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FROM MISSION CONTROL

BY BILL BOMBERGER, PRESIDENT

May is now here and we will be starting the New Year for Space City Ski and Adventure Club. Our new VP of Trips, Beverly Roberts, is working extremely hard for all of us putting together next year's ski trips. It will be an extremely exciting list when we publish it very soon.



BUT, WE CANNOT GO ON ANY OF THESE TRIPS WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS!!!

Please sign up to be a Trip Coordinator or an Assistant Trip Coordinator so we can successfully run all of the proposed trips.

We are looking for some candidates to be on our Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD meets quarterly to decide big decisions for Space City Ski and Adventure Club and the BOD members are also always encouraged to come to our Ex Com meetings. So if you have been an officer previously, and would like to help Space City restructure and move into the future, please contact me.

We are in the process of improving Space City Ski and Adventure Club and working diligently to simplify all of our processes. This will allow us to get back to having more volunteers doing less work in order to create more fun in life for Space City.

COUNTDOWN TO LIFTOFF

BY BEVERLY ROBERTS, VICE PRESIDENT OF TRIPS

Hello fellow Space City folks!

I'm Beverly Roberts, your new VP of trips. I'll be working with all of the club officers (including Chuck Pena who did a phenomenal job as VP of trips last year), and most importantly, with **ALL OF YOU** to deliver a great slate



of trips for 2017-2018. If you haven't seen the TSC trips for next year, I know you will be excited about the destinations that were selected at the bid meeting in San Antonio:

- **Traditional: Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
January 13 – 20
- **Winter Expedition: Cortina, Italy**
January 27 – February 3
- **Winter Shootout: Beaver Creek, Colorado**
February 10 – 17
- **Final Showdown: Park City, Utah**
February 24 – March 3
- **Summer Expedition: Patagonia, South America**
October 2018 (final dates TBD)

At this time, Space City plans to run trips to Steamboat Springs, Cortina, Beaver Creek and Patagonia. And that's not all!! I'm working on some fantastic club trips to complement the TSC agenda. Stay tuned – we should have announcements on those trips very soon. And there's even more!! I'm listening to your ideas for non-ski trips. Tubing on the Guadalupe, Santa Fe in the summer, Las Vegas – what do you think? If you love one, let me know – all we need are Trip Coordinators (TC's) and then let's get ready to go!!!

Speaking of TC's, I appreciate everyone that has volunteered to be trip leaders, but there is still room for more. If you are interested in running the very popular December Vail trip (currently scheduled December 9 – 16), contact me ASAP and let's get this show on the road! Other trip leader opportunities are available also, so please, PLEASE – call, email, text!!

Lastly, don't forget about our upcoming 2017 Summer Expedition to Iceland. Fifty Space City travelers are counting the days until August 21st, when they journey to a land of dramatic landscapes with volcanoes, geysers, hot springs, glaciers and lava fields. There is an optional pre-trip in NYC, from August 18-21, where there are about a billion things to see and do. And there is an optional post trip extension to Bergen, for a fascinating introduction to Norway. There is an opening for a single male – it's not too late to sign up, but HURRY!! Contact Trip Coordinator Jan Ferrell for details. She can be reached at jan@spacecity.org

Looking forward to great times and great trips with you!

HAVING A BLAST

BY LYNN BURCH, VICE PRESIDENT OF ACTIVITIES

First of all, I want to thank everyone who responded so quickly to our activity survey. We had 127 responses within 24 hours and the only activity that did not get good response was a dart tournament which we will drop. I am working on all the other things for dates and volunteers to run them. There were a number of suggestions for trips but a lot of them involved overnight. The trips fall under Beverly Roberts as VP of Trips and I have notified her of the suggestions. Hiking was a very popular suggestion so I am definitely working on that. One of our members is with a hiking club and he will plan a hike for us in October and maybe again in March.



I hope to have a lot of varied activities, some that are new and others that we have done in the past. May 21st is a brewery tour where we have a bus to take us to 3 different breweries in the Heights area which should be lots of fun. Sarah Granbery is running that so see her to sign up. Happy Hours will be spread around town keeping within Beltway 8 perimeter. May Happy Hour will be at [Rainbow Lodge](#), 2011 Ella at TC Jester. June will be at the [Black Lab](#), 4100 Montrose. June 2nd is the [Sandcastle Competition in Galveston](#). Come on down and see all of the fantastic sand sculptures.

I propose to have a Saturday night dinner once a month. The inaugural dinner will be held at the [Yao Chinese Restaurant](#) on May 13th. In June I am planning to have a wine tasting at [Total Wine](#) and then go to dinner at a restaurant close by (maybe Berryhill). June 24th is the date for the Volunteer Party with a fabulous BBQ dinner and drinks to honor our volunteers. There will be at least 3 or 4 activities each month for you to get together with your SCSC friends.

Volunteers are needed to run the activities so please let me know if you can help out by running one. Here are some I need help with: Stages Theater Night, Prohibition Theater Night, Messina Hof Wine Trip to Bryan in October, Casino Trip to Lake Charles, Game Night, and a Cooking Class.

This should be a fun filled year with lots of different activi-

ties. Please meet with me at the meetings or Happy Hours for any suggestions you may have.

Looking forward to seeing you at the activities!
Lynn Burch

RECRUITMENT UPDATE

BY ANNE THOMAS, VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Our membership continues to hover just under 500 as of April 2017!!! Woo-hoo and thank you Leslie Cashio, outgoing VP of Membership. Leslie has raised the bar!!



Annual membership expires April 30th so it's time to renew now online, by mail or in person at a General Meeting. We continue to offer a \$5.00 discount for all renewals received by May 31st.

Why Join? Benefits of Membership?

- Space City encourages and welcomes new members.
- Belong to a great group of people that love skiing, adventure, socializing and making new friends.
- Online registration for overnight trips – some sell out quickly!
- Members receive first notice of upcoming trips, activities and last minute openings.
- Enjoy 10% off at Saint Bernard Sports as a Space City Ski Club member.
- Daily cost of our annual membership is less than 10 cents per day. What a bargain, especially compared to other social activity clubs in Houston.
- Members are eligible for cool door prizes at our monthly meetings.

May 8th is our last general meeting for a couple of months. Remember to check in at the membership table:

- Guests are welcome to attend;
- New and Renewal membership applications will be accepted, and
- Members receive a raffle ticket for Best Buy and Amazon gift cards.

I look forward to seeing all of you on May 8th.

Space City supported the [Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation \(TSCYF\)](#) trip to Keystone by advertising it all year. I then was asked to take over the leading of this trip for the TSCYF when the Lubbock Texas Twisters decided to go elsewhere for their Spring Break trip. I accepted because I am currently the V.P. of Marketing and I believe the future of our club depends on bringing in younger, new members to experience our club and eventually be our future leaders. I felt I could run it under my marketing umbrella. We ended up taking a total of 57 participants!



Forty-one were SCSC members and of those, 21 were brand new SCSC members, most under the age of 40. Among the new SCSC members were John and Amy Dukes and their teens Sydney and Jonathan; Meghan Lessor and Tom Antone and teens Logan Antone, Katie Lessor, Colin Lessor and Olivia Roach. Leslie Ward reconnected with her old friend Janet Bridges and talked Janet and Bill into bringing their son, 6-year-old Colton, who learned to ski. Curtis Smith joined to bring his son Joshua who was in ski lessons much of the time. Louise Wyatt joined SCSC and brought her son Joshua. We had 19 teens and 6 under the age of 12. We had a set of triplets (Kaley, Trinity and Neo Curry of SCSC) and two sets of twins, (Ski Jammers' Nia and Nyla Huelett and two of SCSC's Kansas representatives, Peyton and Weston Moore.) What are the odds of that? Oh yes, and the other reason I said "yes" was because I knew I could ski with my nephews, Andrew, Peyton and Weston....and my brother, Rick, too!

Besides SCSC, we had two condos full of Los Amigos, 5 Ski Jammer members and one new Armadillo (Keely Armstrong) on this trip. Ski Jammer Dudley Washington brought his snowboarding daughter Chering-Joi (we called her C.J.- much easier!) Among the Los Amigos contingency were Billy and Sandra Lynum who brought Lucy and Steve Dominguez and little Maddy and Isabella Dominguez. It was a family affair! John Salinas rejoined SCSC after a hiatus to ski with us and "party." Hmmmm... how come I rarely saw him at the parties? Did he totally wear himself out on the slopes every day?

The Southwest flight was not only an early flight, but it

was also the morning after "spring forward", but everyone showed up early as recommended and the flight to Denver went relatively smoothly. When we arrived at the Denver Airport, we met up with the rest of our huge group who opted for the very inexpensive charter bus transportation. We had a huge 57 passenger bus and we took off in search of food and drink at King Sooper and Applejacks. After an hour stop there, we were off again and arrived at Keystone a little earlier than expected.

Everyone checked in, got settled and most rented skis. John and Joe Burk, Kaley, Trinity and Neo Curry, Amy, John, Jonathan and Sydney Dukes, Louise and Josh Wyatt, and Keely Armstrong, all took advantage of the arrival date free night skiing. Later that evening, a big welcome party was held in my condo with lots of food, drinks and mingling. After a bit of a delay from sorting out the many vouchers ordered, lift tickets, lesson and rental vouchers. These were distributed and everyone went to bed.

The first full day of skiing had blue skies, a high in the 40's and great snow. Many embarked for lessons. Most of the teens and kids had lessons that day, taking advantage of the TSCYF \$50.00 a day per youth reimbursement from the TSCYF. Adults also like to learn and improve, so SCSC's Meera Raghavendra and Los Amigos' Nicolas and Cynthia Cantu took lessons that first day as well. That same afternoon we were welcomed by Keystone Resort with a free pizza Après party in Mountain House Lodge. The pizza was excellent and plentiful: A Keystone rep gave us all the info we needed to get the most out of our two remaining ski/board days. There was still no sighting of our shadows: Sharon Goodwin and the Huelett twins! Tony Curry played ambassador meeting them Monday morning to hand out their lift tickets and vouchers as they were very late getting into Keystone.



At the end of this festive event we took a group shot of our many teens at that party.

Tuesday brought us another phenomenal ski/board day. My brother, nephews and I all skied together for the first

time that trip and conquered a very slick, hard blue in the back call Mozart. Later that day we heard they reclassified it to a black due to the conditions. We ate on the picnic tables at the BBQ at the bottom and took a break lounging in the orange chairs. That night we had the big BBQ dinner party in my condo with tons of beef brisket, buffalo sausage and turkey with great sides and mac and cheese for the kids. We also had a big BBQ dinner in Tony Curry's condo for the kids and teens. After playing hostess at the "adult" party for a while I meandered down there to give out the medals to the kids and teens who took lessons, only to find a very fun party going on down there. They were playing a guessing game and my nephew Weston was amazing everyone by being able to tell which of the three things about each person was a lie! He was a virtual human lie detector! After some prodding, we all then were serenaded by our own very talented Sydney Dukes and Joshua Wyatt! I hope those two budding stars remember their old trip coordinator Cindy when they are rich and famous! The party really rolled into high gear as we did some John Denver and other sing-alongs and then decided, what the hey, we have technology! Why don't we just flash real Karaoke up on the big screen T.V. and do it up right! Once that got going it was really hard to leave, but I had the adult party still going on in my condo, so I thought I had better go back. I found out the teens can out party the adults as when I returned there was a total five people left, including me, my roomie Keely, and my condo-mate brother Rick. The other diehards were... take a wild guess... John and Joe Burk! (Or had I just been gone THAT long?)



Wednesday really split up the TSCYF group. Some stayed at Keystone to ski or board. Some continued taking more lessons. John and Joe Burk, Keely, new member Curtis Smith, Kathy and Alex Quigley wandered over to Breck to ski for the entire day. George and Teofila Ramirez and Cynthia and Nicolas Cantu had a blast on a horse drawn sleigh ride on Wednesday. Feeling guilty that I missed the Après ski on Tuesday due to having to prepare



for the party, I hurried over to the Après ski at Dos Locos Cantina. I waited for an hour by myself, and finally started group texting, "Is anyone coming?" It was a little boring all by myself. Teofila texted back that her condo was on the way so I stayed. The only other taker was John Burk. So let's see.... Out of 24 Houston adults of drinking age on the trip we had one other SCSC member show up besides me. Out of 8 adult Los Amigos we had 4 Los Amigos show up. The tiger tails win the party animal award for the Wednesday Après paws down! From this experience I learned that Après are not a big deal on a family trip!

Tuesday night I dreamed up a hot tub party at my condo complex for Wednesday night. This would be a perfect way to attempt to consume the rest of the wine and beer that we still had. So the word was spread and we had a small, but fun, group consisting of Joan Waddill, Meera Raghavendra, John Burk, Curtis Smith, Rick Moore, Peyton, Weston and Andrew Moore with cameo guest appearances by Pete Mathieu and Kathy Quigley. We were all quite "happy" as we made our way back to our respective condos. SCSC took the tails for the evening partiers! And while we were in the hot tub a romance was brewing elsewhere. Rumor has it that two young adults that met on this trip have been sighted together every weekend since!

Thursday morning arrived and we had to be on the bus early for the sad ride back to the airport. We were on the bus at the assigned departure time. I was calling roll by reading off the names. Pete Mathieu? Pete Mathieu? No Pete. His daughter piped up, "He should be here by now. He was right behind us!" I called him on his cell and Pete said he went back up looking for the rest of his family and was roaming around lost. (I have to admit, Keystone looks a lot different when it is dark and everything is closed.) I told him what signs to look for and said I would go way out into the plaza area and look for him. I finally spotted him and escorted him to the bus. He was very concerned, "Where ARE they? I thought they were with me, then I couldn't find them, I went all the way back into the condo. I told them we had to get to the bus." I replied, "Are you talking about your family?"



He replied, "Yes!" I said, "They are all on the bus!" He then laughed and got in to join them. (This was Pete's first SCSC ski trip with his daughter, Margot Vossler, his son-in-law, James

Vossler and his grandkids, Jay and Hannah.) We could finally take off! The bus ride back and the flight was smooth sailing for the short trippers. But meanwhile....back at Keystone....

We left two condos (The Quigley/Burk condo and the Curry/Smith condo) who elected to stay 6 nights! Thursday, Kathy and Beth Quigley, Curtis Smith, John Burk and Joe Burk packed up the vehicle and went to Beaver Creek for the day. Friday was St. Patty's Day. If you have ever been skiing with John Burk over St. Patty's Day, you know he will NOT get pinched or get his toes stepped on from not wearing green! In fact, not only was he sporting his usual green ski attire, but there was also a visit from above....could it be... is it...gee, it looks just like the Son of God himself? Yes, it must have been the Son of God with us on this trip because out of 57 participants we had ZERO injuries, and THAT makes for a happy, successful trip!



**A "quickie" note from Laura Carmin,
VP of Marketing.**

Do you have an advertisement you wish to place in the Sitzmarke and/or on the Web site? I am open to all marketing ideas to help our club grow.

Text or email me -

832-215-7063 / burtonpr@gmail.com.

EXTRAVEHICULAR ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

May 3 – 24 Two Step Dance Classes

May 13 Yao Restaurant Dinner

May 21 Brewery Tour

May 25 Happy Hour at Rainbow Lodge

June 3 Galveston Sand Castle Competition

June 24 Space City Volunteer Party

Gorgeous Gael Happy Hour



August 21-29, 2017

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Photographer: Dieter Schweizer



Trip Coordinator: Jan Ferrell
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Photographer: Diego Delso

Pre-Trip to NYC
Date: Aug 18 - 21, 2017
Price: \$655 per person

Post-Trip to Norway
Date: Aug 29 to Sep 2, 2017
Price: \$949 per person

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MAY GENERAL MEETING

6:30-8:30pm Monday
May 8, 2017

LIVE OAK BAR AND GRILL
10444 Hempstead Road
Houston, Texas 77092

Don't miss the May 8th General Meeting at [Live Oak Bar and Grill](#). Mingle, eat and drink with your friends and possibly win a great gift card door prize!



Easy to find outside of the 610 Loop, West of Hwy 290, on Hempstead Road just west of Da-coma.

RAINBOW LODGE

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THURSDAY MAY 25
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
HAPPY HOUR PRICES TO 7 pm



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Trip Coordinator (TC)/Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC) 2017-2018 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 **2016-2017 V.P. of Trips, Chuck Pena** send email to: trips@spacecity.org

Name:	Telephone-Home:
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	Telephone-Cell:
Preferred contact type: (circle all thzt apply) Telephone: Home Work Cell 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? (August-May)

Yes ____ No ____

Are you available for monthly SCSC happy hours usually the 3rd 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 2017)

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?