

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



JOIN US FOR
Happy Hour



SPRINGFIELD MOTOR BOAT CLUB

May 15, 2025
5:00pm - ???

Dining Out



2571 S Koke Mill Rd, Springfield, IL

Thursday, May 1, 2025
Cocktails at 5:30 | Dinner at 6:00

SSTC Annual Summer Picnic

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

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

Bring: Lawn chairs and your own drinks

Provided: SSTC is providing a chicken dinner

Please RSVP by May 21st by calling or texting Kathryn Hanlon at 217-494-7967.

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

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.

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.

See all of you there!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was great to see the April Sign-Up party at the VFW so well attended! A big thank you to Joyce Ludwig and her committee for the great food and entertainment by the Hippies of the Heartland!

Thanks to Jana Kincaid and Raenell Mace and Janice Broughton who were on hand to sign up members for day trips they plan to lead to St. Louis in July and St. Charles MO in August.

Thanks to Debi Barr-Holquist for her leadership in serving as President of Springfield Ski and Travel Club the past 2 years. Also, thank you to the retiring Board members for their years of service to the Club:

Mary Schackmann Executive VP
Ed Huntley, Community Service Chair

Nancy Chesley, VP of Tour Trips
Gary Kindred, S.K.I. representative

Joyce Ludwig, VP of Events
Theresa Watkin, Finance Chair

The new slate of Board members that was elected at the April Sign Up Party for the year 2025-2026 is:

Jean Courtney-Jacobs, Executive VP
Kim Fraim Rockford, VP of Membership
Janet Nuss VP of Day Trips and myself as President.

Dave Trapp, Treasurer
Kathryn Hanlon, VP of Events

Kristi Sitki, Secretary
Patty Staab, VP of Tour Trips

The appointed Board positions for 2025-2026 are:

Tim Phillips, Happy Hour Chair
Ruth Kopec - S.K.I. Representative
Deon Bishop, Webmaster

Jana Kincaid, Dining Out Chair
Rich Bergt, Community Service Chair

Amy Dodd, Snowjourner Editor
Rose Johnson, Sports Chair

Thank you for your vote of confidence in me. I am at your service,

Jan Freeman

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

WARM UP IN FEBRUARY 2026 WITH A CARIBBEAN CRUISE!

Spend 7 nights on the Norwegian Epic as it cruises the Caribbean roundtrip from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Ports of call include Antigua, Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Maarten, and St. Thomas.

We'll fly to San Juan on February 7, 2026, from St. Louis and stay one night in a hotel. We'll board the Epic the next afternoon and set sail that evening. Cruise, hotel and air will cost \$2400 for double occupancy and \$810 extra for a single. Without air, the package is \$1800 for a double.

Signup for this special opportunity will start at the club's summer picnic June 19. For more information, see the flyer in this Snowjourner or look at the Springfield Ski Club's web site. You can also contact Jana Kincaid at jagrolling90@gmail.com or at (217) 416-0955.

SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

Chesapeake
June 5, 5:30pm

Summer Picnic

June 19, 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, patriciaStaab2118@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
Penny Stevens (217) 416-5143, Pensstevens@gmail.com

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

LeAnn Rimes

at Devon Lakeshore Amphitheatre

Thursday, May 29th - 4:00p

Trip Leaders: *Patty Kates*, 217-454-6905, patty.kates@outlook.com
Nancy Huston, 217-652-8501, nancydw@aol.com

CUBS vs CARDINALS AT BUSCH STADIUM

Thursday, June 26 - 10:30am

Trip Leader: *Chris & Mary Schofield*, 217-415-6736; Chris_Schofield_560@comcast.net

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

Result of Voting on April 5th Regarding Amendment to the Bylaws and Constitution

As a result of the voting process on April 5th, the positions of VP of Ski Trips and Finance Chair are eliminated effective with the May, 2025 - April, 2026 Club Year. This change reduces the Board positions from 17 to 15.

ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ronald Miller | Rob and Carol Roderick
 Rick and Joan Rogers | Libby Shawgo

MAY BIRTHDAYS

| Name | Date | Name | Date | Name | Date |
|----------------------|------|-----------------|------|------------------|------|
| Debbie Frenz | 1 | Alex Ferguson | 14 | Alfred Urbanckas | 27 |
| Mike Green | 2 | Marilyn Johnson | 15 | Kurt Schmuck | 27 |
| Bill Tinsley | 2 | Linda Caupert | 16 | Eric Runkel | 27 |
| Lilli Bakunas | 3 | Linda Lafferty | 17 | Marlene Demuzio | 28 |
| Tony Passini | 5 | Marianne Hoke | 18 | Sheila Mack | 29 |
| Tom Kuhl | 5 | Alicia Hawley | 19 | Linda Reed | 29 |
| Glenn Weatherford | 5 | Kathi Katcher | 21 | Connie Speck | 30 |
| Charles Fahrenbacher | 6 | Ed Wollet | 21 | Tim Stout | 30 |
| Dale Elvers | 6 | Susan Monteyne | 24 | Joan Rogers | 30 |
| John Powers | 8 | Judy Wollet | 25 | Nancy Huston | 30 |
| William Castor | 12 | Ed Thomas | 26 | Dianne Turner | 31 |

May 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------------------|---------|-----------|---|--------|----------|
| | | | | 1 Dining Out Home Plate 5:30pm | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Happy Hour Springfield Motor Boat Club 5pm | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Board Meeting | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Memorial Day | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

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

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Full Trip Price: \$ _____ | App. No. _____ | Wait List: _____ |
| 1 st Deposit: \$ _____ | Partial Trip Price: \$ _____ | Notes: _____ |
| 2 nd 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:** LeAnn Rimes at the Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater in Decatur
- There will be some stair climbing to reach terrace seating at the amphitheater.**
- WHEN:** Thursday, May 29, 2025 leaving Meijer at 4:00 PM and returning after the concert approximately 11 PM.
- TRIP LEADERS:** Patty Kates 217-454-6905 patty.kates@outlook.com
Nancy Huston 217-652-8501 nancycdw@aol.com
- COST:** \$118 - 30 participants
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Concert ticket – reserved seating on a Terrace with artificial grass.
Private chartered round trip bus transportation.
- FOOD:** There will be food choices available at the Devon Amphitheater as well as food trucks parked on the property.
- BRING:** Your own lawn chair for seating.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

- *Cancel by December 5, 2024 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- *Cancel after December 5, 2024 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 December 5, 2024 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued.



SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

Cardinals VS Cubs

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



Trip Leaders: Chris and Mary Schofield

217-415-6736 Chris_Schofield_560@comcast.net

Day Trip Date: June 26, 2025

30 Participants

Cost - \$150 - Cost includes transportation, ballpark ticket, and tip for bus driver. Stadium seats will be located in a shaded popular section.

Departure: The bus will meet us at 10:30 a.m., Meijers parking lot to take us to Busch Stadium. *Game time is 1:15.*

There will be some stair climbing and ramps to reach stadium seating.

Dinner: After the game, we will stop in Collinsville at Bandana's BBQ for dinner. Dinner cost is your responsibility.

Arrival back in Springfield at Meijers parking lot between 8 and 9 p.m.

CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS: *Cancel by February 1, 2025 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee. *Cancel after February 1, 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 February 1, 2025 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued.

Entering the Stadium: *When attending a game, or any other event at Busch Stadium there is a bag policy in effect for all guests. You'll be able to bring in purses and bags that aren't bigger than 10" x 8" x 10". No matter the bag you bring in, they will all be subject to a search at the Inspection as you go through the metal detectors.*



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.

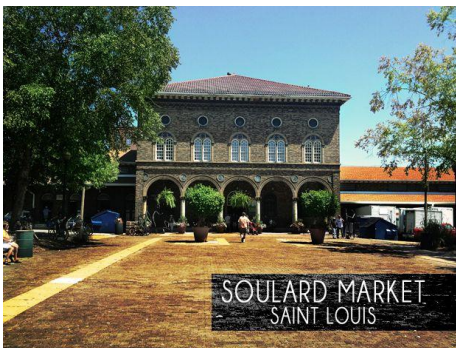
WHEN: Friday, July 11, 2025. Leaving Springfield from Meijer at 8:30am and returning around 8:15 pm.

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.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

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*Cancel after April 19, 2024 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, 2024 and 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
Penny Stevens (217) 416-5143 Pensstevens@gmail.com**

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 |
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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: _____