional questions.

I also want to thank our members who volunteered their time to serve on the nominating committee to select the candidates for the 2012-2013 officers. We will be announcing the nominees at our February General Meeting. I will look forward to seeing you at Dave & Buster's!

### Countdown to Liftoff

By Jim Hodges, V.P. of Trips

Last call for skiers!!! Our remaining ski trips are to Heavenly-Lake Tahoe, Big Sky, Breckenridge and Sun Valley. If you are interested in joining one of these trips, please let the Trip Coordinator know. Most of these trips are taking names for a stand-by list, however as you have no doubt noticed with our email blasts we frequently have someone that needs to drop off a trip and a spot becomes available.

You may be surprised to know that it is time to start thinking about our ski trips for the 2012-



2013 ski season! Bidfest is scheduled for March 30 to April 1. As soon as Bidfest is over, we will start working on the trip calendar for next year. Having a good trip starts with having a good Trip Coordinator and Assistant Trip Coordinator. This is probably the most important job in our club and none of the fabulous trips we all enjoy would be possible if our club members did not volunteer their time to help with the planning and organizing of the trips. Please let us know if you are interested in applying for either the TC or ATC positions. You can download an application form from the Space City Ski Club website. If you have trouble downloading the form, let me know and I will email to you.

## Ski Trip Schedule 2011-2012

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

Destination	Trip Dates	FPD	Trip \$	TC	ATC
Banff, Canada	Feb 4-11, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	21-Nov-11	Full \$1230 Land \$700	Arlen Isham aisham@consolidated.net 713-560-0187	
Heavenly-Lake Tahoe, CA TSC Winter Shootout	Feb 11-18, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	1-Nov-11	Full \$995 Land \$579	Bob Olsen bobolsen1@comcast.net 713-530-9068	Maria Mendez mendez_me@yahoo.com 281-797-7084
Big Sky, MT	Feb 25 - Mar 3 (Sat-Sat)	14-Nov-11	Full \$1,219 Land \$816 Beverly.borroughs.roberts@gmail.com	Beverly Roberts 281-496-4897	Jill Nanney 832-251-7097 pj_nanney@hotmail.com
Breckenridge, CO Short Trip	Mar 3-7, 2012 (Sat-Weds)	14-Nov-11	Full \$829 Land \$502	Patty Finch finchp@gtlaw.com 936-520-1486	Louella Steller ljdms@aol.com 832-723-9529
Sun Valley, Idaho TSC Final Showdown	Mar 10-17, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	1-Dec-11	Full \$1,352 Land \$841	Ann Rogers rogersae@msn.com 281-703-0454	Ray Villareal rdforce1@yahoo.com 713-344-3625
Galapagos TSC Summer Expedition	August 1-10, 2012 (Weds-Fri)	19-Mar-12	Land Only \$3,563 Cash Disc \$100	Melinda Hughes home@angeloproductions.com 936-825-7039	

### IMPORTANT - DECEMBER SITZMARKE ISSUE STARTS ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION

Due to rising printing costs, SCSC will start emailing the Sitzmarke to our member's email addresses instead of mailing a hard copy. Starting December 2011, the club newsletter to your email address with a link to a .pdf file to view, print and save.

For those who wish to still receive a hard copy, please send email to [vppublications@spacecityskiclub.org](mailto:vppublications@spacecityskiclub.org) and you will be added to the list to receive mailed copies.

Space City Ski Club	2011-2012 Executive Committee		Board of Directors	
President	Sandra McCunis	semccunis@aol.com	281-463-7717	
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### Calendar of Events

02/13/12     **February General Meeting** - Dave & Buster's 6010 Richmond Ave. - 6:30 to 9:00 PM  
02/20/12     **ExCom Meeting** at Hin's Restaurant - 6:30 PM  
02/23/12     **February Happy Hour** - Sullivan's - 4608 Westheimer - 5:30 to 9:00 PM  
03/05/12     **ExCom Meeting** at Hin's Restaurant - 6:30 PM  
03/12/12     **March General Meeting** - Dave & Buster's 6010 Richmond Ave. - 6:30 to 9:00 PM  
03/22/12     **March Happy Hour** - Capone's - 4304 Westheimer @ Mid Lane - 5:30 to 9:00 PM  
03/30/12 - 04/01/12 - **TSC Ski BidFest** - San Antonio



*Happy Hour 1/26/12 at Masraff's*





6/11 HH @Noveau Antique Bar, Great American Trailer Park Musical, Volunteer Party,  
7/11HH @ Chuys, 8/11 HH@Benjys on Washington







**March 30- April 1, 2012**

**DRURY PLAZA  
105 S. Saint Mary's  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
1-800-325-0720**

[www.druryhotels.com](http://www.druryhotels.com)



Texas Ski Council Delegates, Texas Ski Club members, Ski Resort Representatives, Vendors and Guests from around the world, come join us for 2012 Ski Bid Fest held by popular demand once again in historic and fun filled San Antonio, Texas!

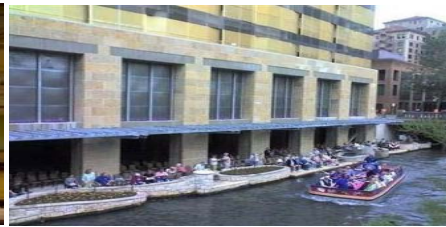
The Historic Drury Plaza has been restored from the previous Alamo Bank Building. It features stunning architecture, comfortable rooms and suites, a rooftop pool and Drury's famous free extras. There's little missing from this hotel equation. Best of all, their riverside doors offer direct access to the beautiful San Antonio River Walk.

Room rates will be \$135.00 per standard room and \$145.00 per suite, plus applicable taxes per night with reservations made **by March 9, 2012**. On March 10, 2012 regular room rates will apply. Hotel guests receive complimentary hot breakfast and 5:30 Kickback with appetizers and beverages.

**\*\*Discounted Valet Parking \$12 per car per night. Self parking available at offsite garage across the street.**

**Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-325-0720 Refer to the TSC group number 2123813.**

**Click for hotel details.** <https://www.druryhotels.com/propertyoverview.aspx?property=0130&frombooking=true>



**As a Ski Bid Fest participant you are invited to attend:**

- Thursday Happy Hour – location on River Walk TBA hosted by Los Amigos.
- Friday, March 30th - TSC Golf Scramble Challenge or Historic Trolley Ride. See sign up forms for these event costs.
- Friday evening—Early registration and reception with cash bar and appetizers.
- Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>—Bid presentations from ski areas from around the world. New destinations and some of your favorites. Saturday lunch included in registration.
- Saturday afternoon - The Ski Bid Fest Vendors Show, which attracts over 50 ski resorts and other travel and ski related vendors.
- Saturday night—Silent Auction with great items donated from participating vendors and ski clubs. Racing award presentations. Buffet dinner, cash bar and musical entertainment.
- Sunday, April 1st— Final Bid Presentations and Announcements of 2012–13 destinations!

**Access the link below to register:**

**Vendor:** <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=ruztm6bab&oeidk=a07e5i010lo13ee1ac8>

**Delegate:** <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=ruztm6bab&oeidk=a07e5i0z2c3d93e0a6f>

***Mark your calendars now and attend this fun filled event.***

**Contact: Camille LaRoe—Bid Committee Chair** [camille.laroe@sylvania.com](mailto:camille.laroe@sylvania.com) 281-686-2274

# Take the challenge:

## TSC Youth Foundation Fundraising Contest November 1, 2011 - March 1, 2012



### Raise funds for the TSC Youth Foundation and win!

Fundraising season is upon us, and TSCYF needs your help. Raise the most funds in our current campaign, and you can win:

**1st place:** 2 nights lodging, Drury Plaza Hotel Riverwalk, San Antonio<sup>1</sup>

**2nd place:** \$200 voucher towards a flight on Southwest Airlines<sup>2</sup>

Any current TSC Club member<sup>3</sup> in good standing is eligible to participate. See complete rules and regulations on reverse.



### Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation 501(c)(3)

In today's world of increasing childhood demands, the Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation was created to help promote family exercise in the winter months. By partnering with resorts in the ski industry the TSCYF also promotes the family unit by requiring that the children attend with adult family members. Founded in 2004, the TSCFY creates ongoing programs to help families defray expenses associated with snow sport lessons for children on TSC trips during winter break and spring break.

To learn more about TSCYF, contact us:

<http://www.texas-ski.org/tscyf>

[info@tscyf.org](mailto:info@tscyf.org) 713-984-1060



# TSC Youth Foundation Fundraising Contest



## Rules and Regs

### <sup>3</sup>Eligibility

Any current TSC Club member in good standing, including TSCYF Committee Members but excluding TSC Youth Foundation Board members, who raises a minimum of \$500 is eligible to participate in the contest.

### Dates:

Contest starts November 1, 2011 and closes March 1, 2012.

### Suggested fund raising methods:

- Provide corporations with TSCYF supplied marketing material and obtain corporate funds. Funds obtained this way have to be referred back to a member fund raiser. There are 3 ways to obtain contest credit.
  - Preferred method: Obtain the check, made out to TSC Youth Foundation, and deliver it to any member of the TSCYF Board.
  - Next preferred method: The member emails [Info@TSCYF.org](mailto:Info@TSCYF.org) to expect a donation from this corporation and give their name, phone number and club affiliation.
  - Least preferred method: The Corporation can notify the President and/or Treasurer at the time of the donation to credit the member with the donation. The corporation would need to provide TSCYF with the members name, email, phone number and club affiliation so appropriate credit can be given.
- Organize and carry out a fund raising event: auction, sports tournament, social event, etc. All funds raised through the organized event will be credited to the organizer.

### Prizes (the good stuff!):

Two prizes (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>) will be awarded after the fund raising cycle to the two eligible club members who bring in the most funds (money or usable services) to the TSCYF by contest end date. In case of a tie for either of the two prizes, a drawing will be conducted by the President at either the next TSCYF Board meeting or the next TSCYF Fundraising committee meeting following 3/1/12 but prior to 3/15/12.

Contest winners will be notified by March 15, 2011 by email and phone and will be announced in the next available TSC Newsletter.

<sup>1</sup>FIRST PRIZE: Two nights lodging at The Drury Plaza Hotel Riverwalk, San Antonio (expiration date 8/9/12)

<sup>2</sup>SECOND PRIZE: \$200.00 voucher and cash equivalent to \$200.00 towards a flight on Southwest Airlines (expiration date 8/5/12)



## Sponsorship Levels

### Platinum Sponsor \$10,000+

- Up to \$1000 voucher to be used on any Texas Ski Council domestic trip. Valid through any TSC member club.
- One complimentary room for two nights at the Texas Ski Council Bid Fest 2012 and a complimentary Bid Fest registration for two on the San Antonio Riverwalk.
- One complimentary Texas Ski Council Bid Fest 2012 Ski Show booth.
- Recognition as Platinum Sponsor on all TSCYF 2011-12 marketing materials.
- Sponsor's web link/logo on the TSCYF web site.
- Up to a 15 foot banner\* prominently displayed at all TSCYF trip parties, races and events. Requires resort approval.
- Sponsor provided marketing materials will be included in participant packets on TSCYF 2011-12 trips.
- Acknowledgement of the sponsor in an article in the Texas Ski Council quarterly newsletter.

### Gold Sponsor \$5,000+

- Up to \$500 voucher to be used on any Texas Ski Council domestic trip. Valid through any TSC member club.
- One complimentary room for one night at the Texas Ski Council Bid Fest 2012 on the San Antonio Riverwalk and a complimentary Bid Fest registration for two.
- One complimentary Texas Ski Council Bid Fest 2012 Ski Show booth.
- Recognition as a Gold Sponsor on all TSCYF 2011-12 marketing materials.
- Sponsor's web link/logo on the TSCYF web site.
- Up to a 10 ft banner\* prominently displayed at all TSCYF trip parties, races and events. Requires resort approval.
- Marketing materials will be included in participant packets on one designated 2011-12 TSCYF trip.
- Acknowledgement of the sponsor in an article in the Texas Ski Council quarterly newsletter.

### Silver Sponsor \$2,500+

- One complimentary registration for the Texas Ski Council Bid Fest 2012 at San Antonio River Walk.
- Recognition as a Silver Sponsor on all TSCYF 2011-12 marketing materials.
- Sponsor's web link/logo on the TSCYF web site.
- Up to a 5 foot banner, provided by and shipped by sponsor, prominently displayed at all major TSCYF trip parties. Requires resort approval.
- One marketing item provided by the sponsor will be included in participant packets on one designated 2011-12 TSCYF trip.
- Acknowledgement of the sponsor in the Texas Ski Council quarterly newsletter.

### Bronze Sponsor \$1500+

- Acknowledgement of the sponsor in a Texas Ski Council quarterly newsletter article.
- Recognition as a Bronze Sponsor on all TSCYF 2011-12 marketing materials.
- Sponsor's web link/logo on the TSCYF web site.

### Partner Sponsor \$1000+

- Sponsor's web link/logo on the TSCYF web site.
- Recognition as a Partner on all TSCYF 2011-12 marketing materials.
- Acknowledgement of the Partner in a Texas Ski Council quarterly newsletter article.

\* Banner and shipping costs provided by sponsor

## For more information

Contact the TSCYF President, Cindy Moore, at 713-984-1060 or [info@TSCYF.org](mailto:info@TSCYF.org), and visit [www.tscyf.org](http://www.tscyf.org)

Contributions by check, **payable to Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation**, may be mailed to:

TSCYF Treasurer  
18704 Sagewood Drive  
Dallas, TX 75252

An acknowledgement of your tax-deductible contribution will be mailed to you.

# Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation

Investing in the future  
of Texas youth





# Who we are

The Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation (TSCYF), a 501(c)(3) organization, was created to help promote opportunities for children to actively participate in winter activities and learn the sports of skiing and snowboarding in a family atmosphere.



TSCYF promotes:

- Strong family & friend connections in young people's lives.
- Making healthy choices that lead to a healthy lifestyle.
- Exposing young people to challenging environments and physically exerting activities to help prepare them for a healthy, productive future.

# How you can help

Become a TSCYF corporate sponsor and help fund our Texas youth programs! Being a corporate sponsor is an investment in athletic, energetic, healthy Texas youth. TSCYF thanks the following corporate sponsors:

- Vail Resorts, Vail, CO
- Valance Operating Co., Kingwood, TX

# Research supports the value of exercise for children

Substantial evidence suggests that physical activity can be associated with improved academic achievement, including grades and standardized test scores. Research suggests that physical activity may increase students' cognitive control – or ability to pay attention – and also result in better performance on academic achievement tests.

Summary by Science Daily, March 31, 2009, "Physical Activity May Strengthen Children's Ability To Pay Attention," University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Pupils perform better in both reading and math when they were also involved in ongoing athletic activities, regardless of gender or ethnicity.

Summary by Science Daily, January 28, 2009 "Is There a Relationship Between Physical Fitness and Academic Achievement? Positive Results From Public School Children in the Northeastern United States," Journal of School Health, 2009

Parents are very important role models in young people's lives. So, parents becoming more physically active set an excellent example of lifelong fitness. In fact, it doesn't necessarily matter what the activity is, but that children see parents engaging in it.

AMA Educational Forum on Adolescent Health Adolescent Obesity, Nutrition, and Physical Activity, May 16, 2003

***Vail Resorts is proud to be a multi-year sponsor of the Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation.***

Vail Resorts supports the TSCYF because youth are the future of the skiing and snowboarding industry. The TSCYF provides an opportunity for today's youth to experience these sports in discounted programs - increasing awareness and enthusiasm for the sport while also promoting physical fitness and family unity.

Andrew Kwang  
National Sales Manager  
Vail Resorts Management Company

***The Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation is a great program which brings kids at all economic levels into the sport of skiing.***



In March 2011, Snowbird was delighted to have had the opportunity to partner with TSCYF to provide a low cost skiing program for about 30 children in

conjunction with the Texas Ski Council's Final Showdown trip to Snowbird.

This multi-day, outdoor, healthy and active experience was both educational and great fun for the participating kids, while meeting Snowbird's mission of enhancing mind, body and spirit in everything the resort does.


Simon Diggins  
Director - Ski Tour & Travel Sales  
Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort

# TSCYF history

The Texas Ski Council (TSC) is a not-for-profit umbrella organization made up of 14 ski and snowboard clubs with more than 2,500 members.

In 2004, TSC voted to establish the TSC Youth Foundation by contributing \$10,000 in start-up funds. With this seed money, TSCYF has created ongoing programs to assist families with ski trip expenses and to encourage area resorts to provide discounted lessons and clinics.

The first TSCYF program took place in 2005 in conjunction with TSC's ski trip to Keystone over Thanksgiving. Joined by ski industry partners, the TSCYF introduced snow sports to 37 enthusiastic kids and their parents. Subsequent TSCYF-designated trips have sponsored more than 300 kids to Keystone, Breckenridge, Winter Park and Snowbird.

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