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Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



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Happy Hour



May 16, 2024
5:00pm - ???

Dining Out

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Cocktails at 5:30 | Dinner at 6:00

Sweet Basil Cafe

4241 Conestoga Dr, Springfield, IL

Reservations are required by noon on
Monday, April 29, 2024

Don Broughton, Dining Out Chairman
Brought617@gmail.com

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to the returning Board members for giving the club a second year of service in their current positions: Mary Schackmann, VP; Jan Freeman, VP Day Trips; Sue Monteyne, VP Membership; Nancy Chesley, VP Tours; and Ruth Kopec returns in a new position of VP Ski Trips. I will remain President for the second year of service.

The Appointed Board Positions are as follows: Amy Dodd, Snowjourner Editor; Ed Huntley, Community Service; Gary Kindred, S.K.I. Representative; Tim Phillips, Happy Hour Chair; Jean Courtney Jacobs, Sports Chair; Don Broughton, Dining Out Chair; Theresa Watkin, Finance Chair; and Lois Bloechle, Webmaster.

Welcome to the newest elected Board Members: Kristi Sitki, Secretary; Dave Trapp, Treasurer; and Mary Lou Jackson, VP Events. Joyce Ludwig, VP Events, and the Events committee, hosted a fabulous April Sign-Up party at the Aqua Club. Another record-breaking attendance with over 140 members attending! The amazing attendance, the incredible food and trips offered to members just blew us away. Jan Freeman, VP Day Trips, and her great committee offered four new Day trips! Nancy Chesley, VP Tours, and her wonderful committee offered a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Scandinavia! Thanks to Mike Green in offering signups for this year's SSTC Golf League!

Mary Schackmann, VP, and her volunteers managed sign-up lines and ensured all SSTC Signup procedures in the Bylaws were followed. Thanks Mary!

As you read this, 44 SSTC members are travelling to Northern Italy for a fabulous 14-day trip through the stunning Dolomites and the lake district of Italy. Stay tuned for pictures and a summary of the trip by Michael Bloechle, Trip leader.

I am looking forward to upcoming day trips, the summer picnic at Larry Michaud's Lake Springfield home, Rock the Dock fireworks viewing (new offering this year) and starting the SSTC Golf League season! Keep watching for updates!

At your service,

Debi Barr-Holquist

President

Springfield Ski & Travel Club

DECATUR BREWERY TOUR DAY TRIP



On Saturday, April 13th, a hardy group of seventeen thirsty souls traveled by party bus to sample the wares of three craft breweries in Decatur. There was a slight delay in leaving, but Musical Director, Amy Dodd, righted the ship and off we went. Our first stop was the Golden Fox Brewery where we enjoyed their patio, the great weather, and a wonderful selection of their products.



Next, we traveled to the heart of downtown to the Decatur Brew Works. Lunch was washed down with amazing varieties of their finest brews.



A short drive brought us to our last stop, Door 4 Brewery Co., where Chris Schofield schooled several of us in the proper sequence to drink a flight of their beer, all of which were fantastic. We arrived back in Springfield on time, and well hydrated.

And no trip would be complete without a group singalong of Sweet Caroline on the way home!



Be Our Guest

Bring a guest to the next SSTC Happy Hour!

If you know someone who is interested in our amazing club, why not invite them?

As a general rule, a nonmember may attend two gatherings. Afterwards, we hope they consider membership. Please note because reservations, event planning, cost and capacity are considerations given to major events such as the Christmas Party, participation is offered to members only. Happy Hour is the perfect place to introduce your friends to our incredible club and there is one monthly!

Mary Schackmann, Executive Vice President

2024 GOLF LEAGUE

Golf League will begin its four-month season on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., at The Rail Golf Course near Sherman, Illinois. 20 members (10 teams) have signed up to play full-time. There is a \$35 league fee. Several members have signed up to be substitutes; however, it's not too late to become a substitute for the league.

If interested or have any questions, contact
Mike Green at mg2904@comcast.net or call him at 217/220-9050.

Thanks to Mike for coordinating the Golf League.
Have a great season.

Annual Summer Picnic

The annual summer picnic will be held on June 20, 2024 at Larry Michaud's Lake Springfield Property located at 40 Bay Ridge Lane. This is one of the highlights of our summer events, and promises to be another outstanding event this year.

Your club will be providing the meal, which will be catered by Nelson's Catering. This fact, and that we had many more attend last year than planned, makes it incumbent upon us to institute a reservation system. Again, there is no charge to you, but since we are paying a per plate fee to the caterer, we must know the exact number of who will be attending.

[Reservations](#) made be made no later than June 9, 2024.

SAVE THE DATE

Dining Out

May 2, 2024
Sweet Basil Cafe

Happy Hour

May 16, 2024
Motorheads

Summer Picnic

June 20, 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, patesley@gmail.com

DON'T MISS DAY TRIPS!

Evening with Michael Jackson Tribute Band

June 28, 2024

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

Amish Adventure in Arthur

July 13, 2024

Trip Leader: Wendy Schluter, 217-415-4764, schluter.wendy@yahoo.com

EXPLORE CHICAGO

August 23, 2024

Trip leaders: Patti-Pace Halpin, 217-725-1199, pacehalpin@aol.com
David Halpin, 217-725-6588

Lewis & Clark Adventure

September 13, 2024

Trip leader: Rich Bergt, 217-341-8225, spfldsleepless@yahoo.com

ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

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

MAY Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Debbie Frenz	1	Carol Griffith	14	Ed Thomas	26
Bill Tinsley	2	Alex Ferguson	14	Eric Runkel	27
Mike Green	2	Marilyn Johnson	15	Kurt Schmuck	27
Tom	5	Linda Caupert	16	Alfred Urbanckas	27
Tony Passini	5	Linda Lafferty	17	Marlene Demuzio	28
Glenn Weatherford	5	Luke Gleason	17	Sheila Mack	29
Charles Fahrenbacher	6	Cindy Grapes	18	Connie Speck	30
Dale Elvers	6	Alicia Hawley	19	Nancy Huston	30
John Powers	8	Kathi Katcher	21	Tim Stout	30
Andrea Danner	10	Wayne Jones	21	Dianne Turner	31
William Castor	12	Susan Monteyne	24		
Dan Shoraga	12	William Stallone	25		

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Full Name	Date Joined	City	State
Dana Duke	4/8/2024	Springfield	IL
Angela Sexton	4/8/2024	Springfield	IL
Lori Koehler	3/28/2024	Riverton	IL
Tom and Jan Kuhl	3/28/2024	Springfield	IL
Shawn Kopec	3/28/2024	Castle Rock	CO
Mario Ortega	3/12/2024	Springfield	IL

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Dining Out Sweet Basil Cafe	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Happy Hour Motorheads	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Board Meeting	29	30	31	

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.

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. 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!

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
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

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."
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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.

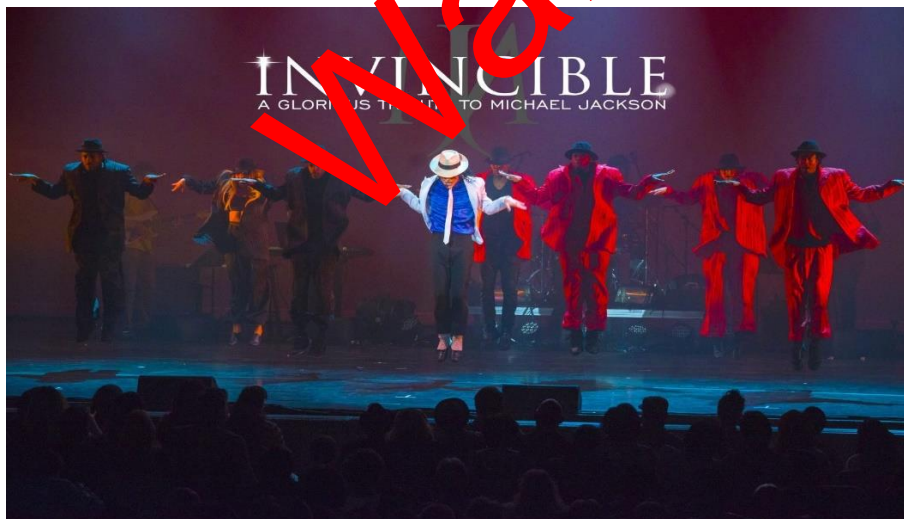
TRIP LEADERS: Patty Kates 217-454-6905 patty.kates@outlook.com
Nancy Huston 217-652-8501 nancycdw@aol.com

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

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.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

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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

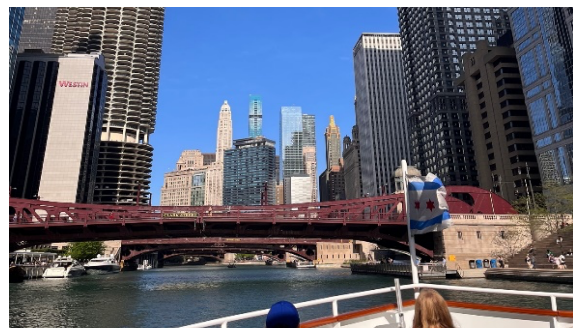
TRIP LEADERS: Patti Pace-Halpin, 217-725-1199, pacehalpin@aol.com & David Halpin, 217-725-6588

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 sights along your way back to Union Station for our 7:10 train back to Springfield.



CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:

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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

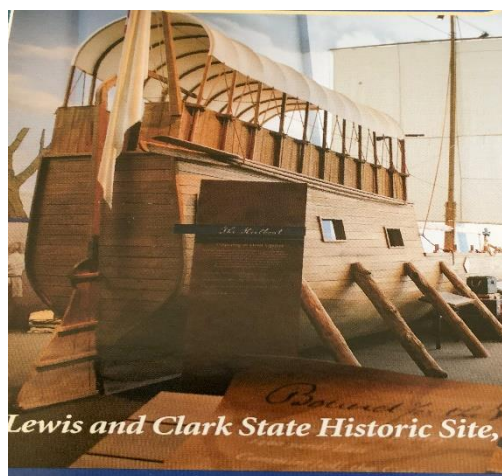
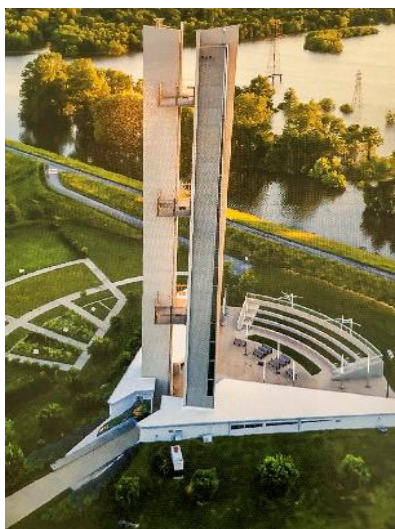
PRICE: \$66 Minimum 30 participants for the trip to be a go. (maximum 40 participants)

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:

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

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

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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

Questions may be directed to sstcquestions@springfieldskiclub.org

Primary Membership Information:

First Name: _____ MI _____ Last Name: _____

Membership and Dues - Non-Refundable:

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

Volunteer Hours (check at least one box)

- ☐ Board Member 's committee - (help plan events)
☐ Activities (volunteer at club events)
☐ Membership (volunteer at events, mailings)
☐ Community Service (approved events)
☐ Trip Leader for Ski, Day Trips, or Extended Travel
☐ Sports Coordinator (Billiards, Bowling, Golf, Bocce)
☐ Are you a skier?
☐ Other: _____

How did you discover our Club? (i.e., friend, website, radio ad, Club event): _____

Membership Data: (this information will never be published except to wish you happy birthday in the newsletter)

Name of Each Individual member (include yourself)	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Adult/ Child	Male/Female	Single/ Married

Anyone 21 years of age or older is eligible for membership in the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Family membership is one or two adults in the same household and their children (See Bylaws, Article IV. Please note, Bylaws and Constitution are available at www.springfieldskiclub.org). This membership entitles you to membership in the Ski Kouncil of Illinois (S.K.I.).

In applying for Springfield Ski and Travel Club membership, I (we) intend to participate in meetings and activities, uphold the constitution and by-laws, and abide by the decisions of the Executive Board. I (we) voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski and Travel Club, its agents, officers, Executive Board, or members liable for any accident or injury to myself, or for any loss of or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____