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Featuring the 2017-2018 Trips

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## FROM MISSION CONTROL

BY BILL BOMBERGER, PRESIDENT

Last night we held our monthly executive committee and quarterly board meeting. At this meeting we approved the operating budget for the club for 2017-2018. We also approved the budgets for all of the adventure trips for next year.



WOW, is all I can say at this point. When you see Beverly Roberts, give her thanks for all of the hard work she did putting together a fantastic list of for next year. The list of trips and pricing is published in this Sitzmarke for your review and trip selection.

Trip Signup will start August 13th at 7:00pm CST.

Our next meeting will be September 11, 2017 at a site to be determined. This meeting will not be held at Live Oak due to the large attendance expected. Space City will be providing some appetizers for everyone to munch on for this important meeting. Live Oak will be hosting our meetings after September.

In order to lower the costs of running Space City Ski and Adventure Club, we will be changing from using PayPal to another vendor, Flagship Merchant Services, for processing our credit cards. You will see more information coming out about this change very soon.

There is an active committee going on behind the scenes to look at all of our club operations to simplify the way that we conduct our business. We want to reduce the amount of work that your officers do to run our club. We have to make these changes for us to thrive in the future. If you have any input please contact Jim Hodges or Marti Turner.

### **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO RUN SPACE CITY SKI AND ADVENTURE CLUB.**

**The amount of volunteers has improved, but we need more.**  
We need volunteers for:

Nominating Committee to select nominations for next year's officers!!!

Volunteers to be next year's officers!!!

## COUNTDOWN TO LIFTOFF

BY BEVERLY ROBERTS, VICE PRESIDENT OF TRIPS

Hello from the trip desk!!

It's hot outside, but the 2017-2018 ski trip slate will have you thinking about cool times on the slopes. Your trip leaders have been working very hard to iron out the details on the 2017-2018 ski trips, and we're ready for the big reveal!! We have familiar favorites, and a few we haven't visited in a while. We have domestic trips and an overseas trip, TSC trips and club trips. All the trips are priced very favorably, and all the trip leaders are focused on providing you with fun on and off the slopes. Check it out!!



(Note – several trips are subject to small cost changes as airline schedules and costs are finalized)

Yikes!! So many choices.

On-line Trip sign up for the ski trips will begin August 13 at 7pm.

But.... That's not all. We have more amazing spring/summer/fall trips to tempt you. We are finalizing details on three extraordinary trips: (sign-up for these trips will be announced at a later date)

- China. Is the Great Wall on your bucket list? How about the Terra Cotta Soldiers? Shanghai? Then don't miss this trip. It will be a quick seller.
- Croatia Bike and Barge. Did you hear everyone rave about last year's bike and barge trip? Because of the strong support and interest, Space City is offering another B&B trip, this time to Croatia. Space will be limited, so don't delay when this trip is offered.
- Patagonia. A bucket list trip for sure! This is a TSC trip with all the trimmings. And for those who seek the unusual and exotic – there will be a post trip to Easter Island!!

As you can see, Space City is offering a fabulous variety of destinations. Don't miss out on your favorite trip – sign up early!!

## HAVING A BLAST

BY LYNN BURCH, VICE PRESIDENT OF ACTIVITIES

A lot of great activities have happened in June and July and the response has been very positive and the participation fantastic. Dance classes continue every Wednesday night.



In June, we had 40 people who came to the wine tasting at Total Wine in the Galleria area. The managers were very informative and the wine was great. We received tastings of 9 different wines and had a great time. Afterwards most of us went across the street to Berryhill for dinner.

Chicago and the Doobie Bros. at the Pavilion sold out the 28 tickets very fast. Not all were able to find the SCSC group since the Pavilion would not let Marianne bring in the balloons to help find the way. But the concert was great regardless where you sat.

The Volunteer Party was a huge success with 62 people showing up at Linda & Stan Kuper's beautiful home with Bruce Lowther and Robert Clements cooking wonderful brisket and chicken for the crowd. Robert had just bought a new commercial Margarita machine that lasted the whole night, so lots of beer and soft drinks were left over because everyone loved the Margaritas. The rain held off until the end of the night and a group was in the pool playing volleyball so "they didn't care!"

The Happy Hour at Black Lab had good attendance and several of us stayed and ate dinner and closed the place down. In July we went to see the Village People at Miller Outdoor Theater which was so much fun. There was a nice breeze so it wasn't that hot and there were no mosquitos. George and Camille brought Jello shots which were enjoyed by all. The

Donellans got there even before Barb and Sean to secure an area for us.

Gayle and Dana Dale invited 40 SCSC participants to their Kemah home for a dock party. It was a BYOB and food to share and there was more food than you can imagine. They also had about 40 of their boating friends so we were able to promote Space City to them. We watched the Boardwalk fireworks from the balcony and hoped it wouldn't collapse under "so many people!"

We had 34 at the Steamboat House Dinner. The food was wonderful and it was Bill Bomberger and Sharon Simandl's 5th anniversary, so we helped them celebrate. The owner, Charlie Fogarty, stopped by most of the tables and talked to everyone about all the Texas history items that he had at the restaurant. There was a small group that stayed and took a more extensive tour of the place. Six others went over to Baker St. Pub for a drink or two more before heading home.

There are two events in August we are offering that are not full yet, so please take a look at them and "sign up!"

August 13 is the Bowling Tournament at the Del Mar Lanes, go online or "see Larry Hord to sign up!"

August 17 is Always...Patsy Cline at Stages Theater. We changed to Thursday night and standard tickets to get a lower price. They have a new Patsy who has been getting great reviews.

August 19 is our monthly dinner that will be at one of the original Carrabba's that the family still owns. You must sign up in advance even though you put no money down and get separate checks that night. I have to let the restaurant know a week in advance the amount of people that are coming.

I am planning more fun activities for the fall that I will be posting soon.

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE HOME PAGE OFTEN. WE ADD NEW ACTIVITIES ALL THE TIME, AND THIS IS WHERE YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THEM AND ARE ABLE TO SIGN UP. I HAVE MOST OF THEM READY FOR YOU TO SIGN UP TWO MONTHS IN ADVANCE.**



## RECRUITMENT UPDATE

BY ANNE THOMAS, VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for your prompt renewal payments! With online web access and pesky email reminders our renewal rates are soaring.



Why Renew? Why Join? Benefits of Membership?

- Space City encourages and welcomes new members.
- Current members receive first notice of upcoming trips, activities and last minute openings.
- Membership is required before trip registration.
- Current members pay less for activities than non-member guests.
- Belong to a great group of people that love skiing, adventure, socializing and making new friends. It's not all about snow.
- Online registration and payment for ski trips – some sell-out quickly!
- SCSC includes automatic membership into the Tex-

as Ski Council.

- Enjoy 10% off at Saint Bernard 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 fun door prizes at our monthly meetings.

How do you join Space City? – it's easy.

Enroll online [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org)

“Join” tab, “Membership” tab

Select Single 1 year \$40, or Dual 1 year membership \$70.

Or select a three year option \$99 single/\$189 dual membership.

Pay by credit card.

Complete the online application and membership profile.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our monthly Happy Hours and awesome summer activities.

For membership questions, contact Anne Thomas:

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## TRIPS 2017-2018

BY BEVERLY ROBERTS, VICE PRESIDENT OF TRIPS

### Vail – Like No Other Place on Earth

December 9-16, 2017

Land only \$1404 (no full packages)

TC Dave Stotz [Dave@Spacecity.org](mailto:Dave@Spacecity.org)



Photographer: Daniel Milchev

At 5,289 acres, Vail is the largest single Ski Mountain in North America, featuring seven powdery bowls, the back-country skiing of Blue Sky Basin and the front side. 1,500 acres of “corduroy” each day means the most groomed terrain on the planet. Combined with a yearly average of 346

inches of snowfall and 300 days of sunshine, Vail is a skier's paradise. But more than that, off the slopes, head to Lionshead or Vail Village with world-class dining, shopping, galleries, après ski, nightlife and spas all just steps away.



Photographer: Jack Affleck

Vail is certainly the largest ski mountain in North America, stretching seven miles from east to west. Vail is consistently ranked tops on the continent and among the very best in the world.

**WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP?** Vail consistently has good early season snowfall. While there are never any

guarantees when the weather is involved, you are highly likely to enjoy good conditions at Vail in early December.

Enjoy ski-in, ski-out luxury as our lodging is at the Lion Square Lodge, only 50 yards from the Eagle Bahn gondola. We will be staying in deluxe 3 and 4 bedroom condos. Complex amenities include an outdoor pool and hot tub, a fitness center, free ski check and an underground parking garage. El Sabor, an excellent Latin-fusion restaurant, is located onsite at the Lion Square Lodge. Other amenities include a 24-hour front desk, onsite concierge and daily housekeeping.

Imagine stepping out of your condo in the morning, making the short walk down to the complimentary ski valet, grabbing your skis and walking across to the gondola. World class skiing is literally at your door! Vail doesn't get any easier to do than this!



Photographer: Jack Affleck

**WHAT DOES THIS TRIP INCLUDE?** This is a land only trip, so it includes your round-trip bus transportation from Denver International Airport to Vail, seven nights accom-

modation at Lion Square Lodge and a Welcome party on Saturday night to hand out lift tickets and meet everyone. You will need to acquire your round trip airfare to Denver. Make sure that you get air that arrives in Denver no later than 11 am on Dec. 9, 2017, and leaves no earlier than 2 pm on Dec. 16, 2017. The travel agent that we are using for this trip can also acquire airfare for you. Please contact Randall Howard at SnowVentures directly. His office phone is 800-845-7157 Ext:3502, and his mobile is 970-390-4706.

**SKI/SNOWBOARD RENTAL:** If you need to rent skis or a snowboard, Charter Sports is conveniently located on the second floor of Lion Square Lodge. Click here to go to their website and reserve your equipment to ensure they will have what you want when we get there.

**LIFT TICKETS:** Regular lift tickets are available through Space City at the prices listed below. However if you are interested in any of the Epic Pass offerings, please contact Randall Howard at SnowVentures directly. His office phone is 800-845-7157 Ext:3502, and his mobile is 970-390-4706.

3 day adult—\$360  
4 day adult—\$419 (This is an Epic 4 day season pass product, best value)  
5 day adult—\$545  
6 day adult—\$630

3 day senior—\$330 (senior defined as 65 and older)  
4 day senior—\$416  
5 day senior—\$495  
6 day senior—\$570  
Epic Pass—\$819  
Epic Local Pass—\$599

## Steamboat Resort – TSC Traditional Ski Trip January 13-20, 2018

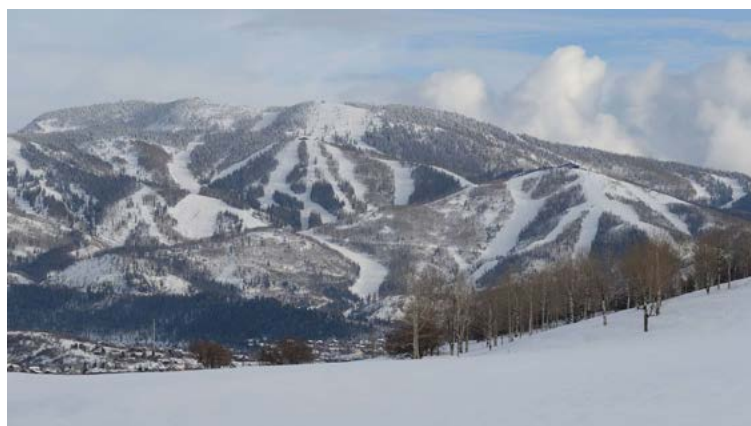
**Full Pkg: \$1418 Land only: \$888**

**TC Kate MacDougall** [Kate@Spacecity.org](mailto:Kate@Spacecity.org)

Join all your other SCSC friends as we ski this TSC Traditional trip at Steamboat Resort. Steamboat has been a favorite of mine since my kids were little and as recently as 2011. We fly into Hayden direct from Houston and could be skiing that night. That's right, one of the new additions at Steamboat is night skiing. The Steamboat terrain is varied with something for everyone and maybe enjoy a nice soak at the Steamboat Hot Springs At this price all 48 pillows will go fast. Deposit \$150.

**The Resort** - The Steamboat Resort sits near the town of Steamboat Springs which is commonly shortened to just "Steamboat" or called "Ski Town USA". Steamboat has a rich

Western heritage and you'll find plenty of cowboys, ranches and horses. We are lucky enough to be at Steamboat Resort for the Cowboy Downhill with over 100 of the best professional rodeo cowboys competing in the most unique ski rodeo in the country.





**The Skiing and Snowboarding** – Steamboat is a complete mountain range with six peaks: Werner, Sunshine, Storm, Thunderhead, Pioneer Ridge and Christie peaks. 2,965 acres of diverse trails for all levels. Gladed areas of Pioneer Ridge, Sunshine and Storm peaks are Steamboat's particular claim to fame with legendary Champagne Powder snow in the trees for the most avid powder hound. Steamboat is for snowboarders & skiers of all ages and skill levels.

**Statistics** – 349 inches of annual snowfall 2,965 acres open Top Elevation 10,568 feet, base 6,900 feet 44% advanced, 42% intermediate, 14% beginner. Longest Run is Why Not at over 3 miles, Total Lifts: 16.

**Lodging** – Eagle Ridge Resort is one of Steamboat Resort's four star properties. We will be staying in 2-bdrm Condos with 1 Master & 1-room with Twin Beds, two full bathrooms, fully equipped kitchen, stone fireplace, balconies/patios and washer and dryers. This property is located less than 10 minutes walking or a short shuttle to the Gondola. Amenities include hot tubs, pool, fitness center, business center, steam room, massage services and complimentary in-town shuttle.

**Travel** – We have up to 32 Full (with non-stop air) packages and another 16 Land only packages. All include RT ground transportation but land only participants must arrive at Hayden on time to meet the full package group on these United flights. Jan 13, 2018 UA#5297 11:55 am IAH departure 1:52 pm Hayden arrival. Jan 20, 2018 UA #5495 2:40 pm Hayden departure 6:28 pm IAH arrival. **Our group bus departs Hayden to Steamboat with a quick stop for groceries and beverages en route.**

**The Fun** – There are TSC and SCSC activities planned: TSC includes a welcoming cocktail party and final dinner. SCSC activities include: welcome pizza and salad Saturday evening (Pick up your ski tickets then), suggested lunch meetings, pot luck dinner and of course what is a ski trip without Après' happy hours. There will also be additional opportunities such as a Tour of the Mountain with the Ambassadors, snowshoeing and a trip to the famous Steamboat Hot Springs. Additional fees may apply to these additional opportunities. Many of your fellow members will also be planning other events, so keep your ears open.

## Crested Butte

January 20-27, 2018

**Full Pkg: \$1366 Land Only \$907**

**TC Betty Donnellan** [bettyrelaw@gmail.com](mailto:bettyrelaw@gmail.com)



**EXPERIENCE THE BEST SKI TOWN IN NORTH AMERICA** (Colorado's Best Ski Town, Readers Choice and Travel & Leisure, 2016, Most Authentic 2016). Also known as Colorado's last great ski town. **PLUS WE ALWAYS HAVE THE BEST TIME.**



**The Mountain:** Crested Butte has plenty to offer everyone, including the longest run at 2.6 miles, Peak to Treasury. From the abundant wide open green and blue groomed trails to more advanced long cruisers and the famous extreme limits of the North Face and Headwall, this mountain truly has it all. The area boasts 23% Beginner, 57% Intermediate and 20% Advanced. That does NOT INCLUDE the EXTREME

terrain of the upper steep which has bowls, chutes, glades and cliff jumps! No wonder this area is host to the Freestyle Championships held here every February. Take a guided tour of the area or test your relationship with gravity on Rambo, said to be the steepest-cut ski run in North America, at up to 59 degrees in pitch. More than half of Crested Butte's groomed trails, however, are rated intermediate. If fast cruising is your style, there are buffed runs like International and Upper Keystone, area has 15 lifts with a capacity of 20,310/hr. **NO LIFT LINES AT THIS RESORT.** The lifts run from 9-4 pm with East River and High Lift closing at 3:30pm and North Face closing at 3 pm. There are also two terrain parks, Gold Link and Cascade, part of a complete freestyle haven.

**If you haven't been to Crested Butte lately, you are in for a treat!!! Space City Ski club was even in the CB Mardi Gras parade on last visit and featured in their local Newspaper!**



**The Town:** In Crested Butte, there are no traffic lights, no chain stores, there is a difference here. There are few places remaining that can be called a true Colorado ski town; this one is the way others USED TO LOOK. Look no further because THIS IS Colorado's Last Great Ski Town!! Crested Butte oozes charm as a National Historic District. A Victorian town dating back to the late 1800's, it was a bustling mining town and today it embraces a laid back lifestyle for locals and tourists alike. They come here to ski, others come to experience some of the most extreme skiing in North America, and others come to enjoy all this beautiful area has to offer year round. It is located 231 mi. SW of Denver and 28 mi. north of Gunnison, CO. Beautiful colorful buildings offer the visitor everything from over 40 restaurants and bars, art galleries, and plenty of shopping. You won't go hungry as there is everything from sushi restaurants, many pizza places, and everything in between, and prices are reasonable. There is also live music almost every night so you can dance to your heart's delight at places like Eldo bar or the Princess wine bar. Check out the Ice Bar. Free shuttles take you to town every 15 minutes until 9:40 pm, then every 30 minutes until midnite. Then, there are taxis to get you back to your home, only minutes away. Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte, that is, the town and mountain, are everything you seek in a ski town and more, and that includes a local friendly sense of community where you can be as casual as you want and seek as much adventure as you and your body can handle. If this town

doesn't stir your inner spirit and sense of adventure, we are not sure what will. Come with us and experience the fun and adventure.

**The Accommodations:** The Plaza condominiums are located just 100 yards from the lifts. They feature 1055 sq. ft. of living place with warm fireplaces, comfortable living and dining areas and full kitchens. A short stroll takes you to the slopes or the action at the base with its restaurants, shops and Happy Hours. You have all the comforts and amenities of a hotel.

**What Else to Expect:**

- Optional Group Dinner - Slogar Bar and Restaurant-Family style dinner in Historic Old Saloon
- Optional great deal on ski lessons
- **The parties.** We'll have a welcome party, a dinner party with games and prizes during the week, and an optional dinner at one of the oldest saloons in town. Don't hesitate. **Be one of the first 20 to book your trip and you'll be entered into a raffle.**

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**SKI YOU SOON!!!!**

## Big Sky, Montana:

### The Biggest Skiing in America

January 27-Feb 3, 2018

Full Pkg \$1449 Land only \$961

TC Cindy Moore [Cindy@Spacecity.org](mailto:Cindy@Spacecity.org)

**BIG SKY, MONTANA - IF YOU'VE NEVER BEEN, YOU MUST GO. IF YOU HAVE BEEN, YOU ARE COMING BACK!**



Photo by Mark Davidson

If you have never experienced Big Sky, Montana, this is the opportunity you have been waiting for to play in the snow with your Space City friends at a low price you will proba-

bly never see again! We are staying at the fabulous Huntley Lodge, a slope side hotel. Depending on the amount of snow, and where your room is located, you can ski right up to your room! I know because I did just that the first time I stayed there! Worst case scenario, it is a 55 yard walk to the Explorer lift. Are you sick of trying to adapt to high altitude? Big Sky is your answer as we stay at 7510 feet above sea level vs. the 10,000 to 12,000 feet of many Colorado ski resorts. This package includes the best breakfast buffet you will ever experience, with just about anything your stomach desires, including omelets made to order. Meeting for breakfast daily makes for a most cohesive club trip. New members can meet new ski buddies at breakfast, so no one skis alone and everyone is immersed in the fun!! Sick of lift lines? What is a lift line? They are nonexistent in Big Sky. Your lift ticket includes the massive front and back side of Big Sky; a full 5800 of skiable acres. If you are skiing several trips with SCSC this coming season, use your Max Pass for your lifts. We have an incredible round trip flight on United, non-stop into Bozeman leaving at 10:00 a.m., at a price I dare you to beat! We only have 36 seats, so sign up immediately to secure the full package as they are expected to go extremely fast!

**THE SKIING AND BOARDING:** Whatever your level, you have plenty to ski/board at Big Sky! Beginners and Interme-





Photo by Jeff Engerbretson

diates can choose from 2295 skiable acres while advanced and experts have 3515 acres for their skiing/boarding pleasure. Big Sky consists of four mountains connected by chairlifts galore. Lift tickets are good on both sides of the four mountains touted as the biggest skiing in America. There are a total of 23 chair lifts, including the infamous Lone Peak tram for access to the steeps. There are also 11 surface lifts. With over 400 inches of average snowfall per year, we are not going to run out of snow! The average winter temperature is 25 degrees. The longest run is 6 miles!

#### THE RESORT STATISTICS:

Vertical 4,350 ft (1,326 m) total  
 Top elevation 11,166 ft (3,403 m)  
 Base elevation 6,800 ft (2,073 m) Lone Moose  
 7,500 ft (2,286 m) Mountain Village  
 Skiable area 5,800 acres (2,347.2 ha)



Photo by Big Sky Resort

**THE LODGING:** We will be staying right at Big Sky's Mountain Village. Ample nightlife and restaurants are contained inside the cozy Huntley Lodge. Take the Huntley shuttle into town where there are other excellent dinner options for all price ranges. We are staying at the popular slope side Huntley Lodge decorated with Montana antlers and wildlife galore. Did I mention the best full breakfast buffet I have ever experienced on a ski trip is included every day? Located in the heart of Big Sky's Mountain Village, this historic hotel was part of the

late NBC New broadcaster Chet Huntley's original vision for Big Sky Resort. The Huntley is steps from the Explorer lift just out the back door. Under the same roof is concierge, dining, shopping, ski storage, meeting rooms and the Solace Spa for a true massage treat. The Huntley Lodge features Boyne Beds and convenient access to a heated pool and two hot tubs. Your comfortable room includes a wet bar, a small refrigerator, a HDTV, free Wi-Fi, a coffee maker, a seating area, daily house-keeping and access to a free ski valet. Access to community washers, dryers and microwaves are also available. Our rates are based on double occupancy. Porterage is also included.

**TRAVEL:** We have secured 36 seats on a DIRECT flight right into Bozeman leaving at a leisurely 10:00 a.m. on United Airlines from Bush Intercontinental airport. The difference in price from the full package (with air) and the land package is only \$488.

Like short bus rides? We aim to please. The typical bus ride to Big Sky from our airport on our luxury private coach is one hour (50 miles). Since we have included a short grocery/liquor stop along the way our travel time will be a little more. Land package participants are welcome to ride our bus as long as your flights coincide with ours into Bozeman and back to IAH.



Photo by Jacob W. Frank

Day	Date	Flight	Depart	Time	Arrive	Time
Sat	27JAN18	UA6304	HOUSTON, TX	10:15AM	BOZEMAN, MT	1:17PM
Sat	03FEB18	UA6146	BOZEMAN, MT	2:03PM	HOUSTON, TX	6:29PM

**THE FUN:** A wine and cheese welcome party is included as part of this package as well as a top notch club party with more details later. In addition to the usual after ski events (relaxing in the 2 Huntley hot tubs, daily announced Apres' Ski events, etc.) we will be offering an optional snowmobile excursion into Yellowstone National Park. The last time I did this we hovered 20 feet away from two male bison's clashing horns in a fight usually only witnessed on T.V. on the Wild Kingdom! If there is enough interest we might also arrange a group dog sledding option. Along with the usual optional winter activities of sleigh rides, snowshoe tours and Nordic skiing, Big Sky offers unusual optional excitement including Zipline Tours and Snowcoach tours. So bring along that non-skier adventure seeking significant other because it will be impossible to be bored on this trip!



# Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy

January 27-Feb 3, 2018

Full Pkg \$2045\* Land only \$1193\* (\*subject to slight change due to foreign currency exchange rate)

Extension to Venice Feb 3-6 --\$423\*

TC Ali Pethick [Ali@Spacecity.org](mailto:Ali@Spacecity.org)

*Featured in James Bond "For Your Eyes Only". Beloved for decades by society types for its après-ski scene.*



High in the Dolomites with 140 ski runs and over 50 miles of cross-country pistes.

This is a TSC trip with all the wonderful activities with our Texas friends from around the state. When we arrive on Saturday, we will have a welcome reception at the Terrazza Viennese in our hotel Ancora. The Cortina Tourism Board and a very charming Italian ski instructor will greet us with canapes and local wine from the region. SCSC will gather during that time to collect lift tickets and be given the specific itineraries for the week. Monday SCSC will have our own welcome party.

We will be staying at the Hotel Ancora Cortina d'Ampezzo which was built in 1826 and has been in the same family for four generations. It is located right in the center of Cortina and it offers its guests the best of mountain hospitality with wood balconies and typical furniture in Ampezzo style. Many years it was awarded the "Three Golden Key" prize by Gamero Rosso for being one of the best 11 hotels in Italy. It has also won awards for one of the six best restaurant and hotels. The hotel's "Terrazza Viennese" which faces the famous Corso Italia is the meeting place for important people

from all over the world. The sunny terrace is classically decorated in perfect Biedermeier style in honour and memory of Francesco Giuseppe, Emperor of Austria.

Day trips include Castel Brando, followed by wine cellar and tour with tasting. This is the land of Prosecco. We will have a tour of the castle and brunch. Afterwards we will shuttle over to a nearby winery for a tour of the wine cellar and vineyard and tasting of 5 different wines accompanied with local cheeses and salami. The picturesque capital of Val Gardena will include a tour of this fascinating town famous for its ornate woodcarvings and lovely pedestrian area with great shops and cafes. Skiers will be guided to Sella Ronda Skiing at Val de Gardena.

A "hands on" session learning the art of cheese making will be conducted at a lovely restaurant located in the mountains above Cortina. The views are indescribable and worth the visit on their own. Another day will feature Hotel Ancora cooking demonstrations after which we will all enjoy a glass of Prosecco and appetizer and bruschetta.

Other activities in the area include cross-country skiing, ice skating, snowkiting and ice sledding.

On Friday, we will have our Farewell Party with wine and more and Saturday depart for Venice to either catch your flight home or to enjoy a few more days in Venice, Italy.

The Extension to Venice, Italy is February 3 through February 6. We will be staying at this Hotel. The Hotel Carlton is a 4 Star hotel located on the Grand Canal and what more is there to say. Many tourist spots are within walking distance as well as the train station. The hotel has free Wi-Fi and breakfast.





# SLC Utah Ski Sampler

Feb 3 -10, 2018

Full Pkg \$1100 Land Only \$700 (subject to slight change)

TC Arlen Isham [Arlen@consolidated.net](mailto:Arlen@consolidated.net)



SKI UTAH – THE GREATEST SNOW ON EARTH! Ski the fabulous snow of Snowbird, Alta, Deer Valley, Park City, Canyons, Solitude and Brighton – all during a one-week ski club trip. You have the opportunity and challenge of skiing a different resort every day.

We will fly to Salt Lake City on an American flight leaving Houston on Saturday morning at a great 10:25 a.m. flight. (No early morning!) and arriving Salt Lake in the midafternoon. On arrival, we will be taking vans and a shuttle to our accommodations located in Midvale. This is close to both Cottonwood Canyons. That will leave time on Saturday for getting settled-in, picking up discounted rental skis, and



joining your ski friends for a Saturday evening welcome party. Our American departure flight on Saturday, Feb 10 leaves Salt Lake around



full kitchen. Homewood Suites offer a complimentary hot breakfast each day and a complimentary light meal and beverage (wine & beer) during happy hour Monday – Thursday. During our 2010 stay at the Homewood Suites, many of the group did not buy dinner Monday through

Thursday, completely satisfied with the Happy Hour. If the happy hour is not enough, and you do not want to cook in your rooms, there are eight restaurants within easy walking distance and several others a short van ride away. There is also an indoor

hot tub, swimming pool, exercise room, coin laundry, and in-room high-speed internet.

The Homewood Suites are located 15 miles from the Cottonwood Canyon ski areas and 32 miles from the Park City Areas. On the days we ski the Cottonwood Canyon areas (Snowbird, Alta, Brighton, Solitude) we can take the Utah Transit Authority “ski bus” or use the two 15 passenger vans rented for the entire week for our convenience located at our hotel. Our discounted lift tickets from UTA include complimentary access to the UTA ski bus, with its bus stop very close to Homewood Suites. Ski shuttles run frequently during ski season and you will be able to depart and return as you wish. Our two 15 passenger vans will give us great convenience for either trips to the resorts or for use in Midvale. For the day trips to Park City and Deer Valley the club will use the rented 15-passenger vans. Lift ticket prices are not yet confirmed, but they will be discounted. Join a group that will have fun, great snow, at a great price.





# TSC Winter Shoot Out Beaver Creek

Feb 10-17, 2018

Full Pkg \$1245 Land Only \$1004

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## Beaver Creek

### Space City Ski Club/ Texas Ski Council Winter Shootout

February 10-17, 2018

LAND PACKAGE \$1,004 FULL PACKAGE \$1,245

Beaver Creek, nominated by USA TODAY as one of 2017 Best Destination Resorts, has a worldwide reputation for some of the best skiing Colorado has to offer, and you can be there this winter with all your Texas friends! Wow, aren't we lucky! Yes, Beaver Creek will be inundated with seven Texas ski clubs for the Winter Shootout. We will enjoy the usual TSC activities including: Mountain Tours, EPIC Mix racing, TSC Welcome Party, TSC racing awards/dinner/dancing, daily Après Ski and designated meeting places for lunch on the slopes. It doesn't end there, Space City will also host our own Happy Hours and an optional dinner. Wait, there's more.....this week, the resort will have a few extra options including: Mardi Gras Pub crawl, "Ashes to Go" on Ash Wednesday, Valentine's Day Celebrations, Back Coun-

try Snow Shoe Adventure-half day guided tours, and Dave Thomas happy hours. This trip will fill up fast so sign up early and send in your \$150 Deposit to ensure you're on the "hippest" trip in 2018!

**Travel:** Nonstop flight on Southwest Airlines (with 2 free bags!) into Denver International Airport and Coach Motorbus from DIA to Beaver Creek Resort with a grocery stop on the way.

The Resort Statistics: Base elevation at 8,100 ft. and Summit of 11,400 ft. with 3,400 ft. vertical rise. The developed terrain includes 5 mountains including Beaver Creek, Grouse, Larkspur, Arrowhead, and Bachelor Gulch spanning 150 total trails (19% beginner, 43% intermediate, 38% expert). This is an intermediate skier's dream resort!

**Lodging:** Premier condos are reserved at The Charter which offers ski-in/ski-out access to Elkhorn chair lift and is within walking distance of Beaver Creek Village. This European-inspired property is considered one of Colorado's best lodges. The Charter's first-class hotel services include a 24-hour front desk, concierge, bell staff, and full meeting and catering services. On-site amenities include an indoor lap pool and hot tubs, as well as a game room, health club and complimentary wireless internet access.

#### Optional Lift tickets: Ski more, save more \$\$\$

Ski Days	Regular Group Adult Rate	TSC Adult Rate	TSC Senior Rate
Daily Lift Ticket	\$145	\$132	\$123
3 out of 7 Day Lift Ticket	\$387	\$354	\$343
4 out of 7 Day Lift Ticket	\$480	\$437	\$428
5 out of 7 Day Lift Ticket	\$555	\$505	\$496
6 out of 7 Day Lift Ticket	\$624	\$568	\$558



By now, if you still need more reasons to join us at Beaver Creek....well, she's back!!! After a few years away, Thuy is eager to come back to being a trip coordinator for Space City and Beaver Creek is the perfect place so come join Thuy and Sandy for a Rocque-ing good time!

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# Snowmass, Colorado

March 3-10, 2018

Full Pkg \$1296 Land Only \$880 (subject to slight change)

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## WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Pre Ski trip party to get to know all fellow skiers. (Drinks, food and entertainment are included)
- Deluxe Ski-in/Ski-out lodging at the top of Snowmass Village.
- It's "Mass"sive with 3,362 skiable acres and 4,406 ft. vertical drop.
- Lift ticket for four great areas – Snowmass, Aspen, Aspen Highlands, & Buttermilk with terrain for all levels.
- Fun après ski happy hours, Club Dinner and Dance Party and other events.



**LUXURIOUS SKI-IN SKI-OUT LODGING: TOP OF THE VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS** Located at the top of Snowmass Village, Top of the Village Condominiums are ideally located for skiing as well as après-ski. What could be better than starting the day by walking out the door to ski? Our accommodations at Top of the Village will be upscale 2 bedroom/ 2 bath and 3 bedroom/ 3 bath condominiums with fireplaces, private balconies, and views of the surrounding mountains. They offer amenities including fully-equipped kitchens, elevators, washer/dryer in each unit, complimentary Wi-Fi, daily maid service, and concierge service. Free shuttle service is also provided within Snowmass, making it easy to get around for groceries or other

outings. A heated pool and hot tubs will be ready for relaxation at the end of the day.

**WHAT DOES THIS TRIP INCLUDE?** We will start a Big Bang Pre-trip party which will include hot and cold appetizers and drinks to get to know our fellow skiers and warm up for our Hot Ski trip. Your round-trip bus transportation from Denver International Airport to Snowmass is also included, along with seven nights accommodation at Top of Village and a Welcome Pizza party on Saturday night to hand out lift tickets and meet everyone. **Please Do not let us stop!!!!** After après ski happy hours every day, we may have more surprise parties for those who still have enough energy for night fun. We have already reserved a clubhouse on Wednesday for dinner and dance party. (Yes! it is all included except you bring your own favorite beverage).

**Great Skiing.** Snowmass has something for everyone! With 4,406 of vertical rise & 3,362 acres of varied terrain, Snowmass has the largest lift-served vertical descent in America and has been hailed as the #1 overall resort in America by both Ski.com and Transworld Snowboarding magazine. From wide cruising runs on Big Burn, to the experts-only thrill of Hanging Valley Wall, there is terrain here for everyone. Want more runs? Turn on the "Power of Four" mountains by taking a free short bus ride to Aspen for more expert terrain, Buttermilk for more easy-going gentle cruising runs, or Aspen Highlands, a local favorite. Skiers and riders of all abilities will have plenty of great skiing on this trip.

**MOUNTAIN STATS (SNOWMASS ONLY)** · 3362 skiable acres · 4406 vertical rise, summit elevation 12,510 ft., base elevation 8104 ft. · 94 trails, 21 lifts including 2 gondolas, 1 high speed six passenger, 7 high-speed quads · Easiest 6%, More difficult 47%, Most Difficult 17%, Expert 30%.

**We will have more details for flight schedules and date for pre-warmup party and a lot more in August.**

**We want you to have the most memorable fun trip of 2018 with us. Please mark this one on your Calendar!!!**



# STANDUP PADDLEBOARD REPORT BY ALI PETHICK

For two days before, it rained and rained and rained. But on the day of... the clouds parted and we had the perfect day. It was sunny with times of slight overcast. We checked in with our old friend Justin and proceeded to our training. We were soon SUPing and doing our things all over the lake. Cindy performed pilates and Ali did her famous "down dog" a yoga move on all fours. Leslie quickly duplicated this move although she doesn't take yoga so tells you how difficult the posture is. Some raced and some just fell off and over. Judy Corke brought Taren and Tabatha who played their tunes. That's why we bring young people. Jo, Jill, Joan, Rowena, Bob and Charlotte



and Lisa made broad strokes around us while George Sargent was the lake guard, purviewing all. By now the sun was out so it felt good to go into the water. Ross tried to photograph the event—is that still a

word? He did his best to find flattering ones but that is quite a task.



Afterwards we went to Marilyn and Larry's place at their nearby lake. Wine and beer flowed and John and Denise's black bean dip seemed to be the hit of the buffet. Bil and Karen took advantage of the paddle boat followed in the water by Andy.

We spent many hours talking about the upcoming trips, Cindy extolling the virtues of Big Sky and Ali marketing Cortina. Bil put in a plug for the Patsy Cline event telling us about his days in that show when it was new.



The evening ended with a discussion of deer hunting on Interstates and Fred's experience will a "rolling herd" on his way from New York to Texas. Ali was given some



of Marilyn's plant samples/cuttings to bring home. It's always a good practice

to compliment people on their plants and there was plenty to compliment.







## STEAMBOAT HOUSE RESTAURANT DINNER





# VILLAGE PEOPLE CONCERT



## ASTROS GAME

Twenty SCSCers had a fun night at Minute Maid Park on July 14 and we even brought home a win! The Astros had 14 hits and won by a score of 10-5 against the Minnesota Twins. It was a long game with all the scoring, but for those who lasted, we got to enjoy spectacular fireworks to a fabulous Mo-town theme.

Great times with great friends!!  
GO ASTROS!!



## EXTRAVEHICULAR ACTIVITIES UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

August 9-30 "Two Step Dance Classes"- Wednesdays

August 13 Bowling Tournament at Del Mar Lanes

August 17 Always... Patsy Cline at Stages Theater

August 19 Dinner at the Original Carrabba's on Voss

August 24 Happy Hour at Churrasco's at Memorial City

September 16 Skeeters Baseball Game





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MEMORIAL CITY  
AUGUST 24**

HAPPY HOUR 5:00 PM TO 8:30 PM  
HAPPY HOUR PRICES 5PM TO 7:30 PM

ONLY \$5.95 FOR A NUMBER OF COCKTAILS & WINES  
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