

# Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



## SUMMER + PICNIC = GOOD TIMES

It's almost that time again.... The Springfield Ski and Travel Club will hold our Summer Picnic on Friday, June 19, 2026. There was some confusion about the date, but it is 'officially' Friday, June 19.

**Where:** 40 Bay Ridge, Springfield, (Lake Springfield)

**When:** Friday, June 19, 2026

**What Time:** Food service will begin at 5:30 with special dessert arriving at 6:30

**What am I drinking?** Whatever you would like to bring for yourself - water provided, however.

**What's on the menu?** Smoked pork BarBQ, White cheddar cheese macaroni, Rainbow rotini pasta salad, and a vegetable/dip assortment. \*Remember the special dessert is also coming.

**What Next:** RESERVATIONS! A reservation is necessary to ensure enough food for every member who wishes to attend. Yes, this says "member". You must be a member to attend. To reserve your spot, call or text Vera Mount at 217 502-2280 or Bill Ryan (text) 217 494-0571.

**Reservation Deadline:** Tuesday, June 9, 2026

A special thanks goes out to Larry Michaud for again hosting the picnic at his home, 40 Bay Ridge, Springfield. (on the lake). Larry has also invited club members to watch the Rock the Dock Fireworks on Friday night, July 3, 2026. (Bring your own drinks and a lawn chair)

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's June and it is Officially Summer this Month!

### Our Travels....

Thirty-eight of us recently returned from a wonderful trip through Belgium, Holland, and the Netherlands. Many more details and pictures later in the newsletter but briefly, we enjoyed Belgium chocolate and beer, we saw art by famous artists at several locations, enjoyed canal cruises, cruised on a River Cruise with fabulous food and views (and we didn't have to unpack and repack multiple times!) saw windmills, tulips, enjoyed shopping as always and a whole lot more!

Thank you to the committee who researched this trip and to Patty Staab and Wendy Schluter who were our trip leaders!

### More Thank Yous!

- To Janice Broughton for making us happy at Casa Real on May 21!
- To Janet Nuss and her committee for putting together the Gangster Tour Trip to Chicago and to Dave and Cheri Sloat for leading this fun day trip!
- To all the volunteers and Board members who help make this Club a success!

### Check Out What is Happening in June!

- Dining Out at Chesapeake Seafood House – Thursday, June 4
- Adopt a Street Saturday, June 6 - St. John's Lutheran Church on Washington 9 AM
- Summer Picnic at Larry Michaud's Friday, June 19
- Miss Augusta Yacht Lunch Cruise/Wine Tour & Tasting Day Trip Thursday, June 25

I am at your service,

**Jan Freeman**

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

# Belgium and the Netherlands

## April 25-May 8, 2026



Embarking on a river cruise through the Netherlands and Belgium was a truly memorable experience. As we glided along scenic waterways, we passed vibrant tulip fields, charming windmills, and picturesque towns. Art, flowers, history and the countryside of Belgium and The Netherlands all captured our hearts.

We began our trip in Bruges, Belgium a charming town and a walking tour with our excellent, knowledgeable, personable tour director. Randy was the best! He was able to juggle all our personalities with a great sense of humor.

Our cruise was an Art cruise, and several extra excursions were added to the itinerary. All the Dutch and Flemish masters were on view during our museum visits in Antwerp, Ghent, the Hague, and Amsterdam- think Vermeer's *The Girl with the Pearl Earring*, *The Ghent Altarpiece*, Rembrandt's *Night Watch* and Van Gogh's self portraits as well as many others. We also visited the Delft porcelain factory.



Flowers were everywhere on all the front porches and in the courtyards of the homes we visited for coffee, conversation and a stroopwafel. The most magical was the Keukenhof Flower Gardens where we wandered through kilometres of gorgeous flowers. The park is only open 8 weeks a year. We learned that after the gardens close for the season all the bulbs are dug up, used as feed for the sheep and new bulbs are planted to be ready for the following spring. We also visited a tulip farm where we made bouquets to take back to the ship, some of us gave them to our bus driver to give his wife.

From Bruges, some of us took an optional tour to Ypres, Belgium to see the Flanders Field battlegrounds, museum and three different cemeteries from WWI. After an excellent dinner we watched the nightly ceremony at the Menin Gate honouring the soldiers who lost their lives. The remembrance ceremony has taken place at 8 pm every night since July 2, 1928 except for a brief period during WWII. We were in the Netherlands during their Remembrance and Memorial days where the soldiers from WWII are remembered. Both countries show such gratitude for the help that the US and Canada gave during both world wars.



We had food tastings of herring, cheeses, cookies, salts, bread and chocolates. Many in our group participated in making pralines (what we call flavoured chocolates) at a local farmhouse outside of Bruges.

We learned about canals, locks and even were on a lock where the highway went under the lock. We saw windmills both the traditional ones (yes, we passed the same grouping 4 times) as well as the power generating ones we see nearby.



Each day brought new delights. What a treat! From wandering cobbled streets in Antwerp to a canal ride to visiting small towns difficult to pronounce. Our afternoons and evenings on board were filled with talks on diamonds, Dutch royalty, 60's music and a disco night.

We lost and regained one of our travellers and almost left 2 behind. Fortunately, in preparation for the "Orange" night they were wearing orange tee shirts and were easy to spot on shore waving at the boat to stop as it pulled away.

Onboard, we savoured local cuisine and unlimited beer, wine, and mixed drinks and unwound as the tranquil landscapes rolled by. The crew on the River Aria were great and boy could they dance! The blend of history, culture, and natural beauty made this journey an ideal way to discover two remarkable European countries.



## From your S.K.I. Representative...Ruth Kopec

New members may not know the Springfield Ski & Travel Club is, itself, a member of the Ski Council of Illinois (S.K.I.) and the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC). The membership in/with these two (2) organizations was established in the early years of our club and has continued to help the club promote skiing opportunities for our still active skiing members, through Reciprocal Membership.

S.K.I. is made up of four (4) ski clubs from central Illinois; Peoria, Bloomington-Normal, Champaign, and Springfield. You can read about S.K.I. by typing Ski Council of Illinois into your browser search bar (*they do not have a dedicated web address*).

Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council is responsible for providing MANY clubs in Illinois and surrounding states, with annual Spring Fling and Chicago Week ski trips, usually to places like Montana or Colorado often in late February to early March. Additionally, CMSC has trip seminars and an annual Travel and Adventure show, both in the Rosemont area. The next Show is February 6-7, 2027. Read about CMSC at <https://www.skicmsc.com>

Keep an eye out for eblasts regarding skiing opportunities, seminars and/or trade shows offered by these organizations!

## ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President..... Jan Freeman  
 Executive VP..... Jean Courtney-Jacobs  
 Treasurer..... Kathryn Hanlon  
 Secretary..... Lynne Wright  
 VP for Membership .....Sue Monteyne  
 VP for Day Trips..... Janet Nuss  
 VP for Tour Trips.....Patty Staab  
 VP Events ..... Peggie Powers  
 Happy Hour Chair.....Janice Broughton  
 Dining Out Chair.....Jana Kincaid  
 Snowjourner Editor .....Amy Dodd  
 S.K.I. Representative ..... Ruth Kopec  
 Community Services Chair..... Rich Bergt  
 Sports Chair ..... Rose Johnson  
 Webmaster ..... Deon Bishop

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Steve and Pat Tatman 4/21/2026  
 Vera and Daniel Mount 4/18/2026

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Michael McKindles	4	Kathy Hawkins	14	John Keith	24
Lana Keith	5	Martha McDermott	14	Vicki Wallace	25
Brian Ramsey	6	Carol Harper	14	Shirley Frankowiak	25
Larry Lutes	7	Carol Ferguson	15	Vera Mount	25
Frances Sehring	9	Mary Kay Eades	16	Barbara A Watson	25
Loretta Michaud	9	Cindy Moreno	18	Raymond "Rick" Cornell	26
Ed Midden	10	Deb Finney	20	Henry Hermes	27
Mike Bitschenauer	12	Joe Goodner	21	Kathy Seketa	27
Jim Russell	12	Greg Pinto	21	Jennifer Elders	28
Jennifer Shrake	12	Marvin Widick	22	Vicki O'Shana	29
Peggie Powers	13	Chris Schofield	22	Pat Aulich	30
Linda Castor	13	DiAnn Trapp	23	Judith Pensoneau-Feurer	30
Sue Richardson	13	Patti Strader	23	John Ransdell	30
Larry W. Smith	14	Mary Harney	24		

## JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Dining Out Chesapeake 5:30pm	5	6 Adopt-A-Street 9:00am
7	8	9	10	11 Board Meeting	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 Summer Picnic 5:00pm	20
21	22	23	24	25 Augusta, MO Yacht Cruise	26	27
28	29	30				

## ***DAY TRIP UPDATE & REMINDER ABOUT SIGNUP FOR NEW TRIPS!***

Trip leaders will be present at the SSTC Summer Picnic on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> to accept your trip applications and answer your questions about the following 2026 SSTC day trips that are still available for signup:

- ❖ **Fri., Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> Day Trip to Josephine's in Godfrey for lunch and shopping at their gift boutique, then onto Grafton for shopping and a roundtrip Sky Lyft trip to/from Aerie's Winery for Happy Hour. The cost is \$90/person.** Patti Carver [Pwcarver2@aol.com](mailto:Pwcarver2@aol.com) (217) 416-1415 and Susan Fisherkeller (217) 553-0122 are the co-trip leaders for this event.
  
- ❖ **Weds., Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> Day Trip to St. Louis, MO for dinner on the Hill at Zia's and an evening at "the Garden Glow: at Missouri Botanical Gardens. The cost is \$100/person.** Sara Oehlert [soehlert@aol.com](mailto:soehlert@aol.com) (217) 801-5789 is the trip leader for this event.

Please note that the trip sign up form is now able to be filled out online, then printed and signed. Please bring your filled out signed trip application along with your check to the designated trip leader.

You may also contact Janet Nuss, the Day Trip VP, [janet.nuss@comcast.net](mailto:janet.nuss@comcast.net), (217) 638-2840 if you have questions.

Thank you all!!!

# ADOPT-A-STREET CLEANUP

Saturday, June 6, 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

## 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

July 2  
TBD

### Happy Hour

July 16 - 5pm to ??  
Sangamo Brewing

### Fall Sign-up Party

Sept. 19

### Switzerland Travels

April 30-May 11, 2027  
Trip leaders: **Ruth Kopec**, Kopec3@oulook.com  
**Kathryn Hanlon**, 217-494-7967, kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

### STUNNING SOUTH AFRICA

August 23, 2026- September 7, 2026  
Trip leaders: **Ed & Anne Midden**  
217-836-9816, anne.midden@gmail.com

### DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

**Augusta, MO Yacht Cruise/  
Lunch & Winery Tour/Tastings** June 25, 2026

Trip leaders: **Joyce Metz**, joycemetz5@comcast.net, (217) 816-4123  
**Wendy Schluter**, wendy.schluter@yahoo.com, (217) 415-4764

**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

**CITY FOUNDRY STL, 3730 FOUNDRY WAY, ST. LOUIS**  
August 4, 2026

Trip leaders: **Misty Dannenberger**, mdabooger@aol.com, 217-553-3057  
**Terri Marbold**, terri.marbold@yahoo.com, 217-741-7734

**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

**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.

<b><u>For trip leader use only</u></b>		App. No. _____	Wait List: _____
Full Trip Price: \$ _____	Partial Trip Price: \$ _____	Notes: _____	
1 <sup>st</sup> Deposit: \$ _____	Due: ____/____/____	Paid: ____/____/____	
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## **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

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

- TITLE:** Augusta, MO Yacht Cruise/Lunch and Winery Tour/Tastings
- WHEN:** Thursday, June 25, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at 8:00 AM and returning approximately 5:30 PM
- TRIP LEADER:** Joyce Metz, [joycemetz5@comcast.net](mailto:joycemetz5@comcast.net), (217) 816-4123  
Wendy Schluter, [wendy.schluter@yahoo.com](mailto:wendy.schluter@yahoo.com), (217) 415-4764
- PRICE:** \$143 (35 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, lunch (includes dessert, soft drinks, tip & tax), wine tasting and tour of winery
- ACTIVITIES:** Enjoy this afternoon lunch cruise on the Missouri River aboard the luxurious Miss Augusta yacht. Miss Augusta offers opportunities to soak in the sunshine or enjoy the climate controlled air-conditioned salons as you cruise and enjoy the beautiful scenery from the Missouri River, listening to the captain's narration of the history of the area while you take in the beautiful scenery that surrounds you. Alcohol is available to purchase, but the cost is on your own. We will then enjoy a tour and wine tastings at the Mount Pleasant Estates, the oldest winery in Augusta, before returning home.
- FOOD:** Lunch on the Miss Augusta provided (alcoholic beverages available on your own)



#### **CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:**

- \*Cancel by November 20, 2025: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- \*Cancel after November 20, 2025: 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 November 20, 2025: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



## SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

- TITLE:** City Foundry STL, 3730 Foundry Way, St. Louis
- WHEN:** Tuesday, August 4, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at 8:00 AM and returning approximately 6:30 pm
- TRIP LEADERS:** Misty Dannenberger ([mdabooger@aol.com](mailto:mdabooger@aol.com)) 217-553-3057  
Terri Marbold ([terri.marbold@yahoo.com](mailto:terri.marbold@yahoo.com)) 217-741-7734
- PRICE:** \$135 (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, Museum of Illusions ticket, and Escape Room ticket
- ACTIVITIES:** Wonder through the Museum of Illusions, then lunch and shop on your own in the City Foundry's casual marketplace which has unique retail shops, and a variety of options for food, alcohol, and socializing. If you've never experienced an Escape Room, now's your chance! In the afternoon, we will split into 4 teams and your team will be given 1 hr to "escape" the room. First team out before the 1 hr time limit will get their picture in the next Snowjourner and bragging rights at the next Happy Hour! Speaking of Happy Hour, no day trip is complete without one, so we will congregate in the Food Hall (food and alcoholic beverages available for purchase on your own) before boarding the bus for home.



### **CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:**

\*Cancel by April 24, 2026: Refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

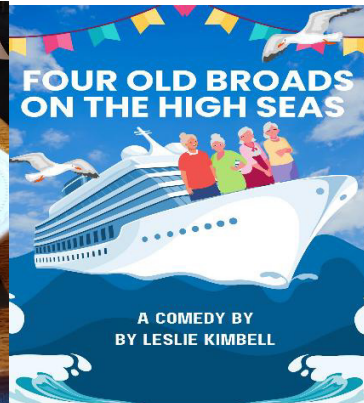
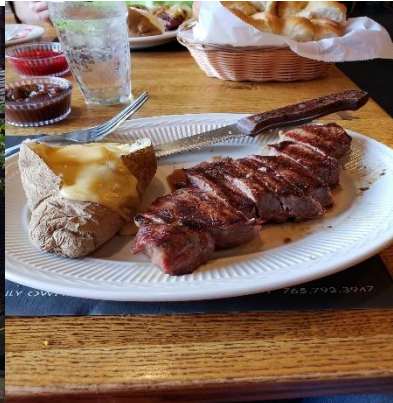
\*Cancel after April 24, 2026: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.

\*Cancel after April 24, 2026: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



## 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](mailto:Baconkb@aol.com)) (217) 306-2527  
**CO TRIP LEADER:** Lynne Wright ([frauleinale@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:Pwcarver2@aol.com), (217) 416-1415  
Susan Fisherkeller, (217) 553-0122
- PRICE:** \$90/person (30 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](mailto:soehlert@aol.com)) (217) 801-5789
- PRICE:** \$100 per person
- 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.
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- \*Cancel after July 2nd: 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](mailto: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:**

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## 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](mailto: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."



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# Springfield Ski and Travel Club

## Stunning South Africa Trip

**When:** August 23, 2026 - September 7, 2026 (31-44 maximum travelers)

**Trip Leaders:** Ed and Anne Midden (217) 836-9816 [Anne.midden@gmail.com](mailto:Anne.midden@gmail.com)

**Price: Combined air and land**

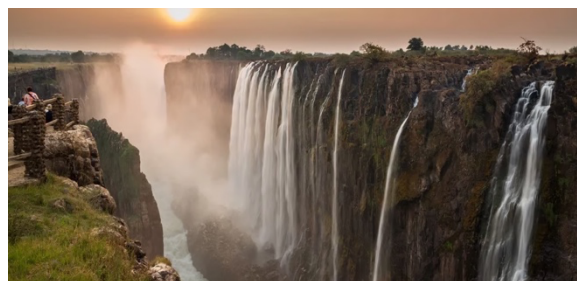
Double occupancy - \$7,500.00

Single occupancy – additional \$1,600.00

**Land only:** \$5,950.00

**Trip Includes:**

- Bus transportation to/from airport
- Air transportation – Chicago to Johannesburg; Cape Town to Chicago
  - Flights Johannesburg – Victoria Falls and Victoria Falls to Port Elizabeth
- Accommodations: 2 nights in Johannesburg; 2 nights Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe; 3 nights Kariega Game Reserve; 2 nights Knysna; 4 nights Cape Town
- Meals: Welcome dinner, 6 dinners, 2 lunches, daily breakfast
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included (subject to change)
- Local tour guides
- Trip includes:
  - Guided Soweto tour with Apartheid Museum/ Guided Cape Point tour and entrance/ Table Mountain Cable car pass/ transport along the Garden Route/ Sundowners Lagoon cruise in Knysna/ Entrance to Knysna Elephant sanctuary/Safari at Kariega PGR/ Sundowners Zambezi River Cruise/ Guided tour of Victoria Falls/Constantia Winelands for wine tasting
- Gratuities for drivers, safari guides and tour guides
- All transportation



**Activity Level:**

- You're an on-the-go traveler, walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) 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,
- participate in 6+ hours of activities each day,
- This trip takes you to remote places with no medical facilities nearby,
- Balance and agility are required for boarding 4x4 safari vehicles, not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers in need of a CPAP machine may only bring one that runs on rechargeable batteries.
- You must be able to handle your own luggage.

**Payment Schedule:** Combined air and land

1 <sup>st</sup> payment due September 6, 2025	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> payment due November 6, 2025	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> payment due January 6, 2026	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00
4 <sup>th</sup> payment due March 6, 2026	\$1,875.00 per person, double,	single \$2,275.00

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

**Cancellation Dates/Fees**

Cancel by September 19, 2025-A full refund will be paid.

Cancel on or after September 20, 2025 **and a replacement is found**, a refund minus any non-refundable expenses paid by the club will be paid.

Cancel on or after September 20, 2025 and **no replacement** is found, no refund will be issued.

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

All cancellations must be requested in writing and submitted to the trip leader.

**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 (March 8, 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  
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](mailto:kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net)

**Ruth Kopec** [kopec3@outlook.com](mailto: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 <sup>st</sup> payment (deposit) April 10, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> payment due June 11, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> payment due August 11, 2026	\$1,610.00 per person, double,	single	\$2,010.00
4 <sup>th</sup> 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.**

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# 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](http://www.springfieldskiclub.org)

Questions may be directed to [sstcquestions@springfieldskiclub.org](mailto:sstcquestions@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 <b>Each</b> 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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_