

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



SSTC Annual Summer Picnic

Hosted by Larry Michaud | June 19th at 5:00

Where: 40 Bay Ridge Lane (Look for the lighthouse off I-55)

Bring: Lawn chairs and your own drinks

Provided: SSTC is providing a chicken dinner

Please RSVP by calling or texting Kathryn Hanlon at 217-494-7967.

We have extended the deadline to June 14th

Please leave your name and the best way to contact you.

Reminder: In order to attend the picnic, you must be a member in the 2025-2026 membership year. If you have not done so already, now is a good time to renew. You may also renew or join the club that evening.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Many of you have indicated a desire to obtain volunteer hours, and there are several opportunities for you to earn them that evening. Specifically, we need people to direct parking, to help with set-up, to serve food, and to help with clean-up. You may call or text to inquire about the remaining opportunities.

See all of you there!

Spectacular Scandinavia



Sunset at the Skytop Bar in Stockholm

We left with our suitcases filled with desire to experience spectacular Scandinavia and all there is to admire.

Excitement pulsed throughout the bus as we departed from Springfield bound for O'Hare. A group of women seated in the front (the Estrogen Girls) could not stop laughing. One spilled water on herself and addressed the problem by mooning the rest of the bus from the aisle. Reminiscent of the activity on ski trips long ago.

We checked in for our flight and proceeded to the security check. It was there that a SSTC first occurred. At the screening, a suspicious metal object was detected in the crotch of one of our travelers. A piercing? The person swore it was not. After a thorough examination of the area, the person was cleared to proceed.

Our delayed flight would turn out to be a problem for some of the group. In Frankfurt, the Late 8 missed our connecting flight to Stockholm. An unruly mob broke out just in front of them at passport control. The police had to be called, and passport control was shut down. No, it was not anyone in our group. The delay

caused the Late 8 to miss the flight by 5 minutes. The Fearless leader stayed behind and booked himself and the Late 8 on a flight that left a few hours later.

Ellen, our tour manager, as she did so many times during the trip, came through by arranging for a bus to pick up the second group. She also delayed our scheduled Happy Hour so everyone could participate.

Touring began in earnest the next day. The highlight was the spectacular Vasa, a warship that sank in 1628, then salvaged and reconstructed 300 years later. Our first full day closed with an archipelago sunset steak-dinner cruise.

Our adventure continued with a tour of the City Hall of Stockholm. There is the Blue Room (spoiler alert: not blue) where the Nobel Prize Banquet ceremony takes place every year. The Peace Prize is the only Nobel medal not awarded there. It is presented in the City Hall of Oslo. We visited that location when we were in Oslo. Tours of the Drottningholm Palace and Fotografiska Museum followed. About half the group walked to the Skytop Bar for drinks, food and to watch the sun set over Stockholm from 28 stories high.



Dinner at the old stock exchange in Bergen

We said goodbye to Stockholm and boarded a bus to Oslo. We stopped at a mall in Sweden and bought alcohol because Ellen tipped us off that it was much cheaper than in Norway. Many also bought candies by the pound. The Radison Blu Plaza Hotel, the tallest building in Oslo, was a welcome sight after a day of travel. That night, at dinner on their own, the Estrogen Girls were treated to two women engaged in a cat fight.

After our visit to the beautiful City Hall of Oslo, it was on to the spectacular Vigeland Sculpture Park with its hundreds of nude sculptures in bronze and granite, many with a circle of life theme. Lunch at a mountain top restaurant afforded us scenic views of Oslo and its fjord.



Riding the funicular in Bergen

A short distance down the mountain was the famous Holmenkollen ski jump built for the 1952 Olympics. A number of us rode the simulator. Ask Raenell about it. We ended our day at the National Museum with its magnificent artwork including Edvard Munch's "The Scream" and learned that on the canvas he had written in pencil "could only have been painted by a madman."

We dined at a restaurant on the top of the Radison Blu Plaza. The food was delicious, the view was spectacular, and we got to see the sun setting over Oslo.

Boat day was next. First, we saw the Kon-Tiki, a raft that Thor Heyerdahl and crew successfully sailed from Peru to French Polynesia. His next attempt to sail from Africa to South America in the Ra, a boat made of reeds, failed. Our last boat was the Fram, a ship used for polar expeditions in the Arctic and Antarctic oceans. Roald Amundsen used it to become the first man to reach the South Pole. Our final stop of the day, the Norsk Folkemuseum, gave us the opportunity to see and enter a stave church and experience the beautiful wood buildings and carvings that are part of Norwegian heritage.

What a travel day that followed! After we boarded the train for Myrdal, the urban scenery soon gave way to vibrant green fields and the shining waters of lakes and rivers. More hilly terrain was next, followed by mountains, some of which were snowcapped. In short order, snow blanketed the landscape. People were getting on and off the train with cross-country skis.

At the mountain top, the real fun began. We transferred to the Flam Railway, the World's Most Beautiful Railroad. The spectacular scenery delivered as promised with its waterfalls cascading down steep cliffs, snowcapped mountains, rivers cutting through deep ravines and mountain farms clinging to slopes.



Group at Stave Church in Oslo.

When we reached the picturesque city of Flam on the Aurlandfjord, Ellen came through for us huge. She arranged on short notice to have vans take us to a scenic viewing point high over the fjord. It was spectacular.

Our hotel in Flam was connected to a brew pub. We made good use of its provisions that night at dinner.



Group at City Hall in Oslo

The next morning greeted us with another spectacular travel day with a ride on the World's Most Beautiful Boat Ride. Every kilometer was a photo-op to record what we visualize when we think of a fjord. Water threading between steep cliffs. Waterfalls cascading hundreds of feet to meet the water. From the boat we boarded a bus that would take us to Bergen, Norway's second largest city. The bus stopped at another spectacular waterfall on the way.

We toured the sights of Bergen, including the famous colorful row houses and then rode the funicular to the top of a mountain overlooking the city. Ho hum, and spectacular

view followed by another fjord cruise. We ate dinner at the most beautiful restaurant in Bergen, the Frescohallen, an old stock exchange with 20-foot frescos on all the walls.

Then we were off to Copenhagen. But there was a problem. The Copenhagen Marathon was that day. Ellen heard that it was impossible to navigate downtown where our hotel was located. She kept trying to extend the time for the bus to take us to the Cathedral and Viking Ship Museum in Roskilde. They kept saying no. But that was not acceptable to her. Yep, we went to those places. Extensive Italian hors d'oeuvres welcomed us when we arrived at our hotel later that day.

We toured Rosenborg Palace and saw the crowns and crown jewels of the Danish monarchy. A canal tour provided us with multiple views of the city and allowed a second look at the Little Mermaid, a famous statue which we had visited on land. We closed the day at Tivoli Gardens, an amusement park (an inspiration to Walt Disney for his parks), gardens, restaurants, and shops. The highlight was a spectacular light, water, mist, and fire show set to music.

Our last full day took us to the castles of North Zealand. First was Kronborg Castle. In the Middle Ages it collected taxes from passing ships.



Pat and Tim - adding their ticket-stickers to others at City Hall in Stockholm.

More importantly, Shakespeare modeled his castle Elsinore in Hamlet on it. Next was Frederiksborg Castle. Once a royal residence built in the early 17th century, today it is a museum of art, history, and Renaissance architecture. It claims to have the most beautiful church in Denmark. It was spectacular.

Our farewell dinner was in the picturesque Nyhavns harbor district. Food was eaten, drinks were downed, stories, pictures, memories, and camaraderie were shared.

On the way home, about half the group ate at an Italian restaurant at the airport in Frankfurt. A robotic cart brought us our food.

On the flight home there was a medical emergency and assistance was requested. Time for Club members to puff out our chests. Lorie Bleyer and Shelia Smith answered the call and helped get the situation resolved.



The robot food server

So ends another chapter in the travel history of the Club. It also affords us travelers the opportunity to add another line to the poems of our lives.

Jarl, Your Leader

ADOPT-A-STREET CLEANUP

Saturday, June 21, 2025
Meet at 9:00 am

**St. John's Lutheran
Church parking lot
on West Washington**

DINING OUT

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

Chesapeake
SEAFOOD HOUSE

3045 E Clear Lake Ave

Cocktails at 5:30

Dinner at 6:00

Sign Up for New Day Trips June 5th and June 19th!

Sign up for three new day trips listed below will begin at the June 5th SSTC Dinner Out and continue at the June 19th SSTC Picnic! **Bring your checkbooks!**

You can find detailed informational handouts about each trip later in this newsletter.

★ Hannibal, MO Mark Twain historic sites and dinner cruise - Thurs., Sept. 25th - \$144

★ Lunch and "Arsenic and Old Lace" play at the Barn III - Sun., Oct. 26th - \$145

★ Belleville Christkindlmarkt and Buffet Dinner - Fri. Dec. 5th - \$103

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

38 of us returned from a wonderful trip to Scandinavia (Sweden, Norway, and Denmark) May 14 – well it was the 15th when I got home! THANKS to Pat Chesley for leading this trip! Highlights were a boat trip with dinner, boat trips through the fjords, waterfalls, train trips through Norway, a canal trip, several museums with ships and expeditions, palaces, castles, art, shopping of course and much much more!

Happy Hour at the Motor Boat Club on May 15 was a success with 65 attendees enjoying provisions and scenic Lake Springfield. Thanks, Tim Phillips, for serving as our Happy Hour Chair!

And summer begins with Dining Out, chaired by Jana Kincaid June 5th at Chesapeake.

Kathryn Hanlon, VP of Events, is chairing the Summer Picnic on June 19 and I hope to see many of you there. It is always such a beautiful evening on Lake Springfield. Look for more details in this newsletter including how you can help. Thanks to Larry Michaud for allowing us to enjoy his property!

Signup for the Caribbean Cruise in February as well as day trips to Hannibal, Goodfield and Belleville will also be available at the Summer Picnic June 19. Look for details about these events later in this newsletter.

Take me out to the ballgame, June 26 we will travel to St. Louis for a Card/Cub Game. There is a wait list for this fun day trip being chaired by Chris and Mary Schofield.

I am at your service,

Jan Freeman

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

Interested in learning how to play PICKLEBALL?

Wednesday, May 21st, starting at 5 PM at Iles Park, is the next night for Pickleball for Beginners.

This is a free program offered by the Springfield Park District and the Springfield Pickleball Club. Paddles, balls, and instruction are available. There is no need to register. Just show up dressed to play. Come by yourself or with a group of your friends.

This program runs every Wednesday from 5 to 7 PM through August.

Come learn how to play the fastest growing sport in the United States.

SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

Engrained
July 3, 5:30pm

Happy Hour

Casa Real
July 17, 2025

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COLUMBIA & SNAKE RIVERS

September 14 - 21, 2025

Trip Leader: **Ed Huntley**

217-652-7540, ewh324@aol.com

Belgium & Holland in the Springtime

April 24 - May 8, 2026

Trip Leaders: **Patty Staab**

217-836-4406, patriciaa2118@gmail.com

Wendy Schluter

217-415-4764, schluter.wendy@yahoo.com

NORWEGIAN EPIC CARIBBEAN CRUISE

February 7 - 15th, 2026

Trip Leaders: **Jana Kincaid**

(217)416-0955, jagrolling90@gmail.com

Kathryn Hanlon

(217) 494-7967, kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

SOULARD & BUSCH BREWERY TOUR ST. LOUIS

Friday, July 11 - \$90

Trip Leaders: *Jana Kincaid*, 217-416-0955; jagrolling90@gmail.com

Raenell Mace, 217-494-1443; rmace8754@comcast.net

St. Charles Festival of the Little Hills

Saturday, August 16 - \$73

Trip Leader: *Janice Broughton*, 217-725-6776, janice.broughton@yahoo.com

Hannibal, Missouri

September 25 - \$144

Trip Leaders: *Lynne Wright* (frauleinale@aol.com) (217) 891-3785

Kathy Bacon (baconkb@aol.com) (217) 306-2527

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

October 26 - \$145

Trip Leader: *Janet Nuss* (janet.nuss@comcast.net) (217) 638-2840

Belleville Christkindlmarkt & Buffet Dinner

December 5 - \$103

Trip Leaders: *Steve Wright* (scout64ih1@aol.com) (217) 971-1600

Kathy Bacon (baconkb@aol.com) (217) 306-2527

ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President.....	Jan Freeman
Executive VP.....	Jean Courtney-Jacobs
Treasurer.....	Dave Trapp
Secretary.....	Kristi Sitki
VP for Membership	Kim Fraim Rockford
VP for Day Trips.....	Janet Nuss
VP for Tour Trips.....	Patty Staab
VP Events	Kathryn Hanlon
Happy Hour Chair.....	Tim Phillips
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!

Shirley Frankowiak | Jim Baggs | Julie Blaszak
 Seth Bowers | Linda & Kevin McClain
 Martha McDermott | Suzanne Sronce | Debbie Locher

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Cathy Atchison	3	Kathy Hawkins	14	DiAnn Trapp	23
Michael McKindles	4	Karla Enrietto	14	John Keith	24
Lana Keith	5	Larry W. Smith	14	Mary Harney	24
Kyle Bradley	5	Martha McDermott	14	Shirley Frankowiak	25
Brian Ramsey	6	Linda S Sczurko	15	David Hatfield	25
Larry Lutes	7	Carol Ferguson	15	Barbara A Watson	25
Loretta Michaud	9	Mary Kay Eades	16	Raymond "Rick" Cornell	26
Frances Sehring	9	Cindy Moreno	18	Kathy Seketa	27
Ed Midden	10	Sandy Dunkel	19	Henry Hermes	27
Jim Russell	12	Joe Goodner	21	Gisela Motzkus	27
Jennifer Shrake	12	Greg Pinto	21	Jennifer Elders	28
Mike Bitschenauer	12	Chris Schofield	22	Rhonda Wood	28
Linda Castor	13	Jorge Fahrenbacher	22	John Ransdell	30
Sue Richardson	13	Marvin Widick	22	Pat Aulich	30
Peggie Powers	13	Patti Strader	23	Judith Pensoneau-Feurer	30

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Dining Out Chesapeake 5:30pm	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Board Meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Summer Picnic	20	21 Adopt-A-Street
22	23	24	25	26 Cubs/Cardinals Game	27	28
29	30					

Don't Miss Out

The current board's goal is to make sure you are in the know!

How do I find out what is scheduled?

- First, an eblast is sent alerting you to an event or activity. An eblast is an email sent to all members. All eblasts have SSTC in the subject line.
- Next, the event is promoted on Facebook. Follow us on Facebook. **Facebook is used to promote events and is not monitored daily. If you have a question, please contact us at SSTCQUESTIONS@springfieldskiclub.org.** In addition, it is on the website's calendar, www.springfieldskiclub.org.
- Your newsletter, the Snowjourner, also provides you with events and activities. The Snowjourner is published online at the beginning of each month. An eblast, along with a notice on Facebook lets you know of its availability.

I'm not getting eblasts. Who should I contact?

- First, check your junk mail. Sometimes, depending on your email system, email is automatically routed there.
- Next, if your email has changed, or you would like an email added, notify the VP of membership. (The email used is the one listed on the membership application)

I have a family membership. Can more than one email be used to receive the eblast?

- Absolutely, just send the additional email addresses to the VP of membership.

Remember, to watch for Eblasts, Facebook posts, and the website to stay In the Know!

UNDERSTANDING VOLUNTEER HOURS

Have you enjoyed SSTC's monthly dining out, day trips, sporting activities, monthly happy hours, or international travel? Have you enjoyed holiday parties, summer picnics at Larry Michaud's, or an Oktoberfest at Roger Schnelten's?

We are an "all-volunteer" club. These opportunities are a possibility for all club members through the generosity of donating time and talent. Countless hours are spent behind the scenes creating international trips, day trips, parties, processing membership information, publishing the directory, creating fliers, writing Snowjourner articles, processing membership information, choosing venues, hosting parties, and leading activities. *Most importantly volunteer hours are a way for you to get to know other club members, even if you have a lifetime membership.*

Did you know that your volunteer hours can earn you early sign-up privileges at our trip sign-up parties?

Don't miss out. Trips often have limited space. Those members that accumulate 10 volunteer hours will, upon request to the executive vice president at least 14 days prior to the sign-up party, receive this certificate.

When is the next opportunity to use a certificate?

Vice Presidents and Chairpersons are responsible for submitting any hours earned to the executive Vice President. Next sign-up party is September 9th. There are many day trips, sporting activities and an international trip on the horizon. If you checked the volunteer box on the yearly membership application, the Vice President or Chairperson has a list with your name.

Who do I contact to earn volunteer hours?

On your membership application you checked a box indicating your area of interest for volunteering. You may be contacted from this list. In addition, eblasts are sent offering opportunities. *My suggestion is don't wait... Be Proactive.* Contact a VP or Chairperson and let them know of your willingness to earn those hours. Each committee can always use help.

How far in advance of a trip do I need to earn the hours?

The cut-off for earning, submitting, and requesting a certificate is 14 days prior to the date of the sign-up party. Certificate holders have third priority sign-up privileges after executive board members and trip leaders. A hard copy of the certificate must be handed to the Trip Leader at the time of the sign-up. Securing this certificate also means that trip application requirements, certificate and check may be hand delivered to the Trip Leader prior to the sign-up event.

Note: 10 hours is needed for each trip.

If I have a certificate, am I guaranteed that I will have a spot on the trip?

A certificate does not guarantee a trip is locked in, but it does increase your chances of securing the trip you desire. Everything is based on the number of travelers a contract allows and the tier of applications received by the trip leader; board members, trip leaders, certificate holders, then all other members.

Interested in serving on the Executive Board?

You earn 10 volunteer hours for each year you serve on the executive board, plus you have first tier sign up. If you would like to be considered for an executive board position, contact the Executive Vice President.

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

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

TITLE: Soulard and Busch Brewery Tour St. Louis

ACTIVITY NOTICE: This trip may include lots of walking and using 20-40 steps.

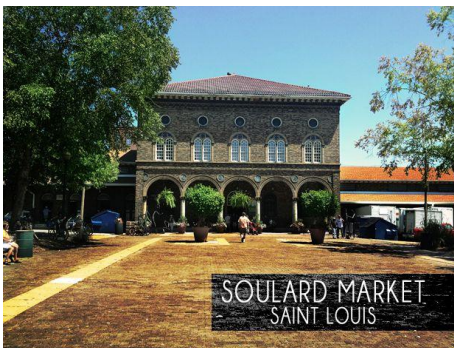
WHEN: Friday, July 11, 2025. Leaving Springfield from Meijer at 8:30am and returning around 8:15 pm.

TRIP LEADERS: Jana Kincaid 217-416-0955 jagrolling90@gmail.com
Raenell Mace 217-494-1443 rmace8754@comcast.net

COST: \$90 Must have 30 participants for the trip to be a go.

TRIP INCLUDES: Transportation to Soulard and the Busch Brewery, tip for the bus driver and Brewery Tour.

ACTIVITIES: We will arrive in Soulard and visit the market (if planning to purchase produce, bring a cooler that can be placed under the bus). Walk around and see the quaint stores and restaurants. Lunch will be on your own. At 1:30 we will depart for our 2 pm Brewery Tour. After the tour you will have time to shop in the gift shop or visit the Biergarten. At 4:30 we will depart for Litchfield where we will dine on our own at Ariston Cafe, a Route 66 historic restaurant. We should arrive back around 8:15 pm.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by April 19, 2025 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after April 19, 2025 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. Refunds are made after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after April 19, 2025 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

TITLE: St. Charles Festival of the Little Hills

WHEN: Saturday, August 16, 2025

Leaving Meijer at 9:00 AM and returning approximately 5:00 PM

TRIP LEADER: Janice Broughton 217-725-6776 janice.broughton@yahoo.com

PRICE: \$73 Minimum 30 participants, maximum 40

TRIP INCLUDES: Private chartered bus and tip for the driver

ACTIVITIES:

During the Festival of the Little Hills, you'll find more than 300 arts and craft vendors lining Historic Main Street and throughout Frontier Park – each one displaying unique gifts and colorful finds. More than 50 not-for-profit organizations provide a diverse selection of culinary delights making the Festival the major annual fundraiser to support their various endeavors.

You can also grab a grassy spot in Frontier Park to listen to local favorite bands during the Festival. Local favorites include Superjam, Dirty Muggs, and more.



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

TITLE: Hannibal Missouri

ACTIVITY NOTICE: This trip may include lots of walking.

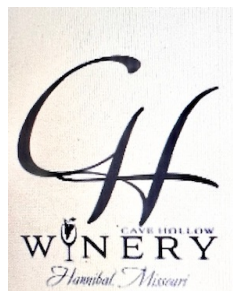
WHEN: Thursday September 25, 2025. Leaving Springfield from Meijer at 10:30 am and returning around 10:00 pm.

TRIP LEADERS: Lynne Wright 217-891-3785 frauleinale@aol.com
Kathy Bacon 217-306-2527 Baconkb@aol.com

COST: \$144.00 Must have 30 participants for the trip to be a go.

TRIP INCLUDES: Private chartered bus, tip for bus driver, two hour Dinner cruise, entrance to 7 homes/buildings on self-guided tour

ACTIVITIES: We will arrive in Hannibal between 12:00 and 12:30 pm and be greeted by Tom Sawyer and Becky. Discover how a young boy from a small river town became America's most beloved author. Walk around on a self-guided tour exploring Mark Twain's birthplace and home, Molly Brown's home, Ayers Pottery, and the quaint stores like Aunt Polly's Treasures, and more. Lunch/snack will be on your own. At 6:30pm enjoy a two-hour dinner cruise with live music. We should arrive back in Springfield, IL around 10:00 pm.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by July 3, 2025 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after July 3, 2025 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. Refunds are made after the trip is completed.
- *Cancel after July 3, 2025 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

TITLE: "Arsenic & Old Lace" show and lunch at the Barn III Theater/Event Center in Goodfield, IL

WHEN: Sunday, October 26, 2025, leaving Meijer promptly at 10:00 AM and returning approximately 5:00 PM

TRIP LEADER: Janet Nuss (janet.nuss@comcast.net) (217) 638-2840

PRICE: \$145 (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)

TRIP INCLUDES: Private chartered bus, driver tip, show, lunch (includes dessert, tip & tax)

ACTIVITIES: Upon arrival at the Barn III Theater/Event Center, participants will be first treated to a delicious lunch with their choice of any entre, sides, desserts from the menu as well as unlimited coffee, tea, and sodas. Alcohol is available to purchase but the cost is on your own. Tables and chairs will be grouped together for us and reserved on the Mezzanine level of the theater. Everyone will then enjoy a theater production of the classic "Arsenic and Old Lace". We should all arrive home about 5 pm.

FOOD: Food at The Barn III provided (alcoholic beverages available at your own expense)



<https://www.thebarniii.com>

CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

*Cancel by July 3, 2025: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

*Cancel after July 3, 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 July 3, 2025: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

- TITLE:** Belleville Christkindlmarkt and Buffet Dinner
- WHEN:** Friday December 5, 2025, leaving Meijer promptly at **10:00 AM** and returning at approximately **7:00 PM**
- TRIP LEADER:** Steve Wright (scout64ih1@aol.com) (217) 971-1600
- CO TRIP LEADER:** Kathy Bacon (baconkb@aol.com) (217) 306-2527
- PRICE:** \$103 (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, buffet dinner
- ACTIVITIES:** The Belleville Christkindlmarkt is an authentic, outdoor German Christmas Market on the public square in Belleville, featuring unique European and handcrafted items, delicious food and beverages
- FOOD:** Buffet Dinner at The Tavern On Main from 3 to 5 p.m.
Pizza and Pastas/Toasted Ravioli w/ Salad and Drink
<https://tavernonmainbelleville.com/>



<https://www.bellevillechristkindlmarkt.com/>

CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

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*Cancel after July 3, 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 July 3, 2025: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.

**SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COLUMBIA AND SNAKE RIVERS**

WHEN: September 14 - 21, 2025

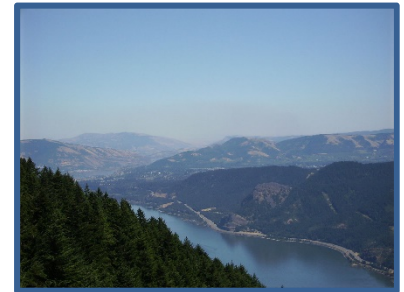
TRIP LEADER: Ed Huntley - 217/652-7540
Email: ewh324@aol.com

PRICE:

- **Air and Land – \$4,100*/person - double occupancy**
- **Land Only – \$3,600*/person - double occupancy**
- **Single Supplement - \$799*/person (limited number of singles available)**
**Special Note: Prices are based on Vendor's best estimate of current airfare/fuel, taxes and fees. Each of these costs is subject to change before final purchase.*
- Minimum number of participants is 30; maximum number of participants is 45.

TRIP INCLUDES:

- * Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport
- * Air transportation from Chicago to Portland, OR; return flight from Spokane, WA to Chicago (includes taxes, fees and fuel surcharges)
- * Round trip airport transfers
- * Motorcoach transportation throughout the trip
- * Government taxes and fees
- * Hotel for 7 nights (2 nights in Portland/Clackamas, OR; 1 night in Pendleton, OR; 1 night in Lewiston, ID; 2 nights in Coeur d'Alene/Worley, ID; 1 night in Spokane, WA)
- * Three full-day tours and 4 partial-day tours
- * 16 meals provided (7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 6 dinners)
- * Welcome dinner in Portland and farewell dinner in Spokane.
- * Gratuities for serving staff at provided meals



Columbia River Gorge

PAYMENTS:

- **1st Payment due at sign-up event on 9/7/24 - \$1,100**
- **2nd Payment due 11/7/24 - \$1,000 per person double or \$1,265 for single**
- **3rd Payment due 1/7/25 - \$1,000 per person double or \$1,265 for single**
- **4th Payment due 3/7/25 - \$1,000 per person double or \$1,269 for single**

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

PASSPORTS OR DRIVER'S LICENSES:

At sign-up, please submit a copy of the first page of your passport, which shows your picture, name, date of birth, etc., or a copy of your current driver's license, for purposes of our airline reservations.

Activities:

- Day 1: Arrive in Portland, meet your Tour Manager for a welcome dinner in the hotel.
- Day 2: Travel to Mt. Hood with lunch at the Timberline Lodge (National Historic Landmark). Return to Portland for a guided tour of the city's Old Town Historic District and International Rose Test Gardens.
- Day 3: Travel through the Columbia River Gorge with its 2,000-foot cliffs. See Vista House and the Multnomah Falls and the Bonneville Lock and Dam. Visit Pendleton, OR, which is known for its western heritage and traditions.
- Day 4: After entering Washington, stop at Fort Walla Walla which dates from 1806. Lewis and Clark spent time in this area. Fort Walla Walla has seen the 1840s wagon trains, the 1856 military post and the 1860s gold rush days.
- Day 5: Embark today on an epic Jet Boat journey on the Snake River into Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, the deepest river gorge in North America. A deli-style box lunch will be served under the fruit trees at Cache Creek Ranch. You will then travel through three states and see the confluence of the Snake and Salmon Rivers. Check into the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel with time to relax before enjoying an authentic cultural experience featuring live performance, song, storytelling and dinner.
- Day 6: The day begins with a tour of the Eagle Aviary located across Coeur d'Alene Lake. Enjoy an included lunch and spend time shopping in the local native store. Complete the day with an evening dinner cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene.
- Day 7: After a short drive to Spokane, board the SkyRide gondola at Riverfront Park for a thrilling ride across the Spokane River and mighty Spokane Falls. Long considered sacred by the Native American tribes, the falls carves its way through the city with spectacular natural beauty. Tonight, your Tour Manager hosts a special farewell dinner.
- Day 8: Depart for home with a group transfer to the Spokane International Airport for flights out after 10:00 a.m.



Hells Canyon

HOTELS (Subject to change based on availability):

Clackamas, OR – Monarch Hotel (2 nights)
Pendleton, OR – Wildhorse Resort and Casino (1 night)
Lewiston, ID – Hells Canyon Grand Hotel (1 night)
Worley, ID – Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel (2 nights)
Spokane, WA – Hampton Inn (1 night)

Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only):

Cancel by September 29, 2024 – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between September 30, 2024, and October 31, 2024 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between November 1, 2024, and December 1, 2024 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel after December 1, 2024 – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Airfare cancellation – Dates and amounts of refunds will be based on the airline policy after the airfares are published.

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

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

ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.

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 BELGIUM AND HOLLAND IN THE SPRINGTIME

WHEN: April 24 – May 8, 2026 (38 maximum travelers)

TRIP LEADERS: Patricia Staab (217) 836-4406; patriciastaab2118@gmail.com
Wendy Schluter (217) 415-4764; schluter.wendy@yahoo.com

PRICE:

Cabin Level:	Contata E	Sonata C	Serenade A
Price per person	\$5,975.00	\$6,150.00	\$6,700.00
Single Supplement (3 available):	\$995.00		
Cruise & Land Portion (no air):	\$4,740.00	\$4,915.00	\$5,460.00

TRIP INCLUDES:

- 32 meals: 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 10 dinners
- Accommodations for 3 nights in a 4-Star or better Bruges hotel and 10 nights in an outside cabin on a Grand Circle Cruise Line riverboat
- 11 tours with personal headsets
- Sightseeing in Bruges, Antwerp, Ghent, Kinderdijk, Rotterdam, Keukenhof and Enkhuizen
- Bruges boat ride and Amsterdam canal cruise
- 2 signature experiences: Home-hosted coffee and cake, tulip farm visit
- Local program directors
- Private bus for land travel
- All transfers



- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, porters, tour directors and boat crew
- House beer, house red or white wine and soft drinks at all times on Grand Circle's riverboat

Grand Circle offers an optional post-trip in Amsterdam. Talk to trip leaders for more information.

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

This trip is designed for travelers that are active, independent and physically fit. Travelers should be able to climb 20-40 stairs, consecutively; climb and descend hills; and walk at least 2-3 miles over some uneven surfaces without difficulty. Walks typically last for at least 1-3 hours at a time. Travelers must be able to keep up with the group and manage their own luggage.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

1st payment due at sign-up

Cantata Level - \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single
Sonata Level - \$1,540 per person, double; \$1,800 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,930 single

2nd payment due 5/15/25

Cantata Level - \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single
Sonata Level - \$1,540 per person, double; \$1,800 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,930 single

3rd payment due 9/15/25

Cantata Level - \$1,500 per person, double; \$1,750 single
Sonata Level - \$1,540 per person, double; \$1,800 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,930 single

4th payment due 11/15/25

Cantata Level - \$1,475 per person, double; \$1,720 single
Sonata Level - \$1,530 per person, double; \$1,745 single
Serenade Level - \$1,675 per person, double; \$1,905 single

The final payment (including land-only fees) may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.

CANCELLATION DATES/FEEES:

- Cancel by March 31, 2025– Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between April 1 and June 30, 2025 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable, plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel between July 1 and October 31, 2025 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable, plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Cancel after November 1, 2025 – Your price is the full price of the trip, plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.
- **ALL CANCELLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

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 for international travel (November 11, 2026).**

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 NORWEGIAN EPIC CARIBBEAN CRUISE

WHEN: FEBRUARY 7-15, 2026

**TRIP LEADERS: Jana Kincaid (217)416-0955, jagrolling90@gmail.com
Kathryn Hanlon (217) 494-7967 kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net**

Minimum number to cruise is 30; maximum is 40.

PRICE:

- * Air, Hotel & Cruise, and Basic Gratuities: \$2,400 per person, double occupancy, balcony room
- * Single supplement: \$810 (4 singles available), balcony room
- * Hotel and Cruise only: \$1800 per person double occupancy, balcony room
- * **Special note: Prices are subject to change after airfare has been purchased.**

NOTE: All shore excursions are at your expense.

An amenity package that includes unlimited beverages, 3 nights of specialty dining, \$50 excursion credit per cabin and Wi-Fi will cost an extra \$270 per person.

An alternate package that includes 10 photos, \$100 shipboard credit, and \$50 excursion credit per cabin and Wi-Fi will not cost extra.

Passengers sharing a cabin must choose the same package.

TRIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- * Bus transportation between Springfield and St. Louis airport.
- * Round-trip flight between St. Louis and San Juan, Puerto Rico
- * San Juan hotel for one night in San Juan **THAT INCLUDES BREAKFAST**
- * Transfers from the airport to the hotel, hotel to cruise port and cruise port to airport
- * All meals included on the ship with the exception of specialty dining

PORTS OF CALL:

**Tortola, BVI
St. John's, Antigua
Bridgetown, Barbados
St. Lucia
Philipsburg, St. Maarten
St. Thomas
San Juan**



SIGN-UP: Thursday, June 19, 2025, at the Summer Picnic

June 19th, 1st payment: \$1200 double, \$1610 single; without air, deduct \$300.

August 21, 2nd payment: \$1200 double, \$1600 single; without air, deduct \$300.

Second payments can be mailed to: Jana Kincaid

Attn: SSTC

1014 Ravina Dr

Chatham, Il 62629

Cancellation: Cancel before July 1, 2025—Pay only \$25 SSTC processing fee

Cancel July 1-July 31—30% of trip cost is nonrefundable plus \$25 SSTC fee

Cancel August 1-31—50% of trip cost is nonrefundable plus \$25 SSTC fee

Starting September 1—you are obligated for full payment. NO REFUNDS

NOTE: This trip is for independent travelers who can navigate airports, walk the length of the cruise ship, and stay with the group when together. Requests for special accommodations, such as plane seats and accessible rooms, are the responsibilities of travelers and subject to availability.

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 return date.



Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends that you purchase trip insurance. At a minimum, it should cover 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 buy ‘Cancel for Any Reason’ insurance if possible. Be sure to compare policies, as some do not cover the full price of the trip. Purchase as soon as possible for maximum coverage.

SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Membership Application May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026

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: _____ - _____

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

E-mail Address (s): _____

Type: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

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

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

Questions may be directed to 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 one box)

- ☐ Board Member 's committee - (help plan events)
☐ Activities (volunteer at club events)
☐ Membership (volunteer at events, mailings)
☐ Community Service (approved events)
☐ Trip Leader for Ski, Day Trips, or Extended Travel
☐ Sports Coordinator (Billiards, Bowling, Golf, Bocce)
☐ Are you a skier?
☐ Other: _____

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 (include 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 Kouncil 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: _____