

# Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



## DINING OUT *Papa Frank's*

4111 Wabash Avenue | Springfield, IL

**Thursday, July 6, 2023**  
**Cocktails at 5:30 | Dinner at 6:00**

Reservations are required by noon on  
Monday, July 3, 2023

Don Broughton, Dining Out Chairman  
Brought617@gmail.com

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Diane Holdreith  
Flo D'Elia  
Mike & Betsy Calvin  
Suzanne and John Sronce  
Kathy & Michael LaCamera  
Barbara Hennessy  
Jo Ambrose  
Gail Zappo  
Phyllis Baldwin  
Alicia Hawley  
John & Marilyn Carpenter

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Springfield Ski and Travel Club's Summer Picnic on June 15th was a fabulous success with almost 140 attendees! This annual party on the lake is hosted by SSTC's member Larry Michaud. Thanks to Larry for hosting and Tim Phillips for coordinating this great picnic! I am excited that we had an abundance of volunteers for the picnic, with a waiting list of volunteers! Kudos to Tim Phillips, Happy Hour Chairperson's diligent effort to successfully recruit so many members to assist in making this party a success!

My favorite quotes of the month:

Bobbie Cummins: "I like to volunteer to meet more members!"

Marilyn Johnson: "Wonderful picnic at a beautiful lake home!"

Lois Bloechle: "It was a great party! Thanks, Larry, for hosting and for all the members who volunteered to make it such a fun event!"

Diane Johnston: "Such a nice evening. So many admitted to not seeing anyone for so long. It was fun to reconnect. Thanks to all who made it possible."

The first sport activities have just begun for the season. Walking in Washington Park each week on Monday mornings and biking the Centennial bike trail on Wednesday mornings started this past week. I encourage everyone to participate. A third sport activity has been announced for June 22nd. Bocce ball is being offered along with expert Ski Club members training and refereeing. Obed and Isaac's is reserving the courts for our club! It is a great opportunity to learn Bocce and have fun with Club members.

The Board has approved an international trip to Germany in the fall of 2024. It is scheduled for stays in Prague, Czech Republic, Dresden, Germany and Berlin Germany. A trip to Mexico in February 2024 has also been approved by the board. Watch for the official announcement/flyer with all the details. Sign Up will be conducted at our annual Fall Sign-Up party on September 9, 2023.

The Day Trip Committee hosted a "Show and Go" trip to Petersburg to see "Steel Magnolias" on June 16th at the Theatre in the Park and a dinner at Hand of Fate. It was a lovely evening and a great chance to meet new members! Day Trips committee is also offering 2 spectacular offerings: Tina the Musical at the beautiful Fox Theatre and Illini/Wisconsin Homecoming game! These last two offerings had a short window for sign up since buying group tickets for popular events needs to be accomplished as soon as tickets are available and not sold out. At the time of Snowjourner publication, these two trips are sold out.

Mark your calendars for the September Fall Sign-Up Party on Saturday, September 9, 2023.

At your service,

**Debi Barr-Holquist**

President

Springfield Ski & Travel Club

SAVE THE DATE

### Dining Out

August 3, 2023  
TBA

### Happy Hour

August 17, 2023  
Prop Club

### Fall Sign Up Party

September 9, 2023

## DON'T MISS THESE DAY TRIPS!

### Fast Eddie's / Fairmount Racetrack

July 29, 2023

#### Trip Leaders:

Carol Johnson - (360) 259-9689; carolsue1210@gmail.com

Greg Cox - (217) 741-9335; Gregdcox49@gmail.com

### Illinois Vintage Wine Festival

Sept 16, 2023

#### Trip Leader:

Amy Dodd - (470) 362-8696; amydodd15@comcast.net

### Happy Hour

September 21, 2023  
Kentucky Burn

### ROGER SCHNELTEN'S OKTOBERFEST

October 8, 2023

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 9, 2023

Panther Creek Country Club

## Enchanting Peru Tour

October 5-16, 2023

DiAnn Trapp - 217-415-8055

diannaroo@gmail.com

Patty Staab - 217-836-4406

patstaab@comcast.net

## 13-Day Northern Italy Tour

May 2-14, 2024

Mike Bloechle - 217-787-1010

m.bloechle@comcast.net

## ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN HOMECOMING GAME

October 21, 2023

#### Trip Leader:

Joyce Metz - (217) 816-4123; joycemetz5@comcast.net

## "Tina" at the Fox Theater - St. Louis

November 18, 2023

#### Trip Leader:

Sheryl Friedrich - (217) 725-6919; sfriedrich1@sbcglobal.net

## ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President..... Debi Barr-Holquist  
 Executive VP ..... Mary Schackmann  
 Treasurer..... Teresa Watkin  
 Secretary..... Ruth Kopec  
 VP for Membership..... Sue Monteyne  
 VP for Day Trips..... Jan Freeman  
 VP for Tour Trips..... Nancy Chesley  
 VP for Ski Trips..... Rich Jachino  
 VP Events ..... Joyce Ludwig  
 Finance Chair ..... Carol Johnson  
 Publicity Chair/Happy Hours Chair..... Tim Phillips  
 Dine Out Chair ..... Don Broughton  
 Snowjourner Editor..... Amy Dodd  
 Skier Development..... Gary Kindred  
 Community Service..... Ed Huntley  
 Sports Director ..... Jean Courtney-Jacobs  
 Webmaster ..... Lois Bloechle

## JULY Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date
Theresa Watkin	2	Ruth Coleman	14
Ruth Hook	2	Christine Reed	14
Pat Mclean	3	Brian Cummins	14
Janet R Mark	3	Dan Lilly	16
Michael Bloechle	5	Jaylene Thicksten	16
Curtis E. Meinhardt	5	Bernie Coleman	16
Lisa Wentworth	5	Erika Fuhrmann	21
Franklin Weinkauff	5	Cindy Lynn	21
Amanda Cunningham	5	Suzanne Sronce	22
Donna Ragan	6	Linda Papenburg	22
Tom Shearer	6	Cynthia Jones	23
Darin Werking	7	Sandy Wilmot	23
Bill Hopkins	9	John Sronce	26
Ernesto Eusebio	9	Craig Neighbors	27
James Burke	10	Roger Ryan	28
Dennis Chrans	12	Mary Hanselman	28
Andrew Goleman	12	Edgar Caupert	29
Greg Cox	12	Shirley Cowles	31
Suzanne Meyer	13	Patty Elson	31
Byron Nesbitt	13	Debbie Fry	31
Donald Sutton	13		

## July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Walking at 9:00am	4 Independence Day	5 Biking at 9:00am	6 Dining Out Papa Frank's	7	8
9	10 Walking at 9:00am	11	12 Biking at 9:00am	13 Board Meeting	14	15
16	17 Walking at 9:00am	18	19 Biking at 9:00am	20 Happy Hour Tradewinds	21	22
23	24 Walking at 9:00am	25	26 Biking at 9:00am	27	28	29 Fast Eddie's/ Fairmount Racetrack Trip
30	31 Walking at 9:00am					

# BIKING AND WALKING ARE BACK

**Bicycling** will be held every Wednesday in July beginning at 9:00a.m. SHARP! We will meet in the parking lot at the start of the Centennial Trail, 5751 Bunker Hill Road, Springfield, IL 62711.

**Walking** will be held every Monday in July at 9:00a.m. SHARP! We will meet at Washington Park in the Rose Garden parking area.

Both events are at the most comfortable pace for you. These weekly ventures could go well into September or October, depending upon the weather.

Please notify [janjoyce15@gmail.com](mailto:janjoyce15@gmail.com) if you know you will be attending these events or if you have any questions. Even if you don't contact us, all are welcome!

Jean Courtney-Jacobs ([jean.courtney@comcast.net](mailto:jean.courtney@comcast.net))

*Sports Director*

## 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 Snow-journer 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.

We are proud our club stayed the course during the pandemic. Trips and activities are once again sold out.

Adventure awaits.

Mary Schackman

Executive Vice President - SSTC



Big congratulations to Tim Phillips, Happy Hour Chairperson, for putting together a fantastic summer picnic for Springfield Ski and Travel Club. We had a phenomenal turnout of almost 140 club members for the picnic.

Many thanks to Larry Michaud for hosting the picnic at his beautiful lakeside home.



I really appreciate all of the work and planning that went into this successful event and the outpouring of volunteers' time spent setting up, serving, cleaning up and parking our members.

A shout out to the signed up volunteers:

Pennie Stevens  
Mary Lou Jackson  
Jean Courtney Jacobs  
Judy Nesbitt  
Gloria McPherson  
Amy Dodd  
Vito Stallone

Sandy Goodner  
Ed Thomas  
Michael Kane  
David Halpin  
Karl Reed  
Chris Reed  
Dinah Willard

Rich Bergt  
Wayne Rovey  
Greg Cox  
Gary Kindred  
Pat Chesley  
Nancy Chesley  
Marcia Straw

Edgar Caupert  
Linda Caupert  
Marilyn Johnson  
Raenell Mace  
Vicky Greenan

Also, thanks to any volunteers that did not sign up but offered their assistance last night.

All of your efforts are greatly appreciated!

**Debi Barr-Holquist**

*President  
Springfield Ski & Travel Club*

## Travel Opportunities in 2024

February 16-22, 2024

All-Inclusive stay at

**OCEAN MAYA ROYALE**  
a beach resort in Mexico

September 27 - October 9, 2024

Prague, Czech Republic  
Dresden, Germany • Berlin, Germany

*Stayed tuned for more details...*



## SPRINGFIELD SKI and TRAVEL CLUB

### Application Form for Trips/Sporting Events

☐ Ski Trip    ☐ Tour Trip    ☐ Day Trip    ☐ Sporting Event  
 (golf, bowling, tennis, billiards, etc.)

Trip/Sporting Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_ Work#: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any significant medical problems or do you require any special medications which your trip leader should be aware of? If yes, describe:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Complete this section for Ski or Tour trips only:**

Male: \_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ DL#: \_\_\_\_\_ DL State: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport# (if international trip): \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in: NASTAR racing? \_\_\_ Lessons? \_\_\_ Are you a skier? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

The Springfield Ski Club in good faith makes every effort to complete a scheduled activity or trip as advertised, and to accommodate the requests of its members. However, the Club will not be held responsible if arrangements are changed beyond our control or if specific requests cannot be honored. This includes, but is not limited to, changes in our itineraries, airline arrangements or schedules, hotel or condo reservations, destinations, and emergencies requiring a modification of any scheduled activity or trip. Your signature below warrants you have read and understand this statement.

I agree to make the appropriate published trip payments on the scheduled due dates.

I have also read and understand the trip policy statements on page two of this form and agree to abide by them.

As a participant of the trip described above: I voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski Club, its agents, officers, Board of Directors, or members liable for any accident or injury to myself, or for any loss of or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* For trips involving airline travel or overseas travel, your name must be written exactly as it appears on your passport or drivers license. Do NOT use nick-names.

#### **For trip leader use only**

App. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Wait List: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Trip Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Partial Trip Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Deposit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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 ENCHANTING PERU TOUR

**WHEN:** October 5-16, 2023

**TRIP LEADERS:**

DiAnn Trapp ([diannaroo@gmail.com](mailto:diannaroo@gmail.com)) or 217-415-8055

Patty Staab ([patstaab@comcast.net](mailto:patstaab@comcast.net)) or 217-836-4406

**PRICE:**

**Air & Land: \$3,850/person (double occupancy) subject to change after airfare is finalized**

**Single Supplement: \$450 (four singles available)**

**Land Only: \$2,760**

**Maximum number of participants is 28.**

**Due to the high elevation, travel in the Peruvian highlands may cause some passengers to experience the temporary effects of altitude sickness. If you have any concerns about traveling to higher than your accustomed elevation, please consult your healthcare provider.**



**TRIP INCLUDES:**

- Round trip air transportation between St. Louis and Lima (fare is estimated and subject to change)
- Airport transfers in Peru for those flying with the group
- Two in-country flights for **ALL** travelers (including Land-Only travelers): Lima to Cuzco and Arequipa to Lima
- Government taxes, fees and airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Twenty-eight passenger bus transportation throughout the trip
- English speaking guide
- Three full-day tours and five half/partial day tours
- Breakfast daily, five included lunches and three included dinners
- Welcome and farewell dinners – both in Lima but at different venues
- Gratuity for guide and bus driver while in Peru (not for optional tours)



**Machu Picchu**

- Gratuity for hotel porter
- Gratuities for serving staff at provided meals

**PAYMENTS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Payment due 9/24/2022 – \$1,000 due at sign up
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 11/1/2022 – \$950.00 for double or \$1,100 for single
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 12/1/2022 – \$950.00 for double or \$1,100 for single
- 4<sup>th</sup> Payment due 1/6/2023 – \$950.00 for double or \$1,100 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 from the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.

**PASSPORTS AND VACCINATION CARDS:**

**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. **ALSO SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION CARD SHOWING DATES FOR VACCINES AND BOOSTERS.**

- **Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only)**

**Cancel by October 1, 2022** – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel between October 2 and November 2, 2022** – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel between November 3 and December 3, 2022** – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel after December 3, 2022** – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee. No refunds will be given for unused portions of the package.

- All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.
- **Airfare Cancellation** – Dates and amounts of refunds will be based on the airline policy after the airfares are published.
- **ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

### **SPECIAL FEATURES:**

- Tour of Colonial Lima, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Discover Cuzco, ancient capital of the Inca Empire
- Discover the astonishing ancient citadel of Machu Picchu via the PeruRail Expedition (train and walking tour)
- Drive through the Andean Plains to pristine Lake Titicaca
- Excursion by boat to the fascinating Uros Floating Islands
- Journey to the Colca Canyon, the deepest canyon in the world
- See the exquisite shimmering architecture of the “White City” of Arequipa
- Optional Half-Day Tours with prices:
  - Day 5, Morning – Visit Ancient Cuzco Ruins - \$59/person
  - Day 5, Afternoon – Tour Cuzco “Behind the Scenes” - \$59/person

Day 7, Afternoon – See the Sillustani Tombs - \$49/person



Lake Titicaca ◦

### **HOTELS (subject to change based on availability):**

- Lima – Jose Antonio Executive Hotel – 4\* - (2 nights at beginning of trip)
- Cuzco – Jose Antonio Cuzco Hotel – 4\* - (3 nights)
- Puno – Casa Andina Standard Puno – 4\* - (2 nights)
- Colca – Aranwa Pueblito Encantado del Colca – 4.5\* - (2 nights)
- Arequipa – Casa Andina Select Arequipa Plaza – 4.5\* - (1 night)
- Lima – Jose Antonio Executive Hotel – 4\* - (1 night at end of trip)

**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 13-DAY NORTHERN ITALY TOUR

**WHEN: MAY 1-14, 2024 (Updated)**

**TRIP LEADER: Michael Bloechle – 1-217-787-1010 OR [m.bloechle@comcast.net](mailto:m.bloechle@comcast.net)**

### PRICE:

- Air and Land - \$5400\*/person - double occupancy
- Land Only - \$4300\*/person - double occupancy
- Single Supplement - \$1700\* (five singles available)

\*Special Note: Prices are based on Vendor's best estimate, current airfare/fuel charges and the current exchange rate of the Euro. Each of these costs are subject to change before final purchase.

- Minimum number of participants is 30; maximum is 40

### TRIP INCLUDES:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport.
- Air transportation between Chicago-Munich and Milan-Chicago (Airfare is estimated and subject to change.)
- Hotels for 12 nights (3 nights in Bolzano, 3 nights in Venice, 2 nights in Bologna, 2 nights in Verona, 2 nights in Como). **Actual hotels may change based on availability.**
- Airport transfer, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change.
- Full time local tour guide and whispers.
- Buffet breakfast each day.
- Four lunches.
- Italian Welcome & Farewell Dinners.
- Three-course dinner in Venice.
- Gratuities for all group activities.
- Private modern A/C coach throughout the trip.
- Private boat transfers in Venice from coach terminal to hotel and vice versa.



**VENICE**

### PAYMENTS:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Payment due at sign-up event - \$2400
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 6/23/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1600 for single
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 8/25/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1600 for single
- 4<sup>th</sup> Payment due 10/27/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1500 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 from the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.

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### Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only):

Cancel by April 29, 2023 – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between April 29, 2023, and June 23, 2023 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between June 24, 2023, and July 24, 2023 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel after July 24, 2023 – 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.**

**Activities:**

- Arrive in Munich, cross the beautiful alpine landscape of Bavaria and Austria to reach Bolzano with a stop in Innsbruck for lunch.
- Visit the Dolomite landscape.
- Travel the south Tyrolean wine road to Venice.
- Guided tour of Venice – Doge's Palace, St. Mark Square and the Rialto Bridge.
- Private boat excursions to Murano and Burano Islands.
- Visit to a glass blowing factory in Murano.
- Half-day guided tours in Bolzano, Venice, Bologna, Sirmione, Verona and Como.
- Visit to a Parmesan Cheese factory with tasting in Modena/Bologna area.
- Guided tour of Bologna – see the porticos, monuments and towers of what UNESCO has defined as the best-preserved medieval center in the world.
- Visit the Scaligero Castle and the ancient thermal baths in Sirmione.
- Visit Juliet's house with the famous balcony in Verona.
- Full-day guided tour in Lake Como.
- Cruise Lake Como to Bellagio.
- And a little time to explore this area on your own!!!



**LAKE COMO**

**HOTELS: (Subject to change based on availability)**

- Bolzano – 3 nights at the 4-star Hotel Stadt
- Venice – 3 nights at the 4-star Hotel Indigo Sant-Elena
- Bologna – 2 nights at the 4-star Starhotels Majestic
- Verona – 2 nights at the 4-star Hotel Indigo des Arts
- Como – 2 nights at the 4-star Hotel Metropole and Suisse

**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, 2023 through April 30, 2024

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ID # \_\_\_\_\_

(Club Use Only)

(Mail the completed form along with your check to Springfield Ski Club, P.O. Box 1146, Springfield, IL 62705)

### Membership and Directory Information:

Full Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Category: ☐ Individual ☐ Family ☐ Lifetime

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home 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 news letter is available online at [www.springfieldskiclub.org](http://www.springfieldskiclub.org). If you wish a copy to be mailed monthly, mark Yes \_\_\_\_\_. **There will be a \$20 fee for monthly mailing.**

### Primary Membership Information:

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

### Membership and Dues - Non-Refundable:

- ☐ \$20 Monthly newsletter  
☐ \$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 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, Tennis)  
☐ 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, 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: \_\_\_\_\_