

# Snowjourner

*Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club*



## HALLOWEEN PARTY

**October 25<sup>th</sup> | 6:00pm – 9:00pm**

**VFW Post 755 | 2211 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield**

Come join us dressed in your favorite Halloween costume, enjoy some good food, music and beverages from the cash bar.

Costumes will be judged with costume awards going to:  
Most Creative • Best Female • Best Male • Best Overall

It will definitely be an evening to be remembered!

## New Day Trips Available!!

The Day Trip Committee would like to announce the first new day trips for 2026! We anticipate these to be popular trips, so if you are interested in attending, we recommend you sign up early so we can confirm our group reservations. Day Trip Committee members or trip leaders will be at the October 16th SSTC Happy Hour at Harvest Market to accept your applications. Please bring your completed trip applications and checks.

- The first will be a day trip to Augusta, MO on Thursday, June 25, 2026, for a 2 hour lunch cruise on the Missouri River on board the luxurious Miss Augusta yacht and before heading home, a visit to Mount Pleasant Estates for group winery tours and tastings. The price per person is \$143. We will need 35 people to make this trip a Go. If you have any questions or are interested in this trip, please contact Wendy Schluter [wendy.schluter@yahoo.com](mailto:wendy.schluter@yahoo.com) (217) 415-4764 or Joyce Metz [joycemetz5@comcast.net](mailto:joycemetz5@comcast.net) (217) 816-4123, the trip leaders for this event.
- The second trip will be to the Little Theater on the Square in Sullivan, IL on Thursday, July 30, 2026, to see the Tony-nominated musical play, "Come from Away" with a stop in Arthur beforehand for shopping and a buffet lunch at Yoder's Amish Kitchen. The price per person is \$137. We will need 30 people for the trip to be a Go. If you have any questions or are interested in this trip, please contact Jana Kincaid [jagrolling90@gmail.com](mailto:jagrolling90@gmail.com) (217) 416-0955, the trip leader for this event.

**Trip application forms are on page 7**

For more details about these trips, please see the handouts in this newsletter.

Always feel free to contact Janet Nuss, the Day Trip VP at [janet.nuss@comcast.net](mailto:janet.nuss@comcast.net) (217) 638-2840.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### The September 6th Signup Party was a great success with 132 attendees!

- Thanks to Kathryn Hanlon, VP of Events, for working with the VFW, choosing the menu, setting up the room, coordinating all the volunteers who helped set up, decorating, serving food, and take down. Many comments on how good the food was!
- Thanks to Bobbie Cummins and her committee for the cute fall decorations.
- Thanks to Jean Courtney-Jacobs, Executive Vice-President and volunteers for making sure the flow to signup was efficient.

### Results of the signup party signups!

- The trip to South Africa is a go with 36 people signed up! Thanks to the committee who worked on this trip, and VP of Tour Trips, Patty Staab, and Anne and Ed Midden, trip leaders for this adventure.
- Most of the spots for the Christmas Party were sold!
- The day trip to the Medieval Times Dinner did not get the minimum number needed but Janet Nuss, VP of Day Trips and Sara Oehlert sure tried to make it a go, and their efforts are appreciated!

### Columbia and Snake River Trip - September 14-21

Thanks to Ed Huntley for leading 28 of us to experience the Pacific Northwest including the beautiful scenery of Mount Hood, the Columbia River Gorge, a jet boat adventure through Hells Canyon on the Snake River and the Sky Ride gondola over the Spokane Falls. We return with more knowledge of the beauty and the history of the area; great memories and more friends made along the way.

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

- To Jana Kincaid, Dining Out Chair for arranging dining out at Gabatoni's for 32 attendees!
- To Tim Phillips for arranging the Happy Hour Potluck at Piper Glen!
- To Rose Johnson, Sports Chair for arranging the hike on Route 66 in Carpenter Park and dinner at Fire and Ale.
- To Lynne Wright and Kathy Bacon for leading a fun day trip to Hannibal Missouri.

### Check Out What is Happening in October!

- Dining out at Corner Pub outside - Thursday, October 2
- Pumpkin Patch at Pumpkin Creek Farms - Tuesday, October 14
- Happy Hour - Harvest Market - Thursday, October 16
- Halloween Party - VFW - Saturday, October 25
- Arsenic and Old Lace at Goodfield - Sunday, October 26

I am at your service,

Jan Freeman

President, Springfield Ski & Travel Club

## Dining Out CORNER PUB

(OUTDOOR SEATING)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025

3271 W Iles Ave

Cocktails at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00

JOIN US FOR  
*Happy Hour*



HARVEST  
MARKET

October 16, 2025

5:00pm - ???



I'm very sorry to announce that, until sanity is restored in America and my Canadian family is once again comfortable crossing the US border, my Oktoberfest will be paused.

I'm grateful for everyone's support over the past 46 years, and I look forward to one day resuming our annual tradition of hosting friends and family for a day filled with food, music, and cheer.

*Roger Schnelten*

**A Schnelten family tradition.**

**Partially cosponsored by the Springfield Bike Club and the Springfield Ski & Travel Club.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

### *Dining Out*

November 6 - 5:30pm  
Sangamo Brewing

### *Happy Hour*

November 20 - 5pm to ??  
Brewski's Pub

## **DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!**

### **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

### **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

### **Sullivan's Little Theater "Come from Away" Musical Play & Lunch at Yoder's Kitchen**

July 30, 2026

**TRIP LEADER:** *Jana Kincaid*, jagrolling90@gmail.com, (217) 416-0955

### *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  
**Kathryn Hanlon**  
(217) 494-7967, kathryn.hanlon@comcast.net

### **STUNNING SOUTH AFRICA**

August 20, 2026- September 5, 2026

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





## Pumpkin Creek Farms Pumpkin Patch

7392 Barclay Road | Sherman, Illinois

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 | 1:00 pm

**\$8 for Senior Citizens 65 and over,**

**Please RSVP to [rose.johnson-99@comcast.net](mailto:rose.johnson-99@comcast.net)**

Who says pumpkin patches are just for kids? At Pumpkin Creek Farms in Sherman, they offer a wide range of fun activities for adults:

- Take a stroll through the corn maze.
- Hop aboard the hayrack ride.
- Show off your baseball pitching, football throwing or basketball hoop skills.
- Visit the petting zoo.
- Play pumpkin checkers.
- Pick out your own pumpkin in the pumpkin patch.
- Try out the new tractor pull.
- Before you leave visit the country store, grab some freshly made pumpkin donuts or candied nuts.

## Fall Sign-Up Party



## 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

## ADOPT-A-STREET CLEANUP

**Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025 Meet at 9:00 am**

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

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Keith Hopper	1	Jean Courtney Jacobs	10	Steve Valasek	22
Kathy Imler	1	Grace Doolin	10	Alan Stutz	22
Kevin McClain	3	Tom McMurray	10	Rick Griminger	23
Mark Edmiston	3	Lois Stone	11	Jan Cimarossa	23
Connie Roberts	4	Arlene Mathews	11	Edward Huntley	24
Michael Fahsl	4	Geoff Gaar	13	Cheryl Lawrence	24
Ray Sitki	5	Don Broughton	13	Linda Arand	24
Nancy Hamer	5	Kim Hopkins	14	Jo Ann Hannig	25
Melody Brookshier	7	Michael L Mark	16	Lisa Mau	26
Judy Nesbitt	7	Martha Ann Meinhardt	16	Jeff Elston	26
Tim Duggan	9	James Nuss	17	Karen Pyle	27
Lee Bertagnolli	9	Deb Lewis	17	Tim Habing	29
Kevin Davlin	9	Gary Kindred	18	Dave Walters	30
Sandy Nickell	10	F. Renee Mapes	20	Kim Rockford	30

## OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Dining Out Corner Pub 5:30pm	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Board Meeting	10	11 Adopt-A-Street 9:00am
12	13	14 Pumpkin Creek Farm	15	16 Happy Hour Harvest Market	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Halloween Party
26 Arsenic & Old Lace Day Trip	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween!	





# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COLUMBIA & SNAKE RIVERS

During the early morning hours of Sunday, September 14, a group of 30 SSTC members – and intrepid travelers – gathered in the Meijer parking lot to board a bus bound for Chicago O'Hare Airport, the first leg of their journey to the great Pacific Northwest, to begin a week-long adventure. After a smooth and uneventful flight from O'Hare to Portland - the best sort of flight - we were met at the luggage carousel by Sue, our tour manager, and, once all the bags had been claimed, boarded our motor coach, piloted by Jay, the self-proclaimed world's best bus driver, for a short trip to the hotel. There, we settled into our rooms for a couple of hours before heading to an enjoyable welcome dinner.

The next morning, after downing a hearty breakfast, we began Day 2 of our adventure with a ride to the Women's Forum Overlook along the Columbia River, from which we could spot the famous Vista House, with its scenic views of the river. Then, we were off to the Columbia River Gorge and its majestic Multnomah Falls, with waters cascading down the 620-foot drop into a churning natural pool. Many of us climbed the hill to the bridge crossing the Gorge, which gave us a bird's-eye view of the Falls, and the people below.

Once we had soaked in the stunning scenery at the Multnomah Falls, we were off to the fascinating Bonneville Lock and Dam, which has provided hydroelectric power to Oregon since its dedication by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1937. The Lock is noteworthy in part because it provides an excellent example of the sort of "ladders" that are built to serve as a pathway for the salmon to swim upstream to their spawning grounds, after spending several years in the ocean. The Visitor's Center has windows below the water level from which one can view the fish swimming through a channel constructed to guide them by the Center, where the windows also serve as ports for the staff who count the passing fish on a daily basis. Inside the hydroelectric plant, there is a small museum, where dozens of historical items are displayed. The entire visit was well worthwhile.

Before returning to Portland from the Lock and Dam, we made one more stop – a delightful surprise visit to the Sturgeon Viewing and Interpretative Center, where we met Herman, a six-foot long sturgeon swimming in a pond at the Center - quite a fish! Back in Portland, we had an enjoyable tour of the city, seeing the many bridges that dot their landscape, among myriad other sights. The highlight of this tour was our stop at the famous International Rose Test Gardens – a beautiful spot, even for those who are not particular fans of flower gardens.



The next morning, we departed our hotel in Portland, heading first to Mount Hood, the highest peak in Oregon. There, we got to explore the famous Timberline Lodge, a National Historic Landmark built during the Depression, and to view Mount Hood from close up. After an enjoyable – and filling – lunch at the lodge, we left to head east, on the way to Pendleton, OR. That trip took us from the hills and forests west of the Cascade Mountain range to the arid and barren high desert plains to the east. It was a fitting landscape for solar farms, and we saw several large ones on our way.

In addition to a stop at a lonely Love's service station, we had a bit of an unexpected stop as our driver, Jay, had been in contact with his friend Kenny, a fellow motor coach driver, who owned an orchard near our route. We stopped to greet Kenny on the side of the road, and he brought us a couple delicious cases of apples and one of juicy peaches. Fortified by the fruit – and the Blue Mountains we could see in the distance – we finished our journey to Pendleton. That night, we were staying at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino, where we had dinner shortly after arrival. Once dinner was consumed, a number of us retired to the casino to try our luck, with varying degrees of success.

After breakfast, we left The Wildhorse and headed north, to Walla Walla, Washington. Along the way, we saw field after field of dryland wheat, virtually as far as the eye could see. The area around Walla Walla had been visited by Lewis and Clark, on their return trip to St. Louis from the Pacific. It also had witnessed wagon trains heading further west and the 1860s gold rush in the Pacific Northwest. The museum grounds included a small village and the museum itself, was packed with historical items of interest, most of which were explained to us in some detail by our very thorough volunteer guide.



Following the museum visit, and lunch, we boarded our bus once again, and headed off to Lewiston, Idaho, which was to be our pushing off point for an excursion of about 120 miles, on the Snake River, into the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area – the deepest gorge in North America. Our trip to Lewiston, on a two-lane, winding road, provided views of the rolling hills of eastern Washington, covered with wheat, wheat, and more wheat – much unlike the Midwest, with its alternating fields of corn and soybeans.

To say that our jet boat journey into Hells Canyon was one of the highlights of our visit to the great Pacific Northwest would be a vast understatement. The scenery on this 120-mile roundtrip was so varied that it was more than worth the price of admission, with wildlife ranging from bald eagles to long-horned sheep and terrain from volcanic rock formations to river confluences to Native American petroglyphs. It was truly amazing – and definitely worth the trip!



After the jet boat ride – and once we had our land legs back under us - we got on the bus once more and headed off to the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort and Hotel, in Worley, Idaho. Upon arrival, and checking in to our rooms, we had an opportunity to explore the casino briefly. Then, it was on to a dinner highlighted by a Native American experience, which included traditional storytelling, singing, dancing – and tribal cuisine – greatly entertaining and enjoyable. Once the festivities had concluded, we had a chance to try our hands in the casino, once more, again with varying degrees of success.

Following another hearty breakfast, Day 6 of our adventure began with a visit to an Eagle Aviary, to learn about its services in the rehabilitation of injured eagles, no longer able to survive in the wild. Upon returning to the Casino Resort, we enjoyed a luncheon program highlighted by a presentation on birds of prey from wildlife biologist Jane Veltkamp and her husband, who were assisted by live raptors, including two owls, a red-tailed hawk, and a peregrine falcon. Later in the afternoon, we left for Lake Coeur d'Alene, to enjoy a dinner cruise around the lake, accompanied by a beautiful sunset.



The next day, we left Coeur d'Alene, sadly, and made our way to Spokane, Washington. There, we headed to Riverfront Park and got to ride on gondolas, high above the Spokane River and Spokane Falls. Following the gondola ride, members of the group split up, with some choosing to ride on an historic merry-go-round and others wandering and exploring the many other attractions in the park. Thereafter, we boarded the bus for a short ride to our hotel in Spokane. The day concluded with a farewell dinner, hosted by Sue, our very capable tour manager.



On Sunday, September 21, Day 8 of our adventure in the great Pacific Northwest, we had another hearty breakfast and then headed to the tiny airport they call Spokane International – seems they are able to call it that because it does offer flights to another country – Canada, of course!

And so ended the latest chapter in the tour trip history of the SSTC – another great adventure! Until next time . . .

Ed Huntley,  
Trip Leader

## 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](mailto:SSTCQUESTIONS@springfieldskiclub.org).** In addition, it is on the website's calendar, [www.springfieldskiclub.org](http://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**

Full Trip Price: \$ _____	App. No. _____	Wait List: _____
1 <sup>st</sup> Deposit: \$ _____	Partial Trip Price: \$ _____	Notes: _____
2 <sup>nd</sup> Deposit: \$ _____	Due: _____ / _____ / _____	Paid: _____ / _____ / _____
Final Payment: \$ _____	Due: _____ / _____ / _____	Paid: _____ / _____ / _____
Approved Refund: \$ _____	Total Paid: \$ _____	

## **STANDING RULE #2**

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

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

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

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## **STANDING RULE #5**

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

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

## **STANDING RULE #7**

### **GROUND TRANSPORTATION SMOKING POLICY (11/14/96)**

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

## **STANDING RULE #8**

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

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

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

**TITLE:** "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](mailto: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.

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## 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](mailto:scout64ih1@aol.com)) (217) 971-1600
- CO TRIP LEADER:** Kathy Bacon ([baconkb@aol.com](mailto: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/>

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## SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

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



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

\*Cancel by November 20, 2025: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.

\*Cancel after November 20, 2025: If a replacement is found, a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee. **Refunds** are processed after the trip is completed.

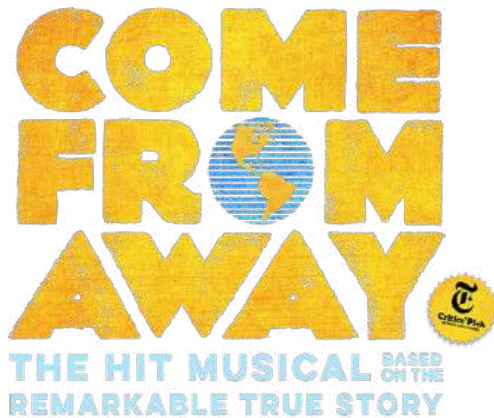
\*Cancel after November 20, 2025: If no replacement is found, NO refund will be issued.



## SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

- TITLE:** Sullivan's Little Theater "Come from Away" Musical Play & Lunch at Yoder's Kitchen
- WHEN:** Thursday, July 30, 2026, leaving Meijer promptly at 9:00 AM and returning approximately 5:30 PM
- TRIP LEADER:** Jana Kincaid, [jagrolling90@gmail.com](mailto:jagrolling90@gmail.com), (217)416-0955
- PRICE:** \$137 (30 participants needed for the trip to be a go.)
- TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, driver tip, lunch (includes dessert, coffee, tea, soft drinks, tip & tax), wine tasting and tour of winery
- ACTIVITIES:** We will travel to Arthur, IL for a shopping stop at Beachy's Bulk Food and a scrumptious buffet lunch (with pie) at the famous Amish Yoder's Kitchen. We will then proceed to the Little Theater on the Square in Sullivan for a performance of "Come from Away", a musical, based on the true events in the Newfoundland town of Gander during the week following the September 11 attacks, when 38 planes, carrying approximately 7,000 passengers, were ordered to land unexpectedly at Gander International Airport. The characters in the musical are based on actual Gander residents and the stranded travelers they housed and fed.
- FOOD:** Buffet Lunch with pie and soft drinks included at Yoder's Restaurant in Arthur, IL



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

- \*Cancel by December 18, 2025: A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- \*Cancel after December 18, 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 December 18, 2025: 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](mailto:patriciastaab2118@gmail.com)  
Wendy Schluter (217) 415-4764; [schluter.wendy@yahoo.com](mailto: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:**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**4<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> payment: \$1200 double, \$1610 single; without air, deduct \$300.  
August 21, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 and Travel Club

## Stunning South Africa Trip

**When:** August 20, 2026 – September 4, 2026 (31-44 maximum travelers)  
*(Possibility of date variance by 1 day due to flight schedule)*

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

**Price: Combined air and land**

Double occupancy - \$7,500.00

Single occupancy – additional \$1,600.00

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

**Trip Includes:**

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



**Activity Level:**

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

**Payment Schedule:** Combined air and land

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

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

**Cancellation Dates/Fees**

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

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

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

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

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

**Passports:** With your trip application, submit a copy of the first page of your Passport that shows your picture, passport number and expiration date. **Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date (March 8, 2027) for international travel.**

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





# SPRINGFIELD SKI & 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](http://www.springfieldskiclub.org)

Questions may be directed to [sstcquestions@springfieldskiclub.org](mailto:sstcquestions@springfieldskiclub.org)

### Primary Membership Information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership and Dues - Non-Refundable:

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

#### Volunteer Hours ( check at least 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 <b>Each</b> 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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_