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**Sitzmarker  
July 2017**

**President's Message**

Hello Everyone,

We are off to a great start with our activities for 2017/18. It is summer in St. Louis and while it's hot and humid, it's not too early to start thinking about skiing in 2018. This edition of the Sitzmarker includes information on our trips for the upcoming ski season. We have three trips again this year. Our first trip is Snowmass, the annual FSA race trip. I encourage everyone to consider this trip, racing is not mandatory and Snowmass/Aspen has always been a club favorite. Trip two is Copper Mountain, this will be the value trip this season. Finally we have Banff, Canada, another club favorite. Please



note the dates for the Banff trip have changed from earlier communications. We listened to member comments and changed dates. Check out all the trip details included in this edition and make your choices for the upcoming season.

Not sure you want to think about skiing yet? Check out our summer of 2018 Alaskan Cruise. Imagine a summertime cruise to cool Alaskan waters.....

Not to be outdone, check out our website, Meetup group and monthly Out and About to see the events lined up for this summer. Fairmount Park, the Muny and a float trip are all on the calendar. As always if you have an activity that you want to plan and share with the club contact Bev or any club officer with details.

I hope to see you soon. Have a great summer and get ready for the snow!

**Trip Sign-Up Night is Thursday, August 24th at O'Fallon Brewery**

Sign-up night will be at the O'Fallon Brewery, 45 Progress Pkwy, Maryland Heights, MO 63043. A new location for the club! Sign-ups begin at 7:00 pm.

**New this year – A drawing for Alpine gift cards. Current club members in attendance are eligible for the drawing.**

Those who renewed their membership by May 15 will

have priority status for signing up for a trip if their application and payment is received by 9:00 pm on Wednesday, August 23.

A waitlist will begin if a trip exceeds the number of spots allotted or if there is space only for a specific gender.

You can send in the enclosed form with your payment or pay online with your credit card using PayPal (but you will still need to send in your fully com-

pleted trip application before your registration will be processed).

You can sign up on Thursday the 24th in person! And you'll want to be there to hear trip details, and other club news. Sign-ups begin at 7:00 pm, but you can come early for dinner and a beverage!

See our Bylaws and Operating Code at our website for complete sign-up details.

**Special Trip Sign-Up Issue**

## Our 2018 Trips will not disappoint!



**Trip Director  
Tracy Leverenz**

**“Sign-up early to  
avoid  
disappointment!”**

Greetings from your incoming Trip Director! I'm pleased to announce that our club is offering three great trips for the 2018 ski season: Snowmass/Aspen, Colorado; Copper Mountain, Colorado; and Banff, Alberta, Canada. Our ski trips are ideal for solo travelers, couples, and/or friends looking for new ski buddies and destinations to explore on and off the slopes. Plus our trips offer a good value to members with discounted prices on lodging, lift tickets, transportation, and rentals. Both of our domestic ski trips this upcoming season offer slope-slide lodging, perfect for convenience and camaraderie.

We are first flying out to Snowmass, Colorado for six days of skiing and to participate in the annual Flatland Ski Association (FSA) races with other Midwest ski clubs late January/early February. Racing is optional. If you want more information on the FSA races, contact our club President Joe Bauer, the St. Louis Ski Club FSA Race Coordinator or club member Cindy Girth, the FSA Race Representative. This destination is a club favorite with four varied mountains from which to choose and offers an excellent shuttle system. We fly into Aspen via Denver and are staying in deluxe ski-in/ski-out accommodations at the Timberline Condos on the mountain. In my opinion, Snowmass is the best mountain for long cruising runs. Dan McGurk has volunteered to be the trip captain.

For four days of skiing in late February, after a long absence, we will be returning to Copper Mountain, one of the largest ski areas in Colorado. We're offering both a complete trip pack-

age, as well as a land/ground transfers package for those who prefer to use frequent flyer miles or drive. For members wanting to extend their stay in the Summit County area, enjoy more skiing at the nearby resorts of Breckenridge, Keystone, and Arapahoe Basin. The optional lift pass allows early access to the lifts along with ski instructor line privileges. We fly Southwest non-stop to Denver, Colorado with a short bus ride to our condominiums in Center Village. A complimentary welcome reception will also be featured. Tom Coscia will be the trip leader.

Our season finale will be six ski days in beautiful Banff, Alberta, Canada, mid-March. Skiers will have access to the three world class ski resorts of Lake Louise, Mt. Norquay, and Sunshine Village, all located in the spectacular Banff National Park, with one interchangeable lift ticket. The resorts tout nearly 8,000 acres of skiable terrain, two gondolas, and 26 chairlifts. We are staying at the newly renovated Banff Ptarmigan Inn, which offers a complimentary hot buffet breakfast each morning. We fly to Calgary International Airport via Minneapolis and then drive west 78 miles to the picturesque town of Banff. You will need a valid passport for this trip and the cost may vary if there is a fluctuation in the value of the Canadian Dollar. Randy Helms is the trip captain for this Canadian adventure.

Members who prefer not to share a room have the op-

tion of paying a single supplement. Please note that we must add the additional cost of the room and other shared trip expenses, including trip captain credits and bus transportation, since each supplement reduces the number of participants by one. In addition to the published price of the trip, the single supplement prices for each trip are as follows:

**Snowmass/Aspen: \$1,080**

**Copper: \$530**

**Banff: \$500**

The Icebreakers will again be held at the Scarecrow Restaurant in Chesterfield, Missouri.

In addition to the ski trips, we are offering two very different summer adventures to club members: an independent Iceland experience in early June, as well as a seven night Alaskan Princess Cruise with an optional three-day Denali land tour extension late August/early September. Details for all the trips can be found on subsequent pages. Please share this information with everyone you know and encourage them to join us on a winter and/or summer trip next year.

Thanks to the trip committee for putting together some outstanding trips and a special thank you to Larry Essmann, who graciously hosted the meeting at his home.

If you prefer not to search for stamps and envelopes, we are offering online payment via PayPal for your convenience. Commit early or at the annual sign-up night on Thursday, August 24th.

## St. Louis Ski Club 2018 Ski Trips

Ski Resort & Trip Captain	Dates	Lodging	What's Included	Price Info	Ice-Breaker
<b>Snowmass/Aspen, CO</b> <b>(FSA Trip)</b> <a href="http://www.snowmass.com">www.snowmass.com</a> <b>Dan McGurk</b> <a href="mailto:danieljmcgurk@gmail.com">danieljmcgurk@gmail.com</a> 660-216-3623	1/28/18 thru 2/4/18  32 <i>skiers</i>  6 <i>ski</i> <i>days</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“The Power of Four”</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Timberline Condos</u></b></p> 2BR/2B deluxe condo for four people <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ski-in / Ski-out</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Flatland Race Info</b>  <a href="http://www.flatlandski.org">www.flatlandski.org</a></p>	Lodging/Airfare  Transfers to/from Aspen Airport  FSA Welcome Reception  FSA Banquet, Parties & Races  <i>(Racing is optional)</i>	Trip Price \$1,850  Deposit \$950  Balance \$900  Due* 11/30/17	Wed.  1/17/18
<b>Copper Mountain, CO</b>  <a href="http://www.coppercolorado.com">www.coppercolorado.com</a>  <b>Tom Coscia</b>  <a href="mailto:coscia@peoplepc.com">coscia@peoplepc.com</a>  314-780-3021	2/19/18 thru 2/24/18  32 <i>skiers</i>  4 <i>ski</i> <i>days</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“A Mountain for Everyone”</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Center Village Lodging</u></b></p> 2BR/2B condo for four people  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcome Reception</b></p>	Lodging/Airfare  Transfers to/from Denver Airport  Flying Southwest!  Club Party	Full Trip Price \$800  Land Only Price \$600  Full Trip Deposit \$400  Land Only Deposit \$300  Balance \$400 / \$300  Due* 12/8/17	Wed.  2/7/18
<b>Banff, Alberta, Canada</b>  <a href="http://www.banff.ca.com">www.banff.ca.com</a>  <b>Randy Helms</b>  <a href="mailto:randy-helms@att.net">randy-helms@att.net</a>  314-795-2588	3/17/18 thru 3/24/18  28 <i>skiers</i>  6 <i>ski</i> <i>days</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Ski Big 3”</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Banff Ptarmigan Inn</u></b></p> 2 people per hotel room  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hot Buffet Breakfast Included</b></p>	Lodging/Airfare  Transfers to/from Calgary Airport  Club Party	Trip Price \$1,450  Deposit \$750  Balance \$700  Due* 12/10/17	Wed.  3/7/18

Icebreakers will be held at Scarecrow Restaurant, 1095 Chesterfield Pkwy E, Chesterfield, MO 63017 at 6:00 pm.  
 Trip prices may change due to fuel surcharges. Gratuities for ground transportation/baggage handlers included.

Additional fees for airline baggage may apply.

Single room supplement is available upon request.

**Lift Tickets are not included unless specifically stated.**

Check, cash, PayPal or credit cards accepted for payment.

**\* Note: Trips may close prior to the balance due date.**

## Snowmass, CO - 54th Annual FSA Races

Four Mountains, Two Incredible Towns

January 28 – February 4, 2018 32 skiers

Price: \$1,850

Trip Captain: Dan McGurk

(660) 216-3623 [danieljmcgurk@gmail.com](mailto:danieljmcgurk@gmail.com)



The first trip of 2018 promises a virtual paradise for St. Louis skiers. Snowmass offers an abundance of deep snow and a vast expanse of terrain that includes 94 trails and the largest vertical descent of any resort in North America. And that's just the start. Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, and Buttermilk are all just a shuttle ride away, providing access to four major resorts with your lift tickets. With the towns of Aspen and Snowmass Village sporting dozens of shops, restaurants and amenities, Snowmass is the ideal destination for those looking to combine world-class skiing with a vibrant cultural and dining life. See [www.aspensnowmass.com](http://www.aspensnowmass.com) for information on all four mountains.

- Seven nights lodging at the Timberline Condominiums (2 Bedroom/2 Bath/4 per unit).  
See <http://www.thetimberline.com> for full details
- Ski-in/Ski-out access to the slopes
- Complimentary daily housekeeping service
- Complimentary in-town courtesy van service
- On site laundry facilities and ski rentals
- New heated outdoor pool and two hot tubs
- New larger fitness room, steam room and 2 changing rooms
- On-site restaurant and Free Wi-Fi
- Six super days of skiing or boarding

Discounted group lift tickets good at all four resorts (not included in price)

Roundtrip airfare from St. Louis to Aspen/Pitkin Cnty Airport/transfers to and from the resort. No long bus ride from the airport! This trip also includes the Flatland Ski Association (FSA) race weekend with opportunities for all levels of skiers or snowboarders to compete. (Racing is encouraged but completely optional). The FSA welcome party and awards banquet are open to all.

The slopes of Aspen were the first place St. Louis skiers headed when the ski club was formed in 1958 and it has been a popular destination ever since. The splendor of four fabulous mountains can only be enhanced by the ski-in/ski-out convenience and other amenities found at the Timberline and all the ambience of the towns of Aspen and Snowmass. Sign up quickly!



## Iceland Your Way—Summer 2018

There is a very good reason why almost two million tourists visited Iceland, deemed the world's safest country, in 2016 . . . the wild and undeniable natural beauty of that country's rugged landscape. As your trip director, I am planning an independent, active adventure for members who want to explore Iceland on their own terms. The trip

will be based out of Reykjavik, the northernmost capital city in the world, which is easily assessable from the United States. I plan to fly out of St. Louis on the evening of Friday, June 8th and will return home on Saturday, June 16th. Intend to stay in a centrally located hotel where outfitters are willing to transport customers. You can join me on unforgettable day adventures throughout the week.

Reykjavik is well known for its vibrant night life and diverse entertainment so there will always be something to do. Does hiking to a spectacular waterfall sound like a great day to you? How about taking a Zodiac boat ride in a glacier lagoon or riding ATV's in the midnight sun? Is exploring a volcano, a glacier hike or river rafting appealing? Catching a glimpse of puffins or whale watching also might be fun. And don't forget about relaxing in the famous Blue Lagoon. I will set a daily itinerary and you will have the option of staying the entire week or just a few days. Absolutely everything you do is entirely up to you! No guilt or public shaming for non-participation. As Iceland is an incredibly popular tourist destination, I will be booking my lodging at least seven months in advance. If this type of unstructured adventure abroad piques your interest, you can reach me at 314-651-1992 or [tracyaleverenz@gmail.com](mailto:tracyaleverenz@gmail.com). Happy Travels!

## Copper Mountain, Colorado

“Raised on Colorado”

February 19 – 24, 2018 32 Skiers

Price: \$800

Trip Captain: Tom Coscia

314-780-3021 [coscia@peoplepc.com](mailto:coscia@peoplepc.com)



The club returns to Copper Mountain after 9 years:

- Non-stop round trip air with Southwest from St. Louis to Denver with shuttle service to the condo
- Five (5) nights at the Center Village Lodging 2 bed / 2 bath condo
- Four (4) ski days
- 23 total chairlifts: 1 six-person high-speed lift; 5 high-speed quads; 5 triple chairlifts; 5 double chairlifts & 7 surface lifts
- Over 140 marked trails: 21% beginner, 25% intermediate, 36% advanced, 18% expert
- Welcome reception and club party
- Ski-in / Walk out access
- Common laundry facilities and Ski Storage
- Full Kitchen with fireplace and balcony/deck
- Common hot tub and swimming pool
- Free parking
- Access to the Copper Mountain Athletic Club
- 3-day lift pass is only \$175: 4-day pass is \$233 if purchased through the club
- For members wanting to extend their stay, enjoy more skiing at the nearby resorts of Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin. The optional lift pass allows early access to the lifts along with ski instructor line privileges.
- Additional Activities: Ice skating, snowshoeing, tubing, snowmobiling, sleigh rides, dog sledding, x-country skiing & spas
- Priced at only \$800 with free baggage using Southwest, this trip is hard to beat!

## Banff, Alberta, Canada

“Ski Big 3”

March 17 – 24, 2018 28 Skiers

Price: \$1,450

Trip Captain: Randy Helms

314-795-2588 [randy-helms@att.net](mailto:randy-helms@att.net)



- Banff, Alberta Canada “Canada’s protected playground”
- 6-full days of winter sports fun in the Canadian Rockies
- Round trip air from St. Louis to Calgary with shuttle service to the hotel
- Lodging at the newly renovated Ptarmigan Inn (two per room) with hot tubs, steam room/ sauna
- Includes complimentary hot breakfast buffet, ski lockers, Wi-Fi, and shuttles to ski areas and local attractions!
- Skiing at 3 resorts, each offering its own unique experience
  - Banff/Lake Louise - 4200 acres across 4 mountain faces, 45 minutes away
  - Sunshine Village - Canada’s highest elevated resort with diverse terrain and 15 minutes away
  - Mt. Norquay - small and skier friendly with “post-card” views around every turn, 12 minutes away
- Over 8,000 acres of skiing pleasure for beginners or experts!
- Explore scenic Banff National Park, Lake Louise, Banff Upper Hot Springs, and wildlife tours
- About 1 hour drive to the city of Calgary
- Club party
- All this in an area so spectacular the United Nations has declared it a World Heritage Site

# SET SAIL TO ALASKA WITH THE ST. LOUIS SKI CLUB



10 day land & sea **VOYAGE OF THE GLACIER**  
August 29 - September 8, 2018

- ❖ **Glacier Bay & Denali National Parks**
- ❖ **Exclusive rail service from Whittier**
- ❖ **Step off the ship to your waiting rail car. You'll be whisked away through Alaska's most beautiful wilderness.**
- ❖ **Sip + Sale Promotion Good Thru August, 2017 Free All-Inclusive Beverage Package (\$402 value per person) when booking a balcony or above**
- ❖ **\$100 totally refundable deposit**

## Prices Starting:

	<u>Inside Cabin</u>	<u>Outside Cabin</u>
<b>10 night Cruise &amp; tour</b>	<b>\$2055.69</b>	<b>\$2725.69</b>
<b>7 night Cruise only</b>	<b>\$1174</b>	<b>\$1844</b>

Includes port charges, taxes & fees of \$225 for Cruise only and \$256.69 for Cruise/Tour

## Port Calls

- ❖ **Port calls in Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway**
  - ❖ **Sail through Glacier Bay & Prince William Sound.**  
Summertime is the best time to see the whales!
  - ❖ **One night in Denali Princess Lodge**
  - ❖ **One night in Mt. McKinley Princess Lodge**
  - ❖ **One night in Anchorage**
  - ❖ **See "the Big 5" in Denali**  
See brown bear, moose, caribou, wolves & dall sheep as eagles soar overhead.
  - ❖ **View the tallest mountain in North America**  
20,310 ft., Denali, in a 6 million acre National Park
  - ❖ **Breakfast, lunch & dinner daily, along with entertainment**  
Ship portion of the trip.
- All payments by credit card
  - Air prices available in October or use your frequent flyer miles
  - Call Kelly at (800) 365-9819 ext. 2004 with questions & details.

# Upcoming Events!

**Saturday, July 15, 2017**

## **Fairmount Park Racetrack - Party at the Park**

**6:00 pm**

Come join us for an evening of fun. \$13 gets you an all-you-can-eat appetizer buffet. Don't miss out on the \$2 drink specials and live music by Vote for Pedro. Must be 21 or older. It's a partee! If questions contact Ken Harris at 618-401-4743 or kdhou@sbcglobal.net.

Cost: \$13.00

Note: Party at the Park has moved to Saturday  
Fairmount Park Racetrack, 9301 Collinsville Rd, Collinsville, IL 62234  
Look for the St Louis Ski Club sign

**Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

## **Night at the Muny - All Shook Up**

**6:40 pm**

Let's visit America's oldest and largest outdoor theatre for All Shook Up, an American jukebox musical featuring Elvis Presley music. The story is based on Shakespeare's play Twelfth Night. We'll meet in front of the main Muny Box Office at 6:40 pm that evening to purchase our tickets in Terrace C for \$15 each. We plan to picnic on the Muny grounds before the performance which begins at 8:15 pm. Can bring in food/drinks. No hard-sided coolers, glass or aluminum. Hope to see you there!

Cost: \$15

The Muny (in Forest Park), 1 Theatre Drive, St. Louis, MO 63112  
Meet at the main box office at 6:40 pm

**Saturday, August 12, 2017**

## **Huzzah River Rafting**

Let's float the beautiful Huzzah River. We will be doing a leisurely 6 mile float with Bass River Resort in Steelville, MO. Meet at the Eureka McDonalds at 7:30 for breakfast. We will car pool from there no later than 8:15. Be sure to pack a lunch, drinks, and other floating essentials. No children or dogs please.

Cash or check MUST be received by July 30th. Make check payable to : Bev Doolin, 3 Bethany Lane, Collinsville IL 62234

Phone: 618.972.3412 Email: activities@stlouisskiclub.com

Cost: \$35 (including tax)

Saturday August 12 (McDonalds by 8:15 am or Bass River Resort by 9:30 am)

Where: McDonalds, 12 Hilltop Village Center Dr, Eureka, MO 63025 --or-- Bass River Resort, 204 Butts Rd, Steelville, MO 65565

**Wednesday, August 16, 2017**

## **New and Potential Member Orientation Dinner at Bravo Cucina**

**6:30 pm**

We are hosting a new member dinner for individuals who have never attended an event with us or haven't attended recent events with the club. We'll discuss the upcoming winter and summer trips scheduled for 2018. All Welcome - no paid membership required for this event. Join us for superb Italian cuisine/drinks and meet some new friends.

Please RSVP at <http://www.meetup.com/St-Louis-Ski-Club/> Hope to see you there!

Cost: Your dinner/drinks --cash or card (Will do separate checks) Note: Arrive early - Happy hour pricing ends at 6:30 pm!

BRAVO Cucina Italiana (in West County Mall), 15 West County Center, Des Peres, MO 63131  
Ask the hostess for the St Louis Ski Club group. We will be at the alcove just off the bar.



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## **Mark Your Calendars Now!**

Please use our Meetup page <http://www.meetup.com/St-Louis-Ski-Club/>  
or you may RSVP to [activities@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:activities@stlouisskiclub.com)  
See [stlouisskiclub.com](http://stlouisskiclub.com) for the latest updates!

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>July 15, 2017</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Fairmount Park</b> <b>Party in the Park</b> See page 7 for details	<b>Fairmount Park Racetrack</b> 9301 Collinsville Rd Collinsville, IL 62234
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>July 19, 2017</b> <b>6:40 pm</b>	<b>Night at the Muny</b> <b>"All Shook Up"</b> See page 7 for details	<b>The Muny</b> (in Forest Park) 1 Theatre Drive St. Louis, MO 63112
<b>Saturday</b> <b>August 12, 2017</b> <b>8:15 am or 9:30 am</b>	<b>Huzzah River Rafting</b> See page 7 for details	<b>Bass River Resort</b> 204 Butts Road Steelville, MO 65565
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>August 16, 2017</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>New &amp; Potential Member</b> <b>Orientation Dinner</b> See page 7 for details	<b>BRAVO Cucina Italiana</b> 15 West County Center Des Peres, MO 63131
<b>Thursday</b> <b>August 24, 2017</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Annual Sign-up &amp;</b> <b>Club Meeting</b> See front page for details	<b>O'Fallon Brewery</b> 45 Progress Pkwy Maryland Heights, MO 63043