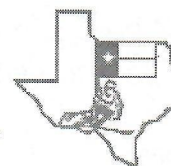




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From Mission Control

by Pat Piech, Space City Ski Club President.

Well, things are getting pretty exciting now. Throughout the summer, the team has been busy working on plans for the upcoming ski season. The VP of Trips, Ted Widmer, along with the two Directors of Trips, Marsha Lutz and Judy Schiro, have created an absolutely FABULOUS schedule of ski trips for 2007-2008. Be sure to review all of the trip articles as well as the schedule in this issue. Early sign-up begins **Monday August 13** and many of the trips will sell quickly so take advantage of this early sign-up offer. As in previous years, you can sign up for trips and pay for your deposit via PayPal as well as snail mail.



Just as we have been busy planning our ski trips., so has it been with the general meetings. Our first meeting of the season is set for **Monday, September 10** at Vargo's at 2401 Fondren, just north of Westheimer. It is a great venue and this meeting will feature all of the ski trips. It will be one of your first opportunities to discuss the trip details and options with the respective leaders. For future meetings, I hope to have a series of interesting and fun topics throughout the year and your ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Feel free to contact either me or the VP of Programs, Sandy Wellhausen-Perry, with your thoughts.

SCSC is nothing without its members and we can never have too many. Remember, you must be an active member to sign up for any of the upcoming ski trips... so if you haven't yet renewed your membership be sure to do it right away. And right now, we have the "Recruit a New Member" contest in full swing. It is a fun contest and rewards the efforts of those recruiting for Space City Ski Club. All of the details are posted on the SCSC website. Feel free to contact Camille LaRoe with any questions.

Beat the heat and think snow... it will be here before you know it!!

Recruit a New Member Contest

You have two ways to win credits for 2007-2008 ski trips! The contest runs from June 15 to September 30, 2007. Winners will be announced at the October General meeting.

You have two ways to win:

1. The member who recruits the most new members will win a \$200 credit applied to the cost of a Space City Ski Club ski trip during the upcoming 2007-08 ski season.
2. Two members will each win a \$100 credit applicable to the cost of a Space City Ski Club ski trip during the upcoming 2007-08 ski season if their name is selected in the drawing. How do get in the drawing? Just recruit a new member. Every time you recruit a new ski club member, you get your name in the drawing. Recruit two members and you get two chances, recruit twelve new members and you get a dozen chances to win, etc. The more people you recruit, the more chances to win.

For a complete list of rules visit the Space City website or contact Camille LaRoe claroe@abm.com.

Italian Wine-Tasting Party!

Saturday, September 29, 2007 7:00-11:00 pm

@ AC Cindy Moore's House

2303 Peppermill Rd. Houston, TX 77080 713-984-1060

Email: dance_c_ski@yahoo.com

Bring a bottle of Italian Wine and pay \$15 by 9/10/07
or \$20 after 9/10/07

No payment at the door or postmarked after 9/25/07 will be accepted. Includes fully-catered dinner and door prizes for designated drivers only.

AAC Bernie Colella, 713-828-5759,

Email bcolella@houston.rr.com

FINAL PAYMENT DATE IS 9/10/07



SCSC Next General Meeting

September 10, 2007

at Vargo's, 2401 Fondren (North of Westheimer)

713-782-3888



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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.

1. **Make sure your mailing and email addresses are current** by updating your online membership profile. **NEW COMCAST CUSTOMERS, PLEASE CORRECT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES SOON!!!**
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". **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 web-mail. Thank you!



It's Membership Renewal Time!!!

Trip sign-up begins August 13!

You must have renewed your membership for the 2007-08 year in order to sign-up for a ski trip!

Renew NOW! Do it online NOW. It is easy!

1. Go to www.spacecityskiclub.org.
2. Click on the "My SCSC" tab.
3. Log in with username and password.
4. The light blue print above "Here are your member features" verifies your membership expiration date.
5. Click on "Update My Membership Profile" and check all personal information for accuracy. Make changes if necessary.
6. Click on the "Renew My Membership" button.
7. Decide if you want a single year membership (through 4/08 or multiple years – so you don't have to do all of this stuff every year!)
8. Proceed thru PayPal to complete your payment. It's secure, it's free and you don't have to have a PayPal account, just a major credit card or checking account.

RENEWAL TROUBLESHOOTING:

Don't have a SCSC on-line account?

1. Click on the "My SCSC" tab.
2. Click on the "SCSC members may request an account here" link.
3. You will need your member number from a Sitzmarke label, or email the VP of Membership at vpmembership@spacecityskiclub.org to get that number.

Did you get "Your session has timed out" when trying to complete the PayPal process? It's just a browser cookie setting.

1. Go back to the payment page.
2. Below the PayPal button there is a link to a help page to get that all straight.

OR Renew by U.S. Mail by downloading the membership application from the website <http://www.spacecityskiclub.org/Forms/SCSCMemberApp.pdf> or by using the membership application in your April Sitzmarke. Complete the form and mail with your \$40 check using the address on the form.

Having A Blast!

by Sandy Perry, Space City Ski Club VP of Programs.

In a few weeks we will start our monthly general meetings at Vargos Restaurant. The first meeting will be Monday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. The theme will be Ski Trip Sign-up for the many exciting trips SCSC has planned for us.

The Volunteer Party was a huge success in spite of all the rain. The food was fabulous and our volunteers did a terrific job setting this up. A huge thanks to Mary Wollman, Christina Anderson, Larry Christie, Camille LaRoe, George Lopez, Dan Taylor, Patti Welch, Dennis and Bobbie Brittain, Diane Baker, Bob Horan, Robert Clements, Cindy Moore, Deb Cini, and Leyla Ozkardesh, for all their hard work. And, thanks to both Dawn Rodriguez for opening up her beautiful home to us and all the volunteers for their hard work.

We have some very exciting non-ski activities coming up. Some of the activities we have planned include:

ACTIVITIES

8/11/07	Tandem Sky Diving, AC: Chip Stokes
8/23/07	Happy Hour at Vargo's Restaurant
8/30/07	Happy Hour and Dart Tournament at BJ's Sports Bar, AC: Laura Carmin
9/10/07	General Meeting at Vargo's
9/27/07	Happy Hour at PK's Blue Water Grill, Coordinator: Barbara Rossetti
9/29/07	Italian Wine Tasting, AC: Cindy Moore, AAC: Bernie Colella
10/08/07	General Meeting at Vargo's
11/12/07	General Meeting at Vargo's
11/30/07	Annual Christmas Gala

We are working on several fun activities including a bus trip to Wurstfest, a Fashion Show, a bowling tournament, and a bus trip to the casinos. We plan to include several traditional activities such as Laser Tag and Mardi Gras. We need activity coordinators to lead these activities. We are also interested in hearing what activities you would like to see SCSC get involved in. If any of you are interested in volunteering as an activity coordinator or have ideas you wish to share, please contact me at sandywp.ski@gmail.com or Christina Anderson (Director of Programs) at andersoncmt@hotmail.com.

Sunshine Kids Auction *By Marti Turner*

I had the honor of presenting The Sunshine Kids with donations totaling \$6,002 from our May Auction. For the twelfth year, SCSC members gave a special gift to this terrific organization! Brooke Webster, Director of Development with the Sunshine Kids, was extremely appreciative of our continued support to help children with cancer and their families with fun and educational activities, as well as, emotional support.

Coordinating SCSC's annual auction is one of the most rewarding volunteer opportunities in our club because you see how generous both our club members and many businesses are in helping this cause. Thank you to everyone who donated an item, contacted a donor, or came and bid at the auction. It took everyone to have this success! Several of the people involved in the intense bidding were George Lopez, Ron Rabin, Ted Widmer, Linda Guice, Lori Gilliland, Ted Bergeron, John Flatten, Shirley Lang, Sally Templeton and Linda Licarione. (Of course not all of them were the highest bidders). I also want to thank some special volunteers that helped with the auction: Frank Andrews, our auctioneer, Bruce Lowther, Keith Kirkman, Diane Stotz, Gary Butler, Ellen Eastham, and Diane Jamail. I also want to thank Melanie Morin, who did much of the work coordinating the auction before she was transferred. Thank you to all of the following businesses and individuals that graciously donated items for the auction:

Texas Association of Single Sailors (TASS)

Kayleen Kill & John Rice

Marilyn Swanson

Bruce Lowther

Tom Danowski

Leyla Ozkardesh

Sue Salvage

Barbara Rosetti

Chuck Pena

Barbara Erlich

Mark Monroe

Barbara Rosetti

Sportours

Elyse Turla

Peggy & Jerry Montgomery

Robert Clements

Merlyn Harger

Diane Stotz

Bob Wray

Lisa Manavelli

Vicki Faulkner

Cindy Moore

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Anneleise Unterharnscheidt

Diane Morish, Merle Norman on Ella Blvd

Cheryl Kenny

Judy Schiro & Ron Hayes

Ellen Eastham

Nancy Sarff

Melanie Morin

Larry Hord

Nora Montgomery

Patti Richards

Louella Steller

John (Easy) Thayer

Marti Turner

Please let the individuals and businesses listed above know that you appreciate their donations and support of SCSC and the Sunshine Kids.

THE ART OF TRIP SIGN-UP

AND THE FINE PRINT • *Trip Sign-Up is Here!*

This is your chance to sign up for your favorite SCSC ski trip(s) for 2007-2008. 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 begins on Monday, August 13. As with last year, the sign-up does not end in a few weeks and start up again at the September meeting. Instead, it just begins. We are also continuing to take sign-ups either through the mail or give your form and money directly to the TC at an SCSC event OR sign-up online and pay by credit card. However, the form and money cannot be received prior to August 13. Any received prior to that date will be returned. Note that this is not the postmark, but when the form and money are received.
2. 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 2006-2007 membership number should be shown on the mailing label of the SITZMARKE. E-mail your VP of Membership at vpmembership@spacecityskiclub.org if you have questions.
3. You may sign-up yourself and one other SCSC member per trip (plus children for Family Optional trips). (see by-law 2.8.A.) Note that on family-optional trips, children's pricing are dependent upon the age of the child and require sharing the room with two paying adults.
4. In the registration envelope include the trip registration form and your deposit. The deposit for the Bansko trip 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.
5. 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 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. SCSC is not responsible for any problems with the U.S. Postal Service or the internet, including delayed delivery or lost mail.
9. Information shown on the Trip Schedule is subject to change. ALL TRIP PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO POTENTIAL CHANGES BY OUR VENDORS. Contact the TC or ATC for up-to-date information.
10. Any registrations received, which do not meet the above qualifications, may be returned to the sender.

Land Packages: The Executive Committee has approved Land Packages on this year's trips. On the trips which there are a limited number of land packages available, if all are filled, you will be given the option of being on a "Land Wait List" or switching to a full package.

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 (THE NUMBER OF LAND PACKAGES MAY BE LIMITED - PLEASE CONTACT THE TC)

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 with 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.

Please mail your Trip Registration Forms and deposit checks to the appropriate TC below. Please 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	EMAIL
Keystone	Anne Marchetti	1024 Fries Rd.	Houston, TX	77055	annemarchetti@earthlink.net
Copper Mtn.	Patricia Ramirez	16519 Casting Light Ln	Houston, TX	77095	trishramirez06@yahoo.com
Vail	Diane Stotz	710 Harvard St.	Houston, TX	77007-1605	dianestotz@comcast.com
Whistler	Bruce Baird	11330 Inwood Dr.	Houston, TX	77077-6438	bruce2skis@aol.com
Bansko	Brenda Soileau	1803 Thistle Creek Ct.	Fresno, TX	77545-9562	bgsoileau@aol.com
Telluride	Barbara Ehrlich	1034 Omar	Houston, TX	77009-6535	barbehrlich@comcast.com
Steamboat	Melinda Hughes	18303 Harrow Hill	Houston, TX	77084	home@angleoproductions.com
Quebec	Leyla Ozkardesh	12815 Ashford Hills Dr.	Houston, TX	77077	leyla@spacecityskiclub.org



Keystone Over Thanksgiving TSC Fall Round-Up

November 20-25, 2007

Full Package Including Air: \$858. Land Package: \$490.

Limited # of Land Packages available.

Full Package Including Air for Child: \$503.

Final payment: 9/17/07

Anne Marchetti, TC

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Space City's (SCSC) kick-off trip for 07-08 is headed to Keystone - one of the first US resorts to open each year due to their early season snow. Jumpstart your ski season: warm up the legs, tune the skis and improve ski technique. If you are a beginner skier, or if you need lessons to refine your style, this is the trip and resort for you to enjoy with attractively priced lessons to SCSC participants. This trip is five nights, four ski days and requires only 1 day of vacation for most participants.

Transportation - We leave late Tuesday afternoon (after 5:00) with a direct flight to Denver. We'll make a quick stop for groceries then head for the mountains. Our direct return flight on Sunday evening arrives approximately 7:30 pm. (flight times subject to change). Ground transportation is included in the land package and the number of land packages is limited.

Lodging - We've worked hard to again book the convenient River Run Condominiums that are located close to the Gondola. Most of us prefer a short walk to the lifts instead of waiting at the bus stop. The units offer 2 bedroom, 2 bath, small kitchen, fireplace, elevators (yep) and many other nice features. See <http://keystone.snow.com/info/riverrun.asp> for more information.

Families are welcome! Our Keystone trip offers a special "Youth Camp for ages 3-15 which includes 4 days of lessons, lift ticket, equipment rental and lunch for only \$255 per youth, compared to its retail value over \$500. Also, small children are eligible for discount trip pricing when staying inside their parents bedroom.

TSC Trip - SCSC will be joining 8-10 other Texas Ski Council clubs for holiday skiing fun. Activities will include the TSC races, TSC welcome party, and TSC banquet/awards ceremony. Current members of area clubs such as Clear Lake Area Ski Club (CLASC) are encouraged to join us for this TSC trip. SCSC will be adding to the fun with a 1st day breakfast, optional Thanksgiving dinner, and possible condo bunko!

Keystone Resort opens November 9th, two weeks before we arrive! And if there isn't plenty of natural snow, they have snowmaking for over 600 acres to boost skiing fun. Night skiing is available so our nice condo location makes this convenient. SCSC participants will receive complimentary Adventure Passports containing one-time coupons for activities such as Nordic skiing, ice skating and hockey clinics, night skiing, and sleigh rides.

Keystone is known for multiple mountain playgrounds: Dercum Mountain, North Peak, and The Outback. There's something special for every skier and rider of any level at each mountain. Experience the bumps and bowls, glades and steeps, groomers and rollers. Mountain tours are offered on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Our Four-Day lift tickets are only \$132 and are interchangeable with nearby Breckenridge, Vail, and Beaver Creek, which altogether offer more than 10,000 ski-able acres of fantastic terrain suitable to all abilities. Ski lessons are very reasonable: Adults- \$30 per 2-hour group lesson; Adult Learn to Ski lessons for beginners - \$24 per 2-hour lesson; \$15 lift ticket for beginners.

So - come join the kickoff!



Happy Hour / Activity

FUN DART TOURNNEY and POT LUCK DINNER

All levels of expertise (or not) !
To sign up - Call Laura @ 832 215 7063
or email burtonpr@houston.rr.com

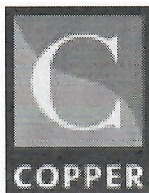
WHEN:
Thursday, August 30th, 2007 6 pm till....

WHERE:
BJs Sports Bar
9615 SW Freeway @ Bissonnet
(Next to Chinese restaurant)
Tel: 713 272 6849

PRIZES:
1st, 2nd & 3rd Team Cash Prizes

RULES for Players & Non-Players:

1. \$5 Entry fee (cash only) per player (Non-Players - free)
All entry fees awarded as Cash Prizes
2. Bring a Dish - Can be real food, chips, cheese, veggie plates, fruit plates, cookies, etc. etc.
3. Late Sign-up and Practice time 6 pm - 7 pm
4. Dart Tournney starts at 7 pm
5. SCSC Members and Guests
6. If you have your own darts - please bring them
7. The more food we bring, the merrier we can be.



Copper Mountain

December 1-8, 2007 Long Trip
December 1-5, 2007 Short Trip
Long Full Package: \$911.
Long Land Package \$617.
Short Full Package \$707.
Short Land Package: \$413.

Final Payment: 10/1/07

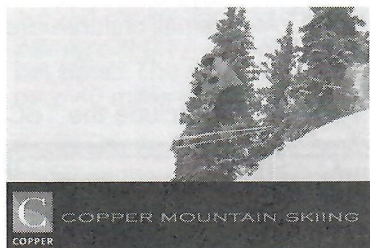
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It's hot outside, so it's time to start dreaming about the upcoming ski season! The Space City Ski Club is hosting long and short trips to Copper Mountain in Colorado at the beginning of December. The long trip offers 6 full days of skiing and 7 exciting evenings. The short trip allows for 3 full days of skiing. This will be a great trip to meet new friends, especially if you are a newer member of SCSC. Copper Mountain has been revered as the most nearly-perfect ski mountain, due to the natural separation of beginner, intermediate and advanced terrain, including 125 trails and 4 spectacular bowls. Elevation ranges from 9,712 feet at the base to 12,313 feet at the summit, for a total vertical drop of 2,601 feet. The annual average snowfall is 23 feet. There are over 2,450 acres of all the stuff you love -- bumps, cruisers, glades, parks, pipes and high alpine bowls. This resort offers 22 lifts, including (1) high speed 6-person chair, (4) high-speed quad chairs, (5) triple chairs and (7) surface lifts. The present lift capacity exceeds 34,000 skiers per hour. There are other activities available besides skiing. There is the Tubing Zone located in the East Village. No skill or equipment required, just a sense of adventure. Ice skating at Copper is back, and it's free to those who bring their own skates.

If you want to venture off on your own, there is snowmobiling, winter fly-fishing, scenic sleigh rides, paragliding & mountaineering, dining in the woods, showshoeing & cross-country skiing available. For the riders, Copper's terrain park was ranked 5th by Transworld SNOWboarding's 2004 Reader's Poll. There are many options for dining, nightlife, and retail too. After a day on the mountain, live entertainment is featured every day at many of the bars located in the



Village at Copper. Apres-ski or anytime, you will find fun and relaxation in Copper's friendly establishments. Once at Copper Mountain, everything is within walking distance or serviced by complimentary village shuttles that run through the 3 villages. If you want to explore the surrounding area, Summit County's complimentary transportation system provides convenient service to all Summit resorts and towns. Breckenridge and Keystone resorts are close by (about 15 minutes), so you may want to visit them to expand your skiing, dining or shopping opportunities. Learn more about Copper Mountain at www.coppercolorado.com. Join us for fun, skiing and more at Copper Mountain!

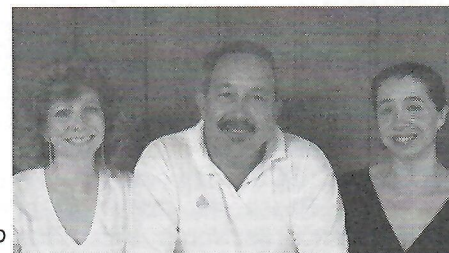


Vail 2008 TSC Traditional

January 5-12, 2008 Long Trip
January 8-13, 2008 Short Trip
Long Full Package: \$1129.
Long Land Package \$826.
Short Full Package \$946.
Short Land Package: \$631.
Final Payment: 9/28/07

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It's that time of the year again. It's time to get chilly and energized and see beautiful mountains. You've been anticipating it all year. You know what it is. It's time to ski again! What's the best mountain to ski? You know what it is. Vail. Nothing else compares! You just can't find more terrain, more lift capacity, more challenge or more fun skiing closer to Houston. Everybody loves Vail, the best mountain to ski and party in the United States!

SCSC is going to Vail for the Texas Ski Council Traditional, the first week of January 2008. What a great way to begin the year. We have two trips to offer: a weeklong trip, January 5 – 12, and a short trip, January 8 – 13.

The weeklong trip leaves on Saturday, January 5 with two morning Continental flights direct to Denver. We'll have a 2½-hour bus ride to the resort, including a stop at the store for supplies. The long trip returns on Continental in the early evening Saturday, January 12. The short trip leaves in the early evening Tuesday, January 8 on United Airlines into Denver and returns to Houston with United in the late evening Sunday, January 13.

We will be staying at Simba Run condominiums, just a short shuttle ride from Lionshead. Typical accommodations will be in two bedroom and two bath condos. Simba Run condos offer fully-equipped kitchens, wood burning fireplace, dining room, color cable TV, washer/dryer in each unit, and wireless high-speed Internet. They also include 60-foot indoor pool

Vail 2008 (continued)

inside a glass atrium, indoor and outdoor hot tubs, sauna, steam room, and ski storage. Massage therapy is available by appointment.

Of course, we will take advantage of group discounts on lift tickets, equipment rentals and other optional activities. Vail lift tickets are also accepted at Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin.

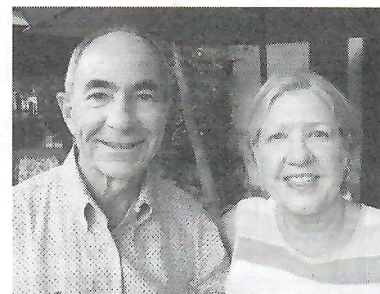
You will have plenty of opportunities to meet and socialize with other SCSC trip participants at our own welcome parties, daily lunch gatherings and at the combined long and short trip group party. Vail Village is a must-see place to explore during the trip. With its numerous shops, restaurants, clubs, diverse entertainment, you are sure to find what you are looking for within a few minutes of our accommodations.

TSC's Traditional Ski Trip is always a lot of fun. You'll meet skiers from all over Texas, ski one of the biggest mountains in the US (5,289 acres of skiing), and enjoy the many restaurants, shops and nightlife. There are several parties scheduled: The TSC Welcome Party, Pub Crawl, and the TSC Final Awards Party, not to mention Nastar races and of course après ski every afternoon. We are also offering several SCSC activities and a club dinner.

Vail Traditional in January 2008 will fill up fast so sign up early. Then get ready to ski and party hardy.



Whistler, British Columbia Now's the Time to Ski Whistler!



January 12-19, 2008 Trip
Full Package: \$1426.
Land Package \$1022.
Final Payment: 11/2/07

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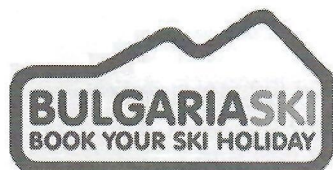
Beat the crowds and the price increases. Whistler is co-host of the 2010 Olympics games so now's the time to Ski Whistler in beautiful British Columbia, Canada!

We fly United to Vancouver, and then take a two-hour bus ride to the Hilton Resort and Spa – deluxe accommodations in the heart of Whistler Village; ideally located at the base of Whistler and Blackcomb gondolas. The hotel just completed a \$54 million renovation. The rooms are beautifully appointed and very spacious, with luxurious bathrooms, custom-designed alarm clocks with connection cables for MP3 players, internet, and coffee makers. The hotel also offers complimentary ski storage.

We'll have easy access to everything, especially the phenomenal and varied skiing of Whistler and Blackcomb. Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains offer the largest riding area on the continent with over 8,000 acres of rideable terrain, 200 marked trails and 12 massive bowls. Whistler is consistently ranked in the top five for North American resorts selected by industry magazines such as Ski, Skiing, Powder, TransWorld Snowboarding and more. Not only do they offer the largest above tree line terrain and bowls, Whistler is the only resort in North America where you can ski or ride on a glacier, right in the heart of British Columbia Mountains. And, that blue glacial ice is beautiful - a photographer's delight.

Want to try something different than skiing or snowboarding...how about cross-country skiing, dog sledding, ice climbing, ice skating, sleigh rides, snowcat tours and snowshoeing. Or, take a day off to hang around the hotel and pamper yourself at Artesia Spa, visit the year-round pool and hot tubs with spectacular mountain views, relax by the fire pit in the landscaped courtyard or enjoy après ski at the Cinnamon Bear Bar. Then be sure to venture out to enjoy world class shopping and dining plus amazing après ski and nightlife. The sophisticated alpine Village of Whistler is a shopper's paradise with pedestrian-friendly walkways and plazas leading you through shops boutiques, art galleries, theaters and restaurants. And, of course, your SCSC trip leaders will add to the fun choices with a welcome party and a group dinner at the end of the trip so everyone can share their stories!

With its crisp alpine air and breathtaking vistas, not to mention the friendly Canadian hospitality, Whistler/ Blackcomb is truly a magical mountain escape! You have read the articles in the magazines, seen glimpses in the ski and snowboard movies and heard all about it from your friends. Now it's time for you to experience the magic of Whistler for yourself.



Bansko, Bulgaria

TSC Winter Expedition



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February 2/3, 2008
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Final Payment: 10/20/07

Bansko, Bulgaria, a new destination for the TSC, has been selected for the 2008 Winter Expedition. Bansko is a rare and winning combination: an exciting modern ski area in a lively, historic, architecturally-interesting and culturally-rich village of about 10,000 people. All this exists alongside the spectacular beauty of the Pirin National Park which has an untamed nature and recognition on UNESCO's List of World Heritage sites.

Massive investments in ski and hospitality infrastructure have created a quality resort rated as the best ski resort in Eastern Europe. Not yet well known in North America and a recent member of the EU, prices remain, for the moment, relatively low making it the best value in European skiing.

Skiing in Bansko starts with a remarkable new 8-passenger gondola. Once on the snow, you'll find high-speed detachable chairs, near comprehensive snow-making, night skiing, and extensive prepared runs maintained by a fleet of grooming machines. The main ski runs in Bansko have been extensively renovated and the 4-mile ski run Stara Pista is floodlit for night skiing. The ski runs are serviced by 14 chair and drag lifts, all of which are cutting-edge Doppelmayr ski lifts, including the eight-person gondola and three detachable quad chairs, one with a pull-down bubble cover if the weather is poor. There is a unique 10 mile long uninterrupted ski run, starting from Todorka Peak at the highest point of the ski center all the way to the base station of the gondola lift on the outskirts of town.

The mountain statistics in Bansko are: a top altitude of 8450 feet and a base altitude of 3218 feet, which makes this resort a good choice for those who suffer from altitude sickness since this malady is caused by the altitude where you sleep, not where you play. The vertical drop is an impressive 5232 feet! Bansko's 14 lifts have the capacity to handle 10,000 persons per hour. The ski runs are designated 35% beginner (blue), 40% intermediate (red), and 25% difficult (black). Bansko has over 40 miles of marked ski runs with about 80% of the slopes covered by snow cannons.

Bansko is blessed with a relatively mild climate, yet the season is long up on the slopes where you can expect to have crisp snow on the ski trails from December until early May.

At the end of the day, skiers and snowboarders have a choice to return by the Gondola or take the ski track down to Bansko, which marks this resort as one of the few in the world to offer this option.

Bansko is also a regular host to a number of ski competitions, such as the Extreme Ski competition, the Balkan Cup Competition, and the Alpine Ski FIS Europe Cup. Experts can ski the runs where Bulgaria's Olympic champions train.

Among other Bulgarian mountain resorts, Bansko offers what is probably the best après-ski, because it is a unique combination of a modern mountain resort and a living rustic town.

The historic old town, interesting in itself, is well located for excursions to heritage cultural sites, Greece and Turkey. For the non-skiers, or those injured or tired, sightseeing excursions offer an opportunity to explore intriguing new locations. Half day excursions include a tour of the town of Bansko and a visit to the Banya Spa. Full-day excursions will include a tour of Melnik and Rozhen Monastery, the Rila Monastery, Sofia, Bulgaria's capital, and Thessaloniki, Greece.

Bansko is a museum town at the edge of the Pirin National Park. Banya is rich in mineral waters used for spa, recreational and industrial purposes. Located among sandstone "pyramids," Melnik is an architectural preserve with almost one hundred protected buildings dating from the early 13th century. A scenic footpath leads to the Rozhen Monastery. Rila Monastery is included in the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Sofia is one of the oldest capital cities in Europe. The history of Sofia dates back to the 8th century BC. Our guided tour will include the 10th century Boyana church, a UNESCO heritage site and the Nevski Cathedral, one of the world's largest orthodox churches. Thessaloniki is a busy, vibrant city and it is Greece's second major economic, industrial, commercial, and cultural center. The city is famous for its picturesque restaurants and tavernas.

A post- trip will be offered to Istanbul, Turkey, where East meets West, Europe meets Asia. Intriguing Istanbul, has well-deservedly been designated as a European Capital of Culture. Situated on two continents, Istanbul is the only city in the world which served as the capital to three different Empires: the Roman, the Byzantine and the Ottoman. Throughout its long history, Istanbul has acquired a reputation for being a cultural and ethnic melting pot. As a result, there are many historical mosques, churches, synagogues, and palaces to visit.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore Bansko, an up-and-coming ski destination. Enjoy great skiing, luxury hotels, an amazing night life with over 100 "mehanas", live music and folk dances – all at bargain prices. And, last but not least for some of us: BEER FOR 50 CENTS AND WINE FOR \$1.75 A GLASS!!



Telluride

TSC Winter Shootout



February 2-9, 2008
Full Package: \$1168.
Land Package: \$755
Final Payment: 10/28/07

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Looking for an ideal mountain experience? Come with us to Telluride, a place like no other. It's one of the many 13,000' peaks in that area of the San Juan Mountains and it will take your breath away! You run the gamut from a great ski and snowboard school to a heli-skiing operation that services 250 square miles of untracked terrain. There are 84 runs, the longest being 4.6 miles. Something for everyone! Did we mention that there will be parties?

Join us for the Texas Ski Council Winter Shootout. We'll fly direct from Houston to Montrose, Colorado on Continental Airlines. From there, we will have an approximate one-hour bus ride to Telluride. We are staying at the Telluride Lodge within steps of Chair 7 (Coonskin Lift). These condos have full kitchens and fireplaces, etc. There are two indoor hot tubs, a steam room and a grocery/deli on the property. Plus the lodge is a stop for the complimentary town shuttle. They say that in Telluride, the only distance is walking distance. But, when you have heavy equipment to carry or those ski boots on or just skied your behind off all day, it's great to know that the shuttle will pick you up and deposit you at the Lodge.

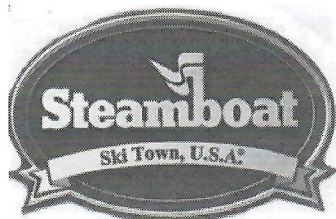
Besides rustic Telluride which is over 100 years old, there is a modern elegant town called Mountain Village perched at 9500' mid-mountain and accessed by a gondola. This town came into existence about 20 years ago and gives great contrast to Telluride down below. There are even more restaurants, boutiques and galleries in addition to the convention center.

Upon arriving in Telluride, we will get checked in and receive our welcome packets along with the lift tickets. The afternoon and evening will be free to pick up rental equipment and explore the town. There will be complimentary mountain tours the next morning and we will have the Texas Ski Council welcome party that evening. The Council is planning many après ski events along with races and fun events culminating in a big party the final evening. In addition, Telluride has wonderful restaurants. Besides great downhill skiing, there is a Nordic center off of Lift 10 where you can glide in the serene magic of the Meadows or on the Mountain Village golf course. There is dog sledding and snowmobiling with breathtaking views. We already mentioned the Helitrax for you powderhounds.

Come join us for fun and skiing with your buddies (old and new) from the other Texas clubs. There will be good-natured (oh, all right, out and out) competition on the race course for the Texas Cup. Everyone who races and finishes will get a point for our club.

What more could you ask for? Great skiing, good friends, competition and, oh, did I mention, there will be parties!! Sign up early, folks because this one is going to go fast!





Steamboat Springs, Colorado



February 23- March 1, 2008

Full Package: \$1277.

Land Package: \$811.

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We asked you, we heard you, and we responded. It's finally here!! Steamboat Springs in February!! Steamboat 2008 will be a gem of a trip. Champagne Powder® (331 inches last year) and trails through glades, trees, and meadows are all beckoning you to Ski Town, U.S.A.®. Nestled 7,000 feet up in the Colorado Rockies, Steamboat is one of North America's largest ski mountains. With 164 trails, 3600 vertical feet, and nearly 3,000 ski able acres, its six peaks (Mount Werner, Sunshine Peak, Storm Peak, Thunderhead Peak, Pioneer Ridge® and Christie Peak) are filled with world-class groomed cruisers, bumps, steeps, open meadows, legendary tree skiing, and Mavericks, North America's longest superpipe. Steamboat offers a diversity of terrain for all levels of ability. Whether you are on Rolex or Heavenly Daze or Why Not, powdering your nose has never felt better.

Come play in our winter wonderland: Skiing and Snowboarding, Snowmobile Rides, Sleigh Ride Dinners, Hot Springs, Spa Services and more. You'll be hard pressed to find another resort town that exudes this much history, heritage and character. Come see for yourself why Steamboat continues to hold a special place in the hearts of so many people. Whether you're stepping foot into a local pub, one of our charming boutiques, or stepping off the gondola, the reception is the same – warm. With over 70 restaurants and bars, Steamboat's nighttime entertainment scene is loaded with options. Once you're here get even more up-to-the-minute nighttime entertainment details with the new "Nightlife Trail Map".

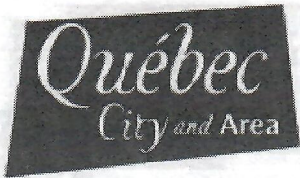
Traveling on Continental, directly from IAH to Hayden, then a short bus ride to the condos, makes for a wonderful beginning to the trip. As for accommodations, we will take up residence at the Kutuk, a complex uniquely situated in Ski Time Square - right in the heart of mountain dining and nightlife. A private guest shuttle is available for convenient transportation to the restaurants downtown. Only 75 yards to the Christie Lifts makes this ski-in / walk-out a complete vacation experience. The individual interiors are inviting and warm with Southwestern to traditional decor. Location, personality, deluxe accommodations and unsurpassed quality keep guests returning to Kutuk again and again. Attentive personal service, on-site management & clubhouse check-in facility, two outdoor hot tubs, Free high-speed Internet access in each unit, plus a business center and wireless Internet access in the clubhouse, Large sun deck with gas grills, On-site complimentary laundry facilities, Bell staff & concierge services, Complimentary morning coffee & doughnuts in the clubhouse, Direct dial telephones & message services, Private ski lockers, Complimentary evening shuttle, In-unit guest bathrobes, and Daily housekeeping services all add up to a Space City Spectacular Event!



But, Houston, we have a problem!! We only have 48 slots available. So, as you sit blurry-eyed, staring at the computer, waiting for the midnight signup deadline, you have to ask yourself one question. Do you feel lucky? Well do you?

Be one of the lucky ones to join us on the mountain for some fabulous skiing, great fun, and maybe an unusual adventure as SCSC goes to Steamboat!

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Québec City Dazzling in Winter TSC Final Showdown



March 1-8, 2008
Full Package: \$1432.
Land Package: \$986.
Land avail. after 42 sold
Final Payment: 12/17/07

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Get all the style of Europe and all the friendliness of home. You're going to love Québec City! It is on Money Magazine's list of North America's top ten tourist destinations, a distinction the publication attributes to the French experience, the rendezvous with history the city offers, and the extraordinary beauty of its setting. Québec City will be celebrating its 400th birthday during our stay.

We'll begin this wintry journey on March 1, an early morning flight on Air Canada or Delta, to Montreal and followed by a 3-hour scenic bus ride to Québec City. Our stay will be at the magnificent castle-like Chateau Frontenac inside the historic walled city. Situated on a bluff with a breath-taking view of the St. Lawrence River, this 5-star Fairmont hotel will deliver a premier vacation experience.

Right outside the Chateau Frontenac is the funicular, a cable car offering a scenic overview, which takes you down to Old Québec, where on cobblestoned streets the quaint shops, art galleries and restaurants wait. We'll be in walking distance to much of the renowned cuisine of Québec and its thriving nightlife.

We'll enjoy skiing at Québec's top three ski resorts using our three resort pass. The shuttle to each resort takes only 20 – 45 minutes.

Mont-Sainte-Anne is one of the best ski areas in eastern North America, the biggest and most varied near Québec City. A gondola takes you to the top, where 42 miles of trails lead down both the front and back sides. On the front, views extend over the ice floes on the St. Lawrence River. There are lots of intermediate slopes that are interspersed with much more challenging double black diamonds, all ending through trees towards the bottom.

Stoneham is snuggled in the heart of a horseshoe-shaped valley and protected from winds; Stoneham offers you the choice of 32 trails on 4 mountains with a variety of terrain for every category of skiers and snowboarders. You can take advantage of the extreme skiing zone, which brings out the challenge of any extreme skier, or you can enjoy the serenity and calm of the relaxing family trails.

Le Massif is perched right on the bank of the St. Lawrence River and has one of the most spectacular views of any ski resort. It is host of the Canadian Downhill Training Center and boasting the greatest vertical drop east of the Rockies.

There is challenge enough for the most advanced skiers, opportunities for beginners and great fun for everyone.

This is the TSC Final Showdown with all the TSC parties, racing and activities so there will opportunity to interact with fellow Texans. And of course, there will be ample winter activities all around: tobogganing, sleigh rides, ice skating, ice climbing, snow rafting, dog-sledding, cross-country skiing, you name it. And, don't forget the fabulous Ice Hotel and exciting Valcartier Snow Park. Both of these are the largest of their kind in North America!

Come join us for this unique and dazzling trip.....
August 2007



Space City Ski Club -- Trip Schedule 2007-2008

DATES	TRIP DESTINATION	TRIP PRICE	FINAL PAY DATE	TC ATC	PHONE	ADDRESS FOR SIGN-UP	EMAIL
Nov 20-25 2007	KEYSTONE	\$858F \$503C \$490L	9/17/07	Anne Marchetti	713-446-7673	1024 Fries Rd., Houston 77055	annemarchetti@earthlink.net
Dec 1-8 2007	COPPER - long	\$911F \$617L	10/1/07	Trish Ramirez Lora Gaige	281-217-4062 832-647-7227	16519 Lasting Light, Houston 77095	trishramirez06@yahoo.com lora.gaige@hp.com
Dec 1-5 2007	COPPER -short	\$707F \$413L	10/1/07	Trish Ramirez Lora Gaige	281-217-4062 832-647-7227	16519 Casting Light, Houston 77095	trishramirez06@yahoo.com lora.gaige@hp.com
✓ Jan 5-12 2008	VAIL - long	\$1129F \$826L	9/28/07	Diane Stotz Elizabeth Barker George Lopez	713-862-9486 832-526-6886 856-296-9399	710 Harvard, Houston 77007-1605	dianestotz@comcast.com soldbyelizabeth@hotmail.com gil_ast@yahoo.com
Jan 8-13 2008	VAIL- short	\$946F \$631L	9/28/07	Diane Stotz Elizabeth Barker George Lopez	713-862-9486 832-526-6886 856-296-9399	710 Harvard, Houston 77007-1605	dianestotz@comcast.com soldbyelizabeth@hotmail.com gil_ast@yahoo.com
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Feb 2-9/ 2008	TELLURIDE	\$1168F \$755L	10/28/07	Barbara Ehrlich Dana Wardell	713-868-2470 281-497-8552	1034 Omar, Houston 77009-6535	barbehrrlich@houston.rr.com dwardell@stalkerenergy.com
Feb 23-Mar 1 2008	STEAMBOAT	\$1277F \$811L	11/21/07	Melinda Hughes Dennis Hughes	281-859-8024 281-859-8024	18303 Harrow Hill Houston 77084	home@angleoproductions.com dwhughes@horizonsurvey.com
Mar 1-8 2008	QUEBEC	\$1432F \$986L*	2/17/07	Leyla Ozkardesh Leslie Cashio	281-584-9723 281-980-8106	12815 Ashford Hills, Houston 77077	leyla@spacecityskiclub.org lac53@alltel.net

F = Full trip, L = Land trip (Availability may be limited - Please contact the TC), C = Child price. * = see article for restrictions

Space City Ski Club -- Trip Registration Form

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

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Each envelope must contain the registration form and deposit. Deposit is \$150 per participant (\$300 for Bansko). Make the check payable to "SCSC" and write the trip name and membership number(s) from the Sitzmarke address label) on the check. Also, write the trip name on the outside of the envelope. Address the envelope to the Trip Coordinator (TC) for each trip.

Trip Name: _____ Trip Dates _____

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Participant #1: _____
Package
Full or Land _____

Participant #2: _____
Package
Full or Land _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

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Phone(H) _____ (W) _____

Phone(H) _____ (W) _____

Member #: _____ Fax: _____

Member #: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

I understand the following (per standing rules 5.1 - 5.4): Cancellations after sign-up must be in writing to the TC and all cancellations are subject to a \$30 per person (\$100 for Bansko) 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.

Signature(s) (Required) _____

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