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**Sitzmarker  
Fall 2025**

**President's Message**

In my message last month, I talked about my history with the club. In this article I would like to discuss how the club has evolved especially in the last 10 years. I find it fun to reflect on how organizations grow and change.

Whether we like it or not change is inevitable, especially if we are to keep up with the times. Here is how your club has evolved.

The club started using on-line Google forms to get feedback on trips and trip destination surveys. I remember as a captain having to print off surveys and hand them out on the bus ride back to the airport at the end of the trip. Not only did they have to be physically collected, which sometimes included sending them through the mail, but the data had to be tallied by hand. Thanks to Google forms, everyone can fill a survey out easily on their cell phone and Google automatically compiles the data. This saves paper and time. Plus, you don't have the issue of trying to read someone's handwriting, which can be a challenge at times. I know my handwriting is hard to read!

After the success with the feedback forms, the club migrated the membership and trip appli-



cation forms to Google. No more mailing physical paperwork or having to deal with editable PDFs, which was a challenge for some. It saves members time and expense. The last step after the online migration of all membership and trip signups, was offering online payments. The US mail has unfortunately become less reliable. If checks were delayed or lost in the mail, this would create headaches for the record center as we will not pay our vendor on behalf of our members unless we have the money in hand. For years we offered PayPal, but we would charge a higher price to cover PayPal transactions costs. Most members did not want to pay the PayPal transaction costs and thus stuck with checks. The club decided to use Venmo, which charges a more nominal fee. Note: While Venmo does not charge transac-

tion fees between individuals, they do charge it with organizations. The board decided to charge the same amount for trips and membership fees whether members used checks or Venmo. As a result, most people now pay online. Online payments have been a big-time saver for the record center. Pat Pender no longer must deposit physical checks, saving time and gas. She doesn't have to wait days to receive final payment checks. This also saves the club money. While board members receive a fixed number of trip credits for their work, the record center is reimbursed based on the time spent processing club transactions. The less time Pat has to spend managing club business with less stress, the more money the club saves.

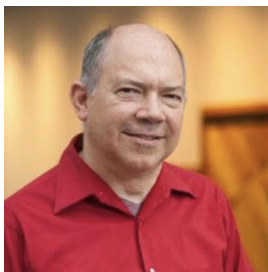
These changes have made it faster and easier for members to participate and cheaper and easier for the board to process information. It is a win for everyone involved. I am really happy the club has made these changes, and we are confident the members appreciate it to. Do you have ideas on how to improve the club? Please share them with me or another board member.

Hope to see everyone at the holiday party on December 11th.



**Thirsty Thursday at Porter's—October 2nd**

# 2026 Trips



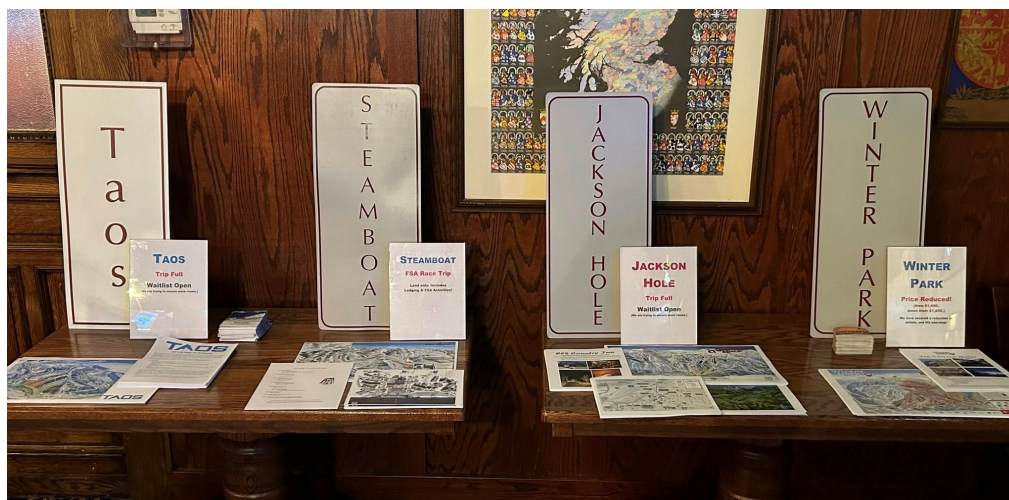
**Paul Snyder**  
**Trip Director**

Hello fellow club members!

The response to the trips we're offering for 2026 has been interesting, to say the least! Two of our trips (*Taos and Jackson Hole*) filled up quickly. In fact, we added as many extra rooms as we were able to. Unfortunately, our other trips to Steamboat and Winter Park did not fare as well and we were forced to cancel both. We were fortunate that those who were interested in Steamboat were able to sign up with another partner FSA club. We're disappointed that Winter Park didn't generate more interest, as it's such a great place for early spring skiing. The price was reasonable, too, especially compared to other similar trips at that time of year being offered out of the Midwest.

Because of high demand at popular destinations, and changes in the travel industry, it's important that we start looking at trips further out. What used to be the norm isn't so normal anymore. For that reason, we're already planning our 2027 trips, and looking into St. Anton/ Arlberg Region of Austria in late January 2027 and Big Sky, MT in March. BUT we still want your input, so look for a trip survey via e-mail in the near future, and please respond!

## Trip Signup Night — August 24th



# St. Louis Ski Club 2026 Ski Trips

Ski Resort & Trip Captain	Dates	Lodging	What's Included	Price Info	Ice Breaker
<p>Taos, NM <a href="http://www.skitaos.com">www.skitaos.com</a></p> <p><b>Paul Snyder</b> <a href="mailto:psnyder@immanuelolivette.org">psnyder@immanuelolivette.org</a> (314) 761-4797</p>	<p>1/3/26 thru 1/10/26</p> <p>32 skiers</p> <p>6 ski days</p>	<p><b>"Off the Map of Ordinary!"</b></p> <p><b>Snakedance Condos</b></p> <p>2 Bed / 2 Bath Condos (4-person)</p>	<p>Lodging / Airfare</p> <p>Transfers to/from Albuquerque</p> <p>Welcome Party</p> <p>Club Party</p> <p>Dinner by Owner</p> <p>Snakedance</p> <p>Fleece Vest</p>	<p><b>Trip Price</b> \$1,770</p> <p>Deposit \$970</p> <p>Balance \$800</p> <p>Due* 11/1/2025</p>	<p>Wed 12/8/25</p>
Trip Full Waitlist Only					
<p>Steamboat, CO - FSA <a href="http://www.steamboat.com">www.steamboat.com</a></p> <p><b>To be announced!</b></p> <p>For now, contact: <a href="mailto:psnyder@immanuelolivette.org">psnyder@immanuelolivette.org</a> (314) 761-4797</p>	<p>1/24/26 thru 1/29/26</p> <p>24 skiers</p> <p>4 ski days</p>	<p><b>"Ski Town, USA!"</b></p> <p><b>Holiday Inn Steamboat Springs</b></p> <p>2 people per room Mini-fridge &amp; Microwave</p> <p>Daily ski shuttle to base</p>	<p>Lodging (Land Only Trip)</p> <p>FSA Banquet</p> <p>FSA Faces (Optional)</p> <p>Extended Continental Breakfast</p>	<p><b>Trip Price</b> \$1,230</p> <p>Deposit \$630</p> <p>Balance \$600</p> <p>Due* 12/1/2025</p>	<p>Thu 1/15/26</p>
Canceled					
<p>Jackson Hole, WY <a href="http://www.jacksonhole.com">www.jacksonhole.com</a></p> <p><b>Joan Scholz</b> <a href="mailto:joan.scholz@att.net">joan.scholz@att.net</a> (262) 573-7007</p>	<p>2/7/26 thru 2/14/26</p> <p>30 skiers</p> <p>6 ski days</p>	<p><b>"The West's Famous Gateway!"</b></p> <p><b>Elk Country Inn</b></p> <p>Hotel, 2 people per room</p> <p>Hot extended continental breakfast</p>	<p>Lodging / Airfare</p> <p>Transfers to/from Jackson Hole airport</p> <p>Welcome Party</p> <p>Club Party</p>	<p><b>Trip Price</b> \$1,320</p> <p>Deposit \$720</p> <p>Balance \$600</p> <p>Due* 12/8/2025</p>	<p>Thu 1/29/26</p>
Trip Full Waitlist Only					
<p>Winter Park, CO <a href="http://www.winterpark.com">www.winterpark.com</a></p> <p><b>To be announced!</b></p> <p>For now, contact: <a href="mailto:psnyder@immanuelolivette.org">psnyder@immanuelolivette.org</a> (314) 761-4797</p>	<p>3/8/26 thru 3/15/26</p> <p>27 skiers</p> <p>6 ski days</p>	<p><b>"All the Altitude without the Attitude!"</b></p> <p><b>Vintage Hotel</b></p> <p>Hotel, 2 people per room</p>	<p>Lodging / Airfare</p> <p>Transfers to/from Denver</p> <p>Club Party</p>	<p><b>Trip Price</b> \$1,690</p> <p>Deposit \$950</p> <p>Balance \$740</p> <p>Due* 12/15/2025</p>	<p>Thu 2/26/26</p>
Canceled					

Icebreakers: All icebreakers will be held Llywelyn's Pub, 17 W. Moody Ave., Webster Groves 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.

A single room supplement is available upon request. Must sign up by August.

Lift tickets are not included in the listed price. They are available through the club at a discount.

Check, cash, Venmo, or your credit card (through PayPal) are accepted for payment.

## Taos, New Mexico "Off the Map of Ordinary!"

January 3 – 10, 2026 – 32 Skiers  
Price \$1,770 (*Lift Tickets not Included*)  
Trip Captain: Paul Snyder  
[psnyder@immanuelolive.com](mailto:psnyder@immanuelolive.com) or (314) 7612-4797

**Trip Full  
Waitlist Only**



Taos is a place you have to experience to believe! With at base at 9,200 feet, Taos Ski Valley is the largest of New Mexico's eight alpine ski areas, with over 1,200 acres of skiable land. The mountain has terrain for all levels, with about one quarter being easy, a quarter intermediate, and about half advanced, with stunning views of the area. And being north-faced and shaded, the snow conditions are preserved excellently.

The club will be staying on the mountain, not in the town of Taos, at the Snakedance Condos, a favorite of many ski clubs including ours, in 2-bed/2-bath condos.

### Trip Includes:

- Round trip airfare from St. Louis to Albuquerque, with transfers to and from the resort and a grocery stop on the way
- 7 nights lodging at the Snakedance Condos (Ski-in/ski out) with a ski storage area/lockers
- Restaurant on Site
- Welcome Party on Arrival, Club Party, and a dinner hosted for the club by Roger, the owner
- Snakedance vest for each skier
- Scheduled trips into the town of Taos

There are many things to do, like enjoy the Bavarian Restaurant at Kachina Basin (*ski down for lunch!*), many great eating places in town, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling ice skating, and the like. In addition, a trip can be arranged to the Taos Pueblo to see the deer or buffalo dances (*depending on the year*) on January 6, or potentially a ski day at Angel Fire if people are interested. Plus, it's easy to arrange transportation to Santa Fe for a day of museums, shopping, and dining!

Taos accepts the Ikon base pass, but discount lift tickets are available through our travel agent with adults being \$99 per day, seniors (65-79) \$88 per day, and 80+ ski free!

## Steamboat, Colorado (FSA Trip) "Ski Town, USA!"

January 24 – 29, 2026 – 24 Skiers  
Price \$1,230 (*Lift Tickets not Included*)  
Trip Captain: IN THE WORKS! – For now:  
[tripdir@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:tripdir@stlouisskiclub.com) or (314) 761-4797

The Flatland Ski Association (FSA) is returning to Steamboat for their annual event once again this year *and* in 2027! A favorite of many, Steamboat is known for its "Champagne Powder" and unparalleled skiing. We're trying something a little different this year, in line with what many of the other FSA clubs do, and making it a shorter trip of five nights with four days of skiing. It's also a lodging only trip as we often have people who don't "drive on" with a club. *If you don't want to drive, and aren't comfortable booking your own air and shuttle, the club will do this for you for a small administrative fee to cover costs/time spent.*

The club will be staying at the Holiday Inn Steamboat Springs this year.

### Trip Includes:

- 5 night st lodging at the Holiday Inn Steamboat Springs (hotel)
  - 2 people per room
  - Microwave & mini fridge in all rooms
  - Extended continental breakfast
  - Daily ski shuttles to base
- FSA Races (optional) and Banquet
- FSA happy hour/après ski (cash/credit card) to mingle with other clubs, pick up racing information, and the like.

Steamboat offers lots of other activities when you're not skiing including snowmobiling, snowshoeing, visiting the hot springs, ice skating, dog sledding, or exploring the town's historic sites.

Steamboat accepts the Ikon full pass or base pass (*blackout days might apply*), but discount lift tickets are available through the FSA at \$124 per day.

**Cancelled**

## Jackson Hole, Wyoming "The West's Famous Gateway!"

February 7 – 14, 2026 (30 Skiers)  
Price - \$1,320 (*Lift Tickets Not Included*)  
Trip Captain: Joan Scholz  
262-573-7007 joan.scholz@att.net

**Trip Full  
Waitlist Only**



The club last went to Jackson Hole to in 2017. It was a fantastic trip and they had total snowfall of 593 inches that season. We are excited to be headed there again in 2026! There are many things to do in the area: skiing, snowshoeing, dog sledding, snowmobiling, the National Elk Refuge, Yellowstone National Park, Grand Tetons National Park, shopping, admiring local artist's work in the many galleries, fantastic food and nightlife, and enjoying the town square (a one of a kind, truly unique experience and picture MUST), winter bike tours, and great skiing.

The resort contains over 2500 acres of in-bound terrain and a whopping 4,139-foot vertical drop serviced by 13 lifts including Bridger Gondola and "Big Red", Jackson Hole's world-famous Aerial Tram

Trip Includes:

- Round trip airfare from St. Louis to Jackson Hole on American Airline, with transfers to-and-from the airport.
- 7 nights lodging at the ELK Country Inn (hotel, 2 persons per room, 2 queen beds)
  - Hotel includes a hot, extended continental breakfast, outside heated pool, fitness room, & a cozy fireplace
  - Hotel is close to the START bus stop and has a complimentary ski shuttle for quick slope access, and 4½ blocks from historic town square
- Welcome party at the hotel + club party
- Up to 6 ski days on the 130 named trails including 50% expert, 40% intermediate, and 10% beginner
- Optional day trip to Grand Targhee (can be arranged after arrival in Jackson Hole) - \$197 per day for adults and \$179 per day for seniors (65+). Includes roundtrip transportation and Grand Targhee lift ticket.

Jackson Hole accepts the full Ikon Pass (base pass and sessions pass aren't accepted) OR you can purchase discounted lift tickets through the club, for example:

3 day adult - \$508/3 day senior - \$457  
4 day adult - \$642/4 day senior - \$579

5 day adult - \$759/5 day senior - \$683  
6 day adult - \$857/6 day senior - \$772

## Winter Park, Colorado "All the Altitude Without the Attitude!"

March 8 - 15, 2026 – 24 Skiers – 6 Ski Days  
Price \$1,690 (*Lift Tickets not Included*)  
Trip Captain: IN THE WORKS! – For now:  
[tripdir@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:tripdir@stlouisskiclub.com) or (314) 761-4797

Winter Park is a favorite resort for skiers in the Summit Area! It's the closest major mountain destination to Denver at just 67 miles away, but don't be fooled by the convenient location; you'll feel remotely tucked away in a high country corner of the Rockies. With easy access to 765,000 acres of public land, Winter Park Resort boasts a diverse range of 166 designated trails and 1,212 acres of off-piste terrain, including the challenging Vantage Cirque and glacial skiing areas. The resort is serviced by 23 lifts, including high-speed six-packs, a 10-person gondola, and various quad, triple, and double chairlifts. These lifts provide access to all areas of the mountain, including Winter Park, Mary Jane, Vasquez Lodge, Penn Bowl, Eagle Wind, and The Cirque areas.

Trip Includes:

- Round trip airfare from St. Louis to Denver, with transfers to and from the resort
- 7 nights lodging at the Vintage Hotel, 2 people per room (QQ)
  - Kitchenettes in rooms
  - Next to the Village Cabriolet
  - Hot tub & heated pool
  - On-site restaurant
  - Free local shuttle
- Club Party

Besides fantastic skiing and snowboarding, Winter Park offers the option to go snowmobiling, ice skating, snowshoeing, tubing, ski-biking, Snowcat rides, and lots of après ski opportunities!

Winter Park accepts the Ikon full pass or Base Pass (*blackout days might apply*), but discount lift tickets are available through our travel agent if enough people sign up to qualify.

**Cancelled**

# Recent Social Events



**Evita at the Muny—July 22nd**



**Hike at Cliff Park—July 26th**



**Schafly Bottleworks—August 5th**



**Creve Coeur Park  
September 20th**



**Oktoberfest in St. Charles  
September 27th**

## ST. LOUIS SKI CLUB INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2025**

ACODE	DESCRIPTION	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
<b>INCOME</b>					
090200	Membership Income	2,149.10	2,210.00	2,054.24	2,055.73
090201	Membership Income/Senior	20.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
090202	Membership/Couples	320.00	445.00	315.00	185.00
090300	Guest Fee Income	40.00	80.00	78.00	75.00
090400	Interest Income	9.23	38.36	274.52	301.24
090600	Miscellaneous Income	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
090800	Unused Trip Credits	375.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
090801	Trip Credit Transfer Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
090900	Trip Admin Fee Income	4,910.00	6,360.49	5,850.00	6,560.00
091100	CD Interest	75.24	75.54	400.93	950.98
	<b>Income Totals</b>	<b>7,913.57</b>	<b>9,219.39</b>	<b>8,982.69</b>	<b>10,137.95</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
100500	Postage	35.38	24.60	41.43	58.40
100700	Office Supplies	406.38	109.18	201.25	589.82
100900	Insurance	300.00	299.00	308.00	320.00
101000	Dog N' Suds	470.17	373.55	441.81	603.08
101100	Activities/Sports Expense	0.00	248.19	57.94	42.03
101200	Board Member Credits	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
101500	Record Center	1,968.75	2,452.50	2,850.00	2,208.75
101600	Miscellaneous	181.84	149.42	473.48	231.74
101900	Post Office Box	146.00	182.00	194.00	200.00
102000	Bank Service Charge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
102050	Venmo Fees	0.00	0.00	17.21	10.77
102400	Chicago Ski Council	0.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
102500	Tax Preparation	125.00	200.00	200.00	210.00
102700	Advertising/Marketing	222.88	222.88	290.56	682.98
102800	Internet	144.00	226.40	144.00	226.40
102900	Business Incorporation Fees	21.25	0.00	20.65	0.00
	<b>Expense Totals</b>	<b>\$7,475.88</b>	<b>\$7,727.72</b>	<b>\$8,550.33</b>	<b>\$8,623.97</b>
	Operating Profit (Loss)	\$437.69	\$1,491.67	\$432.36	\$1,513.98
	Trip Profit (Loss)	\$947.60	-\$916.78	\$2,291.64	\$1,800.28
	<b>Year Net (Loss) Profit</b>	<b>\$1,385.29</b>	<b>\$574.89</b>	<b>\$2,724.00</b>	<b>\$3,314.26</b>

**ST. LOUIS SKI CLUB**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
 FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2025

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS:**

10200	Cash in Bank - Checking	\$ 10,184.54
10300	US Bank CDs	\$ 21,221.39
10400	Investment Savings Account	\$ 20,717.31
10700	Prepaid Insurance	\$ 323.00
10800	Prepaid Trip Deposits	\$ -

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$ 52,446.24

**LIABILITIES**

**CURRENT LIABILITIES:**

20500	Accounts Payable	\$ -
20600	Prepaid Membership Dues	\$ -
20700	Prepaid Charitable Contributions	\$ -
21000	Trip Credits Payable	\$ 5,280.00

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** \$ 5,280.00

**EQUITY**

**CURRENT EQUITY:**

28300	Fund Balance	\$ 43,851.98
29500	Unadjusted Balance	\$ -
29600	Unadjusted Prior Year	\$ -
29700	Excess (Loss)	\$ 3,314.26

**TOTAL EQUITY** \$ 47,166.24

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** \$ 52,446.24

# ALPINE SHOP Special Deals Offer

These offers are made available exclusively to:

## St. Louis Ski Club

on Saturday, Nov 22, 2025 4-7 pm  
at our Kirkwood location  
(440 N. Kirkwood Rd.)

Dear St. Louis Ski Club Member,  
We look forward to hosting your organization this November and feel confident that we can outfit you for a winter on the slopes better than anyone else in the entire Midwest.  
We hope you'll join us for your special offers as part of your established group. While we love to have you in our stores at any time, we hope you'll understand that we can only offer these deals to you on this specific night as part of the club.

Best wishes for deep powder this winter,

*Holly Lisa*  
Russell ("Holly") & Lisa Hollenbeck  
Alpine Shop Owners

### SKI BOOT Insoles

25%  
OFF

The insole inside of your ski boot is the single most important piece of skiing equipment you own. It needs to support the foot, giving it stability inside of the ski boot. By supporting and stabilizing the foot, you give yourself more control on your skis. Your tips will wander less, you'll catch an edge less frequently and your legs will be less fatigued at the end of the day.

We feel so strongly about footbeds that we will guarantee the fit and performance of the boots you buy from us when they are fit using a stabilizing insole of our recommendation.

During this shopping event ONLY we will be selling all ski boot insoles for 25% off.

It can take some time to properly build and install the insoles. For this reason, we ask that you pay for the insoles on this evening and then we will make an appointment for a later date to complete your boot fit.

**SUPERfeet**

### All Ski Tuning & Shop Work

20%  
OFF

### ANY REGULARLY-PRICED Ski Hardgoods

10%  
OFF

This category includes skis, boots, poles and bindings.

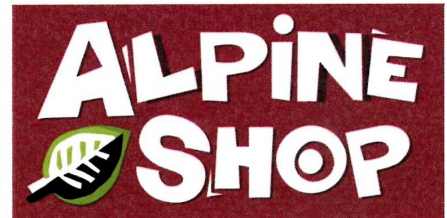
If you ride, it means, boards, boots and bindings.

### ANY REGULARLY-PRICED Softgoods & Accessories

20%  
OFF

This includes all baselayers, clothing, outerwear, socks and ski-specific accessories.

Basically, if you wear it or you use it to help improve your skiing or riding, it's on sale.



[www.ALPINESHOP.com](http://www.ALPINESHOP.com)

KIRKWOOD, MO: 440 N. Kirkwood Rd.  
COLUMBIA, MO: 1102 E. Broadway

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# Mark Your Calendars Now!

Please use our Meetup page at <http://www.meetup.com/St-Louis-Ski-Club/>  
or RSVP to [activities@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:activities@stlouisskiclub.com)

See [stlouisskiclub.com](http://stlouisskiclub.com) for the latest updates!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday November 15th 9 AM	Hike Powder Valley Nature Conservation Center	11715 Cragwold Road Kirkwood, MO 63122
Saturday November 22nd 4 PM	Alpine Shop Club Event <i>(See Details on Page 9)</i>	Alpine Shop 440 North Kirkwood Road Kirkwood, MO 63122
Monday December 8th 6 PM	Icebreaker - Taos Ski Trip	Llywelyn's Pub 17 Moody Ave Webster Groves, MO 63119
Thursday December 11th 6 PM	Holiday Party <i>(See Details Below)</i>	Pietro's 3801 Watson Road St. Louis, MO 63109



## 2025 Holiday Party

**When:** Thursday, December 11

**Where:** Pietro's

3801 Watson Road  
St. Louis, MO 63109

**What:** Drinks in the lounge at 5:00 pm  
Dinner at 6:00 pm.

★ PLEASE RSVP – we need  
an accurate head count!

**RSVP:** [Activities@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:Activities@stlouisskiclub.com) or Meetup