

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

In August in Springfield, we must go to the State Fair! I am ready for corn dogs, lemonade shake ups, vinegar fries and more! And I hope to see you there!

Upcoming Tour Trips in 2027!

Look for the flyers in this newsletter for two tour trips which will be offered at the September signup party and THANKS to Patty Staab VP of Tour Trips and the trip committee members that put these trips together.

- A one-week all-inclusive stay at Secrets Royal Beach Punta Cana, Dominican Republic January 29 – February 5th.
- Trip to Poland October 5 – October 20. THANKS to Mike and Lois Bloechle for volunteering to lead this trip.

Thank Yous!

- To Jana Kincaid for organizing dining out at Abe's Hideout for 27 of us!
- To Janice Broughton for making 55 of us happy at Sangamo Brewing on July 16!
- To Wayne Rovey for organizing the weekly tennis league!
- To Rose Johnson for organizing the weekly Pickleball!
- To all the volunteers and Board members who help make this Club a success!

Check Out What is Happening in August!

- Day Trip to the St. Louis City Foundry – Tuesday, August 4th
- Dining Out at La Fiesta on Stevenson Drive – Thursday, August 6
- Adopt A Street Saturday, August 8 St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot 9 AM (Great Opportunity to Earn Service Hours!)
- Harness Racing at the State Fair (Date TBD, Watch for Eblast)
- Happy Hour – Thursday, August 20th at the State Fair. Meet at the Coors Light tent at 5 PM
- Mondays - Tennis
- Saturdays – Pickleball
- Tour Trip to South Africa departing August 23.

Save the Date

- Sign Up Party – Saturday, September 19

I am at your service,

Jan Freeman

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President.....	Jan Freeman
Executive VP	Jean Courtney-Jacobs
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Community Services Chair	Rich Bergt
Sports Chair	Rose Johnson
Webmaster	Deon Bishop



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Sascha Millard	3	Michael Wallace	16	Lynn Burger	23
Doreen Books	3	Rich Jachino	16	Ruth Kopec	24
Judith Telford	4	Susan Long	17	Bobbie Cummins	24
Sheryl Friedrich	4	Kris Schnapp	17	Bryan Johnsrud	25
Rhonda Felber-Coppinger	4	Marilyn Parnell	17	David Sanders	27
Darla Hamende	7	Jim Stahl	17	Marilyn Budd	28
Raenell Mace	7	Sharon Weiser	18	Kevin Brown	28
Karen Coughlin	8	Louie Midiri	18	Kathy Summer	29
Charlotte Habing	9	Daniel Mount	19	Timothy Bergt	29
Margaret Schwarz	10	Diane Long	19	Kathy Cutler	29
Paul Clouser	11	Kay Ryan	21	Charlotte Montgomery	30
Jon Roth	12	Frances King	22	Randy Bower	30
Joe Moore	12	John Simpson	22	Michael Brownlow	31
Mary Schackmann	14	Wayne Rovey	23		

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 City Foundry/ STL	5	6 Dining Out La Fiesta 5:30pm	7	8 Adopt-A-Street 9:00am
9	10	11	12	13 Board Meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Happy Hour ISF - Coors Tent 5:00pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Dining Out



LA FIESTA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026
2830 Stevenson Dr, Springfield
Cocktails at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00

JOIN US FOR
Happy Hour



at the Coors Tent
August 20, 2026
5:00pm - ???

ADOPT-A-STREET CLEANUP

Saturday, August 8, 2026

Meet at 9:00 am

St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot - 2477 W Washington

Earn volunteer hours by helping to keep our city clean and beautiful.

Looking forward to seeing you there. -Rich

CHICAGO METROPOLITAN SKI COUNCIL OFFERINGS FOR 2027

TRAVEL & ADVENTURE SHOW - February 6 & 7, 2027 - Donald E. Stevens Convention Center, Rosemont – Mike Thomas mike-mike1@att.net Present.

SNOWVANA SHOW - November 13-15, 2026 - MOSH Performance Center, WI - Mike Thomas mike-mike1@att.net Present. We will have a CMSC booth to promote our clubs again this year. They have changed their offer to us and our clubs. Last year they asked for \$250 that they refunded if you met their promotion requirements. This year they are asking for \$350 and refunding \$250 for a net cost of \$100. It is worth noting that they still include several free admissions for the booth workers and the regular price is \$1,000.

TRIP SEMINAR - October 17 - 2026 - Sheraton Chicago O'Hare Airport Hotel in Rosemont.

Jody J. Jurgeto (Show Coordinator - Exhibitor Registration) jody.cmssc@gmail.com

CHICAGO WEEK 2027- BIG SKY, MT, February 27 - March 6, 2027, Vicki Schutz vicki.cmssc@comcast.net Present.

SPRING FLING 2027 - COPPER MOUNTAIN, April 4-9, 2027 - Kevin Conlon kconz1@aol.com Present.

Spring Fling 2027 will be going to Copper Mountain April 4-9, 2027. Trip pricing begins at \$1,352/per person plus air. Pricing includes 5 nights lodging at the Cambria Hotel (a short walk to the American Eagle lift, 4-day lift ticket and ground transportation. For additional info, contact Kevin Conlon @ 708-906-9517 or kconz1@aol.com

DAY TRIP UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who signed up for any of the 2026 club day trips. They have all sold out! If you registered for one of the trips, expect to receive confirmatory communication from the trip leaders with instructions prior to the trip.

- ❖ **Tuesday, Aug. 4th Day Trip to St. Louis City Foundry**
- ❖ **Thurs., Sept. 24th Day Trip to Beef House Restaurant and Dinner Theater in Covington, IN**
- ❖ **Fri., Oct. 23rd Day Trip to Josephine's in Godfrey/Aerie's in Grafton**
- ❖ **Weds., Nov. 18th Day Trip to St. Louis for dinner on the Hill at Zia's and the Garden Glow at Missouri Botanical Gardens.**

For more trip details and the contact information for the trip leaders, please see the respective trip handouts included in this newsletter.

Thank you all!!!

SPORTS: TENNIS LEAGUE

Wayne Rovey has again offered to coordinate the tennis league. The league will play at Chatham High School on Monday's like last year, starting on May 11th @ 5:30 PM, weather permitting.

Wayne will send out a starting text on Sundays prior to play to see who is interested to at least get 4 commitments. Please email Wayne at wrovey@gmail.com if you are interested and include your phone number.

PICKLEBALL

4-6 pm Every Saturday through August
at Chatham Community Park off of
Park Drive in Chatham.

Contact Rose Johnson at
rose.johnson-99@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

Sept 3
Sky Lounge

Happy Hour

Sept 17 - 5pm - ??
Rt. 66 Hotel

OKTOBERFEST

Oct 11 - 3pm

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

Beef House Restaurant & Dinner Theater Covington, IN

September 24, 2026

Trip leaders: *Kathy Bacon*, Baconkb@aol.com, 217-306-2527

Lynne Wright, frauleinale@aol.com, 217-891-3785

Godfrey/Grafton Trip

October 23, 2026

Trip Leaders: *Patti Carver*, Pwcarver2@aol.com, (217) 416-1415

Susan Fisherkeller, (217) 553-0122

PRICE: \$90/person

The Glow/The Hill

November 18, 2026

Trip Leader: *Sara Oehlert*, soehlert@aol.com, (217) 801-5789

PRICE: \$100 per person

STUNNING SOUTH AFRICA

August 23, 2026- September 7, 2026

Trip leaders: **Ed & Anne Midden**

217-836-9816, anne.midden@gmail.com

SECRETS ROYAL BEACH PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

August 29 - February 5, 2027

Trip leader: **TBD**

April 30-May 11, 2027

Trip leaders: **Ruth Kopec**, Kopec3@oulook.com

Kathryn Hanlon, 217-494-7967, kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

Classic Poland Tour

October 5 - 20, 2027

Trip Leaders: **Michael & Lois Bloechle**

217.787.1010, m.bloechle@comcast.net

SPRINGFIELD SKI and TRAVEL CLUB

Application Form for Trips/Sporting Events

☐ Ski Trip ☐ Tour Trip ☐ Day Trip ☐ Sporting Event
 (golf, bowling, tennis, billiards, etc.)

Trip/Sporting Event: _____ Date of Application: _____

Name*: _____ Member Number: _____

Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home#: _____ Cell#: _____ Work#: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone#: _____

Do you have any significant medical problems or do you require any special medications which your trip leader should be aware of? If yes, describe:

Complete this section for Ski or Tour trips only:

Male: _____ Female: _____ DOB: _____ DL#: _____ DL State: _____

Passport# (if international trip): _____ Passport Exp Date: _____

Roommate Preference: _____ Other Request: _____

Are you interested in: NASTAR racing? _____ Lessons? _____ Are you a skier? Yes _____ No _____

The Springfield Ski Club in good faith makes every effort to complete a scheduled activity or trip as advertised, and to accommodate the requests of its members. However, the Club will not be held responsible if arrangements are changed beyond our control or if specific requests cannot be honored. This includes, but is not limited to, changes in our itineraries, airline arrangements or schedules, hotel or condo reservations, destinations, and emergencies requiring a modification of any scheduled activity or trip. Your signature below warrants you have read and understand this statement.

I agree to make the appropriate published trip payments on the scheduled due dates.

I have also read and understand the trip policy statements on page two of this form and agree to abide by them.

As a participant of the trip described above: I voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski Club, its agents, officers, Board of Directors, or members liable for any accident or injury to myself, or for any loss of or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

* For trips involving airline travel or overseas travel, your name must be written exactly as it appears on your passport or drivers license. Do NOT use nick-names.

For trip leader use only

App. No. _____ Wait List: _____

Full Trip Price: \$ _____ Partial Trip Price: \$ _____ Notes: _____

1st Deposit: \$ _____ Due: _____ / _____ / _____ Paid: _____ / _____ / _____

2nd Deposit: \$ _____ Due: _____ / _____ / _____ Paid: _____ / _____ / _____

Final Payment: \$ _____ Due: _____ / _____ / _____ Paid: _____ / _____ / _____

Approved Refund: \$ _____ Total Paid: \$ _____

STANDING RULE #2

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY (11/14/96), (Amended 5/13/99, 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)

"Cutoff" dates and non-refundable deposits for trips and activities may vary according to transportation, lodging or other associated deposits. Cutoff dates for trips and activities will be established for each trip or activity by the Executive Board and published in the monthly newsletter. All cancellations must be made to the Trip Leader in writing or via e-mail. Refunds will be made as follows:

1. For cancellations before the published cutoff date, a full refund of all monies paid will be issued in a timely manner, less any Executive Board-approved cancellation processing fee established and published in conjunction with the trip or activity advertisement in the monthly newsletter.
2. For cancellations after the cutoff date, refunds will be as follows:
 - a. For any trip or activity where the allotted number of spaces are completely reserved and a replacement can be found, a cancellation may be made and a full refund issued, less any processing fees, as described in paragraph 1, above, any time prior to the departure of the trip or the start of the activity, provided the replacement person pays the full amount due, in accordance with the payment schedule for the trip or activity.
 - b. If a replacement cannot be found, the member canceling the trip or activity may submit, in person, in writing, or via email, a request for a refund. This request must be sent to either the trip leader, the appropriate VP or directly to the Executive Board. The request must be submitted within 15 days after the scheduled start date of the trip or activity and shall state the reason for the cancellation and the amount of refund requested. Requests will only be considered by the Executive Board, and refunds will only be made, once the trip or activity is completed and the full financial statement has been submitted for review and approval, as described in Standing Rule #13. Any refund approved by the Executive Board will come from recoverable expenditures derived from the specific trip or activity and not from the Club's general fund.
 - c. Refunds will be distributed no later than 180 days after the first scheduled day of the trip or activity.

STANDING RULE #5

TRIP MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT (11/14/96), (Amended 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)

1. All Trip Leaders shall be at least 21 years of age.
2. Trips shall be run as advertised, unless ski conditions, safety or wellbeing of trip participants dictate otherwise, in which case, the decision for an alternate plan rests with the Vice President of Ski Trips, Day Trips, or Tour Trips (as appropriate) or the President prior to departure. After departure, this authority rests with the trip leader.
3. Conduct by any individual which is offensive or hazardous to others or that does not project a good image of the Club could result in expulsion from the trip at the nearest place of public lodging or transportation by the authority of the trip leader. The trip leader will provide a review of the circumstances at the next Executive Board meeting with a board decision to maintain or cancel the individual's Club membership.
4. Individuals will be held responsible for any damage to personal or real property of others.
5. Club arranged accommodations cannot be shared with non-trip participants.

STANDING RULE #7

GROUND TRANSPORTATION SMOKING POLICY (11/14/96)

1. Smoking will only be allowed during scheduled stops approximately every two hours of travel, if requested. NO smoking inside the travel vehicle is allowed.
2. Trips under two hours in duration will be classified as "non-smoking trips."

STANDING RULE #8

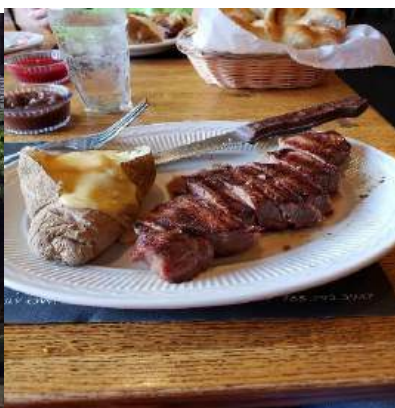
PARTIAL SKI TRIP PACKAGES (11/14/96) (amended 4/9/05)

1. For trips involving a request to delete air (or other packaged form of transportation) service, only the actual cost of the ticket will be deducted from the trip price. The participant's portion of the club's overhead cost, including ground transportation to the airport or rail station used for the trip, will be included in the partial trip price.
 2. All requests for partial trip packages will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop reserved seats without penalty from the tour operator and/or the carrier.
 3. If a request for a partial trip participation is made and honored, the participant must make payment in the full amount within 5 days of the approval notification. A "partial" trip payment is not refundable unless the trip is canceled. **CANCELLATION CUT-OFF DATES DO NOT APPLY.** The club will not refund or attempt to "resell" partial trip packages should the participant drop from the trip any time after payment is made.
 4. Requests to exclude lift tickets from a trip package must be made at the time of sign up. Requests for partial trip packages, including lift tickets, will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop such tickets, or other items, without penalty or loss of income (including any comp). Unless otherwise approved by the Vice President of Ski Trips, the member requesting "no lifts" will pay the full trip price. After the trip is completed, the unused lift ticket will be returned by the Club to the tour operator or the ski area for possible refund. Any refund will then be made to the member by Club check. Refunds may not be possible if purchase and use of a lift ticket by all trip participants is required for the Club to receive a discounted "group rate."
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SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

- TITLE:** Beef House Restaurant & Dinner Theater
Covington, Indiana
- WHEN:** Thursday September 24, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at **8:00 AM** and returning at approximately **6:30 PM**
- TRIP LEADER:** Kathy Bacon (Baconkb@aol.com) (217) 306-2527
CO TRIP LEADER: Lynne Wright (frauleinale@aol.com) (217) 891-3785
- PRICE:** \$148 (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, buffet dinner, incl. tax and tip, and theater show
- ACTIVITIES:** Enjoy a full delicious buffet dinner including bread with homemade jam, salads, main dishes and desserts. After dinner share some laughs watching the theatrical production of "Four Old Broads on the High Seas, a comedic play featuring four spirited senior women who embark on a Caribbean cruise. As they navigate the challenges of aging and romance, they compete for the attention of eligible men while dealing with humorous situations, including a murder mystery and a beauty pageant. Matinee show is at 2:00pm



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by April 25, 2026: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after April 25, 2026: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after April 25, 2026: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

DAY TRIPPIN.....WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN!

- TITLE:** Josephine's Tea Room and Gift Shops in Godfrey, Shopping in Grafton, Sky Lyft and Happy Hour at Aerie's Winery
- WHEN:** Friday, October 23, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at 9:30 AM and returning approximately 6:30 PM
- TRIP LEADERS:** Patti Carver, Pwcarver2@aol.com, (217) 416-1415
Susan Fisherkeller, (217) 553-0122
- PRICE:** \$90/person (32 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, Sky Lyft round trip tickets, and light appetizers at Aerie's Winery during group Happy Hour
- ACTIVITIES:** We will travel to Godfrey, IL for an amazing lunch on your own (soup, sandwiches, and desserts are to die for!) and shopping at Josephine's Tea Room and Gift Shop. We will then travel to Grafton for strolling the city sidewalks and stopping at antique stores and small shops. Then we will take the Sky Lyft up to Aerie's Winery and Resort for a relaxing afternoon sipping wine and cocktails while looking out over the peaceful Mississippi River. Drinks are on your own but we will provide light appetizers for Happy Hour snacking. We will then take the Sky Lyft back down and board our bus for the ride home.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by June 30, 2026: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after June 30, 2026: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after June 30, 2026: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

DAY TRIPPIN'WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN'!

TITLE Dinner at Zia's on the Hill followed by an evening visit to "The Garden Glow" at the Missouri Botanical Gardens

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026
Depart from Meijer parking lot at 2:30 pm
Return: approximately 10pm

TRIP LEADER: Sara Oehlert (soehlert@aol.com) (217) 801-5789

PRICE: \$100 per person (32 participants needed for the trip to be a go)

TRIP INCLUDES: Private chartered bus to St. Louis, driver's tip, tickets for entrance to the Missouri Botanical Gardens and "The Garden Glow."

ACTIVITIES: The afternoon will begin with a relaxing chartered bus trip to St. Louis. Our first stop will be at Zia's on the Hill to experience the true taste of Italy. Each Day Tripper will be able to choose from the full menu and will be responsible for the cost of their dinner and beverages. Afterward, we will head to The Missouri Botanical Gardens to experience "The Garden Glow!" "The Glow" is a unique experience because it changes every year and features more than two million dazzling lights to transform the iconic setting of the Missouri Botanical Garden into an enchanted wonderland rich with mesmerizing displays and unforgettable moments.

FOOD: Dinner on your own at Zia's on the Hill. Snacks can be purchased at "The Garden Glow."



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

*Cancel by July 2nd: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

*Cancel after July 2nd: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.

*Cancel after July 2nd: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.

**SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB
SECRETS ROYAL BEACH
PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

WHEN: January 29, 2027, to February 5, 2027

TRIP LEADERS: (NOT DETERMINED YET)

PRICE:

Air & Land: \$2750/ person (double occupancy sharing a King room, partial ocean view)

Air & Land: \$2600/person (double occupancy sharing a room with two beds, Tropical view or pool view-room category subject to availability)

Land Only: \$390 less per person, adjusted on the final payment

Single cost in pool or tropical view room: \$4,030 (subject to availability)

Minimum number of participants is 20; Maximum number of participants is 30.

TRIP INCLUDES:

* Air transportation between St. Louis – Punta Cana – St. Louis- (round trip, **non-stop**. Airfare is estimated and subject to change)

* Ground services from airport to resort with included air purchase, including all necessary fees, all taxes & charges for ground services

* Resort for 7 nights- All Inclusive

PAYMENTS:

- 1ST Payment due at sign-up event 09/19/2026 - \$1,000 per person double occupancy; \$1,350 single
- 2nd Payment due 10/19/2026 - \$1,000 per person double or \$1,350 single
- 3rd payment due 11/19/2026 \$750 per person double or \$1,330 single

The final payment (including land-only fees) may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including room category changes, airfare or from the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.

PASSPORTS:

At sign-up submit **a copy of the first page of your passport which shows your picture, passport number, date of birth, & passport expiration date** with your trip application and check.. Passports **MUST** be valid for 6 months after the return date (August 5, 2027)for international travel.

CANCELLATION DATES/ FEES:

Cancel before September 22,2026 – Pay only the \$25.00 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel on or after September 22, 2026, AND A replacement is found- a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club and a \$25.00 SSTC processing fee will be reimbursed.

Cancel on or after September 22, 2026, AND NO replacement is found- No refund will be issued

No refunds will be given for unused portions of the package.

All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.

All cancellations are subject to the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

RESORT FEATURES:

- Adult Only
- Located on the majestic Caribbean Sea
- All- Inclusive resort with 24-hour service
- 6 distinct restaurants on site, plus a café, a grill, and 24-hour room service
- Attentive pool and wait service/ Swim up bar in a large infinity pool
- Over 10 bars and lounges on the property
- 4 outdoor pools
- Complimentary WiFi
- Endless daytime activities, themed parties, live nightly entertainment



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS:

- Catamaran cruises to **Saona Island**
- ATV dune buggy tour through local plantation
- Zip-lining and other adventurous activities at **Bavaro Adventure Park**



Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends at a minimum, the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness, or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation prior to or during the trip. Travelers are encouraged to purchase “Cancel for Any Reason” insurance if possible (be sure to compare coverage as some packages do not cover the full price of the trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage and coverage for any pre-existing conditions.

Springfield Ski and Travel Club
Switzerland and Mont Blanc region – Glacier Express

When: April 30, 2027 – May 11, 2027
(minimum of 30 travelers)

Trip Leaders:

Kathryn Hanlon 217-494-7967 kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

Ruth Kopec kopec3@outlook.com

Price: Combined air and land

Double occupancy - \$6,425.00

Single occupancy – additional \$1,615.00

Land only: \$5,175.00



Trip Includes:

- Bus transportation to/from airport
- Air transportation – Chicago to Zurich, Geneva to Chicago
- Accommodations: 2 nights in Zurich; 3 nights Lucerne; 3 nights Montreux; 2 nights Geneva (4-star hotels)
- Meals: daily breakfast
- Airport transfer, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included (subject to change)
- Tipping for local tour guides, tour manager and bus drivers
- Trip includes:
 - Walking tour of Bern (UNESCO Old Town) and the medieval village of Gruyeres/ Scenic drive across the border into France to Chamonix/Explore Zermatt village/guided tour of Geneva
 - Tickets included for the following: Guided Rhine Falls/Lindt Home of Chocolate Museum and tasting/ Glacier Express train/ Mount Rigi Cogwheel train and boat trip/ Aare Gorge & Giessbach Falls/ Maison du Gruyere cheese factory/ visit Chateau de Chillon/ Wine tasting at the Lavaux terraced vineyards (UNESCO site)/ the Gornergrat Railway to the Matterhorn/ Cable car ride to view Mont Blanc
- Porterage in and out of each hotel
- All transportation



Activity Level:

- You're an on-the-go traveler, walking and standing for longer periods of time isn't a big deal

- You must be able to walk 3 miles unassisted on rough terrain and be able to climb 3 flights of stairs easily,

Payment Schedule: Combined air and land (no prepay prior to date due)

1 st payment (deposit) April 10, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
2 nd payment due June 11, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
3 rd payment due August 11, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
4 th payment due October 11, 2026	\$1,595.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00

The final payment may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.

Cancellation Dates/Fees:

- Cancel by April 25, 2026. A full refund will be paid.
- Cancel on or after April 25, 2026 and **a replacement is found**, a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club will be paid.
- Cancel on or after April 25, 2026 and **no replacement** is found, no refund will be issued.

A \$25 processing fee will be deducted from any refund issued.

Passports: With your trip application, submit a copy of the first page of your Passport that shows your picture, passport number and expiration date. **Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date (November 14,, 2027) for international travel.**

Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends at a minimum the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip. Travelers are encouraged to purchase “Cancel for Any Reason” insurance if possible (be sure to compare coverage as some packages do not cover the full price of a trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.



Springfield Ski and Travel Club
Classic Poland Tour – 16 Days & 14 nights

When: October 5th – 20th, 2027 (36 maximum travelers)

Trip Leaders: Michael and Lois Bloechle
217.787.1010
m.bloechle@comcast.net

Price: *Combined air and land*

Double occupancy - \$5,500.00

Single occupancy – additional \$1,099.00

Land only: \$4,100.00



Trip Includes:

- Bus transportation to/from airport
- Air transportation – Chicago to Warsaw, Krakow to Chicago
- Accommodations: 4 nights Warsaw (The Westin Warsaw Hotel);
3 nights Gdansk (Radisson Blu)
2 nights Wroclaw (Wyndham Wroclaw Old Town)
5 nights Krakow (Golden Tulip Krakow Kazimierz Hotel)
(hotels are subject to availability)
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges, hotel portorage
- 18 Meals: 14 daily breakfast, 4 dinners
- Airport transfer, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included (subject to change)
- Tipping for local tour guides, tour manager and bus drivers
- Trip includes:
 - Travel along Warsaw's famed Royal Route; visit Malbork Castle; Torun, view the house where Renaissance astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born; visit medieval Gdansk; Walk Old Market square on Pozun; In Krakow tour Auschwitz-Birkenau, the 16th century Wawel Royal Castle, and the Jewish Quarter; Visit Wieliczka salt mine and journey into the Tatras Mountains
- Entrance fees per itinerary, sightseeing in modern air-conditioned motor coach, wireless earphones, daily water.
- All transportation

Activity Level:

- You're an on-the-go traveler, walking and standing for longer periods of time isn't a big deal
- You must be able to walk 3 miles unassisted on rough terrain and be able to climb 3 flights of stairs easily,

Payment Schedule: Combined air and land (no prepay prior to date due)

1 st payment (deposit) September 19, 2026	\$1,375.00 per person, double; single	\$1,650.00
2 nd payment due November 19, 2026	\$1,375.00 per person, double; single	\$1,650.00
3 rd payment due January 19, 2027	\$1,375.00 per person, double; single	\$1,650.00
4 th payment due March 19, 2027	\$1,375.00 per person, double; single	\$1,650.00

The final payment may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.

Cancellation Dates/Fees:

- Cancel by September 25, 2026. A refund less \$25.00 SSTC fee, will be paid.
- Cancel on or after September 25, 2026 and a **REPLACEMENT is found**, a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club will be paid.
- Cancel on or after September 25, 2026 and **No Replacement** is found, no refund will be issued.

All cancellations must be requested in writing and submitted to the trip leader prior to September 25, 2026. A \$25 processing fee will be deducted from any refund issued. All cancellations subject to the dates and terms listed above.

Passports: With your trip application, submit a color copy of the first page of your Passport that shows your picture, passport number and expiration date. **Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date (April 21, 2028) for international travel.**

A fillable trip application is available online. Please fill out on-line and bring a printed copy to sign-up along with your passport copy and check for 1st payment.

Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends at a minimum the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip. Travelers are encouraged to purchase “Cancel for Any Reason” insurance if possible (be sure to compare coverage as some packages do not cover the full price of a trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage and coverage of any pre-existing conditions.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Membership Application May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027

Amount \$ _____

Date _____

ID # _____

(Club Use Only)

(Mail the completed form along with your check to Springfield Ski and Travel Club, P.O. Box 1146, Springfield, IL 62705)

Membership and Directory Information:

Full Name (s): _____ Category: ☐ Individual ☐ Family ☐ Lifetime

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Home/Cell Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone (s): (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address (es): _____

Type: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

Check for listing in Club Directory: ☐ Home Address ☐ E-Mail Address ☐ Home/Cell Phone ☐ Cell Phone

The Snowjourner, the club's monthly newsletter, is available at www.springfieldskiclub.org

Questions may be directed to sstquestions@springfieldskiclub.org

Primary Membership Information:

First Name: _____ MI _____ Last Name: _____

Membership and Dues - Non-Refundable:

- ☐ \$40 Individual (over age 21)
☐ \$50 Family (spouses and children under age 21)
☐ \$10 Reciprocal Membership (must be a member of one of the following clubs (indicate with a ✓):
☐ Bloomington ☐ Peoria ☐ Champaign
☐ Lifetime Member (must be member for 25 consecutive years)

Volunteer Hours (check at least on box)

- ☐ Board Member - position of interest _____
☐ Activities (volunteer at club events)
☐ Membership (volunteer at events, mailings)
☐ Community Service (approved events)
☐ Day Trips (assist with planning/trip leader)
☐ Sports - (assist with events/trip leader)
☐ Extended Trips (planning committee/trip leader)
☐ Are you a skier?

How did you discover our Club? (i.e., friend, website, radio ad, Club event): _____

Membership Data: (this information will never be published except to wish you happy birthday in the newsletter)

Name of Each Individual member (including yourself)	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Adult/ Child	Male/Female	Single/ Married

Anyone 21 years of age or older is eligible for membership in the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Family membership is one or two adults in the same household and their children (See Bylaws, Article IV. Please note, Bylaws and Constitution are available at www.springfieldskiclub.org). This membership entitles you to membership in the Ski Council of Illinois (S.K.I.).

In applying for Springfield Ski and Travel Club membership, I (we) intend to participate in meetings and activities, uphold the constitution and by-laws, and abide by the decisions of the Executive Board. I (we) voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski and Travel Club, its agents, officers, Executive Board, or members liable for any accident or injury to myself, or for any loss of or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____