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new beginnings

Ever since I was a child, I've always remembered loving September--it was a season of new beginnings. Maybe it was because I looked forward to seeing my school friends at the start of each school year, or the anticipation of new TV shows, or the new clothes and school supplies I would get. More than January 1st -- September was the mental beginning of the new year for me, and remains so to this day.

September held its charms for me until 2001, when living in New York City, I was scarred by the events on 9/11. I could see both of the twin towers from my apartment, which faced south from midtown. I saw where

the 1st plane had hit, saw the 2nd plane hit, and saw both buildings fall. For a long time, I struggled reconciling these 'twin Septembers' in my mind. Since returning to skiing after a 20+ year hiatus, September brings new traditions with it again -- the new issues of ski magazines arrive, my plans for my ski trips fall into place, and I return to the gym to get in condition for the upcoming season. It's great to be back to September routines that bring great joy and new beginnings.

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Wasn't the August Sitzmarke incredible?

From all accounts it was an overwhelming success and many of our members are sharing their magazine with their friends and co-workers. If you have a business that has a waiting area, please consider having a couple of them reprinted for display. This would be a great opportunity to give the SCSC Club name more exposure and have a nice informational piece for your office. To reprint the magazine, go to www.spacecity.org and scroll down to the 2013-2014 Trips Section on the home page. Click on the Sitzmarke icon, which will take you to the MagCloud site where you can order printed copies for about \$15. Or just click on this link: <http://www.magcloud.com/browse/issue/598200?r=347959> Help personalize next year's

from MISSION CONTROL



Sitzmarke! This season is your chance to see yourself or one of your trip pictures in next year's August magazine. We are running a photo contest which will be judged in the spring, so start thinking about the composition and make sure you have a high resolution camera. Look for more details about the contest in our next issue of the *Sitzmarke*.

Congratulations to Nancy DuFrane! Nancy won the membership drive contest and was awarded the \$50 gift certificate. Way to go Nancy!

Now is the time to begin your fitness routine for the

2013-2014 ski season. To help you prepare for this year's trip(s), I have tailored the September and October general meetings to help you get into shape. At September's general meeting, Tyler Lutz, an exercise physiologist and personal trainer, will provide information for proper conditioning to tackle the slopes. His presentation is Part One of a two-part fitness series that will focus on core strengthening, conditioning, and flexibility to



Tyler Lutz to address the September General Meeting

enhance your ski or hiking experience. In October, Part Two will be a nutrition presentation to help you optimally fuel your body for the slopes and hiking trails. Starting

your season with proper fuel and strengthening will help reduce your chance of injury and make your activities more pleasurable. Be sure to mark your calendars for the September 9 and October 14 general meetings to receive the optimal benefit of this two-part series.

Thanks to those who have added their pictures to the online membership directory. It is nice to scroll through the directory and be able to associate a name with a face. For those who haven't done this yet, we would appreciate you doing so because it makes the directory more personal.

If you would like to be a part of the fun and activities with our club, please consider volunteering to lead an activity or trip. Email Gayle Dayle at activities@spacecity.org if you're interested

in running an activity or Susan Blome at trips@spacecity.org if you're interested in running a trip for next year. Volunteers are the life blood of this club. We need you!

Also, please consider helping out with the nominating committee. This committee is responsible for finding candidates for the 2014-2015 slate of officers. Contact me at president@spacecity.org if you are interested in helping out with this committee.

See you at September's General Meeting AND on the slopes!

Melinda Hughes

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Annual Trip
Issue

having a BLAST

The Annual Volunteer Pool Party was a splashing success and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to all of our volunteers from this past year and special thanks to Cindy Moore for all her hard work to coordinate this party. Also, thanks to our wonderful hosts Linda and Stan Kuper who graciously opened their home for the party. And of course we can't forget to thank our fabulous chefs **Robert Clements** and **Bruce Lowther** who served up a wonderful meal. Everyone has been asking for that Baked Bean recipe (hint hint)! **Don Macken's** group had a great time cheering on the Astros this summer and **Evan Howell's** group had a blast at the Dynamos game. Be on the lookout for skiers on the slopes with bright yellow Dynamo scarves.

If you didn't join the group for the Party Barge or Pontoon Boat on Lake Conroe a few weeks ago you missed a really fun weekend. Just ask **Betty Donellan** who managed to get up on one water ski on her first attempt or **Ann Dorn** who whizzed around the lake repeatedly on a large tube suspended from the back of Pete's pontoon boat. Thanks to **Pete Mathieu** and **Margaret McCord** for



leading two fun activities.

Peggy Schillinger psspring@earthlink.net is busy signing up people for our end-of-summer party, the SCSC **Hawaiian Luau**, complete with a pig roast and a hula show. This is one party you won't want to miss. Just \$25.00 will get you food, a few drinks, entertainment and a HOT HOT hottub, as well as a swimming pool.

The **September Happy Hour** will be at the award winning REEF Restaurant. Plan to stay afterwards for dinner with a few friends (advance reservations are recommended). You'll be glad you did!

The **October Happy Hour** will be at the Boneyard Dog Park and Drinkery. This will be a combination Happy Hour/Halloween Costume party. Bring your dog dressed in their favorite costume and if you don't have a dog then just dress yourself up like a CAT! ! Our theme is 'MUST LOVE DOGS (or cats)'. Everyone should bring a ghoulish dish to share and we'll buy our drinks from the bar. There will be reduced prices on beer and wine all night long.

Rev up your engine and volunteer with your SCSC friends for the **Grand Prix of Houston** October 4-6.

Ellen Eastham eeastham@prodigy.net is looking for

people to volunteer at this event and to coordinate this activity. More detailed information on the race event is published in this newsletter. It promises to be an action packed weekend.

Lori Aubrecht has put together an amazing venue for our **Christmas Gala**. Join us at the Post Oak Grill (Galleria) on December 19th from 7:30-midnight for a festive evening of dinner and dancing. Contact Lori at loriaubrecht@hotmail.com for ticket information or register on the club web site spacecity.org. There won't be a Happy Hour in December due to the holidays so this is your chance to mingle with your SCSC friends during the holidays. It's also a great time for all you 'SCSC Dance Class' people to strut your stuff and show us what we've been missing by not taking the dance classes. There's a **new class forming**, so it's not too late to get some lessons in before the Gala. Contact Ali Pethick at alipethick@yahoo.com for more information on dance classes.

Other activities we are considering are a German Oktoberfest activity, the Renaissance Festival in November, and Mardi Gras in February. We could use volunteer help from YOU on all of these activities! Contact Ali or me if you can volunteer.

Any suggestions for new activities are always

SEPTEMBER HAPPY HOUR



REEF Restaurant – the 3rd Bar

The bar is named for the 3rd sand bar where sharks lurk. Enjoy the great

view of Houston's downtown skyline and award-winning cuisine: REEF has established itself as one of Houston's top seafood restaurants. See related article 'the man behind the MENU AT REEF' on page 10. Happy hour specials on food and drinks. Free valet parking.

WHAT: HAPPY HOUR

WHERE: Reef - the 3rd bar
2600 Travis @ McGowen

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

WHEN: Thursday, 9/26
5:30-9:00

welcome.

Gayle Dayle

VP of Activities

activities@spacecity.org

Ho'olu Komo La Kaua

MAUI WOWIE HAWAIIAN LUAU

Saturday, September
21st
4:30-10:30pm

Katy, TX - register to re-
ceive the exact address

[AREA MAP](#)

\$25
Final refund date
8/28/13

ACTIVITY COORDINA-
TOR:
[Peggy Schillinger](#)

[REGISTER NOW](#)



MAUI WOWIE LUAU

Aloha!
Feel like heading to Hawaii and sipping Mai
Tai's under swaying palm trees? Can't quite
afford that? Then for only \$25 you can come to the
imaginary Hawaiian Islands right here in Katy, TX.

You'll be entertained poolside by lovely hula
dancers (maybe even a fire dancer) while having
ono grinds like Chef Dana's kuala pig cooked imu
style, pineapple teriyaki chicken, macaroni salad and
coconut cake.

Two Mai Tai's per person included in admission
price (you can BYOB if you want more).

The lava will be flowing in the jacuzzi making it HOT
HOT HOT so wear your swimsuit under your grass
skirt.

PS: Grass skirts can be purchased at PartyCity or
from multiple online vendors.

the man behind the MENU AT REEF

Our September Happy Hour isn't at just any restaurant...it's at REEF. If you haven't heard of it, you must have been under a coral reef, because it's one of Houston's best. Its accolades are many. I

was lucky to catch an interview with Chef and co-owner Bryan Caswell who shared his story about fish, fishing, being a chef, and REEF.

Bryan's love affair with seafood started very early, though not in the kitchen. He's been fishing since he could crawl. Growing up in Houston gave him easy access to the waters of the Gulf. He started fishing with his grandfather and father, and even when he and his father weren't getting along, they still always fished together. In high-school, he was really 'hard-core' and would drive

anywhere up and down the Texas Gulf Coast where the fish were biting...the bay, the surf, anywhere to catch fish.

When I asked Bryan which he likes best, catching, cooking or eating

fish, he answered without hesitation "Catching fish." He has boats in Surfside and Matagorda, and still manages to fish 3-4 times a month...

both bay and offshore fishing. "While I'm out there, I put my phone in a box and I don't think about anything....it's my church."

Bryan's start in the restaurant business was quite humble. His first job was as a dishwasher... and he worked his way up. While in college, he worked at restaurants and his goal back

then was to be a bartender (the money and the

Chef Bryan Caswell named James Beard Award Nominee Best Chef / Southwest 2011 Best Chef / Southwest 2010

Chef Bryan Caswell named Top 10 Best New Chef by Food & Wine Magazine (2009)

REEF named #1 Seafood Restaurant in the U.S. by Bon Appetit Magazine (2008)



get to know CHEF BRYAN CASWELL



hours were good). In fact, to date, the longest job he's had in his life working for someone else was as the bartender at Damian's in Houston.

When he realized that he should train as a chef, he chose the top school in the country, the Culinary Institute of America. After graduation, he worked for Jean-George Vongerichten, the widely acclaimed award-winning chef and restaurateur.

As Chef Caswell, Bryan sharpened his culinary skills under Vongerichten's mentoring in many cities by the sea such as New York, Hong Kong, Barcelona and the Bahamas. Bryan landed back in Houston when Vongerichten brought him in as chef of the

Bank Restaurant at the Hotel Icon, where he met and worked with his future partner Bill Floyd. While there, he kept trying to find a source to purchase fish like he had eaten growing up. That's when he and Bill got the idea to open REEF, a 'market run'



seafood restaurant with an international flair. That was 2007. Many accolades and awards later, REEF



is still one of the best restaurants in Houston. Sourcing fish for his restaurant is a daily challenge for Bryan. He has three main suppliers he works with almost exclusively who drive straight from the dock to the restaurant. Except for the salmon, 90% of the seafood at REEF comes from the Gulf Coast. They have served 85 different species from the Gulf alone. His travels have taken him to many cities worldwide that are on the water, so I inquired as to which country had the best seafood. He responded



enthusiastically, "Vietnam is the coolest place I've ever been and the food was out of control!"

I asked Bryan if he had any tips for the home chef about cooking seafood since lots of people are a bit intimidated by it. His advice was straightforward: "Know your fish monger. Don't go in [to the fish

monger store] thinking you will buy red snapper, talk to the fish monger." Selling fish is a very tough living because the product is so perishable.

Bryan continued, "Look for fish with a translucent quality, that bounces back when you touch it, and don't be afraid to buy a whole fish because there's a better chance you'll get good quality." When it comes to cooking fish, Chef Caswell said not to

over cook it. Fish should be cooked medium. On the horizon, Bryan has some more restaurant concepts he's working on, but couldn't tell me about them until they launch. Opening a restaurant is his favorite thing to do. He wants to stay in Houston... he is considering Austin or Dallas, but the idea of



Bryan sampling street food in VietNam.
"One minus...Every chair on the street is hobbit size"

having a celebrity chef restaurant in Vegas does not appeal to him – he can't imagine how he'd be able to run it well from a distance.

I closed our interview by asking what we should order if we stay for dinner on the 26th. Since the menu changes almost daily, Bryan couldn't be specific, but he did say "try something you haven't had before". I hope you'll make plans to join some Ski Club friends for a very special meal at REEF following our Happy Hour there.



Reservations are strongly recommended.
www.reefhouston.com
713 526 8282 or go to opentable.com.

Lynda Meyer



volunteer for the FESTIVAL OF SPEED

GRAND PRIX OF HOUSTON

Friday-Sunday
October 4-6

Volunteer for 3 shifts

Reliant Park

FREE

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR:
Ellen Eastham

Grand Prix of Houston
– be part of Houston
racing history and the

'Festival of Speed'!

Volunteer to assist on your



choice

of 8 committees for a minimum
of 3 shifts over at least 2 days,
or 21 hours before or during race
weekend. Many perks come
with volunteering including 3 days
admission, 2 shirts, GPOH pin, meals,
and 2 Fri. admission tickets to give
to family or friends.

In addition to car racing, other
weekend events include a festival
of concerts, Creedence Clearwater
Revisited (Fri.), Family Fun Zone,
Miss Grand Prix Contest, and

celebrity Go Cart Race. Register to
volunteer www.grandprixofhouston.com.

Join us at weekly GPOH Volunteer

Socials 8/22 through 9/19 each
Thursday. 'LIKE' and check out more
information [Grand Prix of Houston](#)
[Volunteers](#) on Facebook.

To confirm registration, ask
questions, and volunteer to be the
activity coordinator, contact Ellen
Eastham, eeastham@prodigy.net
281-989-9935; SCSC member and
GPOH Volunteer Recruiting Manager
(volunteer position).

grand prix of HOUSTON



must love dogs (or cats) HAPPY HOUR HALLOWEEN BASH

HAPPY HOUR HALLOWEEN BASH

Thursday, October 24th
6:00-11:00pm

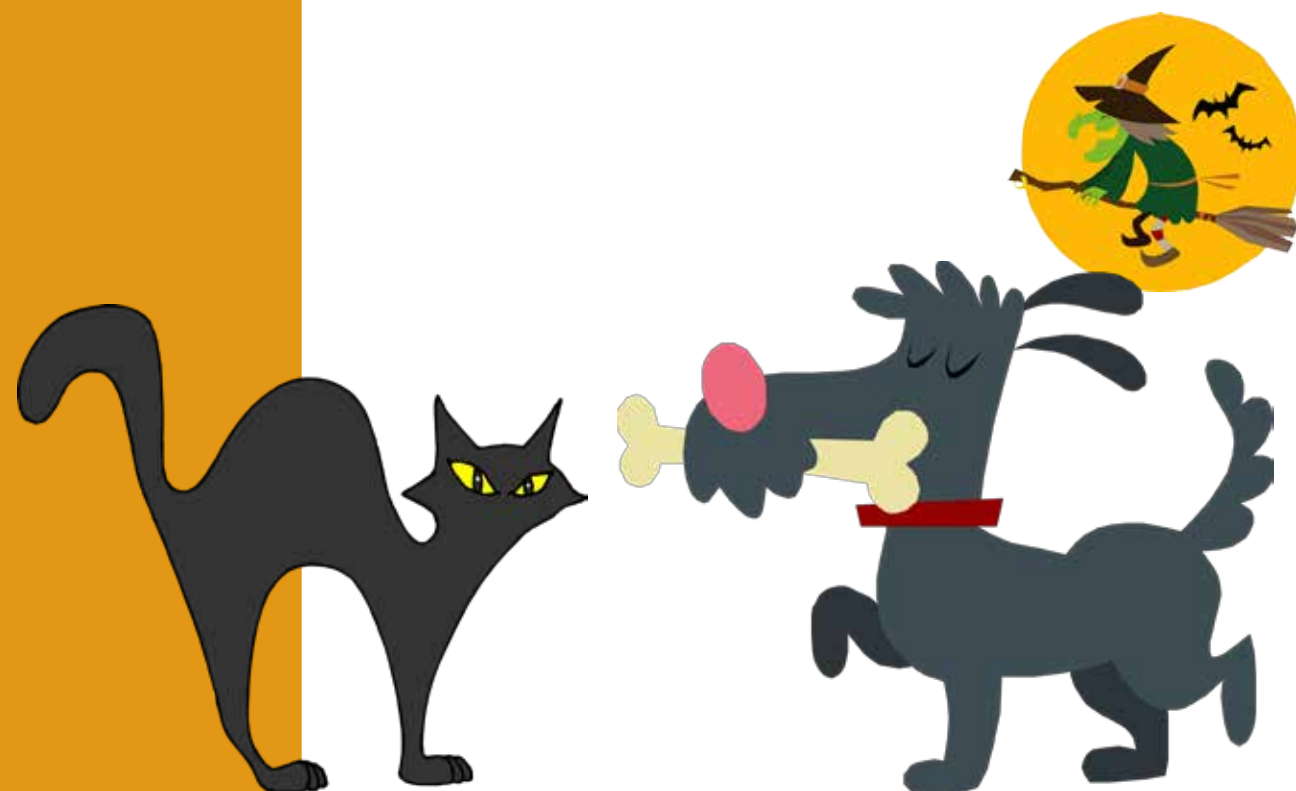
Boneyard Dog Park and
Drinkery
8150 Washington Ave.

Free parking in their lot
or next door in Houston
Highway Credit union
lot.

Our October Happy Hour will be a combination Happy Hour Halloween Costume party. Bring your dog dressed up in a Halloween costume. Don't have a dog??? Then bring yourself and dress up like a cat!! We will have prizes for the best owner/dog costume, best pet costume, best human costume, and best Halloween themed "dish to share". It'll be a great photo op!

Bring a dish to share (Halloween theme would be fun), appetizer, snacks, or dessert.

\$1.00 off beer and wine all night.



save the date - december 19th CHRISTMAS GALA



BUFFET MENU

First Course

Post Oak Salad

Mixed Greens, Pinenuts, Crusted Goat Cheese

Famous Tomato Salad

Sliced Roma Tomatoes, Hearts Of Palm, Sweet Red Onions

Both Salads with Ranch Dressing & Herb Vinaigrette

Main Course

Flounder Filet Florentine

With Capers and Mushrooms in a Green Onion Sauce

Marinated Grilled Chicken

Topped with Fresh Tomatoes and Basil in a Bianco Sauce

Bowtie Pasta A la Vodka

With Tomatoes, Mushrooms and Basil

Sides

Whipped Red New Potatoes

Sauteed Seasonal Vegetables

Assorted Bread and Biscuits

Dessert

Assorted Homemade Cookies

Key Lime & Pecan Tarts

Chocolate Dipped Strawberries

LET **WINTER** BRING OUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER IN YOU



New for 2013-14! We're running a photo contest. The winners will have their photos published in our Annual Ski & Trip Sitzmarke print edition. More details coming soon.

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membership CAPSULE

*Had a wonderful time!
Wish you were there...*

I'm talking about our kick-off meeting, that took place on August 12th. We had a super turnout of existing members, members who renewed AND new members, bringing us to 380 members total. Some of our trips filled up and went to a wait list. And it's only August!! It's not too late to renew—go to www.spacecity.org and use Paypal for immediate renewal. And I'm talking immediate-like on the spot! It's an exciting year ahead and we want you to be part of it.

As VP of Membership—I love having volunteers at the Membership table -- and ask you to volunteer to help sign-in people. It's a great way to meet people and put faces to names or names to faces. The September General Meeting is September 9th. Be part of the action and check people in while you are checking them out! :))

Jan Ferrell

VP of Membership

membership@spacecity.org

Have you forgotten your user name or
password?

E-mail membership@spacecity.org for help

ALL NEW ALL BLUE

Casper, the Intermediate Playground

A THREE YEAR TRANSFORMATION

HAS TURNED THE CASPER AREA INTO AN INTERMEDIATE'S PLAYGROUND WITH EXTENSIVE SUMMER GROOMING, EXPANDED SNOWMAKING, THREE NEW SNOWCATS, A BURTON INTERMEDIATE STASH PARK AND ENHANCEMENTS TO THE CASPER LODGE. ALL THIS, PLUS THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW HIGH-SPEED DETACHABLE QUAD CHAIR LIFT, HAS CREATED THE ULTIMATE JACKSON HOLE "ALL BLUE" INTERMEDIATE EXPERIENCE. 40% OF JACKSON HOLE MOUNTAIN RESORT TERRAIN IS INTERMEDIATE.

FOLLOW US!



As the summer turns into fall, trip sign-ups have begun and what a WONDERFUL response we have had to our trip slate this year! The trip sign-ups began on August 1st with a huge response as 121 total spots were reserved by August 2nd, not including the Wine Country. And, by the end of our BIG TRIP SHOW featuring all of the trips at the August General Meeting on Monday, August 12th, the Vail-February & Garmisch trips are now stand-by/wait list only. Several trips have only a few spots available. However, many trips have plenty of space available so your favorite destination is not totally out of reach! We are looking to increase space where we can; however, sometimes it's not possible. So don't wait to sign up! For the most current trip status, please check the web site www.spacecity.org and check directly with the TC of the trip you are interested in.



Mammoth interior view

countdown to LIFTOFF

Each year the mountains and ski resort community make changes to enhance your ski destination experience. Oftentimes, it's a new ski lift. One change announced this summer is that the Canyons Resort has joined the Epic Pass family. So if you are planning on skiing with SCSC in Vail, Park City, Keystone, or Breckenridge, you may want to check out the Epic Pass. Note that the Epic pass prices go up after Labor Day...Check out www.snow.com for more info. However, if the Epic pass is not for you, SCSC trips offer discounted/group lift ticket rates

and that includes the SCSC trips to Jackson Hole, Mammoth, and Winter Park.

Whatever you

decide, enjoy your vacation with friends and family creating new memories and save money by taking advantage of the group rates SCSC offers.

Unfortunately, sometimes a participant's plans change and one of the benefits of being an SCSC member is that the club will assist in trying to find

countdown to LIFTOFF (continued)

a suitable replacement using the trip standby/ wait list. So, once a trip's participant roster is full, additional member registrations will be added to a stand-by list / wait list in the order they are received. The TC will hold your deposit check until a space becomes available on the trip and you will be given the opportunity to confirm you still want to join the trip before your check is deposited. So don't be afraid of being on the wait list... many of us have joined a trip after clearing a wait list.

Also, as a member of Space City Ski and Adventure Club, our members are given the first opportunity to sign up for our trip slate; however, as members of the Texas Ski Council, we are required to offer reciprocity to members of other ski clubs belonging to the Texas Ski Council as long as they are members in good standing with their club. Effective September 1st, members from other Texas Ski Council Clubs will be able to join our club trips. Alternatively, SCSC members may also join trips with other Texas Ski Council Clubs. Please contact me for additional information or clarification.

Our team of TCs and ATCs is working hard to bring you a slate of fantastic trips, including the Wine Country trip in October and South Africa in

September 2014. Come to the next General Meeting on September 9th to meet with them personally and find out other information they can share about your trip or any trip you are interested in, including options and the parties planned for your trip. I look forward to a fun-filled and exciting ski and adventure season and hope you do too. Take care & stay safe. Cheers!

Susan Blome

VP of Trips

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CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

OCTOBER 3rd-7th

Just 4 spots remain

Sign-up online or
contact the TC, Linda Kuper

linda@spacecity.org

Are you getting our E-MAIL BLASTS?

About 3-4 times a month, we send out email blasts to both members and non-members to announce important news about trips, upcoming activities and reminders for our General Meetings and Happy Hours. If you aren't receiving these emails, then check

the following:

First, make sure you're subscribed to our email list. Subscribing is easy -- go to our home page, click on the 'Subscribe to our email list' link in the "OUR PUBLICATION" section. Then fill in the form on the next page.

But your subscription is not yet complete. We use something called the 'double opt-in' method to ensure people aren't added to our list involuntarily.

Here's how it works:

1. An interested person signs up for our email blast through a form at our website.
2. She receives an email asking her to confirm her subscription.
3. If she clicks the link, she's added to the list.
4. If she doesn't click the link, she's not added to the list.

If you find you are already on the list, or have confirmed your subscription but still aren't getting



our emails, then you probably have a spam filter in place that is blocking our emails to you. Be sure to allow email from the domain 'spacecity.org' into your Inbox. There are so many email programs out there we can't possibly provide specific instructions on how to do this, but contact your internet provider if you continue to have problems and they can help you resolve your issue.

If you've tried all the steps above, and still have problems, contact me and I'll try to run some tests with you 1:1 to determine what's going wrong.

Lynda Meyer

VP of Marketing

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trip
CALENDAR
OCTOBER

3-7 CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

DECEMBER

7-11 VAIL SHORT

7-14 VAIL LONG

JANUARY

4-11 PARK CITY

24-31 GARMISH-PARTENKIRCHEN

FEBRUARY

8-15 JACKSON HOLE

22-MAR 1 VAIL

MARCH

1-8 MAMMOTH

8-15 KEYSTONE⁽¹⁾

12-16 BRECKENRIDGE SHORT

15-22 WINTER PARK⁽²⁾

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

19-30 SOUTH AFRICA

(1) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 1
(2) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 2

Destination	Dates	Prices Full/Land Only (before cash discount)	Final Pay- ment Date	Trip Coordinator	Assistant Trip Coordinator
2013					
California Wine Country	Oct 3-7	\$773 - land & cash only	8/30/13	Linda Kuper linda@spacecity.org 713-478-9094	
Vail, CO - Short	Dec 7-11	\$756 - land only	10/14/13	Ann Rogers ann@spacecity.org 281-703-0454	
Vail, CO - Long	Dec 7-14	\$1,229 - land only	10/14/13		
2014					
Park City, UT <i>TSC Winter Traditional</i>	Jan 4-11	\$1,310/\$851	11/11/13	Betty Donellan betty@spacecity.org 310-702-2090	Leslie Hajdo leslieh@spacecity.org 281-419-6237
Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Bavaria, Germany <i>TSC Winter Expedition</i>	Jan 24-31	\$2,148/\$1,067	11/11/13	Barbara Brescian barbara@spacecity.org 713-516-5322	
Jackson Hole, WY <i>TSC Winter Showdown</i>	Feb 8-15	\$1,399/\$766	12/2/13	Anne Thomas anne@spacecity.org 713-589-3660	Steve Ying steve@spacecity.org 281-433-4122
Vail, CO	Feb 22-Mar 1	\$1,204/\$860	11/24/13	Jim Hodges jim@spacecity.org 281-829-6155	Arlen Isham arlen@spacecity.org 713-560-0187
Mammoth, CA	Mar 1-8	\$1,479/\$901	1/13/14	Sandra McCunis sandra@spacecity.org 281-463-7717	
Keystone, CO ⁽¹⁾ <i>TSC Final Showdown</i>	Mar 8-15	\$1,335/\$715	11/11/13	John Burk john@spacecity.org 281-468-1912	
Breckenridge, CO - Short	Mar 12-16	\$578 - land only	1/13/14	Patti Finch patti@spacecity.org 936-520-1486	
Winter Park, CO ⁽²⁾	Mar 15-22	\$941/\$550	12/9/13	Cindy Moore cindy@spacecity.org 713-628-7613	
South Africa <i>TSC Summer Expedition</i>	Sept 19-30	\$5,130/\$2,938	TBD	Melody Bohlmann melody@spacecity.org 210-410-7302	

(1) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 1 (2) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 2

Information shown on this Trip Schedule is subject to change. Contact the Trip Coordinator (TC) or Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC) for the most up-to-date information.

PRICING: FULL packages include air, all transfers, and per person lodging based on double-occupancy. LAND packages do not include air. Ground transportation will be included and available on selected trips for land package participants if they can meet the group at the destination airport in time to meet the group. Ground transportation will not be delayed for land package participants arriving later than the group. Check with your Trip Coordinator for ground transportation arrangements if you are choosing a land package.

Published prices do not include baggage fees, equipment rentals or lift tickets, and are subject to change. All trip deposits can be made with PayPal; however, final payment must be made by check to receive a discounted rate. Trips frequently have optional activities, such as a group dinner, or offer pre- and post-trip segments that are not reflected in the price published above. The TC is your source of information as to what is included in the package price and the cost of available options. Each trip has a different 'final refund' date -- that is the last date you can withdraw from the trip without a penalty. Refer to the club's Standing Rules 5.1-5.3 for the governing policies on trips, cancellations, refunds, etc.

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

TRIP COORDINATORS FOR 2013-14

CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

OCTOBER 3-7, 2013

Linda Kuper, TC
linda@spacecity.org
713-478-9094

- 2 custom tailored, guided wine excursions
- Harvest season in Sonoma/Napa areas
- Quaint town of Healdsburg (reminiscent of Tuscany in the fall)
- Complimentary wine tastings at local wineries
- Fall is a beautiful time to visit Northern California – experience fall color & crisp weather



Linda Kuper

VAIL CO

DEC 7-14 or 7-11
Ann Rogers, TC
ann@spacecity.org
281-703-0454

- Short & long options available
- Largest ski resort in the United States
- 5,289 acres of skiing
- Famous Back Bowls



Ann Rogers

PARK CITY, UT - TSC TRADITIONAL

JAN 4-11
Betty Donellan, TC
betty@spacecity.org
281-374-2172 / 310-702-2090

- World's Best Snow
- Three mountains to ski – Park City, Deer Valley, The Canyons
- Terrain for all abilities
- Park City is a charming mining town to explore



Betty Donellan

Leslie's still on
the mountain --
haven't snapped
his photo yet

Leslie Hajdo

and why you should choose their TRIP

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, BAVARIA, GERMANY - TSC WINTER EXPEDITION

JANUARY 24-31

Barbara Brescian
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713-516-5322

- Savor the tastes, sounds and skiing of a Bavarian mountain resort town
- Ski the panoramic roof top of Germany
- Terrain for all abilities
- Step back in time to tour the 'real Disney castle'
- Historical sites, interesting excursions, art and culture

WAIT-LIST ONLY



Barbara Brescian

JACKSON HOLE, WY - TSC WINTER SHOWDOWN

FEB 8-15

Anne Thomas
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713-589-3660

Steve Ying
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281-433-4122

- SCSC/TSC trips are packed with activities on and off the slopes
- Offers 40% Blue Trails and ski terrain for all abilities
- Mountainside Lodging- No long bus rides!
- Elevation – base 6,311' is good for sleeping; summit -10,450' is great for skiing.
- Avoid Houston restaurant crowds by celebrating Valentine's Day in a skier's paradise

WAIT-LIST ONLY



Steve Ying and Anne Thomas

TRIP COORDINATORS FOR 2013-14

VAIL, CO

FEB 22-MAR 1

Jim Hodges

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281-829-6155

Arlen Isham

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713-560-0187

- Largest, single mountain ski area in North America
- Vail International Condos located near Lionshead Village; walk or shuttle to gondola lift
- Dining and nightlife rated among the best in ski country
- Non-stop flight to Denver followed by a short 2 hr bus ride
- Skiing for everyone – wide open groomed runs, famous back bowls

WAIT-LIST ONLY



Jim Hodges and Arlen Isham

MAMMOTH, CA

MARCH 1-8

Sandra McCunis

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- Mammoth Mountain has the most open terrain in the U.S.
- Average of 400 inches of snow and 300 days of sunshine
- Lodging in premier ski-in, ski-out condominium hotel
- The Village at Mammoth with shopping, dining and nightlife
- Overnight stay on Friday in Reno hotel with great entertainment included



Sandra McCunis

KEYSTONE, CO - TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN, FAMILY TRIP

MARCH 8-15

John Burk

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281-468-1912

- Spring [Break] Skiing / Family Optional
- 3 Mountains at Keystone plus Breckenridge & Arapahoe Basin
- One scheduled day at Vail with transportation included
- Texas Ski Council (TSC) parties, activities and discounts
- Terrain for all abilities



John Burk

and why you should choose their TRIP

BRECKENRIDGE SHORT

MARCH 12-16

Patti Finch

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936-520-1486

- Patti's favorite destination!
- Over 2,300 acres for skiing, including 800 acres of bowl skiing
- Breckenridge is an authentic mining town with lots of character
- Easy access from the Denver airport
- Terrific "learn to ski" area

Patti's still on the mountain -- haven't snapped her photo yet

WINTER PARK, CO

MARCH 15-22

Cindy Moore

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713-628-7613

- Coincides with Houston & Spring Branch ISD, several college spring breaks, and the trip is geared for children of all ages
- Seven nights of value-priced lodging are offered
- Lift tickets are inexpensive and lesson packages For all ages
- Winter Park offers terrain for all abilities, with lots of gentle slopes for beginners



Cindy Moore

SOUTH AFRICA - TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION

SEPTEMBER 19-30, 2014

Melody Bohlmann

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210-410-7302

- 'Bucket List' South Africa destination with a 3 night post-trip option available for skiing in Lethoso.
- This trip has something for everyone – the adventurer, nature lover, animal lover, wine taster, historian, photographer, and the shopper.



Melody Bohlmann

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SEPTEMBER

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General Meeting

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Maui Wowie Luau

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Happy Hour



OCTOBER

3-7

California Wine
Country

4-6

Houston Grand Prix

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General Meeting

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Happy Hour
& Halloween
Costume Party

club CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

14

General Meeting

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Happy Hour

DECEMBER

7-11

7-14

Vail December

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General Meeting

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Happy Hour and
Christmas Gala

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recent PHOTOS VOLUNTEER PARTY



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