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Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



Spring Meeting & Sign-Up Party

Friday, April 10, 2026

VFW Lafore Lock Post 755

2211 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield

Doors will open at 5:00 PM for check-in, election of officers, and sign up for trips. As a reminder, all members are invited to attend even though there is no desire to sign up for a trip. Please remember to check in at the door as you arrive. A cash bar will be available followed with food served at 6:30 PM. As in the past, there will be plenty of food so no need to eat prior to attending.

Come enjoy the evening with fellow members and friends.

If you're in need of service hours and wish to assist with set-up and clean-up, please contact **Kathryn Hanlon** by texting or calling 217-494-7967 or emailing kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's March and Spring is Coming!

Slate of Officers for Election

In this newsletter you will find photos and bios of members who are running for office for the Club year beginning May 2026. The election will take place at the signup party on Friday, April 10 at the VFW. More details are included in the newsletter. The following positions will be voted on at that time:

- President - Jan Freeman
- Executive Vice-President - Jean Courtney-Jacobs
- Secretary - Lynne Wright
- Treasurer - Kathryn Hanlon
- Vice-President for Membership - Sue Monteyne
- Vice President of Day Trips - Janet Nuss
- Vice-President of Tour Trips - Patty Staab
- Vice-President of Activities - Peggie Powers

36 Members Return from the Caribbean!

36 Club members recently returned from a beautiful scenic Caribbean Cruise on Norwegian Cruise Lines which was a great mid-winter getaway. Ports of call included St. John's, Antigua, Bridgetown, Barbados St. Lucia, St. Maarten, St. Thomas, British Virgin Islands and San Juan.

Membership Renewals

If you have not yet returned your membership renewal form, it is time to do so!

- Sign and mail back the form with your check for \$40 for singles and \$50 for family membership.
- Lifetime members must sign and mail back the form to continue membership.
- Everyone, please check a box to volunteer to support our activities!

A REMINDER!

Half Priced Memberships are still being offered through April 30, 2026, to encourage new members to join. \$20 for a single membership and \$25 for a family membership. Tell your friends!

THANK YOU... THANK YOU... THANK YOU!

- To Jana Kincaid, Trip Leader and Patty Staab, VP of Tour Trips for planning the trip and cruise to the Caribbean.
- To Jana Kincaid for arranging Dining Out at Cancun on February 5!
- To Tim Phillips for making us happy at Engrained on February 19!
- To those who said yes and are running for office for next year.
- To all the volunteers who help make this Club a success!

Check Out What is Happening in March!

- Dining Out at Cooper's Hawk – Thursday, March 5
- Pickleball Event and dinner following – Saturday, March 14
- Happy Hour at the Springfield Motorboat Club – Thursday, March 19

I am at your service,

Jan Freeman

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

ELECTION OF THE 2026 SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB OFFICERS

As Executive Vice President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, we are pleased to recommend and endorse the following slate of candidates for SSTC Executive Board for the 2026/2027 year.

President Jan Freeman

Executive Vice-President Jean Courtney-Jacobs

Secretary Lynne Wright

Treasurer Kathryn Hanlon

Vice President for Membership Sue Monteyne

Vice President of Tour Trips Patty Staab

Vice President of Activities Peggie Powers

Vice President of Day Trips Janet Nuss

Election of Officers for the Springfield Ski and Travel Club 2026 will be held in conjunction with the General Meeting/Sign-Up Party on April 10, 2026, at the VFW Post #755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield.

Voting will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Looking forward to another active and strong executive board with this slate of candidates.

Jean Courtney-Jacobs

Executive Vice President

Per Article V, Election of Officers – Once the slate has been presented and no less than 30 days prior to the announced election date, any member in good standing may submit their name to the Executive Vice President for inclusion on the ballot as a candidate for one of the elected positions. Thirty days prior to April 10 is March 11. Please notify Jean Courtney-Jacobs, Executive Vice President, if you wish your name to also be included on the ballot for any of the positions listed above. Send your notification to jean.courtney@comcast.net.



PRESIDENT
Jan Freeman

I joined the Ski & Travel Club in 2019 to go on a trip to England and Scotland. Since that time, I have enjoyed many other international trips with the Club to Portugal, Iceland, Peru, Northern Italy, Czech Republic, Germany, and Scandinavia. I also enjoyed the in-country trip last year to the Pacific Northwest. I like traveling with the Club because you really get to know people that you travel with and I see all the friends I have met on these trips at other Club events. Over the past 4 years, I have served the Club as Executive Vice President one year, Vice President of Day Trips for 2 years and as President this year. This Club offers our nearly 500 members so many social activities besides international travel. We offer Day Trips, Dining Out, Happy Hours, Sign Up Parties, Halloween and Christmas Parties, Summer Party at Larry Michaud's, sporting events, ski opportunities, and community service opportunities. There is ALWAYS something fun to do and more people to meet! I would be honored to continue to serve as President of this great Club for another year.



VICE PRESIDENT
Jean Courtney-Jacobs

Hi. My name is Jean Courtney-Jacobs. I have been a member of the Ski and Travel Club since 2019. I joined to take advantage of the international trips. That has been fulfilled many times. Along the way I have made many friends through activities provided by the club. The last 3 years I have had the opportunity to serve on the Board -- 2 years as Sports Director and this past year as Executive Vice President. It would be a privilege to serve the Ski Club members for another year as Executive Vice President.



SECRETARY
Lynne Wright

My name is Lynne Wright. I have been a member of the "Ski Club" for about 10 years. My first trip with the club was to Edinburgh, Scotland and Dublin, Ireland. Since then, I have enjoyed quite a few of the other trips that have been offered to our members. I have always loved to travel, and this has been a great organization to help meet my travel needs. Along the way, I have enjoyed striking up conversations and friendships with our members. Any club that I have been involved with, I like to contribute some of my time and energy. Currently, I work with Janet Nuss and the Day-Trip activities. I would be honored to serve as your club secretary.



TREASURER
Kathryn Hanlon

It is a privilege to be invited to serve our club. I have truly enjoyed the trips and the relationships I have cultivated. I look forward to getting to know more of the members and enjoying the adventures we will have together. Serving on this board is my way of saying thank you to everyone that has donated their time and talent.



VP FOR DAY TRIPS
Janet Nuss

I am a retired registered nurse, nurse educator, and community health planner. I have been in the SSTC for 4 years now. I originally joined to make friends and have travel companions. I enjoy socializing at Happy Hours and participating in daytrips and tour trips. As VP of Day Trips over the last year, I have worked with my committee to plan many fun and informative trips for members to enjoy, which I will continue to do if elected for a second year.



VP ACTIVITIES
Peggie Powers

Hi, I am Peggie Powers and have been a member of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club since its early days. I know many of you and look forward to meeting more members. I have had the opportunity to travel extensively to several international locations and hope to see more of the world with SSTC. If you wish me to be your next Activities VP, we can make lots of memories together. Please join me in upcoming adventures.



VP TOUR TRIPS
Patty Staab

I joined SSTC in 2008 for foreign travel opportunities & started helping on various trip planning committees. I served as VP of tour trips for several years and am excited to be serving in that capacity again. I would like to serve the club another year as VP of tour trips. I have also been a trip leader for our fabulous Croatia and Peru trips as well as our Holland and Belgium River Cruise in April 2026. I love traveling and hope to share this love of travel and new adventures with all the club members as we develop new destinations to visit. Hope all of you have responded to travel survey so we can continue to meet the travel wishes of our membership.



VP MEMBERSHIP
Sue Monteyne

I am writing to formally express my interest in returning to the board. I have been a member of SSTC for about 10 years, and during that time, I have had the privilege of traveling all over the world with the club and making some wonderful friends. Having served on the board in the past, it would be both an honor and a pleasure to resume the position of VP of Membership. I look forward to the possibility of contributing to the club's continued success in this role.

SSTC Spring General Meeting/Sign-Up Parry

Where: VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Rd., Springfield

When: Friday, April 10, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

Sign-Up numbers will be issued in the order of line placement at the door. Note: this number does not guarantee you a spot. All sign-ups are on a first come, first serve basis. Once your number is called, you will be granted access to the area where the trip registration is located.

Sign-Up Procedures for SSTC Trips Offered

Board members (priority), trip leaders (second priority) and 10-hour volunteer certificate holders (third priority) may sign up prior to the sign-up party for tour trips or day trips by hand delivering the requirements listed below directly to the trip leader.

- DO NOT MAIL...applications and checks have been delayed or lost causing missed deadlines.
- Please call or text the trip leader before you deliver to make sure they are home.

10 Volunteer Hour Service Certificate

The cutoff for earning and submitting volunteer hours is March 27, 2026 (14 days prior to the sign-up party).

By March 27, a member must request their 10 hour service certificate from Jean Courtney-Jacobs, the Executive Vice President, jean.courtney@comcast.net.

The certificate will be emailed to the club member. Print the certificate. A paper copy of the certificate must accompany the trip application.

If you have a 10-hour volunteer certificate you wish to use and you did not submit it to the trip leader within the 10 days prior to the sign-up party, you have immediate access to the trip leader at 5:00.

You will need your membership number located on your membership card for your trip application. A membership representative will be available at the sign-up party if you need help locating your number. You may also request your number at sstcquestions@springfieldskiclub.org.

Note: If signing up to be a member at the sign-up party, head directly to the membership table. Once you have received your membership number, then you are eligible to stand in line and obtain a sign-up number.

SIGN UP FOR TWO NEW DAY TRIPS!

Hi, everyone! The Day Trip Committee is happy to announce the following 2 new summertime day trips for 2026 that we know our members will enjoy:

- ❖ **Tuesday, Aug. 4th Day Trip to the City Foundry in St. Louis.** This trip includes a visit to a unique marketplace where you will find a multitude of opportunities for shopping, entertainment, eating, and drinking. Tickets to the Museum of Illusions and The Escape Room at the Foundry are included. The cost is \$135/person. Terri Marbold terri.marbold@yahoo.com (217) 741-7734 and Misty Dannenberger mdabooger@aol.com (217) 553-3057 are the co-trip leaders for this event.
- ❖ **Thursday, Sept. 24th Day Trip to the Beef House Restaurant and Dinner Theater in Covington, IN.** This trip includes a full buffet lunch and tickets to the matinee performance of the comedic play, "Four Broads on the High Seas". The cost is \$148/person. Kathy Bacon Baconkb@aol.com (217) 306-2527 and Lynne Wright frauleinale@aol.com (217) 891-3785 are co-trip leaders for this event.

See the trip handouts included in this newsletter for more details on these trips. The trip leaders will be present at the March 19th Happy Hour at the Springfield Motorboat Club to promote the trips and answer any questions you might have. Regular sign up for these trips will be at the April 10th Annual Meeting. Look for the article on the sign up procedures, including information about early sign up in this newsletter and upcoming Eblasts. Contact the above trip leaders or Janet Nuss, the Day Trip VP, janet.nuss@comcast.net, (217) 638-2840 if you have questions.



Saturday, March 14, 2026 | 5:15 - 6:30 pm

A pickleball event will be held at the new indoor facility, Premier Pickleball Center, located at 3400 Constitution Drive behind Target.

You do not need to know how to play to join in on the fun. Instructors will be at each court, and all equipment will be provided. The cost of this event is \$10 per person for court fees.

Immediately afterwards (between 6:45 and 7 pm) we will head to dinner at Harvest Kitchen and Bar located at 4241 Conestoga Drive.

This is an RSVP event only and must have a waiver signed prior to playing. This event will have a maximum of 20 people due to court space.

NCL Winter Cruise | February 8-15, 2026

35 of us began our adventure on Saturday, February 7, 2026 gates were changing constantly it seemed like. Finally arrived at our hotel to meet up with our 36th traveler who came from Florida. A fun week was had by all. Some of the things that we encountered were...

Breakfast was on our own Sunday in San Juan before departing for our cruise. Some of us came upon something different for a restaurant. Consumption time of 90 minutes. The minute our orders were submitted, our time began.

We found out that a letter from your minister and/or doctor did not work if one person in the room wanted the alcohol package and the other one didn't. They could have cared less about the letter from the church. We needed a doctors signature and license number which we did not have nor could it be emailed or faxed.

We had an earthquake for 4 days in a row, making swimming hazardous. The waves and undertow were terrible.

One excursion, we had someone show off their dance moves only to be stowed up for the next two days.

In Barbados, a steam train excursion ended up derailing. No one was injured but the excursion did not continue. When I got back to the ship on the bus the white caps were coming across the road. (due to the earthquake).

A room steward was locked out on the balcony by accident for a while. Thank goodness the weather was good.

There was a certain pool on the boat that was a reminder of a pool we encountered last year in Cabo. Lots of sunburns, but lots of fun, new friends made. Unfortunately, there was not a group picture taken. Trying to get 36 people together on a cruise ship was impossible.. some people were only seen a couple of times. Can't wait till next year's trip.



ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President..... Jan Freeman
 Executive VP..... Jean Courtney-Jacobs
 Treasurer..... Dave Trapp
 Secretary..... Kristi Sitki
 VP for Membership Mary Schackmann
 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 EditorAmy Dodd
 S.K.I. Representative Ruth Kopec
 Community Services Chair..... Rich Bergt
 Sports Chair Rose Johnson
 Webmaster Deon Bishop

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	B Name	Date	Name	Date
Patrick Chesley	1	eth M. Beasley	6	Mary "Melissa" Cornell	15
Diane Johnston	1	Jan Johnson	7	William Budd	17
Janice Broughton	1	Mary Jo Bangert	8	Cynthia Johnson	18
Amy Green (LT)	2	Bob Watkin	9	Michael Kaiser	19
Karl Reed	2	William Harr	9	Richard Moldenhauer	21
Chuck Costello	2	Eileen LoPossa	10	Marc Kinzora	22
Michael LaCamera	2	Sheila Sizemore	10	Deborah Moldenhauer	24
Jeff Foust	3	Sharon Chrans	11	Evelyn Griminger	24
Pat Nosari	4	Charlotte Kaufman	11	Tom King	25
Pat Dennis	5	Randall Speck	12	Jim Crum	26
Tetyana Webster	5	Lori Waltrip	12	Dana Duke	26
Richard Bergt	5	Linda Stout	13	Gina Clouser	28
Bob Reed	6	Shelia M Smith	14	Sheila Ewald	31
Larry Richardson	6	Joyce Prince	14		
Jackie O'Brien	6	Amy Dodd	15		

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Dining Out Cooper's Hawk 5:30pm	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Board Meeting	13	14 Pickleball 5:15pm
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Happy Hour Springfield Motor Boat Club 5:00pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SWITZERLAND TRIP SIGN UP

Regular sign up for the April 30, 2027 - May 11, 2027 trip to Switzerland will be on April 10th, 2026.

See the flyer in this Snowjourner for all the amazing places we will visit.

Look for the article on the sign-up procedures in this newsletter and in later e-blasts. Early sign-up information will be included there as well.

FOR ALL TRAVELERS: Be sure to include the following with your completed & signed PRINTED or TYPED trip application.

1. A copy of your passport showing your picture, dates of issue & expiration and passport number.
2. A completed signed trip application form including your membership number.
3. A check made out to Springfield Ski & Travel Club dated APRIL 10, 2026 for \$1,610 pp double room or \$2,010 single room.
4. All passports need to be valid through November 14, 2027 (if your passport expires prior to that date, bring a copy of your current passport and after renewal give a copy of your new passport to the trip leaders.)
5. Start looking for trip insurance so that you will be able to purchase the insurance within 14 days of the signup date.

Any questions can be directed to the trip leaders Kathryn Hanlon Kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net,

Ruth Kopec kopec3@outlook.com or Patty Staab, VP Tour Trips 217-836-4406

It will be a fabulous trip!!

TOUR TRIP NEWS

Thanks to everyone who has already submitted their travel preference surveys, we've had a great response. If you are still wanting to complete a survey and then enter the drawing for a \$50 SSTC travel certificate you can still do so by sending the survey to: patriciastaab2118@gmail.com. The responses via Survey Monkey close on March 7. After that time, I can send you the survey and receive your survey response via email.

Several people included questions about trips, and I have responded to them individually. IF anyone has a question about the tour trips please email me at the above address.

We are still looking for members to serve on trip planning committees and to be tour trip leaders. We have three tour trips per year, and each committee consists of around five members. They are fun committee to work on, and you get to have additional input on the club's future travels.

Let's keep traveling!

SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

April 2
TBD

Happy Hour

April 16 - 5pm to ??
The Office West

Belgium & Holland in the Springtime

April 24 - May 8, 2026

Trip Leaders: **Patty Staab**, 217-836-4406, patriciastaab2118@gmail.com
Wendy Schluter, 217-415-4764, schluter.wendy@yahoo.com

STUNNING SOUTH AFRICA

August 23, 2026 - September 7, 2026

Trip leaders: **Ed & Anne Midden**
217-836-9816, anne.midden@gmail.com

Switzerland Travels

April 30-May 11, 2027

Trip leaders: **Ruth Kopec**, kopec3@outlook.com
Kathryn Hanlon, 217-494-7967, kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

CHICAGO GANGSTER TOUR TRIP

May 27, 2026

Trip leaders: **Dave Sloat**, dgsloat51@gmail.com (847) 902-1691

Cheri Sloat, csloat51@gmail.com (847) 902-1698

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

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

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

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:** Chicago Gangster Tour
- WHEN:** Wednesday, May 27, 2026, leaving Amtrak station promptly at 6:11 am; arriving in Chicago about 9:30 am; Leaving Chicago Union Station at 5:20 pm; and arriving back in Springfield about 8:30 pm.
- TRIP LEADER:** Dave Sloat (847) 902-1691 dgsloat51@gmail.com
Cheri Sloat (847)902-1698 csloat51@gmail.com
- PRICE:** \$132 (20 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Roundtrip ticket to/from Chicago, Private Chicago Gangster tour/ tour guide tip; Shoreline water taxi ticket
- ACTIVITIES:** Enjoy a trip to Chicago via Amtrak, arriving at Union Station about 9:30 am. Everyone will be provided with an all-day pass on the Shoreline water taxi to navigate Chicago per your desire. Lunch and shopping will be on your own. Everyone will meet on the corner of Ohio and Clark Streets at 1 pm for a 2-hour private bus trip for a tour back in time to Prohibition-era Chicago to see hotspots made famous by Al Capone and his allies. Before returning home, there will be time on your own for an early dinner or to grab a sandwich to take on the train home.
- DISCLAIMER:** Navigating Chicago involves a lot of walking. Accessing the docks to board the water taxis may require walking up/down multiple stairs. There are also multiple blocks from the water taxi drop offs to the Gangster tour bus location.
- FOOD:** On your own



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

*Cancel by January 2, 2026: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

*Cancel after January 2, 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 January 2, 2026: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



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, (217) 816-4123
Wendy Schluter, 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) 217-553-3057
Terri Marbold (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.

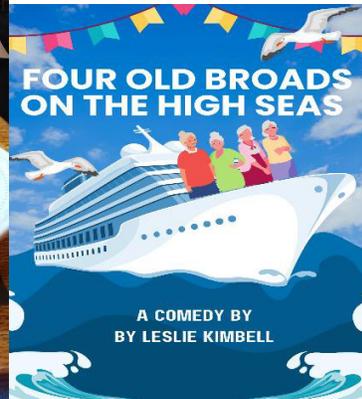
*Cancel after April 24, 2026: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.

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



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

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

SPRINGFIELD SKI 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

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

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

Ruth Kopec. kopec3@outlook.com



Price: Combined air and land

Double occupancy - \$6,425.00

Single occupancy – additional \$1,615.00

Land only: \$5,175.00

Trip Includes:

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



Activity Level:

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

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

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

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

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

Cancellation Dates/Fees:

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

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

Passports: With your trip application, submit a copy of the first page of your Passport that shows your picture, passport number and expiration date. **Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date (November 12, 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 & 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 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: _____