

# Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



## Summer Picnic

June 20, 2024 | 5:00pm - ??? | Larry Michaud's | 40 Bay Ridge Ln.

The time to make your Reservation for this event is running short. If you have NOT already done so, click on [Reservation](#) and complete the form. Your reservation MUST be made no later than JUNE 9. There is no charge to you, but your club is paying a per-plate catering fee. Some members have indicated they will attend but failed to include their name(s) and the number attending. If this is you, please email Amy Dodd at [amydodd15@comcast.net](mailto:amydodd15@comcast.net) so that a meal ticket is reserved for you.



This event, like others where club dues pay for the meal, is only open to members in good standing. Guests, therefore, must submit a completed membership application along with a check for \$40.00 made out to the Springfield Ski and Travel Club in order to attend.

## DON'T FORGET!



Larry Michaud will be hosting "Rock the Dock" fireworks viewing on Friday, July 5, 2024. The hours will be from 7:30pm until 9:30pm. Hope to see everyone there!

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the new year of SSTC!

Welcome to all 80+ new members to the Springfield Ski & Travel Club! In a special tribute to our new members, we are designating the July Happy Hour to get to know all of you! This "New Member Appreciation Happy Hour" will be held at Casa Real patio on July 18th starting at 5:00 pm. Please mark your calendars and watch the Snowjourner for more information.

The SSTC Board is thrilled to have so many new members and know that making new acquaintances and renewing old friendships is key to enjoying all our social/travel events!

A good way to get to know more members is to volunteer for committees and assist in special events. Currently Tim Phillips, Happy Hour Chairperson, is coordinating the Annual Summer Picnic which will be held at Larry Michaud's ever-so-beautiful lakeside home and has secured a multitude of volunteers and now has a waiting list to volunteer! This is just a phenomenal outpouring of assistance and a great chance to build friendships!

A review of the previous year's volunteer hours shows over 330 hours recorded by members joining in activities, committees, trips, and special events! Wow!

(Special note: this record-breaking recording of volunteer hours does not include all of the time spent by Board Members and Trip Leaders, just general members helping out the Club.) Wow!

Welcome everyone and I encourage you to join the Fun!

At your service,

**Debi Barr-Holquist**

*President*

*Springfield Ski & Travel Club*

## Northern Italy May 1<sup>st</sup> - May 14<sup>th</sup>



Forty-four travelers from the Springfield Ski and Travel Club had a fantastic vacation in Northern Italy. Our trip began on May 1, 2024, when we traveled from O'Hare to Munich, Germany. We met our tour guide Ambra in Munich. We followed Ambra and it just happened that several travelers got caught in a malfunctioning exit door and had to be rescued by airport personnel.

We continued our journey by stopping in Innsbruck, Austria for lunch and we ended the day at Stadt Hotel Citta located in the heart of the Bolzano downtown district. We were treated to a welcome dinner at the hotel restaurant, and we also celebrated John and Lana Keith's wedding anniversary. We had a morning tour of Bolzano. In the afternoon some of us took the opportunity to see Otiz the Iceman at the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology. Otiz was said to be 5500 years old when he was discovered. The next day we took a bus ride to see the Dolomites mountains and they were spectacular. We stopped at the village of Castel Rotto and witnessed the townspeople erecting a May Pole. A May Pole is a tall, wooded pole erected as a part of European May Day folk festival. Also, at this village we saw a number of houses that had painted scenes on the outside walls. Very nice!



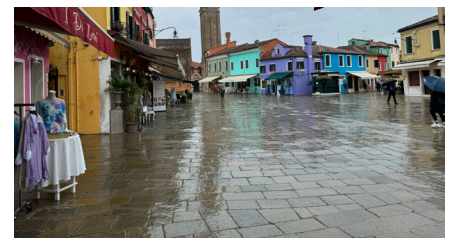
A lot of us also took the opportunity to use the cable car at Bolzano which took us to the top of the mountain to the town of Oberbozen. It only took 12 minutes to ride the cable car one way and the views were spectacular! On the way to Venice our tour took us to the Restaurant Riterhof featuring wines of the Ritterhof estate.

The meal was excellent and many of our fellow travelers bought multiple bottles of wine. We enjoyed many fine meals on this trip, but this meal might have been the best!

We arrived in Venice later that night at Indio Hotel Sant'Elena where another dinner was served. We toured Venice the next morning and afternoon. Many of us toured the Doge Palace and St Mark's Cathedral. Some of us also took the opportunity to take a Gondola ride and most all of us took the opportunity to sit at an outside café that was next to the Grand Canal and watched the people and boats go by. Venice was fun but very busy!



On May 7th we traveled by boat to Murano and visited a glass blowing factory and then we continued to Burano. Burano is a very picturesque island featuring colorful houses and plenty of shopping. We were treated to another excellent lunch at Burano. We then returned to Venice to sightsee and shop.



We continued to Bologna, but first we visited a Balsamic Vinegar factory. The presentation was excellent and very informative. Many bottles of the product were purchased by us. They also provided us with a three course Italian meal, which was excellent and enjoyed by all!

Bologna is the home to the best fresh handmade pasta in Italy. The food and the atmosphere of the city was enticing; and it is said that Bologna is the best-preserved medieval old town in Italy.





We saw the Piazza Maggiore, the Basilica of San Petronio, the leaning tower and other sights.

We left Bologna and traveled to Sirminoe and were given a half

day tour of the city. After lunch we boarded a private boat and were given a guided tour of Lake Garda. We were told that Lake Garda is the largest lake in Italy. We stopped at the town of Gardone Riviera for food and shopping. The boat tour of Lake Garda was very nice.

We then traveled to Verona. We had a half day guided tour of Verona and saw the Roman Arena, Piazza Bra, Piazza delle Rebe and of course Juliet's house with the famous balcony. It was very pleasant to have dinner right in front of the Roman Arena. The mass of people to see Juliet's balcony was just about overwhelming but most of us navigated the crowd and were able to see the balcony.

The next day we travelled to Como and were given a tour of the city. The next morning we travelled to the nearby town of Cernobbio

and boarded a private boat for a tour of Like Como. The scenery was majestic, and it was explained that the houses and villas are very expensive. The tour guide showed us many sights including George Clooney's houses and property.

The boat made a stop at Bellagio which had picturesque, cobbled stairways filled with shops and fine restaurants. It is a beautiful city on Lake Como.

We departed Como on May 15th at 10:30 am and returned to Springfield around 10:30 pm. A good flight and bus ride home.

This was a very fun filled trip for our travelers. We saw a lot of Northern Italy and we had excellent food and drink. We were able to immerse ourselves into the Italian culture for almost two weeks. The weather turned out to be excellent as it did not rain as much as it was forecasted, and we mostly had sunny skies.

Arrivederci, Northern Italy!  
Mike Bloechle, Trip Leader



## BOCCE BALL IS BACK

Bocce Ball is back for the summer. The first night will be held on JUNE 27 at **Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery**  
500 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL  
Play will begin at 5:30 p.m. sharp!!!

All members are welcome whether you know how to play Bocce Ball or not. Club members will be available to teach newbies. Cheerleaders welcome too! Please let me know if you can attend; however, show ups are not discouraged from attending. Refreshments are available at Obed's or Cider House next door.

Other dates will be JULY 25 and AUGUST 15 at Obed & Isaac's. Volunteers are needed as refs and helpers. Contact me at Jean Courtney-Jacobs at [jean.courtney@comcast.net](mailto:jean.courtney@comcast.net) or 217-725-8296  
Don't miss out on the fun. See you June 27!!

Jean Courtney Jacobs, Sports Chair

## ADOPT-A-STREET CLEANUP

**Saturday, June 15, 2024**  
**Meet at 9:00 am**

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

SAVE THE DATE

**Dining Out** June 6, 2024  
Chesapeake Seafood

*Happy Hour* July 18, 2024  
Casa Real - New Member Meet & Greet

**Adopt-A-Street**  
June 15, 2024

**Prague, Dresden & Berlin Tour**  
Sept. 27 - Oct. 8, 2024

Mary Harney - 217-725-1443

Bill Bernard - 217-741-4149, wrb2154@gmail.com

**Spectacular Scandinavia**

May 1-14, 2025

Pat Chesley - (217) 210-1920, patchesley@gmail.com

## DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

**Amish Adventure in Arthur**

July 13, 2024

Trip Leader: Wendy Schluter, 217-415-4764,  
[schluter.wendy@yahoo.com](mailto:schluter.wendy@yahoo.com)

**EXPLORE CHICAGO**

August 23, 2024

Trip leaders: Patti-Pace Halpin, 217-725-1199, [pacehalpin@aol.com](mailto:pacehalpin@aol.com)  
David Halpin, 217-725-6588

*Lewis & Clark Adventure*

September 13, 2024

Trip leader: Rich Bergt, 217-341-8225, [spfldsleepless@yahoo.com](mailto:spfldsleepless@yahoo.com)

## ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

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

## JUNE Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Lana Keith	5	Kathy Hawkins	14	Mary Harney	24
Brian Ramsey	6	Carol Ferguson	15	Steve Bradford	25
Pat Gleason	8	Linda S Sczurko	15	David Hatfield	25
Rich Wagoner	8	Mary Kay Eades	16	Barbara A Watson	25
Frances Sehring	9	Cindy Moreno	18	Raymond "Rick" Cornell	26
Loretta Michaud	9	Sandy Dunkel	19	Gisela Motzkus	27
Ed Midden	10	Greg Pinto	21	Kathy Seketa	27
Jim Russell	12	Joe Goodner	21	Henry Hermes	27
Jennifer Shrake	12	Shawn Thicksten	21	Rhonda Wood	28
Mike Bitschenauer	12	Marvin Widick	22	Jennifer Elders	28
Peggie Powers	13	Chris Schofield	22	John Ransdell	30
Linda Castor	13	Jorge Fahrenbacher	22	Pat Aulich	30
Sue Richardson	13	Patti Strader	23	Judith Pensoneau-Feurer	30
Karla Enrietto	14	DiAnn Trapp	23		
Carol Harper	14	John Keith	24		

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Full Name	Date Joined	City	State
Claudia Colombo	4/29/2024	Springfield	IL

## JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 Dining Out Chesapeake Seafood	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Board Meeting	14	15 Adopt-A-Street
16	17	18	19	20 Summer Picnic	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Evening with Michael Jackson Tribute Band	29
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# DINING OUT

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024

## Chesapeake SEAFOOD HOUSE

3045 E Clear Lake Ave

**Cocktails at 5:30**

**Dinner at 6:00**

Reservations are required by

**Noon on Monday, June 3, 2024**

Don Broughton, Dining Out Chairman

Brought617@gmail.com

JOIN US FOR  
*Happy Hour*



**CASA REAL**

COCINA MEXICANA

1121 Lincolnshire Blvd

**New Member Meet & Greet!**

July 18, 2024 | 5:00pm - ???

## BIKING & WALKING ARE BACK

The Springfield Ski and Travel Club will be holding bicycling and walking again this summer. Both events will be 'show and go,' meaning you simply show up and go at the designated time. We head out on time as we have no idea who may/may not show up.

**Bicycling** will be every Wednesday, beginning on June 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. We will meet in the parking lot at the start of the Centennial Trail, 5751 Bunker Hill Road, Springfield, IL 62711. There may be many levels/speeds of riders but each person is encouraged to set their own comfortable pace in order to enjoy the ride.

**Walking** will be every Monday, beginning on June 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. We will meet at Washington Park in the Rose Garden parking area.

Both events are at the most comfortable pace for you. This weekly venture could also go well into September depending upon the weather. This is a great way to make acquaintances, meet new friends and get some sunshine and exercise along the way.

Any questions contact me at [jean.courtney@comcast.net](mailto:jean.courtney@comcast.net) or 217/725-8296.

Jean Courtney, Sports Director

## 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 eblast 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 the board member or trip leader directly. Their contact information is in the eblast or our directory.
- In addition, it is on your 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. If you paid for a mailed copy, it is always sent at the first of the month, and is subject to the priorities of the postal system. Usually there is a delay, and events may have already happened. My advice is be proactive, check other sources.

### **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 Eblast, Facebook post, 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 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.

## **CONTACT US**

**Do you have questions? We have answers.**

SSTC has a new email address;  
SSTCquestions@springfieldskiclub.org.

It is now linked directly with our website, Springfield Ski and Travel Club. [www.springfieldskiclub.org](http://www.springfieldskiclub.org)

Thank you Lois Bloechle for all your detailed work in keeping this valuable resource up-to-date.

Check this site first to see what is happening.

The Snowjourner link is added the first of each month. This link also appears on Facebook the first of each month. Mailed Snowjourners are experiencing snail mail which is beyond our control. We understand your frustration but cannot remedy this situation. Our best advice is to familiarize yourself with our website.

Add the email address to your contacts. Bookmark the website on your technology. Your inquiries will be monitored daily. Your question will be directed to the exact board member qualified to answer your question.

Please note, questions asked through Facebook may go unnoticed as this source is not monitored 24/7.

SSTC Facebook page is reserved exclusively for promoting club events and activities.

## 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:** Evening with Michael Jackson Tribute Band at the Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater in Decatur

There will be some stair climbing for dinner accommodations and to reach terrace seating at the amphitheater.

**WHEN:** Friday, June 28, 2024 leaving Meijer at 3:00 p.m. and returning after the concert approximately 11 p.m.

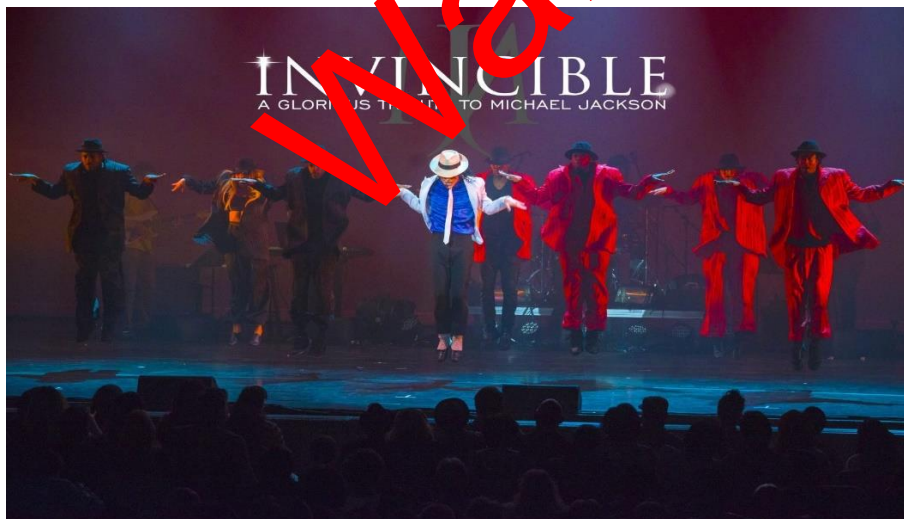
**TRIP LEADERS:** Patty Kates 217-454-6905 [patty.kates@outlook.com](mailto:patty.kates@outlook.com)  
Nancy Huston 217-652-8501 [nancycdw@aol.com](mailto:nancycdw@aol.com)

**COST:** \$104 Minimum 30 participants, maximum 40 participants

**TRIP INCLUDES:** Concert ticket – reserved seating on a Terrace with artificial grass.  
Private chartered round trip bus transportation.

**FOOD:** We will stop for dinner at Coney McKain's American Eatery in downtown Decatur prior to the show. The price of your meal is not included.

**BRING:** Your own lawn chair for seating.



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

- \*Cancel by April 20, 2024 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- \*Cancel after April 20, 2024 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- \*Cancel after April 20, 2024 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued. **Refunds** are made after the trip is completed.



## SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

**TITLE:** AMISH ADVENTURE IN ARTHUR

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 13, 2024 leaving Meijer at 8:00 AM and returning approximately 5:30 PM

**TRIP LEADER:** Wendy Schluter, 217-415-4764 [schluter.wendy@yahoo.com](mailto:schluter.wendy@yahoo.com)

**COST:** \$87 Must have 36 participants for the trip to be a go.

**TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus, hop on tour guide and buffet luncheon at Yoder's.

**ACTIVITIES:** Stops at markets and shops.



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## SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

**TITLE:** Ride the Rails! Cruise the River! Explore Chicago!

**This trip has a potential for a lot of walking and stairs.**

**WHEN:** Friday, August 23, 2024 leaving Springfield Amtrak Station at 6:11 AM and returning at 10:30 PM

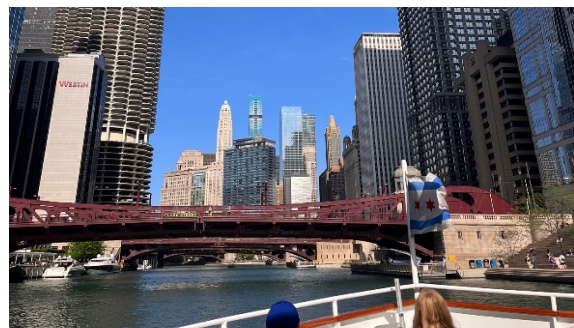
**TRIP LEADERS:** Patti Pace-Halpin, 217-725-1199, [pacehalpin@aol.com](mailto:pacehalpin@aol.com) & David Halpin, 217-725-6588

**COST:** \$117 Must have 20 participants for the trip to be a go.

**TRIP INCLUDES:** Round trip Amtrak ticket; all day water taxi ticket; 90 minute architecture boat cruise; access to exhibits at the Chicago Architecture Center (no meals are included).

**ACTIVITIES:** After arrival at Union Station in Chicago, the group will take a water taxi to the riverwalk area. Arrangements will be made to have lunch nearby then take an afternoon architecture cruise and to see exhibits in the Chicago Architecture Center.

There will be several hours to shop or explore Chicago on your own. Patti will gladly lead those interested in visiting the Willis Tower Skydeck (approximately \$36). Perhaps you would be interested in going to Navy Pier to enjoy Centennial Wheel or other attractions. Shop or enjoy sightseeing on your way back to Union Station for our 7:10 train back to Springfield.



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

- \*Cancel by April 20, 2024 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- \*Cancel after April 20, 2024 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- \*Cancel after April 20, 2024 and no replacement is found, no refund will be issued. **Refunds** are made after the trip is completed.





## SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

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

**TITLE:** LEWIS & CLARK ADVENTURE

**WHEN:** Friday, September 13, 2024 leaving Meijer at 9:00 AM and returning approximately 8:30 PM

**TRIP LEADER:** Rich Bergt, 217-341-8225 [spfldsleepless@yahoo.com](mailto:spfldsleepless@yahoo.com)

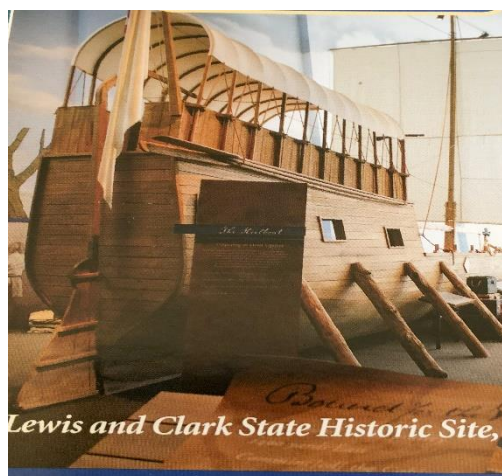
**PRICE:** \$66 Minimum 30 participants for the trip to be a go. (maximum 40 participants)

**TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus and fee to tour Confluence Tower

**ACTIVITIES:**

- \*Tour Melvin Price Lock & Dam (Alton, IL)
- \*Tour Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower (Hartford, IL)
- \*See Lewis & Clark point of departure at Camp Dubois
- \*Tour St. Louis Arch (6 galleries free of charge) Optional Tram tower and optional movie at your expense. We will be at the Arch approximately 1 1/2 hours.

**FOOD:** Bring a sack lunch and we will picnic along the way. We will provide water. We plan to stop for dinner at Bandanna's BBQ (at your own expense).



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## SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB PRAGUE, DRESDEN & BERLIN TOUR

**WHEN:** September 27 – October 9, 2024

**TRIP LEADER:** Mary Harney, 217-725-1443  
Bill Bernard, 217-741-4149  
Email: wrb2154@gmail.com

### PRICE:

- Air and Land - \$4,750\*/person - double occupancy
- Land Only - \$3,650\*/person - double occupancy
- Single Supplement - \$850\*/person (six singles available)

*\*Special Note: Prices are based on Vendor's best estimate of current airfare/fuel charges and the current exchange rate of the Euro (1 EUR = \$1.11). Each of these costs is subject to change before final purchase.*

- Minimum number of participants is 21; maximum number of participants is 40.

### TRIP INCLUDES:

- \* Bus transportation to and from Lambert Airport, St. Louis, MO
- \* Air transportation between St. Louis – Prague and Berlin – St. Louis (airfare is estimated and subject to change.)
- \* Deluxe motorcoach throughout as per itinerary including all necessary fees, all taxes and charges for ground services
- \* English speaking tour escort throughout from Prague airport to arrival in Berlin on October 5 (7 days)
- \* Hotel for 11 nights including portorage of luggage in/out (4 nights in Prague, 3 nights in Dresden, 4 nights in Berlin)
- \* Daily European breakfast buffet at hotels
- \* Welcome dinner, 3-course dinner or buffet dinner at hotel
- \* Bohemian Folklore dinner at local restaurant in Prague including beverages
- \* Vltava Dinner Cruise for 2 ½ hours including buffet and welcome drink
- \* 3-course dinner at local restaurant in Dresden
- \* 3-course lunch including 1 glass of wine at Restaurant Vincenz Richter in Meissen, Germany
- \* Farewell dinner at a typical German local restaurant in Berlin
- \* Entrance fees and tours to all listed activities
- \* Audio headsets for all city tours



PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

### PAYMENTS:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Payment due at sign-up event on 9/9/23 - \$1200
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 11/9/23 - \$1200 per person double or \$1500 for single
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 01/9/24 - \$1200 per person double or \$1450 for single
- 4<sup>th</sup> Payment due 03/09/24 - \$1150 per person double or \$1450 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:** 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.*

### Activities:

- Arrive in Prague and enjoy a private motor coach drive to our hotel where we will enjoy a welcome dinner.
- Full-day tour of Prague including the Historic Center, Old Town and Republic Square, Powder Tower, Tyn Church, Royal Way, Clam-Gallas and Kinsky Palaces and more. In the evening enjoy a marvelous cruise on the Vltava River which includes dinner.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> day – tour of Prague visiting many famous places on the left bank of the Vltava River including Hradčany Castle, Church of St. Nicholas, Lennon Peace Wall and the Charles Bridge. Dinner at the hotel.
- Optional half-day tour in Prague.
- While traveling from Prague to Dresden tour Terezin including a tour of Terezin Concentration Camp led by an expert guide. Also stop in the picturesque valley of České středohoří highlands in Zubrnice where we will enjoy an open-air museum and the Church of St. Mari Magdalena.
- Half-day guided tour of Dresden. Enjoy a drive through the romantic river landscape of the Elbe, past three palaces and vineyards. Cross over the historic bridge, “The Blue Wonder.” Stop at Pfund’s Dairy. Experience a walk through the city seeing the famous Semper Opera House and Bruhl’s Terrace, also known as the “Balcony of Europe.”
- Explore Meissen with our local guide. Discover porcelain manufacturing and the artisan district. Experience a special lunch at the famous wine-restaurant Vincenz Richter.
- Take a walking tour of the city of Luther, Wittenberg, on our way to the historic German city of Berlin.
- Guided sightseeing and orientation of Berlin including Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, remains of the Berlin Wall, Museum Island, Brandenburg Gate and more.
- Excursion to Potsdam to visit the famous Cecilienhof Palace and other sights.
- Visit Sachsenhausen memorial camp followed by a free afternoon in Berlin.
- Farewell dinner in one of Berlin’s beer hall restaurants.

### HOTELS (Subject to change based on availability)

Prague – Hotel Adria, 4\* (Wenceslas Square), Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2024

Dresden – Hotel Amedia Plaza, 4\*, Oct. 2-5, 2024

Berlin – B&B Hotel Alexanderplatz, 4\*, October 5-9, 2024



DRESDEN, GERMANY

**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.

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

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

Cancel between September 30, 2023, and October 31, 2023 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between November 1, 2023, and December 1, 2023 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel after December 1, 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.**



## SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB SPECTACULAR SCANDINAVIA

**WHEN: May 1-14, 2025**

**TRIP LEADER: Pat Chesley (217) 210-1920**  
**Email: patchesley@gmail.com**

### PRICE:

- **Air and Land - \$6,400\*/person - double occupancy**
- **Land Only - \$5,200\*/person - double occupancy**
- **Single Supplement - \$1,300\*/person (six singles available)**

*\*Special Note: Prices are subject to change after airfare and hotel prices are finalized. Adjustments will be made after 4<sup>th</sup> payment.*

- Minimum number of participants is 30; maximum number of participants is 42.

### TRIP INCLUDES:

- \* Bus transportation to and from all airports.
- \* Plane flights between the U.S. (Chicago or St. Louis) and Scandinavia and from Bergen to Copenhagen.
- \* Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel and surcharges.
- \* Full time tour manager overseas with local guides for selected sites.
- \* Trains from Stockholm to Oslo and Oslo to Flam.
- \* Other land travel by private bus.
- \* Daily breakfasts and three dinners.
- \* All gratuities for tour guides and bus drivers.
- \* Gratuities for hotel staff (servers and housekeeping) not included.



### PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Payment due at sign-up - \$1,600 per person double, \$2,000 single**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 6/9/24 - \$1,600 per person double, \$1,900 single**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 8/9/24 - \$1,600 per person double, \$1,900 single**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Payment due 10/09/24 - \$1,600 per person double, \$1,900 single**

[The final payment \(including land-only fees\) may be adjusted up or down if unexpected costs or savings occur.](#)

**NOTE:** Mail or deliver checks made out to **Springfield Ski and Travel Club (SSTC)** to Pat Chesley, 2512 Wydown, Springfield, IL 62704.

**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.**

### Included Activities:

Besides the opportunity to see staggering natural beauty and stunning picturesque harbors and coastlines, the trip includes:

- **Stockholm:** City Hall with the Blue Hall where the Nobel Prize banquet is held; Vasa Museum; Royal Palace; Drottningholm Palace; Fotografiska Museum; and an archipelago dinner cruise.
- **Norway/Oslo:** fjord cruises; Flam Railroad; Kon Tiki, Fram and Norsk Folk museums; Vigeland Sculpture Park; and funicular in Bergen.
- **Copenhagen:** Little Mermaid and Nyhaven Harbor; Christiansborg Palace; Rosenberg Castle (location of crown jewels); Tivoli Gardens; canal cruise and Kronborg Castle (setting for Elsinore in Shakespeare's Hamlet).



**Note:** This tour involves an ambitious agenda requiring a certain level of physical fitness necessary to perform medium to high activity levels. It is designed for active, independent travelers who are able to walk long distances partly on uneven surfaces, climb and descend hills and stairs, keep up with the group and, if need be, manage their own luggage.



### HOTELS (Subject to change):

Stockholm – Clarion Hotel Stockholm, 4\*, 3 nights  
Oslo – Radisson Blu Plaza, 4\*, 3 nights  
Copenhagen – Imperial Hotel, 3.5\*, 3 nights  
Bergen – Hotel Zander K, 4\*, 2 nights  
Flam – Flamsbrygga Hotel, 4\*, 1 night

**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. Travellers 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 maximum coverage.

### CANCELLATION DATES/FEEES: (EVERY CANCELLATION REQUIRES THE PAYMENT OF A \$25 FEE TO THE SSTC)

#### LAND PORTION ONLY CANCELLATION

Cancel by May 6, 2024 – Pay the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between May 7 and June 6, 2024 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable.

Cancel between June 7 and August 1, 2024 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable.

Cancel after August 1, 2024 – You are obligated to pay the full price of the trip. No refunds will be given for unused portion of the package.

**AIRFARE CANCELLATION** – Dates and amounts of refunds, if any, will be determined on the airline policy after the airfares are published.

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

# SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

## Membership Application May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025

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 [sstquestions@springfieldskiclub.org](mailto:sstquestions@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: \_\_\_\_\_