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Vail

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Powder Mountain

Les 3 vallées savoie france Endless skiing

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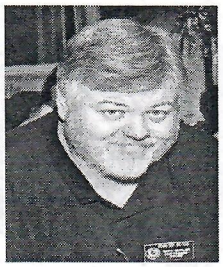
From Mission Control

by Gary Butler, Space City Ski Club President

Membership drives a club like ours. More members more volunteers, more volunteers more trips and activities, more trips and activities more attractive choices for potential new members. This is like the chicken or the egg question, which comes first to make the others happen. We are taking a shotgun approach to these questions this year. We are running as many trips as we could get volunteers to run them, we will have contests this year asking our members to bring new people to our club, and we are going to run a advertising campaign to become more visible to the public.



What we need from you is to talk up the club to your friends, co-workers and neighbors. Share your Sitzmarke, give the web address or bring them to a meeting or happy hour. That is how most of us found the club and it's still our best advertising.

I wanted to thank Chuck Pena for volunteering to be our club's TSC representative and Bruce Fleming the TSC alternate. It's already coming to the time to form a nominating committee for next year's officers and I need your help. If you would like to serve on the committee please contact me at gbutler@beckmasten.net.

Texas Ski Council Report June 7, 2008 Meeting

The TSC quarterly meeting was held in San Antonio on June 7th. The 2008-09 budget was approved and it was decided that there would be no TSC Directory published but instead an Internet version would be created with any advertising generated going to the council. A marketing plan was approved to match advertising by each club up to $500 and trifold brochures would be created with TSC information on one side and if a club wanted them club information on the other side. FAM lists will be due by August as well as club dues. It was decided to expand the well-received lodging round robin at the next Bid Meeting to include tour operators but to not allow the public into the ski show.

The TSC Youth Foundation has $8300 in the bank and they calculate that they saved participants in the youth camp last year over $17000 for lessons as compared to list price. The Race Committee is exploring the concept of adding an additional medal award level of over 70. The Summer Meltdown still has 7 3-bedroom condo's available if needed. The planned dinner has been moved to Saturday from Friday to be held poolside. Friday night shuttles will be available to visit local restaurants and bars.

Fall Roundup – 233 reservations, Rocky Mountain Tours will build a website for each club for this trip.
Traditional – 450 reservations
Winter Shootout – 292 reservations
Final Showdown – 300 reservations
Winter Expedition – 111 reservations, Adding additional properties a 5 star and a 3 star.
Summer Expedition – 152 reservations, Resort has 800 rooms.

The next TSC meeting will be held August 16th in Lubbock.

Help SCSC be green (and clean out your drawers!)

How many of those name badge/neck wallets do you have? How many do you need? If you need one for a trip this year, we will be ordering some. But to reduce excessive duplicates, feel free to bring unwanted neck wallets to the September meeting. We have this item in our trip budgets now. The less we have to order, the more food and drink you might get at a mountain party or post trip party. Sounds like reason number three to me!

The Texas Ski Council is reviving a past tradition- The Summer Meltdown!

September 26 - 28, 2008 at Port Aransas, TX

It will be held at the **Port Royal** where we will have access to over 25 acres of meeting, recreation and relaxation options. An incredible ocean view from every angle with a private boardwalk to the beach. We will stay in luxury 2 bedroom/2 bath condominiums with fully- equipped kitchens, sundecks and balconies. A 500 ft, 4 tiered lagoon swimming pool with "Twisting Dunes" water slide, four hot tubs and two swim-up cabanas... the largest in Texas! Full Service restaurant including room service and weekend specials. Visit www.port-royal.com for a closer look! TSC will be planning special events and activities which we reveal soon! Things mentioned by the planning committee include scavenger hunt, tennis, water volleyball, tug of war on beach, cocktail contest (people make drinks; prizes for most unique, tastiest, most refreshing,) etc. **Cost is $150 and will include 2 nights lodging, group dinner, and the fun listed above.**

Contact TC - Craig Campbell for more info. Craigcam48@aol.com. See you there!

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To Reliably Receive Your Sitzmarke!

You want to find out what exciting trips and fun activities that your club has to offer by continuing to get your Sitzmarke by print and by email.

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2. Make sure that our email newsletters and email informational blasts are reliably received in your in-box without your filters mistakenly blocking them as "bulk" or "spam".
   Please add these email addresses to your computer's email contact list:
   vppublications@spacecityskiclub.org
   webmaster@spacecityskiclub.org

You may also need to do this at your internet service provider's webmail.

Thank you!

Having A Blast!

by Camille LaRoe, Vice President of Activities

Summer is flying along and before we know it we will be having our September General Meeting, taking off on our first ski trips and celebrating the Holidays. The biggest event of the Holiday season will be the SCSC Annual Gala. This is the one activity I don't want you to let pass you up! It will be a night of dinner, magic, dancing and fun at Magic Island on November 15th! Be sure to sign up with Janice Harris as the final payment date is October 27th. This is sure to be a great party for all, offering something for couples and singles alike, so grab your partner or a friend and come enjoy a new magical experience with your SCSC friends.

We have been having a great summer so far with some fun Happy Hours and Activities. Chip Stokes put on a great pool tournament for the fourth straight year for our July Happy Hour. Tor Lileng and Stan Kuper captured first and second place respectfully in the Amateur division. Laura Carmin and Larry Longbottom won the first place trophy in the Co-ed Division with David Cone and Barbara Belung coming in second. We all enjoyed a great taco buffet at Chuy's on Westheimer for our July Happy Hour and Twenty SCSC Astro's fans went out to the ballgame and took in the Astro's versus Mets on August 2nd.

The fall promises to have more opportunities for excitement and fun with a August 28th Happy Hour at Sherlock's Baker Street Pub on Westheimer (great munchies) and a September 25th Happy Hour at Howl at the Moon on Hadley! This is a dueling piano bar which is reportedly the most fun you can have with your clothes on! Laura Carmin has once agreed to host the now Annual Dart Tournament on October 23rd. A new twist has been added this year since the event is so close to Halloween. We want you to wear your best costume, bring your favorite covered dish or appetizer along with your best game to BJ's Sports Pub on Bissonnet at the SW Freeway. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded for both darts and costumes.

SCSC couldn't go without a Fall Wine Tasting and Ann Dorn has graciously volunteered to open up her home in Sugar Land to us on October 18th. Bring your favorite wine, sign up with Ann and come and enjoy great food and wine! To round out the fall, Sandy Perry is working on plans to take us back to Wurstfest in November.

Mark your calendars for all these great summer, fall and holiday activities. Sign up early and often and count on HAVING A BLAST!

Calendar of Events

08/02/08	Astros versus the Mets, AC: Camille LaRoe
08/28/08	HH at Sherlock's Baker Street Pub, 10001 Westheimer, AC: Peggy Schillinger
09/08/08	First General Meeting & Trip Signup
09/25/08	HH at Howl at the Moon, 612 Hadley Street, AC: Peggy Schillinger
09/26-28/08	Summer Meltdown 2008, Port Aransas, TC Craig Campbell
10/18/08	Wine tasting Sugarland, AC: Ann Dorn
10/23/08	HH/Dart Tournament/Halloween Party, BJ's Sports Bar, 9615 SW Freeway at Bissonnet, AC Laura Carmin
11/08/08	Wurstfest (pending board approval)
11/15/08	SCSC 2008 Gala at Magic Island, 2215 SW Freeway, AC Janice Harris

Countdown to Liftoff

By Marsha Lutz, Vice President of Trips

Hello my fellow SCSCers! I hope you have renewed your membership and talked some new friends into joining SCSC. Because the time is here to sign up for all of the SCSC 2008-2009 ski trips! As you know we have been taking early deposits on the five TSC ski trips and a number of you have taken advantage of the opportunity to guarantee your place on the trip(s) of your choice.

Beginning August 15, we will take deposits on all trips -12 of them this year to 10 locations! Please remember the new payment structure. You can get a cash discount if you pay the deposit and final payment with cash (or check, of course). If you mail a check to the TC, **please use the form in this Sitzmarke** to provide all the contact information, your preference of land or full package and your member number. If you don't remember your member number, look on the mailing label on your Sitzmarke and you will find it after the date. There are only a few trips this year with a limited number of land packages, but please check that out with the TC. The sign-up form is also available on the website at the top of the Trips page. If you want the convenience of using your credit card and to rack up more airline miles, there is still PayPal. It works the same as always – or should we say, sometimes doesn't work as last year. If you have trouble, please let us know and we will try to make it work for you.

I am not going to take up too much space in this issue because all the important trip info is in the trip articles. I must warn you of something though. When you read them, you may have the same difficulty that I did. How do you choose?

Okay – speaking of warning - I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but I guess it is in my job description. J And the news is probably not a surprise to any of you. Three main challenges exist this season and they all are related to the airfares and their effect on our trip prices. **First** – the air fares are considerably higher. **Second** – you will pay for the second and maybe the first bag that you check. The $ amount varies and may change before trip departure, but count on $25, $40 or more dollars to check 2 bags. Right now they say that a true ski bag and boot bag will count as one bag if the total of the two weigh less than 50 pounds. These costs are not in the trip prices as each person will have different luggage needs. **Third** – there could be an increase in trip price if the airlines increase the air fuel surcharge from the amount currently in our contracts. The $ amount is already pretty hefty on the International trips, so it should cover some fluctuation. Typically U.S. trips have smaller air surcharges. If you recall last year, Telluride and Vail had an increase of $14 roundtrip after final payment. We will keep you informed of any changes as soon as we get information. And as often is the case – no news will be good news on these topics.

So that's the hard news. But you will find **lots** of good news in each of the trip's articles. Happy reading and talk to the TCs and ATCs if you need more info to help you make up your mind on where to travel. They will also be at the happy hours and the September meeting will be here before you know it!

Diane Stotz and Melinda Hughes are Space City's Directors of Trips (DOT) for 2008-2009 ski season. Diane has been a member since 1989 and has actively served in various volunteer positions over the years. She has been everything from an Activities Coordinator to Director of Programs to Trip Coordinator. Melinda Hughes has been in the club for five years and has run two trips in the past two years.

As DOTs, these ladies assist Marsha Lutz, VP of Trips., and the TCs and ATCs with the 12 ski trips and two non-ski trips this season. Teamwork is a wonderful thing!

Diane and Melinda are excited about the upcoming slate of trips and look forward to a fun, action packed season!

WINTER PARK

TSC Fall Roundup
November 25-30, 2008
Family Optional

Tier 1: Land Package:
$390 PayPal; $379 Cash
Full Pkg: $844 PayPal;
$820 Cash

Tier 2: Land Package:
$463 PayPal; $450 Cash
Full Pkg: $916 PayPal;
$891 Cash

Winter Park now boasts that it has the highest, high-speed six-person chairlift in North America – 12,060 feet above sea level! The Panoramic Express celebrated its grand opening on December 15, 2007. The past four years have been filled with improvements including new chairlifts, restaurant renovations, a five-acre addition dedicated to beginners, three new terrain parks, and enhanced terrain including tree skiing and new trails. The Rail Yard, Winter Park's premier and most advanced terrain park is recognized as one of the best in North America.

If you haven't skied Winter Park in a while, come discover the new amenities! For those who have never visited, this is an area that will please both the beginner and advanced skier or rider. Winter Park has a renowned Ski and Ride School to accommodate all levels and ages.

We will stay at the Vintage Resort Hotel & Conference Center. The Vintage, a full service hotel, has been voted on as one of Conde Nast Travelers "Best 50 Ski Resort Hotels." For entertainment, enjoy the Vintage game room, sauna, outdoor pool & hot tub. The Resort has an on-site ski shop, lockers, laundry facilities and a microbrewery! It is just 1/3 mile from the chair lifts of Winter Park. And a new open-air cabriolet is under construction for easy access from the Vintage parking lot to the Village.

As a TSC Trip, you will enjoy all the fun-filled plans of your Texas Ski Council. In addition, there is an exciting tobogganing and tubing hill within walking distance of The Village. Or enjoy a sleigh, snowcat, horseback, dogsled, snowmobile, cross-country or snowshoe tour of this historic area – a favorite ski destination since 1940. There are several luxurious full service spas available or try the 22 pools at the Hot Sulphur Spring Resort! What a great way to start the season - enjoying the fresh air of Colorado and the camaraderie of family and friends. And we are planning an optional Thanksgiving dinner too. Make plans to join us!

Two-Tier Pricing:

Tier #1: $TBD . 1 Bedroom Unit: Works for Family of 4 - 8 (pay 4 max). 2 room connecting suite with Bedroom with 2 Queen beds and adjoining room with 1 Queen Murphy bed, 1 double sofa bed, kitchenette (no conventional oven), 2 full baths, 2 TVs, fireplace, 825 sq. ft.

Tier #2. $TBD . 1 Bedroom Unit + Loft: 2 Couples or 1 couple & 2 singles or family. 2 Queen beds in separate bedroom. 1 Queen bed in loft. Kitchenette (no conventional oven), 2 full baths (downstairs), 2 TVs, fireplace, 825 sq. ft.

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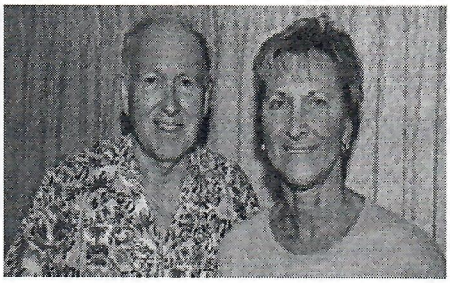
VAIL

December 6- 13, 2008 -Long
(Saturday to Saturday)
December 6 – 10, 2008 –Short
(Saturday to Wednesday)



Vail I - Long
Land Package:
$736 PayPal;
$716 Cash
Full Pkg:
$1023 PayPal;
$995 Cash

Vail II- Short
Land Package:
$515 PayPal;
$501 Cash
Full Pkg:
$802 PayPal;
$780 Cash

Yes, we are headed back to Vail at our traditional holiday time. Last year it was a Texas Ski Council trip (in January), but this year we are back with our club trip! We are offering a long trip (12/6 – 12/13/08) and a short trip (12/6-12/10/08). The short trip skiers will be offered the opportunity to ski Wednesday morning before their departure for home in the afternoon; that will give them 4 days of skiing. We all will be headed to Denver/Vail via Continental Airlines on Saturday morning. The bus will make a short stop vat the grocery/liquor store to fortify us. We will be in Vail in the early afternoon with plenty of time to get ourselves organized and get the lay of the land. We will be staying at the Landmark Tower Condos in Lionshead Village which is just a short walk to the Eagle Bahn Gondola, and it even has a heated outdoor swimming pool and 2 hot tubs for those aching muscles at the end of the day. Along with the new shops and restaurants, the new Arrabelle at Lionshead even has an ice skating rink! We will have a great discount on lift tickets and equipment rental. Lift tickets are also accepted at Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin.

Vail is a huge mountain boasting 5,289 acres of skiing and 300 days of sunshine. There are other activities available besides skiing and snowboarding. There's a tubing zone, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, ice skating, and ski-biking. It also has a FREE Mountain Tour called "Meet the Mountain" daily at 9:30 a.m. And, don't forget all that wonderful shopping, fabulous world-class restaurants, après-ski, galleries and night life!

Space is limited so sign up early and sign up often!

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* Land Packages will not be offered until we have 24 full package participants.

STEAMBOAT – TSC TRADITIONAL

January 10 – 17, 2009 I –Long (Saturday to Saturday)
January 13 – 18, 2009 II-Short (Tuesday to Sunday)

Steamboat I - Long
Land Pkg: $687 PayPal;
$668 Cash
Full Pkg: $1117 PayPal;
$1087 Cash

Steamboat II- Short
Land Pkg: $530 PayPal;
$515 Cash
Full Pkg: $915 PayPal;
$890 Cash

A non-stop, Continental flight into Hayden and only a 22 mile bus ride to Steamboat and you will find yourself in slope side accommodations. ALL ABOARD! There's a reason why Steamboat Springs has been dubbed Ski Town, U.S.A. ®. With a vertical rise of 3600 ft. and nearly 3,000 acres of skiable terrain, Steamboat is a complete mountain range: Mount Werner, Sunshine Peak, Storm Peak, Thunderhead Peak, Pioneer Ridge and Christie Peak. Steamboat coined the term Champagne Powder® to describe its very smooth and dry snow, which is great for skiing. This mountain offers 165 diverse trails for all skier levels, as well as a terrain park with an outdoor sound system, and a 3 mile long run.

The long trip will be staying at Storm Meadows Club Condominiums and the short trip will be staying at adjacent Storm Meadows at Christie Base. Storm Meadows Clubs is ski in-ski out on access trails while Storm Meadows at Christie Base is ski in-walk out. Storm Meadows Clubs features scheduled shuttles and a complete spa facility with heated outdoor pool, sauna, weight room, and exercise equipment. Storm Meadows at Christie Base has a key location on the mountain just above Ski Time Square, putting après ski activities, shops, restaurants and nightlife just a short walk away. Both of the lodges' amenities include a community hot tub, private ski lockers, on site laundry facility, gas fireplace, and a patio/balcony.

Besides the Texas Ski Council welcome party and the final awards banquet, we will have a club dinner at the Smokehouse in downtown Steamboat. We will also meet daily for lunches on the mountain and several après ski events.

The town of Steamboat Springs is not your typical ski resort; it has remained true to its roots as a ranching town, famous for its authentic western atmosphere and genuine friendliness. It offers over 70 eclectic bars and restaurants, some involving a starlit night ride on the gondola or a snowcat-drawn sleigh ride to get to the restaurant. For those of us who aren't "hardcore" skiers and may take a day off, there are plenty of activities. Steamboat offers two geothermal hot springs open to the public, snowmobiling, day or night, hot air balloon rides (weather dependent) and horseback riding or horse-drawn sleigh rides in the valley.

Young, old or in between, you will have a fantastic time! We're holding a spot for you.

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LES TROIS VALLÉES, FRANCE

La Tania Resort
January 16 - 25, 2009
(Friday – Sunday)

Full Pkg: $2081 PayPal;
$2024 Cash
Land Pkg: $1210 PayPal;
$1176 Cash
Paris Pre-Trip: $240 Cash only
Morocco Post Trip: $780 Cash only

Would you like to visit the LARGEST ski area in the world? Then you are in luck! We can make that happen for you! Join the Space City Club Trip to the 3 Valleys (Les Trois Vallées), France. It will give you the opportunity to explore three interconnecting valleys, with an amazing 400 miles of runs for skiers and snowboarders to explore.

Our European adventure starts Friday, with an afternoon flight on Air France bound for Geneva (via Paris). Next we'll take a scenic mountain bus ride through the Alps and arrive at the charming European village called La Tania. It is a friendly, pedestrian village, with a relaxed atmosphere. Our home for the week will be the ski in/ski out Hotel La Montana with both breakfast and dinner included. This hotel is in the center of town and includes an indoor heated pool, sauna, sun bed, massage service, weight room, restaurant with terrace, bar and fireplace. Other activities include snowshoeing, paragliding, small cinema, music at the various bars, and free bus service to the larger village of Courchevel.

La Tania is nestled between the resorts of Courchevel and Meribel. Access to their ski valleys is just a gondola and a fast chair away. Two other resorts on your ski pass will be Val Thorens (highest peak in the Alps) and Les Menurires located in the third valley. This interlinked system of the 3 Valleys offers you 200 lifts – gondolas, cable cars, double & triple chairs, quads and even six and eight packs (no, not free beer). Then there are the 333 runs including lots of groomed areas, wide-open spaces above the tree line, steep chutes and of course, off-piste skiing. The variety of greens, blues, reds & blacks will satisfy everyone.

You say you want more adventure. OK. Besides all this great skiing, we are planning a few day trips which will probably include Geneva, Annecy/Chamonix, a day of vineyard wine tasting and outdoor thermal pool in Aix-les-Bains, and a trip to Saint Foy from where you can ski (or bus) to La Thuile, Italy (skiing optional). After our week stay in La Tania, main trip participants will spend one day/night in Geneva before heading back to Houston. There is an optional two nights pre-trip to Paris, including breakfast. A post-trip to Morocco will include one night in Casablanca, three nights in Marrakech at the 4-star Diwane Hotel with breakfast, and an overnight stay in Paris on the way home.

So come enjoy Endless Skiing at the world's largest ski destination, or join us just for the adventure.

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JAPAN: HAKUBA-NAGANO & TOKYO

TSC WINTER EXPEDITION
JANUARY 24-FEBRUARY 01, 2009
(Saturday to Sunday)

Full Pkg: PayPal: $ 3043; Cash: $2961
Land Pkg: PayPal: $ 1533; Cash: $1491
Optional Kyoto Pre-Trip (Jan 22-25) - $ 469
Optional Beijing Post Trip (Feb 1-6) - $ 675
At time of this printing, air has not been contracted. Full Package Price includes estimated airfares.

The time has come for JAPAN! For several years, TSC has been choosing similar European destinations for the Winter Expedition. Now, for an exciting change of pace, YOU can join us for a truly exotic trip to the Orient!

Hakuba is situated in the heart of the Japan Alps. It is the former site of the 1998 Winter Olympics. The mountain scenery is spectacular, and huge rugged peaks tower above the ski resorts throughout the valley. The combination of world-class skiing with state of the art lifts and gondolas makes Hakuba a place that HAS to be experienced! Nearby Nagano provides several options for day trip excursions. The trip will conclude with a stay in Tokyo.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

* AIR BETWEEN HOUSTON & CHICAGO VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES.
  AIR BETWEEN CHICAGO & TOKYO VIA JAL.
* 5 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATIONS IN HAKUBA AT THE 5-STAR *TOKYU HOTEL*.
* OFFICIAL WELCOME PARTY.
* BREAKFAST BUFFET AND DINNER DAILY IN HAKUBA.
* FREE USE OF HOT MINERAL SPRINGS BATHS AT THE HOTEL.
* TRANSFER BETWEEN HAKUBA & NAGANO VIA PRIVATE MOTORCOACH & THE BULLET TRAIN TO TOKYO WITH GUIDE.
* RETURN LUGGAGE TRANSFER BETWEEN HAKUBA AND TOKYO *(eliminates burden of hauling bags between hotels)*.
* 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATIONS IN TOKYO AT THE 4-STAR *LE MERIDIEN* HOTEL.
* DAILY BREAKFAST BUFFET.
* HALF-DAY CITY TOUR OF TOKYO.
* AIRPORT TRANSFERS WITH GUIDES.

LIFT TICKETS are quite a bargain in Japan. For 2008, a 1-day pass was only $45 and only $37 per day for a 3-day pass.

OPTIONAL DAY TRIPS WHILE IN HAKUBA:

1. Nagano Farmhouse tour
2. Snow Monkeys Park and Sake Village tour
3. Matsumoto Castle tour
4. ½ day snow shoe tour with lunch
5. Full day snow shoe tour with lunch

PRE-TRIP TO KYOTO: $469 P.P. Double

Airfare between Tokyo and Osaka on JAL.
Transfers between Osaka Airport and Kyoto in private motorcoach with guide.
3 nights accommodations in Kyoto at the 4-star *Kyoto Okura Hotel*.
Breakfast buffet daily at the hotel in Kyoto.
½ day city tour with guide.
Transfer to Hakuba in private motorcoach with guide.

POST-TRIP EXTENSION TO BEIJING, CHINA: $675 P.P. Double

- Airfare between Tokyo and Beijing via JAL.
- 5 nights accommodations at the 4-star Capital Hotel or similar.
- Breakfast buffet daily at the hotel in Beijing.
- 4 days lunch.
- Two dinners plus a Special Peking Duck dinner.
- Full day tour featuring Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City.
- Full day tour featuring The Great Wall and Ming Tombs.
- Full day tour of Hutong (Chinese alleyways by rickshaw pedicab) and the Temple of Heaven.
- Acrobatic Show.
- Return airfare to the U. S. via Tokyo on JAL.

With the choice of Japan as a destination, the club members' demands have finally been heard! There is much buzz and anticipation for this trip. Japan with its trip extensions will certainly be a different and memorable experience. Sign up now!

NOTE: The $ amount is expected to be less than published full package price, but the website will be adjusted as soon as the contract is finalized. Thanks for your patience. You may send in deposit now for either a full or land package.

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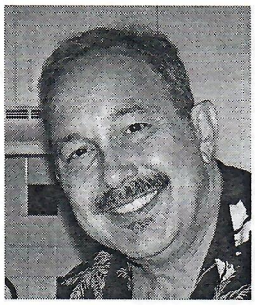
POWDER MOUNTAIN/SNOWBASIN, UTAH



January 31 – February 7, 2009
(Saturday to Saturday)

Land Package: $543 PayPal;
$527 Cash

Full Pkg: $1023 PayPal;
$ 995 Cash

AAAH OOOH CALLING ALL POWDER HOUNDS DESTINATION EDEN!

Here is an opportunity to make that ski or riding dream come true. You know that recurring dream you've had since you got hooked on the sport? The one that finds you at the top of the mountain surrounded by gorgeous terrain after a big snowfall. You standing there with nothing but deep powder between you and a sweet untracked run below. A couple of thousand feet of vertical in front of you with just the right gravity to keep a big smile permanently affixed on your face. Best of all there is nobody else there.

Well wake up because if you don't move fast you will miss the opportunity to make your ski dream come true. This adventure is scheduled for mid-winter and we will be flying on direct Continental flights from Houston to Salt Lake City and back.

Utah is blessed with awesome terrain and some of the best powder on earth. The Ogden Valley is a little known treasure of what Utah skiing is all about. We will be skiing at **Powder Mountain and Snowbasin**. Both resorts offer great terrain, a 400" annual snowfall, affordable lift prices and best of all no lift lines.

Powder Mountain Resort features three mountains covering 5500 acres of incredibly skiable terrain all located at a modest altitude. With this much space, you won't share any of the 113 runs with a crowd. There are two terrain parks and mountain activities include guided tours, snowcat and heli skiing.

Snowbasin's 2,959 vertical feet of ski trails, powder bowls and lush glades cover over 2,800 acres. The Superpipe and three terrain parks are perfect for winter sports enthusiasts of all levels. The tubing hill has six lanes, each with a different terrain type and steepness, for fans of snow-tubing of all abilities.

We'll be staying seven nights at the Wolf Lodge Condos, located in the aptly named town off Eden. The property features a recreation center, indoor and outdoor year-round hot tubs and saunas. We will be staying in comfortable 2 bedroom 2 bath units. Travel time to the ski resorts is 10 to 20 minutes. Discount lift ticket packages will be available. To make sure you feel at home, the trip includes two condo après ski parties and a group dinner in the city of Ogden.

So come join us and make that dream come true.
AAAH OOOOOOH !!!

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GJL_ASTI@yahoo.com

SNOWMASS/ASPEN

February 7-14, 2009
(Saturday to Saturday)

Land Package: $1073 PayPal;
$1042 Cash

Full Pkg: $1434 PayPal;
$1395 Cash

Experience the best, experience Snowmass/Aspen with a Space City Ski Club trip designed for you.

Our home base will be Snowmass Mountain with 3132 acres of terrain, cruisers, glades and steeps, including 91 trails and 24 lifts – something for everyone. Elevation ranges from 8104 feet to 12,510 feet so the 300 annual inches of snow are fluffy and powdery. You'll enjoy the opportunity to ski in a majestic national forest with short lift lines. Snowmass is best known for wide open cruising, but it's also a place for the expert skier with 32% of the runs labeled "expert". Snowboarders and intermediate skiers will be energized on the Long Shot Trail where they can get a back-country experience while inbounds. But there's more to this trip than Snowmass - we'll have opportunities to also experience Aspen Mountain (Ajax), Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk - all a short bus ride away.

This weeklong trip leaves on Saturday with a direct Continental flight to Denver. In Denver, we'll be met by our fully-equipped private motor coach for the trip to Snowmass. Sorry guys - but with the extremely high airfare, we had to go this route this year. Since the trip is long, you'll have a chance to make many new SCSC friends. We'll also be stopping along the way to pick up supplies before we reach our destination – the beautiful Top of the Village condos.

Our Top of the Village condos is surrounded on three sides by the White River National Forest with ski-in/ski-out access to Snowmass Mountain via the Fanny Hill lift. Private ski storage is included with each condo, so it will be easy to "hit the slopes" as early as you want. Our condos also feature a 30-foot heated outdoor pool with two spa tubs, a sauna and an exercise/activity room with a stair machine, treadmill and Universal gym.

This also will also be a terrific trip for the non-skier or beginning skier. New this year at Snowmass Mountain is the mid-mountain Elk Camp Meadows Learning Area designed to make learning easier. So invite your friends who have not yet caught the "skiing bug".

Remember, there is a lot more to Space City Ski Club trips than just skiing. We'll start off the week with a Welcome Wine and Cheese Party and a discussion about some of our optional adventures including a trip to shop and party in Aspen, possible cross-country skiing, as well as our "meet for lunch while skiing" locations. Since this trip is the week before Valentine's Day, we'll also have some "loverly" activities in honor of Saint Valentine. Come solo or part of a group – this trip will be one to remember. Join us for fun and adventure at Snowmass/Aspen.

We'll be back in Houston by about 6 pm on February 14, so in case you're leaving a sweetie behind, there still will be time for a Valentine Day celebration.

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marilynaswanson@earthlink.net

LAKE LOUISE

TSC Winter Shootout
February 14-21, 2009
Optional February 15-22, 2009
Post Trip to Fernie
February 21-24
Land Package: $1057 PayPal; $1028 Cash
Full Pkg: $1639 PayPal; $1594 Cash
Fernie: $519 Cash Only

OPTIONS, OPTIONS ON THIS VALENTINE'S DAY TRIP! Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday flights. Room upgrade options, and activities, and more activities!

Nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rocky Mountains, SkiBig3 (Lake Louise, Sunshine, and Norquay) promises memorable skiing and snowboarding amidst the world's most awesome scenery with interchangeable lift tickets. Additional ski options include the 1988 Olympic mountain, Nakisaka, and Canada's top powder mountain, Kicking Horse. Uniquely, Lake Louise has green, blue and black runs from every chair making it easy for beginners, intermediates, and experts to ski or ride together.

All TSC groups will stay at the luxurious Fairmont Chateau - with options for room upgrades, tantalizing cuisine in on-site restaurants with breathtaking views of the snow-frosted Rockies, a legendary lake and a majestic glacier. You could truly arrive at this destination and never need (or want) to leave! If you choose to venture out, the Fairmont runs several dedicated shuttle buses to/from ski locations. Dedicated shuttle runs will be scheduled to nearby Banff, making this a GREAT trip for non-skiers too.

Other outdoor activities include cross country, snowshoeing, guided ice canyon walks, sleigh rides, and ice skating right in front of the hotel. How about an airplane or heli-tour, or perhaps dogsledding, curling, or hockey? Or just pamper yourself for a day (or a week!) in the spas and natural hot springs. Visit museums and art galleries. Dine. Shop. ENJOY!

Air Canada Jazz offers several nonstop flights from Houston to Calgary. A 2 ½ hour bus transfer will deliver us to "The Chateau." (Hey Steamboat folks returning on Feb. 14…Just jump on the Sunday flight to join in the fun in Canada!)

The short version:

- Non-stop flights. Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday available.
- Easy transfers to/from airport, ski areas and town.
- Luxury four-star hotel lodging, double occupancy.
- Awesome snow at up to FIVE easily accessible ski areas.
- Optional 3 day post trip to Fernie.
- Superior activities for non-skiers.

Lots of SCSC and TSC friends to celebrate a week of LOVING Lake Louise starting on Valentine's Day!

We'd LOVE to have you join us. Lake Louise has long been the basis for SCSC Legends. We expect this trip to be no exception! DON'T MISS THIS TRIP!!! You will LOVE Legendary Lake Louise!

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281-793-1148 **713-805-1757**
jessicahalter@yahoo.com **dwhughes@horizonsurvey.com**

BRECKENRIDGE

JUST BEFORE SPRING BREAK
February 28 - March 4, 2009
(Saturday – Wednesday)

Land Package: $454 PayPal; $441 Cash
Full Pkg: $771 PayPal; $750 Cash

Come join us for wonderful pre-Spring skiing, leaving on Saturday morning and returning on Wednesday evening, via Continental Airlines. This will allow you to ski at least 3 days and possibly one-half day on Wednesday. These dates are mid-ski season, so we should have lots of snow. The bus will pick us up in Denver and we have requested a grocery stop before arriving at Breckenridge.

Breckenridge is a wonderful area to ski because of the number of ski areas, Peak 7 (Intermediate), Peak 8 (Intermediate/More Difficult), Peak 9 (Beginner/Intermediate) and Peak 10 (Intermediate/More Difficult), so there is an area for everyone to enjoy. For NEVER EVER skiers, Breckenridge is the place to learn and have an enjoyable experience on the green runs of Peak 9.

We will be staying at the Park Place condos. They are located on the corner of Four O'Clock Street and Park Avenue. Easy access to the bus and also at the end of the day you can ski down the 4 o'clock run and cross the street to the condos. The condos are also very close to the new gondola that takes you to Peaks 7 and 8 and also within a block of the new Snowflake lift and within walking distance of the town and restaurants. Breckenridge has an easy access transit system, with the buses running frequently and until very late at night during ski season.

To make sure everyone has someone to ski with, each morning Starbucks coffee will be offered in my condo for anyone who wants to stop by to coordinate skiing for the day. We will have Aprés ski each day and a designated restaurant for lunch each day. So, you are never without a ski buddy.

Breckenridge is a beautiful old town with lots of shopping, dining and other activities for you to choose. There is snowmobiling, dog sledding and cross country skiing to consider. We are planning an optional dinner one night. On the last night we will have a pot-luck dinner, where everyone brings what they have left over to one condo, and we conclude our trip with everyone telling their story of what a wonderful time they had.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FUN, SKIING AND MORE AT BRECKENRIDGE

TC: Patricia Finch Day: 713-374-3544
finchp@gtlaw.com

BIG SKY

TSC Final Showdown
March 14 – 21, 2009
(Saturday to Saturday)

Full Price: TBA

Land Package: $812 PayPal
$790 Cash
Full Pkg : Waiting for air

Are you searching for that pot o' gold? Find it when you celebrate St. Pattie's Day with us at the Big Sky Mountain Resort. Not only will you find 3,812 acres of ski terrain on three separate mountains, you will have a blast on our St. Patties treasure hunt held in our true ski in, ski out home, the fabulous Huntley Lodge! Breakfast eaters will delight in the daily included fabulous, hot breakfast buffet including most any omelet made to order. The Huntley Lodge is a world class, full service hotel conveniently located in the heart of Big Sky's Mountain Village. There is ski-in, ski-out access to the core base area from the Huntley. Among other amenities at the Huntley is a fantastic lounge to dance the night away. Unwind with our club after skiing in the Huntley's Solace Spa.

Don't worry about late season snow as Big Sky, Montana is one of America's most northern ski resorts and receives 400 + inches of average snowfall a year. Big Sky boasts 14 chair lifts, a gondola and the Lone Peak Tram. Ride the Lone Peak Tram and ski the Liberty Bowl to the Mountain Mall, a six mile run. There is plenty of elbow room on the slopes at Big Sky; lift lines are virtually non-existent.

Snowboarders are also welcome at Big Sky. The Swiss-made Zaugg Monster Pipe Cutter allows Big Sky to fashion the only superpipe in the area. For those that are not up to that level there is the Pony Park or the Ambush Park.

Both TSC parties, the Sunday evening Welcome Reception and the Final Awards Banquet and Dance, will be at our doorstep in the Huntley Conference Center. In addition to the excellent TSC après ski parties, support your club by entering the NASTAR races on Thursday.

For those looking for other winter activities, Big Sky offers sleigh ride dinners, cross-country skiing and dog sledding to name a few. There will be an optional day of snowmobiling through the wildlife wonderland of Yellowstone Park.

Sign up for the Big Sky now! If you send a check in the mail to Cindy Moore, 2303 Peppermill Rd, Houston, TX 77080, don't forget to fill out the form in this newsletter and send it with your check! It is vital Cindy has your email and phone numbers for contact purposes!

PLEASE NOTE: As noted above, at the time of publication air has not been secured. We are working hard with the tour operator to get reasonable flights. The website will be updated as soon as the air is secured. Meanwhile, you can put a deposit down for either land or full package.

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dance_c_ski@yahoo.com
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Coming Soon!
"Recruit a New Member & Win" Contest

Members are the heart and soul of Space City Ski Club and we're looking for more, just like you
Give a friend, business associate or family member the opportunity to enjoy being a part of Space City
Win up to a $200 credit towards the cost of a Space City Ski Club ski trip during the 2008/2009 season
Look for complete rules in the next issue of the Sitzmarke

Do you want to ski with these fun people! Ask them where they are planning to go and sign up!

Space City Ski Club
2008-2009 Ski Trip Schedule

Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Final Payment Date	Trip Price Full – PP/Cash Land -PP/Cash	TC ATC	Home Phone	E-mail Address
Nov. 25- 30, 2008 (Tues-Sun) Two Tier Pricing	5/4	WINTER PARK, CO TSC Fall Roundup Family Optional	9/15/08	Tier 1: Full - $844/820 Land -$390/379 Tier 2: Full - $916/891 Land - $463/450	Cheryl May	713-983-8866	camay@aol.com
Dec. 6 - 13, 2008 (Sat – Sat)	7/6	VAIL, CO - I – LONG	10/1/08	Full - $1023/995 Land - $736/716	Judy Schiro Ron Hayes	713-939-8235	jschiro1@comcast.net
Dec. 6 - 10, 2008 (Sat – Wed)	4/3.5	VAIL, CO - II– SHORT	10/1/08	Full - $802/780 Land - $515/501	Judy Schiro Ron Hayes	713-939-8235	jschiro1@comcast.net
Jan. 10 - 17, 2009 (Sat – Sat)	7/6	STEAMBOAT, CO- I – LONG TSC Traditional	10/13/08	Full - $1117/1087 Land - $687/668	Sandra McCunis Edmond McGee	281-463-7717 713-907-2122	semccunis@aol.com edmond.mcgee@sbcglobal.net
Jan. 13- 18, 2009 (Tues - Sun)	5/4	STEAMBOAT, CO – II – SHORT TSC Traditional	10/13/08	Full - $915/890 Land - $530/515	SandraM cCunis Sarah ranbery	281-463-7717 713-662-0493	semccunis@aol.com . sarahgranbery@sbcglobal.net
Jan. 16 - 25, 2009 (Fri – Sun)	8/6	THREE VALLEYS, FRANCE	10/13/08	Full - $2081/2024 Land - $1210/1176	Leslie Caldwell	832-251-1296	lescaldwell@gmail.com
Jan. 24 – February 1, 2009 (Sat – Sun)	7/4	JAPAN- HAKUBA-NAGANO&TOKYO TSC Winter Expedition	10/20/08	Full - $3043/2961 Land - $1533/1491 Estimated Air	Ross Baker	713-690-1443 .	ross@rossbaker.com
Jan. 31-Feb. 7, 2009 (Sat – Sat)	7/6	UTAH-POWDER MTN. SNOWBASIN	11/10/08	Full - $1023/995 Land - $543/527	George Lopez	856-296-9399	GJL_ASTI@yahoo.com
Feb. 7 - 14, 2009 (Sat – Sat)	7/6	SNOWMASS, CO	11/10/08	Full - $1434/1395 Land - $1073/1042	Thuy Rocque Marilyn Swanson	281-251-3776 281-773-4210	trocque@entouch.net marilynaswanson@earthlink.net
Feb. 14 - 21, 2009 (Sat – Sat) *Sun-Sun Option	7/6	LAKE LOUISE, CAN-ADA TSC Winter Shootout	11/10/08	Full - $1639/1594 Land - $1057/1028	Jessica Halter Dennis Hughes	281-793-1148 713-805-1757	jessicahalter@yahoo.com dwhughes@horizonsurvey.com
Feb. 28-Mar. 4, 2009(Sat – Wed)	4/3.5	BRECKENRIDGE, CO	11/20/08	Full - $771/750 Land - $454/441	Patti Finch	713-374-3544	finch@gtlaw.com
Mar. 14 - 21, 2009 (Sat – Sat)	7/6	BIG SKY, MT TSC Final Showdown Family Optional	12/08/08	Full – Waiting for air Land - $812/790	Cindy Moore Ann Rogers	713-984-1060 281-313-2234	dance_c_ski@yahoo.com rogersae@msn.com

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SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, November 15, 2008

for

AN EVENING OF MAGIC, LIBATIONS, GREAT FOOD
WONDERFUL COMPANY AND DANCING, DANCING, DANCING!

SCSC 2008 GALA

at

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 15, 2008

Cocktail Reception (Cash Bar) - 7:00 p.m. - *To be held in The* ***Den of Osiris.***

Candlelight Seated Dinner - 7:30 p.m. - *After the reception, you will be escorted to an elegant dining room for a* ***gourmet dinner*** *which includes a Tossed Green Salad with House Dressing,* ***Entrée of Your Choice*** *and Desert.*

Magic & Comedy Show *in the* ***Palace of Tutankhamun.*** *A Las Vegas style stage production featuring* ***master illusions with a touch of comedy*** *by some of the* ***World's Greatest Magicians.***

Dancing & More Entertainment - *Enjoy slight-of-hand* ***tricks*** *performed by* ***magicians*** *in The* ***Den of Osiris*** *Lounge. Try your hand at the* ***blackjack*** *table or have your* ***fortune*** *told by a psychic.* ***Dance*** *to music played by the Dee-Jay in* ***The Temple of Isis.***

Event Cost: $50.00

(please make check payable to SCSC and reference "GALA" event)

Cash Bar and **$6.00 Valet Parking**

Cocktail Attire

(Magic Island Enforces a Dress Code - Men are Required to Wear Jackets)

****To sign up for this fun event please contact Janice Harris, AC****

jeharris@mayerbrown.com

Note: FINAL CUT-OFF DATE FOR SIGN-UP AND PAYMENT: OCTOBER 27, 2008

Trip Registration Form
FOR USE BY SCSC MEMBERS ONLY

(Complete ONE Registration Form and prepare ONE deposit check PER trip)

Each envelope must contain the registration form and deposit. Deposit is **$150** per participant **($300 for Japan and Three Valleys).**

Make the check payable to "SCSC" and ***write trip name and membership number(s) (from Sitzmarke address label) on the check***. *Also, write the trip name on the outside of the envelope.*

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY—WE MUST BE ABLE TO READ THE DATA ON THIS FORM

Trip Name: _____

Trip Dates_____ to_____

Trip Name: _____

Trip Dates:_____ to _____

Participant #1

Name: _____

2008-09 Membership #_____

Address: _____

City_____ Zip_____

Phone(H)_____ (W)_____

Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Please check one:
Full package **Land package**

Participant #2

Name: _____

2008-09 Membership #_____

Ad-

City_____ Zip_____

Phone(H)_____ (W)_____

Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Please check one:
Full package **Land package**

I understand the following (per standing rules 5.1 - 5.4): Cancellations after trip sign-up must be *in writing* to the Trip Coordinator and all cancellations after August 15 are subject to a $30 per person ($100 per person on Japan and France) cancellation fee. If I cancel on or after the final payment date, I may forfeit the full amount paid if I cannot be replaced on the trip. *Beginning with the 2004-05 season, Trip Transfers were no longer permitted.*

Signature(s) (Required) _____ _____

Please mail your deposit check(s) and Trip Registration Form(s) to the appropriate Trip Coordinator (TC) below:

(Remember: Include the trip name and your membership number(s) on your check and the trip name on the outside of the envelope)

TRIP NAME	TC	Street	City, State	Zip	Telephone #
Winter Park, CO	Cheryl May	6143 Sienna Arbor Ln	Houston, TX	77041	713-983-8866
Vail, CO – I Long	Judy Schiro	9206 Roy Bean	Houston, TX	77041	713-939-8235
Vail, CO – II Short	Judy Schiro	9206 Roy Bean	Houston, TX	77041	713-939-8235
Steamboat Springs, CO-I-Long	Sandra McCunis	15638 Sunset Rock	Houston, TX	77084	281-463-7717
Steamboat Springs, CO- II-Short	Sandra McCunis	15638 Sunset Rock	Houston, TX	77084	281-463-7717
Three Valleys, France	Leslie Caldwell	10107 Olympia Dr.	Houston, TX	77042	832-251-1296
Japan -Hakuba-Nagano&Tokyo	Ross Baker	4401 Tilson	Houston, TX	77041	713-690-1443
Utah –Powder Mtn/Snowbasin	George Lopez	4642 Hickory Downs	Houston, TX	77084	856-296-9399
Snowmass, CO	Thuy Rocque	15 Dusk Valley Ct.	Spring, TX	77379	281-251-3776
Lake Louise, Canada	Jessica Halter	68 West Timberspire Ct.	The Woodlands, TX	77380	281-793-1148
Breckenridge, CO	Patricia Finch	1107 Jacobs Ct.	Conroe, TX	77384	713-374-3544
Big Sky, MT	Cindy Moore	2303 Peppermill Rd.	Houston, TX	77080	713-984-1060

THE ART OF TRIP SIGN-UP AND THE FINE PRINT

Trip Sign-Up: HERE IT IS! Your chance to sign-up for your favorite SCSC ski trip(s) for 2008-2009. The sign-up form is in this issue of the SITZMARKE, so copy it or clip it out and follow the instructions below. See **www.spacecityskiclub.org** to sign up online and pay by credit card. Then, wait for the trip TC to notify you if you are on the trip or come to the September meeting to verify your registration, sign the Trip Release Form and pick up additional information the TC will have for you.

1. Trip sign-up for all trips begin on **August 15**. As with last year, the sign-up does not end a few weeks later and start up again at the September meeting. Instead, it just begins. We are also continuing the process of taking sign ups either through the mail or giving your form and money directly to the TC at an SCSC event OR signup online and pay by credit card. However, the form and money cannot be received prior to August 15 – for club trips. Deposits for TSC trips have been accepted since June 1. Any received prior to that date will be returned. Note that this is not the postmark, but when the form and money is received. Due to TSC trips being advertised without the $ amount, deposits for TSC trips are fully refundable.
2. **Cash discounts** are now offered. To receive the discount, the deposit and final payment must both be made in cash.
3. You must be a current member in good standing to be added to a trip. Note that memberships are approved at the monthly Executive Committee meeting. Send in your membership by the first of the month for it to be considered at the meeting. After that, you will have to wait until the next month. Your 2008-2009 membership number should be shown on the mailing label of the SITZMARKE. Call your VP of Membership, Nancy Schultz, if you have questions.
4. You may sign-up yourself and one other SCSC member per trip (plus children for Family Optional trips) (see by-law 2.8.A.)
5. In the registration envelope include the trip registration form and your deposit. The deposit for the Japan and Three Valleys trips is $300 per participant. The deposit on all other trips is $150 per participant. Checks are to be made payable to "SCSC" and should have your membership number and the TRIP NAME listed on the check.
6. Mail your registration to the TC's Address on the Form for the trip on which you wish to participate. TC's names are listed for all trips. For obtaining more information, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed in this SITZMARKE and on the Trip Registration Form. If your registration is mailed or given to anyone other than the TC, it will be returned to you and you will not be registered for the trip.
7. If the registration meets the above guidelines, names will be added to each trip's Participant List in the order received. If a trip's participant roster is full, additional registrations received will be added to a waitlist in the order received. The TC will hold deposit checks for waitlisted members until a space becomes available on the trip. For the participants that are on trips, the checks will be deposited immediately.
8. These procedures apply to ALL members (except the trip's TC and ATC) and all Trip Participants are subject to SCSC Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures.
9. SCSC is not responsible for any problems with the U.S. Postal Service or the internet, including delayed delivery or lost mail.
10. Information shown on the Trip Schedule is subject to change. Contact the TC or ATC for up-to-date information.
11. Any registrations received, which do not meet the above qualifications, may be returned to the sender.
12. Land Packages have been approved by The Executive Committee for this year's trips. On the trips which have a limited number of available land packages, if all are filled, you will be given the option of being on a "Land Wait List" or switching to a full package.
13. Because of the restrictions noted below for land packages, be sure you have concrete travel arrangements made before you sign up for one of these. SCSC will not be responsible for any difficulties or extra expense you incur due to delayed or canceled flights or other transportation problems.

Rules and Restrictions for Land Packages

1. The price of the land package will be the full trip price minus participant's airfare. Ground transportation will be included and available, on selected trips, to land package participants if they can meet the group at the destination airport on time. Ground transportation will not be delayed for land package participants arriving later than the group.
2. Other than the full package, this is the only package price available; no other combinations of lodging and/or transportation will be offered. (Note: As in the past, members may still arrange their own transportation, lodging, etc., and pay only for the parties and trip options. If so, please arrange to do this in advance, ideally by the pre-trip meeting.)
3. Normal cancellation policies apply: 1) the added stipulation that, on or after final payment date, land package participants must be replaced from a land package wait list and full package participants must be replaced from a full package wait list in order to receive a refund.
4. Be sure this is the package you want - It may not be possible to convert your trip from land package to full package, or vice versa. The Club may not be able to secure additional airline seats.
5. If you sign up for a land package, please notify the TC of your transportation plans in advance of the trip. The TC can tell you where to meet the group at the airport and other pertinent details.

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