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# THE ASHEVILLE AVALANCHE

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ASHEVILLE SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

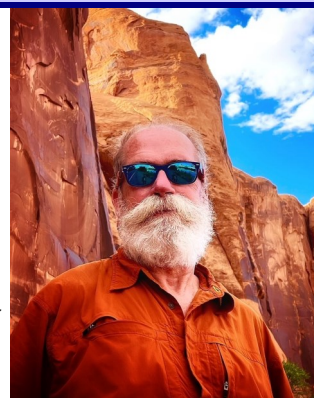
February 2024

### President's Message

Happy February Skiers and Boarders!

It's Groundhog Day and Phil in Punxsutawney has spoken – Spring will come early, but not before our racers bring home the hardware! James Claxton, Erik Sandstedt, Mia Sandstedt, Shawn Demick, JT Demick, Bobby Rowland, Tadd Cole, Franco Rossi, Mary Andreae, Jamie Allen, and Erick Henry are representing our club!

Meanwhile, ASSC club members are making turns in Italy. If you have not made it to Italy yet, we hope to see you on the next trip to Europe! (Does the photo say, bar?).



*See next page for some additional comments from Scott*

## President's Message (continued)

Club members recently completed a great week at Taos Ski Valley in New Mexico joining 97 other skiers and boarders from the Crescent Ski Council. Taos was simply amazing, and the parties were memorable (what happens in Taos stays in Taos!).



We still have openings for Mt Bachelor, Oregon March 2-9! Come join us at one of America's great mountains in Bend, an outdoor mecca!

Our February meeting will be on Thursday the 15th at the Sports Club on Coxe Avenue. Pizza's will be provided and there will be some good racing and travel stories being shared!

Tom Bushar, our awesome newsletter editor is stepping down and will be telling us about this exciting service to the club and soliciting a new editor. Those of you with some computer skills are needed! Also, we need a new treasurer and Bill Melton will help you get started - and who doesn't like to count money? I will be completing my term as President in May and we need some new leaders!

Check out the Iceland trip sponsored by our Crescent Ski Council - this will be a fantastic trip and we look forward to seeing you there. BTW, if you have not been to Breckenridge don't miss our trip in late March/early April - Breck has the highest peak in North America (sorry Taos) and is a fun town. Bring your snowshoes or rent from REI in Dillon and take a hike along Ten Mile Creek on the north side of town!

Think Snow,

Scott Hinkle, ASSC President

[jscotthinkle@gmail.com](mailto:jscotthinkle@gmail.com)

## **NEXT MEETING**

**The Sports Club of Asheville**

**Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024**

**Time: 6:30—8:30 pm**



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Our February meeting will be on Thursday, the 15th at the Sports Club of Asheville, 137 Coxe Avenue starting at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing open leadership positions among other things. The Club will provide pizzas. Y'all come and get involved!

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## **Newsletter Editor's Notes**

As you might know by now, I am planning to step down as the editor of the Asheville Avalanche, the ASSC monthly newsletter. I want to assure whomever takes my place that the job is not terribly complicated.

It requires some familiarity with computers but nothing extreme in that regard. You don't need to be a wordsmith either. Basic high school English should suffice. If you graduated from high school or if you know someone who graduated from high school, you just might qualify!!

Timewise it takes a few hours to gather and perform minor edits to the various inputs from the President, trip leaders, racing leaders and other officers.

I will be available to train the lucky person on how I do the editing using Microsoft Publisher, although there could be other superior software alternatives. Beyond the software it's just a matter of watching for grammatical or spelling errors in the write-ups sent to me by others. I will certainly be willing to jointly edit the Avalanche for a period of time to break the new person in.

Right now remember to get on board one of the great trips ahead. Read Susan's trip update and the racing details from Scott Hinkle, Erik Sandstedt and Rich Mead of CSC Racing. ASSC has always had a strong presence in the ski racing events. Let's keep up the good work!



Tom Bushar  
Avalanche Editor

*Tom Bushar*

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# ASHEVILLE SKI CLUB LEADERSHIP CONTACTS

2023-2024 updated 01/03/24

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

|                                 |                              |  |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
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| Past President                  | Tyler Melton                 | <a href="mailto:avlskiclub@gmail.com">avlskiclub@gmail.com</a>   |

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|          |                  |  |
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|            |                       |  |
|------------|-----------------------|--|
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| Membership | OPEN                  |  |
| Webmaster  | Tyler Melton          | <a href="mailto:avlskiclub@gmail.com">avlskiclub@gmail.com</a> |

## CLUB TRIPS

|                    |                          |  |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--|
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## RACING

|                     |                |  |
|---------------------|----------------|--|
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| Special Olympics    | Sam Lloyd      | <a href="mailto:zlloyd@windstream.net">zlloyd@windstream.net</a>         |

## CRESCENT REPRESENTATIVE

|              |             |  |
|--------------|-------------|--|
| Crescent Rep | Paul Dobson | <a href="mailto:paultdobson@gmail.com">paultdobson@gmail.com</a> |
|--------------|-------------|--|

## CRESCENT TRIPS CHAIR

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Susan Macdonald Robinson | <a href="mailto:susanmac2@gmail.com">susanmac2@gmail.com</a> |
|--------------------------|--|

# Asheville Ski & Snowboard Club



## Membership Application

[www.ashevillesskiclub.com](http://www.ashevillesskiclub.com); [ashskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:ashskiclub@gmail.com)

### Mail to:

Membership  
Asheville Ski Club  
P.O. Box 211  
Asheville, NC 28802

### Membership Type & fees:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Single \$35  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$60  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \$15 (under 18 not part  
of a family membership)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Racer fee \$35 per racer

### Payment method:

\_\_\_\_ Cash  
\_\_\_\_ Check

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total**

Last Name

First Name

Last Name - spouse

First Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Primary contact: Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Primary email address \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse contact: Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse email address \_\_\_\_\_

Children names (if members)

Do you understand and agree that the information given here will be shared in the Asheville Ski Club Directory? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

### I am interested in the following activities:

\_\_\_\_day ski trips, \_\_\_\_long distance trips, \_\_\_\_racing, \_\_\_\_learn to ski programs, \_\_\_\_hiking, \_\_\_\_bicycling, \_\_\_\_camping

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Long distance resort/ski town trip request(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Waiver

By signing this Application for membership in the WNC Skiing and Outing Club, I agree and understand that the Club is a voluntary organization, composed of and run by volunteers. I also understand that the Officers and the members have no professional or special training in conducting Club activities and do not hold themselves out as having such. I acknowledge that the skiing and outdoor sports have certain innate dangers and I understand these risks. I hereby release the Asheville Ski Club and the WNC Skiing and Outing Club, Inc. from any and all liability for any injury that I, or any member of my family, may incur as a result of participating in any Club activities, including economic loss. I understand and agree that the information given here is truthful and honest to the best of my knowledge and will be shared in the Club Directory.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (spouse if also joining): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian (if child is under 18 years old): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Susan's Event Report and Update

The group in Courmayeur is having a fantastic trip. Our trip to Mount Bachelor has spaces available and our trip to Breckenridge has spaces available. This newsletter has all of the information for the trips and the contracts. Please send me an email with your interest so I can save a room for you. Hope to see you in February.

[susanmac2@gmail.com](mailto:susanmac2@gmail.com)



There's a reason Breckenridge is often listed as one of the prettiest towns in America. Main Street is the heart of the historic district where over 200 buildings from the mining era are preserved and loved. Today they are [boutiques, coffee shops, restaurants and stores](#).

If you're pining for winter magic, let Bend, Oregon, cast its spell on you.

Whether you're hungry for fresh powder or craving a quiet, après drink around the fire, fill your appetite—and your soul—with a winter vacation in Bend.

The mountains around Bend get about 30 feet of snow per year, while the city receives less than 30 inches. This magnificent contrast sets the stage for your most diverse winter vacation ever.



## **Susan's Trips Update (continued)**

**Taos 2024 has 99 people signed up and space available if you would like to join.**

**Iceland trip has 34 people signed up The price goes up November 20 so please sign up before the 20th if you have an interest in going**

**2025 January Ski week will be at Big Sky. Prices will roll out in the spring**

**2025 adventure trip will be to Alaska ballpark price, 5500 to 6500.**

**Spring convention will be in Myrtle Beach as before.**



## **CSC Racing**

Here is the information for the upcoming race, Feb 3-4, 2024.

Beech Mountain Resort

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

### **RACING**

**Dates:**

**Saturday, February 3rd: Slalom**

**Sunday, February 4th: GS**

**Location:**

**Robbin's Run**

**Times:**

**8:00 am - the View House Lodge opens**

**9:00 am - lifts open**

**9:00 - 9:40 am - course inspection**

**9:40 am - gatekeeper / racer meeting**

**10:00 am - race start**

**Awards:**

**Location: the front porch of the Lodge**

**Timing: 1 hour after each day's racing ends**

**Note:**

**Personal belongings are NOT to be left on the floor in the Lodge. Per the mountain, the Lodge is not a locker facility and any personal belongings left unattended will be removed from the seating areas. Lockers are available for rent on the lower level of the ski center. Bags may be left in the lockers on the bottom floor or in racer's vehicles. Please follow the bag rules so that Crescent will continue to be welcomed to race at Beech in the future.**

### **DISCOUNT TICKET SALES**

**Lift tickets can be purchased online, in advance. 1 or 2 day tickets are available. Here is the link--**

**<https://www.inntopia.travel/Ecomm/Package/PromoCode/12962368>**

**promo code is Crescent24**

**More information next page...**

## **CSC Racing (continued)**

**Ticket prices (all prices include a \$10/day racer fee)--**

**Adult-- \$70/day**

**Junior (12 and under)/Senior (65-69)-- \$65/day**

**70+ Senior -- \$10/day**

**You will also need to purchase a \$2 media card if you do not already have one. THE MEDIA CARD IS YOUR LIFT TICKET!**

**Non-racers will need to go to the Group Sales office (open at 8AM) to purchase a discounted ticket without the racer fee included. A list of non-racers will be provided to Beech Group Sales. Non-racers not on the list may be denied a discount ticket!**

### **PARKING**

**The highest of the parallel public parking lots is the closest to the lodge and the group ticket sales. Beechtree Village Road becomes Slopes Road, and leads directly to the highest parking lot.**

**[www.beechmountainresort.com/mountain/alpine-village/](http://www.beechmountainresort.com/mountain/alpine-village/)**

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**Rich Mead**

**Race Program Chair**

**Crescent Ski Council**

**864-313-1993**



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Race Program Chair  
864-313-1993

[cscracechair@gmail.com](mailto:cscracechair@gmail.com)

**2023/2024 Crescent Ski Council Race Series**

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| December 2 - 9, 2023  | Steamboat Race Camp—Call Sports America Tours 800 876 8551 |
| December 8 - 10, 2023 | Sugar Mt. Race Camp Call Kim Jöchl 828 898 4521 x224       |

**Race Format - Two runs of Slalom on Saturdays; two runs of Giant Slalom on Sundays**

**December 16 & 17, 2023 Appalachian Mtn, NC Race 9:30**

**January 6 & 7, 2024 Sugar Mtn, NC Race 9:00**

January 13-20, 2024 Crescent Ski Council Ski Week

**February 3 & 4, 2024 Beech Mtn, NC Race 9:30**

February 5, 2024 Cup Run Challenge at Snowshoe, WV

**February 10 & 11, 2024 Sugar Mtn, NC Race 9:00**

**February 24 & 25, 2024 Appalachian Mtn, NC Race 9:30**

March TBA 2024 Governor's Cup Race at Timberline, WV 9:30

March TBA 2024 Dick Trundy/Sugar Cup GS Sugar Mt. 9:00

March April 8-13, 2024 NASTAR Nationals

**DEC. 2-9, 2023 CSC Racing's 40th RACE CAMP @ STEAMBOAT—PLAN NOW! REGISTER ONLINE <https://www.crescentskicouncil.org/clubtrips.html>**

## **Comments from Race Director Erik Sandstedt**

New and old racers it's time to start our race season at Sugar Mountain on January 6-7th. Slalom is on Saturday and Giant slalom on Sunday.

- Our first race at Appalachian Ski Mountain in December got cancelled due to warm weather.
- If you are planning to race this season please click the link below and sign up. It will be the same link for every race.
- Be sure to pay Asheville ski club membership fee and race fee before signing up, If you haven't done so click the link below
- If you are not planning to race but would like to come and ski you can sign up below for a discounted lift ticket. See link below.
- If you sign up I will put you on the race emailing list. If you don't sign up but would like to receive race emails please shoot me an email with your name and your email to [sweski@gmail.com](mailto:sweski@gmail.com) and I will put you on the mailing list.
- The deadline for signing up will be Monday at 8 pm. (Always Monday before a race) No late registration will be available.
- And be sure you can race before you sign up. We will get penalized for no-show racers and create problems with potential gate keeping duties.
- After the sign-up I will send out all race/resort/ticket information for each race with everything you need to know.
- Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns you might have.

Erik Sandstedt, Race Director      [sweski@gmail.com](mailto:sweski@gmail.com)

Asheville Member Ship Fee:

<https://www.ashevilleskiclub.com/membership/racer-fee>

Race Sign-up and Discount Group Lift Tickets:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1h99jBapYb2ksEsqTOvOt9ZTTsllyh04CtrtUxevbxJ8/edit?usp=sharing>

See Sugar race details next page.

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|--------|-------|---|---------------------------------------|--|----------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Club   | ASHE  | Click Here: to go to New Racer registration.<br><a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1h99jBapYb2ksEsqTOvOt9ZTTsllyh04CrtUxevbxJ8/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1h99jBapYb2ksEsqTOvOt9ZTTsllyh04CrtUxevbxJ8/edit?usp=sharing</a> |                                       |  |          |         |         |           |                       |                |
|        |       |   |                                       |  |          |         |         |           |                       |                |
|        |       |   |                                       |  |          |         |         |           |                       |                |
| Race   | Sugar |   | Racers with Current Crescent Handicap |  |          |         |         |           | Non-Racer Lift Ticket |                |
|        |       | Flight  |                                       |  | CSC      | CSC     | Current |           |                       |                |
| Number | Day   | 21/22?  | Name                                  |  | Handicap | Waiver? | Member? | NASTAR ID | Day                   | Name           |
|        |       |   |                                       |  |          |         |         |           |                       |                |
| 1      |       |   | AMON, NICK                            |  | 48.39    | YES     | NO      | AMO184    | Both                  | Mary Andreae   |
| 2      | Both  |   | CLAXTON, JAMES                        |  | 31.73    | YES     | Yes     | CLA44     | Both                  | Oliver Andreae |
| 3      | Sun   |   | COLE, TADD                            |  | 50.13    | YES     | Yes     | COL3780   | Both                  | Jack Sandstedt |
| 4      |       |   | FORD, TED                             |  | 20.57    | YES     | Yes     | FOR2144   | Both                  | Andy Thompson  |
| 5      | Both  |   | GARNES, BARRY                         |  | 37.98    | YES     | NO      | GAR3045   | Both                  | Sherry Garnes  |
| 6      | Sun   |   | HARRISON, DAVID                       |  | 16.26    | YES     | Yes     | HAR5750   |                       |                |
| 7      | Both  |   | HENRY, ERIC                           |  | 59.85    | YES     | Yes     | HEN3112   |                       |                |
| 8      |       |   | MACMILLAN, ALASTAIR                   |  | 47.18    | YES     | NO      | MAC3315   |                       |                |
| 9      | Both  |   | MELTON, BILL>                         |  | 63.59    | YES     | Yes     | MEL19     |                       |                |
| 10     | Both  |   | ROLAND, BOBBY>                        |  | 14.08    | YES     | Yes     | ROL558    |                       |                |
| 11     |       |   | ROSSI, FRANCO>                        |  | 20.13    | YES     | NO      | ROS3392   |                       |                |
| 12     | Both  |   | SANDSTEDT, ERIK                       |  | 11.84    | YES     | Yes     | SAN549    |                       |                |
| 13     | Both  |   | SANDSTEDT, MIA                        |  | 43.05    | YES     | Yes     | SAN2776   |                       |                |
| 14     |       |   | SANDSTEDT, MICHAEL                    |  | 42.18    | YES     | NO      | SAN2395   |                       |                |
| 15     |       |   | SCHIEREN, CHARLIE<                    |  | 29.18    | YES     | NO      | SCH12818  |                       |                |
| 16     |       |   | SCHIEREN, WALKER                      |  | 83.98    | YES     | NO      | SCH16077  |                       |                |
| 17     |       |   | TEPER, GLEB ROMAN                     |  | 73.04    | YES     | NO      |           |                       |                |

## CSC RACE SERIES SPONSORS OF THE MONTH

The following businesses have donated merchandise and/or certificates to the Crescent Ski Council. Their merchandise and certificates will be used as prizes to the top three finishers in each flight of the CSC Race Series. Please support these establishments and product lines at every possible opportunity.

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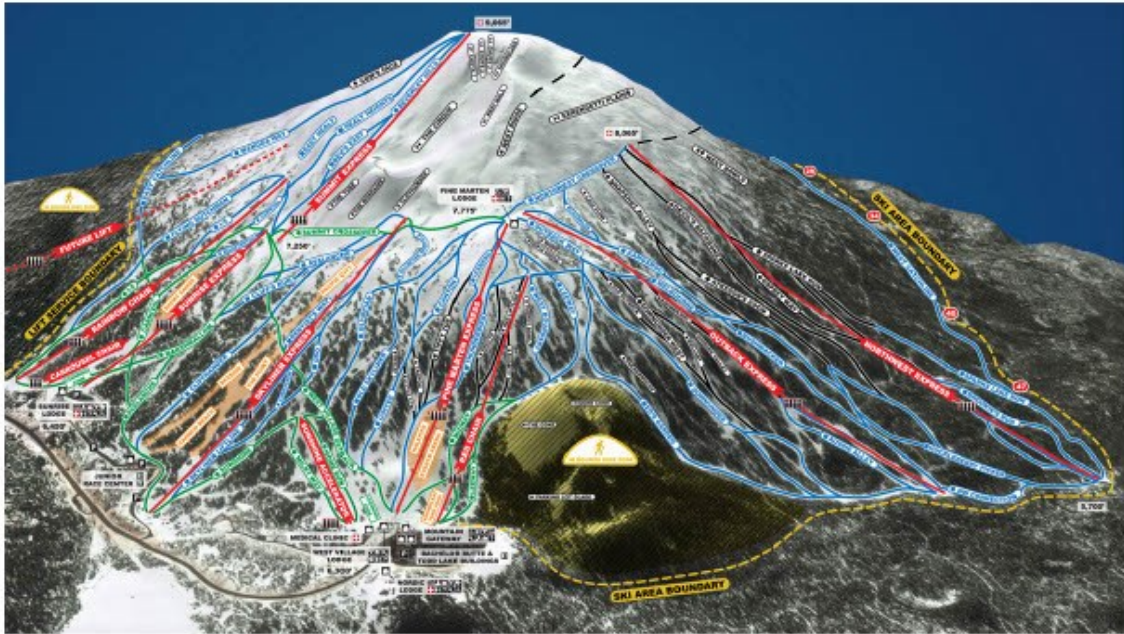


[www.krimsonklover.com](http://www.krimsonklover.com)

**Steamboat.**  
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[www.steamboat.com](http://www.steamboat.com)

## Asheville Ski Club Mount Bachelor Trip March 2-9 2024



Mt. Bachelor is the 6th largest ski resort in North America — with 4,323 skiable acres, 3,365 feet of vertical drop, and 101 runs to explore, Mt. Bachelor provides a unique experience for everyone.

- 7 Nights Lodging in Bend, OR at Element Bend in Studio Suites
- 5 day adult lift ticket at Mt. Bachelor
- Round trip via private charter bus from RDM airport and Element Bend includes a grocery stop
- Daily private ski shuttle with 2 departure and 2 return times
- Welcome Reception
- Daily Breakfast
- **\$1408.00**



Sign up at: <http://asc-bachelor.sat.tours>

For more information contact trip leader  
Danny Muse: [danielpmuse@gmail.com](mailto:danielpmuse@gmail.com)  
828-707-0625



## **Asheville Ski Club Trip to Breckenridge March 30-April 6, 2024**



**Marriott Deluxe Suites:**  
**2 blocks to the slopes and**  
**a private ski shuttle**  
**Every room has a kitchen**  
**Walking distance to town**



**7 Nights Lodging**

**Porter Fee**

**Round Trip Bus from Denver Airport with 1 hour grocery stop.**

**Daily Hot Breakfast**

**Land Package \$940.00**

**Epic 5 day pass \$455.00**

**Pricing for round trip air AVL-DEN \$599.00**

**For more information Contact:**

**Trip Leader Susan Robinson [susanmac2@gmail.com](mailto:susanmac2@gmail.com) 828-275-4327**

**ASHEVILLE SKI AND OUTING CLUB  
Breckenridge Trip March 30-April 6, 2024**

**Name as it appears on Identification**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Gender: Male Female

**Roommate/ Lodging Mate(s):**

Please assign \_\_\_\_\_ as my roommate

Trip leader, please assign a roommate/lodging mate(s) for me: Male Female Non-smoker

**Emergency information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I grant permission for Trip Leader to authorize emergency care for me if the need arises and the emergency contact person cannot be reached and will hold Trip Leader harmless from any damages resulting from such care.

Participation: All event participants must be a member in good standing of the Western North Carolina Ski and Outing Club (ASC) or of the Crescent Ski Council.

Cancellation Policy: If I cancel participation in this event, for any reason, I understand I will be charged a cancellation fee described below, plus any unrecoverable amounts paid on my behalf for transportation, lodging or any other related expense. Failure to make payments may also result in cancellation of my participation on the trip with forfeiture of amounts paid to cancellation date. I acknowledge receipt of the cancellation and payment schedules for this event.

**\$100 Cancellation fee per person**

**Release of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement**

I understand that the Western North Carolina Ski and Outing Club (ASC) is a voluntary group operated by volunteer Officers, Board of Directors, and Trip Leaders who have no special or professional training in the leadership and organization of the Trip as defined as the Terms and Conditions. I agree for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators to waive any claims or rights against them and not to pursue any legal action against them, for any harm, loss, personal injury whether mental or physical, or death suffered by me in connection with this trip, including, without limitation, all transportation, accommodation, skiing, sport, social, or other activity. I acknowledge on behalf of myself and all minors represented herein and for whom I am responsible, that participation in this trip may be potentially dangerous, I know that there are risks and dangers involved, and I hereby assume all the risks, known and unknown, of participation.

I have read and understand this Agreement, Cancellation Policy, the Terms and Conditions, Trip. Description and all other rules of ASC, and agree to abide by their respective provisions. I am signing this document granting this release and am participating in this trip voluntarily.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**LATE PAYMENT GUIDELINE**

Since trips often involve payments to resorts and tour operators in amounts of thousands of dollars, it is advisable that all participants payment schedules coordinate with the payment due in the Terms and Conditions of this contract. Participant scheduled payments should be scheduled such that all monies to be paid out are deposited into club accounts first. In order to ensure that payments, are made to the club in a timely manner, it is most effective to enforce a late payment fee.

If a participant is late with payment, for any reason, he/she will be charged a late payment fee described below. Failure to make payments according to payment schedules will result in the fees listed below for each deadline date. Failure to make payments according to payment schedules may also result in cancellation of their participation on a trip with forfeiture of amounts paid to cancellation date. He/she has acknowledged receipt of the cancellation and payment schedules for the event when they sign the waiver form. Late payment fees must be advertised with the corresponding event.

**\$25 late payment fee per payment**

Payment schedule for: Breckenridge

*\$500 deposit with application due at signup along with a copy of this contract.*

Checks payable to: Asheville Ski Club and mailed to:

Susan Robinson

300 Elk Mountain Scenic Highway

Asheville NC 28804

November 1= \$500

January 1 = Balance

You can pay more than the minimum if you wish to pay off sooner

**Please indicate the items you want for your trip and total**

|                                 |             |       |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Land Cost double occupancy      | \$940.00    | _____ |
| Single Room add on              | \$805.00    | _____ |
| Round trip Air Asheville-Denver | \$599.00    | _____ |
|                                 | Grand Total | _____ |

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#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

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| Day 1  | Overnight Flight                       |
| Days 2, 3  | Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavík           |
| Days 4, 5  | Fosshotel Stykkishólmur, Stykkishólmur |
| Days 6 – 8   | Hotel Katla by Kea, Vík                |
| Day 9  | Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavík           |
| <i>On some dates alternate hotels may be used.</i> |  |

**Day 1: Sunday, May 19, 2024 Overnight Flight** Set out on a journey full of dramatic contrasts. Come to know Iceland; a place where steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving behind thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords.

**Day 2: Monday, May 20, 2024 Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins** Begin in the capital city of Reykjavík. Join a local expert for a walking tour of the city's old section featuring the city hall, the harbor, the Parliament building and the nearby cathedral, dating from 1796. Then, get to know your fellow travelers during an Icelandic lunch at a popular local restaurant before checking into your hotel in the later afternoon. (L)

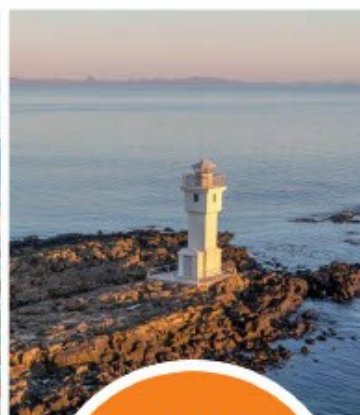
**Day 3: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík** Travel the Golden Circle and experience renowned natural wonders, including the double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall, the explosive Geysir thermal area, and the famous Thingvellir National Park, where you'll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Along the way, stop at a family-run dairy farm to enjoy various cheeses and their famous ice cream. Your day ends with a visit to Friðheimar's stud farm and greenhouse cultivation center. Discover how pesticide-free produce is grown with the aid of geothermal energy and then learn about the tradition of breeding Icelandic show horses before returning to Reykjavík. (B)

**Day 4: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 Reykjavík - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Stykkishólmur** Explore the Snæfellsnes Peninsula and take in black sand beaches, volcanic craters and the Snæfellsjökull glacier. Put your camera to work snapping photos of this dramatic landscape during a walk along the coastline. Connect with the local culture during a visit to a maritime museum illustrating fishing techniques, such as the century-old tradition of catching and preserving the Greenland shark; you'll also taste *hákarl* – cured shark meat. (B, D)

**Day 5: Thursday, May 23, 2024 Stykkishólmur - Breiðafjörður Cruise - Stykkishólmur** Begin your day with a walk on Sögundisey Island, searching for marine birds and taking in the views of Stykkishólmur before joining a nature cruise of Breiðafjörður Bay. As you drift across the water, sample fresh scallops and sea urchin roe straight from the ocean. You might spot puffins,\* cormorants, and the white-tailed eagle soaring as you look out to the shoreline. This afternoon, it's **your choice!** Follow local tradition and take a hike up Helgafell Mountain, known as the Sacred Hill, with your Tour Manager -OR- spend some time on your own at Stykkishólmur Swimming Pool, a facility with both outdoor and indoor swimming pools and thermal pools to soak in. (B)

**Day 6: Friday, May 24, 2024 Stykkishólmur - Lava Exhibition Center - Vík** Learn about geothermal renewable energy on a visit to Hellisheiðavirkjun, the largest power station in Iceland, and the second largest geothermal power station in the world. Visit the Lava Exhibition Center and delve into Iceland's past and present volcanic eruptions. Arrive in Vík, Iceland's southernmost village, and one of the most remarkable spots in Iceland. (B, D)

**Day 7: Saturday, May 25, 2024 Vík - Skógar Museum - Sólheimajökull Glacier - Vík** Drive along the scenic south shore to the Skógar Museum. Discover its turf-built houses and



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its collection of farm and domestic artifacts. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the tallest in Iceland. View Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach scattered with caves and surrounded by basalt columns and cliffs. The beach is rich with bird life, such as the fulmar, black guillemot, razorbill, and gannet. You might also spot some nesting puffins\* along the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey, a volcanic peninsula towering over the ocean. Cap off your day with a visit to Sólheimajökull Glacier, part of Iceland's fourth largest ice cap. Take in its dramatic, blue-white ice, rugged crevasses, and stunning views. (B, D)

**Day 8: Sunday, May 26, 2024 Vik - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Vatnajökull National Park - Vik** Journey to Vatnajökull, Iceland's largest National Park and home to the country's highest mountains. Marvel at the vistas and snowy

mountain peaks while you set sail\*\* along the huge icebergs of the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon. Keep your eyes peeled for possible seal sightings and get to taste the 1,000-year-old ice that surrounds you. (B, D)

**Day 9: Monday, May 27, 2024 Vik - Seljalandsfoss - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavik** Make a picture stop at Seljalandsfoss, where you'll walk behind a waterfall for views from the inside-out. In the afternoon, visit the Blue Lagoon and soak in the warm, mineral-rich waters, located in the heart of a dramatic lava field, before returning to Reykjavik. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a local dining experience and share stories of your days in Iceland. (B, D)

**Day 10: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 Reykjavik - Tour Ends** Depart for home with memories of your Icelandic adventure. (B)

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Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

On occasion, some activities may not be available due to inclement weather.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Appropriate clothing is critical to fully enjoying your trip. Iceland's weather conditions are ever-changing and require sturdy waterproof shoes and layers of waterproof and windproof clothing.

\*Puffins can usually be viewed mid-May through mid-August.

\*\*During the months of April and October, the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon cruise may not operate due to seasonality. This is reflected in the land price for these time periods.

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.



Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Icelandair gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 10:00 a.m.

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