



Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski Club

Happy Hour

September 20th
5:00 to ??

MOTORHEADS

600 Toronto Road
Springfield



SEPTEMBER 6

Alexander's Steak House

620 BRUNS LANE | SPRINGFIELD

COCKTAILS 5:30 | DINNER 6:00

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL MENU AVAILABLE.

Please make reservations by the Wednesday night before
by contacting Karen and Tom Hafel at
khafel@comcast.net or calling (217) 546-0236.

SAVE THE DATES

(Details herein and at Sept. 8 Sign Up Party)

September 8
Sign Up Party, Tradewinds, 4:30-?

DAY TRIPS

September 15

Vintage Illinois, Fall Wine Tasting,

September 29

Joint Ski Clubs Golf Outing, Bloomington

October 7

40th Annual Oktoberfest, Roger Schnelten

October 20

Fall Fest Day in Arthur,

Amish Guided Tour & Pumpkin Festival

November 16

Hill Prairie Winery Murder Mystery Dinner

January , 2019

Chicago Winter Ale Fest

February 23 - Taste of Soulard

TOUR TRIPS

NOVEMBER 4-16 PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

DECEMBER 9-14- SNOWBIRD, UTAH, SKIING

**JANUARY 12-19- TURKS AND CAICOS WINTER
TRIP TO WARMER CLIMES**

**FEB.22-MARCH 4 – ANDORRA AND BARCELONA,
SKIING IN THE PYRENEES**

MARCH 14-26 - TOUR DE FRANCE

POOL LEAGUE

SEPTEMBER 5

POOL LEAGUE BEGINS, MOWIE'S CUE

*Members can sign up for most events
at the monthly Happy Hours.*

SEPTEMBER 2018

The Dining Out Group always meets the 1st Thurs of each month khafel@comcast.net
 Springfield Ski Club Board meets every 2nd Thursday of the month
 The SSC Happy Hour is ALWAYS the 3rd Thurs of the month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 BIKE NIGHT	28	29 Pickleball	30	31	1
2	3 LABOR DAY	4	5 Pool League Starts Pickleball	6 Dining Out Group Alexander's	7	8 Fall Sign-Up Party Tradewinds 4:30-11:30 pm
9	10 BIKE NIGHT	11	12 Pool League Pickleball	13 Board Meeting Sloat's Home 5:30 pm	14	15 VINTAGE ILLINOIS DAY TRIP
16	17 BIKE NIGHT	18	19 Pool League Pickleball	20 HAPPY HOUR Motorheads	21	22
23 30	24 BIKE NIGHT	25	26 Pool League Pickleball	27	28	29 Golf Outing Bloomington

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month's photo is from the Illinois State Fair! We went three times; with our grandkids, out of town friends and the two of us for Brantley Gilbert. We love all the concerts and live music available in Springfield. Having lived in the Chicago area for over 30 years, we had lots of music and plays available, but the parking cost at much as the tickets! Adding baby-sitting, we did not go often. We try to take advantage of all that Springfield offers.

The Board has been discussing the printed newsletters and cost. We send out two complete, printed Snowjourners twice a year before the Signup parties. But we have also been sending out a written two-page letter to 100 members who said they prefer printed to email. The

printed newsletters cost \$1 to \$2 a month with printing and mailing. The Board is asking members if they would pay an additional membership fee to cover these ten mailings a year. We would like your input!

The SSC is in the process of approving two ski trips and signing the contracts before the September 8 sign party.

We have many more plans in the works. Please consider getting involved by volunteering for a committee to help assist an officer or to plan the ski trips. The more input the better!!

See you at Happy Hour!

Cheri Brueggemann Sloat
President



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you all who gave service to the community of Springfield by volunteering at APL parking lot at the State Fair, and to those who worked on Adopt-a -Street on August 25. You can volunteer in September by helping at the Capital City Century Bike Ride, September 7-9. You will need to apply quickly and can register online at volunteering@spfldcycling.org or con-

tact Alicia Bibb at alicia.bibb@comcast.net. You can also contact Judy Nesbitt at judy_nesbitt@comcast.net. At the sign up party September 8 you will have an opportunity to volunteer for Trivia Night in January.

Richard Bergt
Community Service Chair



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Bjorkback-York	1	Dean Disbrow	11	Rick Young.....	21
Patricia A. Traylor	2	Lois Bloechle.....	12	Darlene Hadsell	23
Nancy Simpson	3	Cathy Cragoe	13	Michael Bowers	23
Carol Burck.....	3	Scott Tiskos	13	Dee Hadsell.....	23
Carolyn Allen	3	Wil Kane	13	Cheri Brueggemann Sloat	24
Barry Erlandson	4	Marilyn Sue Bacon	14	Jim Heller.....	24
Mary Schofield.....	4	Julie Kueper	15	Byron Low.....	25
Susie Shackleton	5	James Maggio.....	16	David Sloat	26
Michael R. Motor.....	5	Thomas Clark	17	Don Papenburg	27
Marty Morris	6	Mary O'Brien	17	Mel Logsdon	27
Hope Rolens.....	6	Kitt Lynch	17	Kim Proia (1996)	27
Chris Maltby	7	Michael B. Bernasek	17	Don Dellert.....	27
Wendeline Schluter	7	Patricia Howard.....	19	Gordon Henderson.....	28
Marla Clark.....	7	Nicholas Brookshier	20	Karen Hafel.....	28
Barry Webster	9	Theresa Endris	20	Linda Jurgens.....	28
Bob Watkin.....	9	Robert Wyatt	21	Martha (Marty) Stutz	28
Rosie Camille	10	Catherine Rovey	21		



Fall

SIGN-UP PARTY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 • 4:30 TO 11:00

TRADE WINDS *at Knight's Action Park, outdoor pavilion*

Main entrance opens at 4:30 p.m, when numbers for sign-ups will be given out. The adjacent bar will be open. Food service available at 5:30. (Volunteers and trip leaders can eat at 5:00).

Tradewinds employees will grill hamburgers and pork chops.

Sign up will last until 7:00 and a DJ will play until 11:00.

Prior to 4:30, only board members, trip leaders and those assisting with the party will be allowed in the sign up and eating areas. Early sign ups at 5:00 and will include members with 10 volunteer hours. Other members can sign-up at 5:30.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

In order to sign up for any trip or activity (billiards, etc.), your membership MUST be current and in good standing. The new membership card for 2018-2019 is colored pink. If your card is not pink, then you need to renew in order to sign up for any trip or activity. The membership table will be "open for business" at 4:30. Our Membership VP will be available to sign up new members, member renewals, updating directory information, and assisting with other membership issues.

SIGN-UP PROCEDURES:

- ▶ As mentioned previously, **NO EARLY sign-up sheets.**
- ▶ Members may line up at 4:30. **You will be given a number for each individual trip. Members must stay in the immediate area and not leave.** You may go into the bar, but you need to have your payment ready and be ready to line up at 5:00.
- ▶ When you enter the main area, **please sign up for only the numbered trip.**
- ▶ You can sign up yourself **and up to two other members in good standing for any activity or trip.**
- ▶ Everyone must fully **complete a Trip Application form and have payment available for any trip for each person you will be signing up, including yourself.** A copy of the Trip Application Form is included in the newsletter and on the website www.springfieldskiclub.org. Additional copies will be available at the sign-up party. **PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE AND FILL OUT EACH APPLICATION AHEAD OF TIME, INCLUDING PASSPORT NUMBERS, IF REQUIRED.**
- ▶ **A separate check is required for each trip or activity.** If you are signing up more than one person for a particular trip, one check can be used for that trip. All checks will be deposited on the Monday following the party. Checks should be made payable to "SSC."
- ▶ At 5:00, the Sergeant at Arms (Executive VP) will form lines for each trip according to the numbers handed out. **When the doors open at 5:30, he/she will lead each group of numbered members to the appropriate sign-up table.** At that time, the Trip Leader or designee will process your trip application form and check. Please remember that other members, who are entitled to early sign-up privileges, may have already signed up for that trip. **Hence, your name may not be the first on the trip leader's sign-up sheet, even if you have number one.**
- ▶ **If a member is entitled to early sign-up** (officer, trip leader, member with 10 hours of volunteer time), he/she can only sign up themselves. **In other words, you cannot sign up two people unless you receive a number and wait in line like everyone else. You cannot sign up your spouse, significant other, etc., even if you are an officer, a trip leader, or a member with 10 hours volunteer time! If you would like early sign-up privileges at the next sign-up party, PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING AN OFFICER, TRIP LEADER OR VOLUNTEER FOR 10 HOURS. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE LISTED IN THE NEWSLETTER AND ALSO ON FACEBOOK.**
- ▶ All trips and activity tables will be open until 7:00 pm.

Check out this Snowjourner for the trip details, prices, etc. being offered for this sign-up party.

When the sign-up of trips, activities, etc. is completed, a speaker will announce the outcome of the trips.

We look forward to seeing you on September 8th, so get those trip applications and checks together and be ready to party!!

- Rick Griminger, Executive VP and Sergeant of Arms

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SEPTEMBER 8 - SIGN UP PARTY

2-3 people to help with set up and tear down, 4 people to serve food, Please contact Carol Johnson at carolsue1210@gmail.com if you can help.

OCTOBER 18 - HAPPY HOUR

3-4 people to help decorate for a Halloween Theme. If you can help, please contact Karen Kuhar at karenkuhar115@gmail.com.

DECEMBER 20

HAPPY HOUR/CHRISTMAS PARTY

5-6 people needed to help plan, organize, decorate and serve food. If you can help, please contact Karen Kuhar at karenkuhar115@gmail.com.

NOTE:

Please consider being on a committee full time to assist Karen with Happy Hours.



Welcome New Members

Karen Starling Mark Hanson



DAYTRIPSDAYTRIPSDAYTRIPSDAYTRIPS

September 15 - Vintage Illinois, Fall Wine Tasting Event

The largest and most beautiful fall wine tasting event is located at Matthiessen State Park in Oglesby, Illinois. Twenty-six wineries are represented. There will be five to six food vendors and two to three groups will provide entertainment. Each person will receive a souvenir glass and seven free tastes. Additional tastes and bottles of wine may be purchased.

Guests/Participants should be prepared with photo ID showing proof of age. Trip price: \$80.00 • Cancellation fee: \$20.00

Lois Bloechle is your trip leader and can be contacted at 638-9000 or bloechle3@gmail.com



September 29 - A Day of FUN and Golf

Presented by the Ski Kouncil of Illinois (SKI)

See page 7 for details. **Sign up by Friday, September 21.**



October 20 - Fall Fun Day in Arthur AMISH GUIDED TOUR • PUMPKIN FESTIVAL LUNCH AT AN AMISH FARM • SHOPPING

Bus will leave at 8 am. From Walmart south parking lot on LeJune Dr., and returns at 6 pm.

Cost: \$80.00 - Trip leader, Jennifer Shrake (217) 698-5480 or jshrake@comcast.net

“WHO WHACKED WILLIE WONKA?”

Friday, November 16, Hill Prairie Winery • Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

Limited to 25 people, \$82.00 per person. The bus will leave promptly at 5:30 P.M. Drinks can be purchased separately and we are free to sample wines. We will all be seated together and the show lasts until about 9:30.

Trip Leader: Lana Keith

Email: lkeith6552@gmail.com Cell: 217-622-6938



Chicago Ale Festival January, 2019

We anticipate the Chicago winter Ale Festival will be at the Aon Grand ballroom at Navy pier. The festival features more than 150 American Craft Beers and will feature some favorite Chicago food trucks and a DJ spinning your favorite hits. Details will be available at the Sep. 8 Sign Up Party.

Price est. \$110 per person

Joe O'Beirne will be the Trip Leader.

Please contact Joe at (217)816-4255 or

email obe25@sbcglobal.net.

Taste of Souldard February 23, 2019

This has been a popular event! For a modest price, Taste of Souldard attendees receive a ticket booklet that includes a map of the Souldard area and location of participating establishments. Attendees create their own “pub crawl,” exchanging tickets from their booklets for drinks and/or food.

Cost: \$70.00, includes \$25.00 ticket booklet

Cancellation fee, \$18.00

Tentative Time line, the bus will leave Springfield at 10:00 a.m. The bus home will leave at 4:30.

I am looking for a person to volunteer to be trip leader. In the meantime, please contact Mike Bloechle at m.bloechle@comcast.net for information and questions.

*Presented by: Ski Council of Illinois (SKI)
Bloomington/Normal Ski and Social Club, Champaign Ski &
Adventure Club, Peoria Ski Club, Springfield Ski Club*



A Day of FUN and GOLF!

Saturday, September 29th

First Group tees off at 11:00 a.m.

Prairie Vista Golf Course, Bloomington

Beginners and Experienced Golfers Welcome

18 HOLES! Best position

When you RSVP, we will construct foursomes to have all levels of golfers and mix of golfers from all four ski clubs. A- Superior B- Good C -Novice
What a great way to meet new people, make new friends and have **FUN**.

Note: Only paid golfers will be allowed in carts on the course.

Cost: \$48.00 (\$37.00 if 60 or older) includes 18 holes, motorized cart, bucket of balls per cart.

- **We have 8 tee times reserved.**

Once we have a list of everyone who's golfing, you will receive an e-mail with directions to the course, your assigned tee time, and any additional information necessary for the day.

Prizes will be awarded for low team score, longest putt, longest drive (men and women). Most prizes will be random drawings of everyone who is golfing on the 29th.

Note: No money due at the time of sign-up. Be prepared to pay at the golf course the day of the event. Arrive 60 minutes before your assigned tee time to pay and get all necessary information for the day and hit your bucket of balls.

EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE IN THEIR CARTS AND READY TO TEE OFF 10 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR TEE TIME. CARTS WILL BE ASSIGNED (NAMES WILL BE ON THE CARTS)

Sign up by: Friday, September 21st

Club Members – contact to sign up

Bloomington/Normal- Carol Drake-309-530-4484-carollee216@hotmail.com

Springfield Club Members –Gary Kindred-217-9231-garylindred55@gmail.com

Peoria Club Members – Carol Ferino- 309-370-1218 -kcd413@comcast.net

Champaign Club Members – – Tony Curcio-847-609-8732- coachtony14@msn.com

Please provide them with this information:

- Name, phone number and e-mail address
- **Level of golfing ability**

Please let us know if you are A- Superior B- Good C -Novice

- Joining us for dinner? Yes/No

Dinner and awards will be at GILL STREET SPORTS BAR & RESTAURANT

3002B Gill st - Bloomington, il 61704

40TH ANNUAL OKTOBER Fest

October 7th

LET'S MAKE OUR 40TH OUR BIGGEST AND BEST YET!

Music: The party starts earlier in order to host TWO BANDS. Doug Strahan & the Good Neighbors from Austin, TX hit the stage around 2:30 and Antone and Wick, local favorites, start their set at 7:00.

Food: Brats and burgers around 3:00, with snacks and Mike's fabulous fish available earlier.

Beer: Expect Larry's always popular wine table, as well as flavorful German draught beers, including Spaten Oktoberfest (the original from 1260) and Erdinger Dunkel, the most delicious dark malty wheat beer ever. Not into fancy beer? We'll have a keg of American lager for you, too.

Great bonfire around dusk.

Thirty mile bike ride leaves at 2:00

Fifteen miler leaves at 3:00

Lawn chairs and carpooling are suggested and covered dishes are welcome.

*Roger Schnelten, Host
529-0780 • 245 Circle Dr, (Laketown) Springfield*



Fast Eddies and Fairmount Park

On Saturday, July 28, 43 SSC members and two guests headed south to Fast Eddie's in Alton. On the way there, everyone was given a bag of treats and four lucky people found candy kisses. Each received a \$20.00 gift card to a locally owned Springfield restaurant, which was an excellent start to a fun day. We arrived at the popular Fast Eddie's around 3:30 and it was a beautiful day to be outdoors and dance in the sun to a 2 -piece band. People remarked on the good and reasonably priced bar food.

We left for Fairmount Race Track in Collinsville, arriving about 7:00. On the way, Greg Cox gave a brief talk about betting lingo and how to place bets.

We had plenty of time to purchase programs and tip sheets, view the horses up close and place bets before the first race at 7:30.

The weather was still perfect and the races were close and exciting. We left for home after five races and had several winners!! Deon Bishop may have been the biggest winner, making about \$19.00. There were plenty of non-winners as well, including co-leaders Carol Johnson and Greg Cox; but everyone had fun on the bus ride home with several outbursts of song. Good food, great friends and lots of fun things to do added up to an excellent Ski Club Day Trip!

Greg Cox and Carol Johnson, Trip Leaders



PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

November 4 - 16, 2018

PRICE \$2370/person (double occupancy) inside cabin \$2790/person (double occupancy) oceanview cabin
 \$2680/person (double occupancy) porthole cabin \$3450/person (double occupancy) balcony cabin
 Maximum number of participants is 32. No Single Supplements are available.

TRIP LEADER:
Karen Kuhar

TRIP INCLUDES

- Round trip air transportation between Springfield and Miami
- One night of lodging at the Miami Hampton Inn & Suites on November 4
- Shuttle to and from PortMiami
- Eleven nights on the Norwegian Jade
- Balcony, oceanview, porthole or inside cabin (price based on category of cabin)
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Meals – breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Beverage package (includes MOST alcoholic beverages)
- Specialty restaurants available for an additional fee
- Onboard and beverage gratuities (Spa & salon services and specialty restaurants will have an additional 18% gratuity charge.)



PORT SPECIFICS

- **11/8 Cartagena** – a fascinating city, nearly surrounded by lagoons, bays and the Caribbean Sea.
- **11/9 The Panama Canal** – an engineering masterpiece that connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The ship will enter the first set of locks, then turn around in Gatun Lake and exit the canal the way it entered.
- **11/9 Colon** – an international trade city, most notable for the Colon Free Zone, an import/export hub and a good place to shop.
- **11/10 Puerto Limon** – a gateway to the capital city of San Jose which is known for its coffee plantations and many beautiful theaters.
- **11/12 Roatán** – an island floating 30 miles off the Caribbean coastline of Honduras. The idyllic beaches are surrounded by reefs teeming with marine life.
- **11/13 Harvest Caye** – A Norwegian exclusive port in Belize with seven acres of pristine white sand beach and crystal clear waters. Also home to Flighthouse, a 130-foot tall jumping point for various aerial activities.
- **11/14 Costa Maya** – an incredible section of the Southern Yucatan coast that is home to mysterious ruins, monkeys, rare birds and a magnificent coral reef.



SHIP AMENITIES

- Hair dryer & safe in room
- 3 swimming pools • Water slide
- Spa • 4 hot tubs • Library
- WIFI in some areas • Video Arcade
- Cell phone service • Shops
- Fitness Center • Jogging Track
- Tennis court • Basketball court
- 3 bars/lounges
- Disco/dancing
- Night life in the Bliss Ultra Lounge
- Broadway-style shows
- Casino

Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski Club strongly recommends 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. Trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

PAYMENTS Deposit at sign-up: \$600
 AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel.

2nd Payment due 5/15/2018

\$590/694/730/950 (based on cabin choice)

3rd Payment due 6/10/2018

\$590/694/730/950 (based on cabin choice)

4th Payment due 7/10/2018

\$590/694/730/950 (based on cabin choice)

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

CANCELLATION DATES/FEE'S Cutoff date is April 27, 2018, with SSC \$25 processing fee. Cancel more than 90 days prior to departure, fee is \$325; 60-89 days prior to departure – 10% of the cost of the trip; 30-59 days prior to departure, fee is 65%; less than 30 days prior to departure, fee is 100%. Passenger substitutions within 45 days of departure are treated as cancellations. **Any cancellation will result in a \$25 SSC processing fee.**

Optional Shore Excursions will be offered by Norwegian – Link to descriptions of the excursions:
<https://www.shoreexcursionsgroup.com/results/?line=162&shipld=2431&arrival=2018-11-05&nights=11>

SKI TRIP TO SNOWBIRD, UTAH DECEMBER 9-14

Snowbird's 2,500 skiable acres are accessed via one tram and 10 chairlifts, including six high-speed detachable quads and four doubles. The Utah ski resort has a summit and base elevation of 11,000 feet and 7,760 feet, with a vertical drop of 3,240 feet.

Snowbird averages approximately 500 inches of snowfall a year.

Expected price: \$1,250

Includes 5 nights lodging at the Cliff Lodge in Snowbird

Four day Snowbird lift ticket (upgrade to Dual resort w/Alta available)

Round trip air from STL to SLC

Round trip transfers from SLC to Cliff Lodge in Snowbird

Canyon view with 2 Queen beds, coffee maker and mini fridge

Welcome function, free introduction to the Mountain Tour and Powder Perks Discount Program.

S.K.I Trip to Crested Butte, February 3-9

Cost: \$1059, plus \$645 on AA from Peoria to Denver to GUC.

Second option, a Feb. 2-9, costing \$1149 plus \$729 on AA from Bloomington to Denver to GUC. Lodging will be at "elevations," which means it is a ski in and ski out Hotel. S.K.I is also exploring options for a 7 day flight out of Champaign and a 7 day flight out of Peoria. The land package includes lodging, a 5 day lift ticket, daily full breakfasts, happy hours and a fun contest with prizes.



Andorra/Barcelona, Skiing in the Pyrenees Feb. 22-March 4, 2019

Six nights in Andorra with many shopping and sight seeing activities. Grandvalira in Andorra is the biggest ski resort in the Pyrenees and Southern Europe. It has 127 runs, covering more than 200 km. Great Pass pricing and Senior discounts for lift tickets. Senior Gold pass for those born 1948 or before, ski free! Daily Breakfast and dinner .

Three nights in Barcelona, with daily hotel continental breakfast, snacks and drinks from the lounge.
Round trip from Chicago to Barcelona, Price based on double occupancy rooms.
Transfers in Europe. Springfield to Chicago a la carte. Expected price: \$1,800.

TURKS AND CAICOS

January 12-19, 2019

Trip Leader: Jan Joyce

\$2050/person (double occupancy) Maximum number of participants is 24.

No Single Supplements are available.

Trip Includes:

- Round trip air transportation between Springfield and Providenciales, Turks and Caicos
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Ground transportation to and from the Turquoise ClubMed Resort
- Seven nights at the all inclusive, adults only Turquoise Club Med Resort

Resort Features:

- Adults-only resort
- Located on Grace Bay beach
- Free WIFI
- Rooms with flat-screen TV and coffee maker
- Non-smoking rooms
- One restaurant
- Two bars
- Weight room



Activities (some require an extra fee):

- Tennis
- Fitness classes • Cardio classes
- Stretching program for pain relief, flexibility and improved posture and range of motion
- Flying trapeze training
- Circus activities such as juggling
- Golf (rental equipment available)
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Football
- Beach volleyball
- Horseback riding
- Boating
- Diving



Located at Grace Bay

Deposit at sign-up: \$684

PAYMENTS:

Deposit at sign-up: \$684.00

AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION. Passports must be valid for 3 months after the trip return date for international travel.

2nd Payment due 10/5/2018 – \$683.00

3rd Payment due 11/5/2018 – \$683.00

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

Cancellation Dates/Fees:

Cancel more than 91 days prior to departure - \$25 SSC processing fee

61-90 days prior to departure – 25% of Club Med fee

46-60 days prior to departure – 50% of Club Med fee

0-45 days prior to departure – No refund

Club Med Membership fee of \$60.00 is not refundable.

United Airlines Cancellation Dates/Fees:

No penalty prior to 10/14/2018

ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25

SSC PROCESSING FEE.

Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski Club strongly recommends 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. Trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

TOUR DE FRANCE

March 14-26, 2019

Trip Leader: David Sloat

\$3550/person (double occupancy) depending on the number of travelers.

Single Supplement - \$579 added to the price of the trip.



Trip Includes:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare
- Air transportation to and from Paris (CDG Airport)
- High-speed train transportation between Paris and Avignon
- Three nights in Paris at Mercure Paris Gare Montparnasse (4 star)
- Two nights in Caen at Royal Hotel de Caen (4 star)
- Two nights in Tours at Relais Saint-Eloi (3 star)
- Three nights in Avignon in Mercure Centre Palais des Papes (4 star)
- One night near Charles De Gaulle Airport at ibis Styles Paris CDG Airport (3 star)
- Actual hotels may change based on availability.
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Tour Leader Guide throughout the trip
- Four full-day tours (entrance fees included)
- Lunch cruise on the Seine River
- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and Welcome and Farewell dinners
- Gratuities for Tour Leader Guide, local guides, bus drivers and hotel porters (*one piece of luggage per person*), serving staff at included meals

Included Sightseeing Activities:

- Panoramic tour of Paris
- Luncheon cruise of the Seine River
- Visit to Normandy sites – 360 HD movie, Omaha Beach, The American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, Pointe du Hoc
- Explore the cliffs of Etretat
- Visit to Honfleur
- Tour Chateau du Breuil and their distillery with a tasting of old Calvados wine
- Visit the Chateaux of Angers, Villandry, Chenonceau and Chambord
- Trip to Chartres and its famous Cathedral
- See the Pont d'Avignon on the Rhone
- Participate in a guided visit of the Palais des Papes in Avignon
- Visit the Pont du Gard aqueduct
- Explore Nimes with its Amphitheatre and Roman Temple –Maison Caree
- Visit to Arles (Roman Arenas, Ancient Theatre, Church of Saint Trophime, Van Gogh's Café and the Forum Place)
- Visit to Versailles Palace
- Visits to five World Heritage Sites:
 - Pont du Gard
 - Arles
 - Chartres Cathedral
 - Versailles Palace
- Palais des Papes and Pont d'Avignon in Avignon)

Optional Sightseeing Activities:

- Guided tour of the Musee d'Orsay (entrance ticket included), walking tour of the Marais and Les Passages Couverts (\$165 pp) with two-course lunch with wine and coffee
- Full day excursion to Champagne and Reims (\$165 pp) – Champagne House (entrance tickets), two-course lunch with drink and coffee, and Reims and its Gothic Cathedral.
- Afternoon Luberon Villages Tour (\$45 pp) – Roussillon and Gordes

Deposit at sign-up: \$900

AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT #, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the return date for international travel.

2nd Payment due 10/8/18 \$900

(Single supplement add \$190 to 2nd payment.)

3rd Payment due 11/8/18 \$900

(Single supplement add \$190 to 3rd payment.)

4th Payment due 12/7/18 Amount to be determined by the trip leader in November 2018 and will depend on the number of travelers and finalization of costs.

(Single supplement add \$199 to 4th payment.)

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

Cancellation Dates/Fees:

Cutoff date – September 14, 2018, with SSC \$25 processing fee. 90 days or more prior to departure - \$300; 60-89 days prior to departure – \$1000; 45-59 days prior to departure – \$1500; 30-44 days prior to departure – \$2000; 29 days or fewer prior to departure – no refund. ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSC PROCESSING FEE.

Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski Club strongly recommends 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. Trip insurance is available from smarTours (800.337.7773) for \$179 (nonrefundable), but you can use other insurers as well. Trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

SPRINGFIELD SKI 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.”