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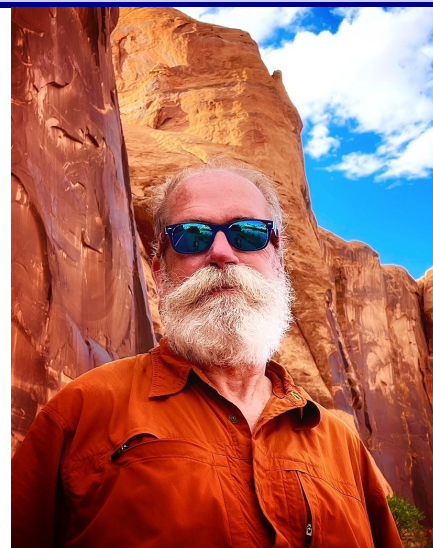
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ASHEVILLE SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

November 2023

President's Message

Hi Skiers and Boarders,

It was 24 degrees at my house on November 1 – winter is here! Area slopes should open soon–A-Basin in Colorado is open. Eldora, Winter Park, and Keystone will open this week. Mammoth in California opens next week–tune your boards!



Check out the trips and racing reports from our club reps at the Crescent Ski Council (CSC) meeting in October in this newsletter. You are a member of CSC by being a member of our club, as well as the National Ski Federation Council.

Our Ullr Fest and Teton Gravity Research movie showing at Sierra Nevada were big successes- 170 avid fans watched some amazing skiing. Nice swag was handed out and more goodies are on the way. For example, some free Backcountry magazine subscriptions are on the way, check out this rag that is all things snow outside the resort boundary:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgzGwHVMBPhGMTKRLmBMJnzxbNWS>

We have had lots of swag donations from several companies and ski resorts (see promos on the following page). Please shop these companies and visit our local resorts. These include Ski Country Sports, Flipside Boardshop, Sugar Mountain, Appalachian Mountain, Weston Skis & Boards, Deuter, Leki, and many more. J Skis in Vermont is giving 10% off to club members and so does Flipside in Maggie Valley on many items (all you need to do is ask)!

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Several club members attended the Crescent Ski Council fall meeting in Gatlinburg the last weekend of October. Racing, trips, and organizational activities were planned. Come and race, sign up for a trip, and get involved! I know I will see some of you at Taos (New Mexico) in January and Mt. Bachelor (Oregon) end of February. There are still openings for Steamboat in Colorado next month and Breckenridge in March. Let's ski and ride!

There is a new all-skis shop next door to Flipside in Maggie Valley, The Bird. They have nice rentals and high-end demos by Lib Tech, Nordica, and Head – give them a visit on your way to Cataloochee or Ober Gatlinburg.

The club has new hats, long-sleeve t-shirts, and stickers – come get yours at our next meeting on THURSDAY, November 16 from 5:30-7:00 pm at our next club meeting at Ski Country Sports on Merrimon Avenue in Asheville. We will spin the “deal wheel” for discounts! The club will have refreshments. See you there!

Stay tuned – we may be showing the all-new amazing snowboard film, “Flying High,” from TGR this winter in Asheville. If you have ideas for activities, please send them to me. I'm thinking about fly fishing, mountain bike riding, rafting, and a backcountry hut trip next winter. Anyone on the Breckenridge trip in March interested in a one-day introduction to backcountry skiing or boarding, let me know, and I can hook you up!

Winter is here so break - out your face mask! See you on the slopes! Scott

Think Winter!

Scott Hinkle

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NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2023

Location: Ski Country Sports

Time: 5:30-7:00 pm



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Our November social will be held on Thursday, November 16th at Ski Country Sports, 1000 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville 28804. The Club will provide refreshments.

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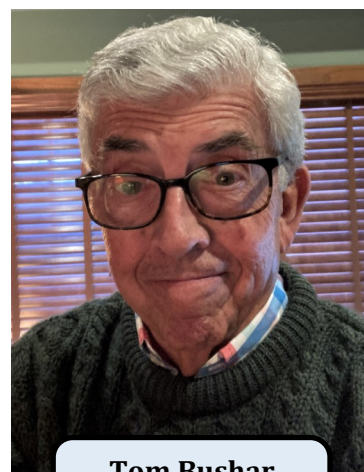
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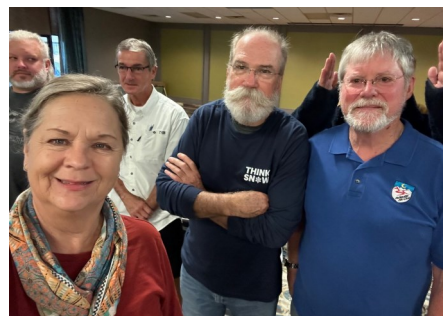
October was the month for events designed to inform, entertain and get you pumped up for the coming ski/snowboard season! First was the annual ULLR Fest at John and Liisa's house. See pics next page.

Next was the October 24th showing of Teton Gravity Research film "Legend Has It" at Sierra Nevada Brewery with attendance of 170 people.



Tom Bushar
Avalanche Editor

Then came the October 27-29 CSC Fall Conference (pictures below).



As Hans und Franz would say, "We are here to pump you up!" Now it's up to you to get in gear and sign up for the great trips ahead!

Tom Bushar

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ULLR Fest October 21, 2023



ASHEVILLE SKI CLUB LEADERSHIP CONTACTS

2023-2024 updated 08/27/23

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CRESCENT TRIPS CHAIR

Susan Macdonald Robinson	susanmac2@gmail.com
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Asheville Ski & Snowboard Club



Membership Application

www.ashevilleskiclub.com; 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: _____

Recap of CSC Board of Directors meeting, 10/29/2023

Minutes approved from BOD meeting spring of 2023.

Reports of Officers

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Past President

No changes for all reports

Standing Committees

Conventions

Spring.... Looking for someone to coordinate the Golf Tournament

Fall... Motion made and passed to continue @ Glenstone Lodge but will be looking for other spaces to host Convention,

Requirements: 3 Meeting rooms, 30 rooms for Thursday night, 50 rooms for Friday and Saturday nights

Trips

200+ are signed up for Steamboat

Still time to get on board ... Wait list, must get a full condo.

NSCF National Ski Council Federation

You are a member of this organization by being a member of The Asheville Ski Club

Check them out - good info. Next Meeting August 21 Thru 25, 2024 @ Taos Ski Valley NM

MTS Mountain Travel Symposium

April 14 Thru 19th 2024 North Lake Tahoe. CA

Everline Resort & Spa

Carrie Crawford (August Ski Club) volunteered to be Vice President of Crescent Ski Council but does not want to be President.

We need a full time Vice President and a Treasurer

If interested, please let me know.

Next BOD Meeting April 28, 2024 at Kingston Plantation Myrtle Beach SC

Submitted by Paul Dobson

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Susan's Event Report and Update

If you have not made plans to join ASC for a trip in 2024, you still have time!!!

We have 2 exciting destinations for you to consider, Breckenridge and Mt. Bachelor.



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 MacDonald Robinson

susanmac2@gmail.com

Susan's Trips Update (continued)

Crescent Trip Steamboat has 207 signed up. There is still an opportunity to go if you would like to go sign up on the waitlist and as condos or hotel rooms are filled they will be added.

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.



Comments from Race Director Erik Sandstedt

Team,

We are not part of the Nastar organization anymore due to cost. The yearly fee went from \$750 to \$1,500. If anyone is looking to race at the nationals they would need to join a local Nastar race. (Sugar and Cataloochee)

New racers can't qualify outside a Crescent race and will have to do a qualification race with Crescent before being part of the race.

Beech asked if we could race both races on Sunday instead of two days. The concern was that it might be too long a day for the far away travelers. And if we potentially got bad weather that day we would lose two races instead of one.

They are trying to reduce the needs of gatekeepers and this will be covered by race workers as much as possible. Potentially used some outside volunteers.

Cataloochee's Thursday night race will be slalom this season and not Giant Slalom. This will be fun!

The race schedule is confirmed and will be as follows

December 16 & 17, 2023 Appalachian Mtn, NC

January 6 & 7, 2024 Sugar Mtn, NC

February 3 & 4, 2024 Beech Mtn, NC Race

February 10 & 11, 2024 Sugar Mtn, NC Race

February 24 & 25, 2024 Appalachian Mtn, NC

Erik Sandstedt

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Race Director



Rich Mead
Race Program Chair
864-313-1993
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2023/2024 Crescent Ski Council Race Series

December 2 - 9, 2023	Steamboat Race Camp--Call Sports America Tours 800 876 8551
December 3, 2023	CSC Development Training at Appalachian 9:00 to 3:00
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 TBD Crescent Cup TBA

March TBA 2024 NASTAR Nationals

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

CRESCENT

SKI COUNCIL

Since 1969

Steamboat

DECEMBER 2-9, 2023

- 7 nights at Trappeur's Crossing
- 5 day lesson package w/3 lunches
- Optional discounted lift tickets
- Optional Roundtrip transfers
- Welcome Reception
- Apres Ski Party
- Midweek BBQ Dinner
- Final Awards Banquet



Trappeur's Crossing

STARTING PRICE **\$1420**
per person/double occ.

6day ticket - add \$415

Signup at: www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips

Questions: CSC Trip Director - Cathie Mulgrew
cathiemulgrew@yahoo.com
336.473.6869





TRIP INFORMATION
Crescent Ski Week –Taos, NM
January 13-20, 2024



SIGN-UP: All applicants must be a member of a Crescent Ski Council affiliated club **by Nov 1, 2023** to participate. Applicant's membership will be verified by CSC. Everyone must register directly with CSC's travel agent, **Sports America Tours (SAT)**. All registrations must be completed online at www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips. Assistance is provided by calling 800-876-8551 ext 125. If paying by check, **make payable to SAT**. (Payment must be received within 15 days of online registration).

REGISTRATION PERIOD: Registration begins **July 1, 2023**.

PACKAGE COST (VARIES): \$1125 is the Starting Base price. Other rates/options are shown below.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN PACKAGE:

- 7 nights lodging at choice property
- Airport Ground Transportation
- Mountain Lunch
- Group Dinner
- Trip Souvenir
- Farewell Après

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE:

- Credit Card Fee (3% add-on if CC is used)
- 5 day lift pass
- Air Fare (SAT will handle for you if you wish)
- Ski Week program
- Trip Insurance
- Other meals not specifically listed
- Equipment rentals (CSC discounts available)

per PERSON RATES (prices based on payment by check - add 3% if using credit card)

PACKAGE PRICING			
Snakedance Condos	1bd/1ba or 2bd/2ba		\$1395
El Pueblo Hotel	K or QQ		\$1125
LODGING INFORMATION:			
Private room Upgrades are available. Add \$675 at Snakedance & \$958 at El Pueblo			

DEVIATIONS	
Lifts – Choice of Adult & Senior 4 thru 6 day tickets	Add \$373 to \$718
Ski Week	Add \$363
Day Trip Excursion	TBD

QUESTIONS:

Travel Agent - Sports America Tours
Sara Clemons – csc@sportsamerica.com
1700 Country Rd, Suite B
Minden, NV 89423
800-876-8551 or 707-791-3215

CSC Trip Leader
Lisa Beregi
423-737-3738
drlab88@aol.com

Additional property descriptions & availability is listed online at
www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips.

TAOS TRIP GENERAL INFORMATION / TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITY: Sports America Tours/Crescent Ski Council (SAT/CSC) only act as your agent in securing lodging, lift tickets, transfers and various activities. SAT/CSC shall not be held liable for loss or damage to property or injury to person, caused by reason of any defect by any transportation company, lodging company, ski area or agent or any service/item in the package outside their direct control. SAT/CSC, reserves the right to make changes and alterations in the itinerary that are found necessary for proper handling of said tours. In the event that such changes are required, SAT/CSC will arrange substitute services confirmed for ones of equal or greater retail value, or will refund an amount equal to the difference in retail value between the services confirmed and actual services furnished. Each participant in an SAT/CSC tour agrees, as an express condition of such participation, that SAT/CSC's liability for such changes is limited as provided herein, and that SAT/CSC will not be liable for any additional damages which may be caused by such changes. Neither SAT/CSC or any vendor shall be liable for loss, damage, injury, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason, defect or through acts of omissions of any person of company described in the confirmation. The services and responsibilities of the airlines in connection with the air transportation when involved are subject to and limited by the terms of the applicable tariffs on file with the Department of Transportation. In the event a 'Bulk Ticket' is used for your transportation, Rule #240 is waived and SAT/CSC is not responsible for any default of the airline. Meals, tips for baggage handling, cribs or other additions to your lodging, extra or half day lift tickets, insurance, or items of a personal nature are not the responsibility of SAT/CSC. Should a dispute arise, venue shall be in Sonoma County, State of California.

CRESCENT CODE OF CONDUCT: Members shall, when participating in an event or activity sponsored by Crescent Ski Council (CSC), or on behalf of Crescent, conduct themselves in a mature & reasonable manner. CSC encourages legal and responsible behavior in the consumption of alcoholic beverages in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Each CSC member shall be solely responsible for his/her consumption of alcoholic beverages and his/her behavior and actions as a consequence of said consumption. The Board may suspend or terminate the status of a Member of an Authorized Club for any cause listed in the bylaws, section 8, or other reasons the Board may determine necessary.

INCLUDED ITEMS: All "package prices" include those items stated in the Trip Information document.

LODGING/ROOMMATES/ROOM ASSIGNMENTS: Cost basis will be the Base Price of \$1125. Lodging pricing is based on 2 people per bedroom. Most bedrooms have two beds. We do not recommend condo occupancy rates higher than 2 people per bedroom except for families. The cost of rollaway beds or cribs is not included. Single occupancy of a bedroom is available for additional pillow. For all available rates see registration website or call SAT. Every effort will be made to accommodate roommate requests. However, confirmation will be conditional until a roommate is confirmed. If we have to assign roommates, we reserve the right to make rooming and unit changes as necessary. Condos will be assigned at random by the property management company. Specific condo locations cannot be guaranteed.

ADDITIONAL LIFT TICKETS: Lift tickets for additional days may be pre-purchased.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION: Provided from Albuquerque (ABQ) Airport for guests arriving on the 13th by 2pm and departing no earlier than 10am on the 20th.

PAYMENTS/CHANGES/CANCELLATIONS: A deposit of \$400.00 is due at sign-up. An interim payment of \$600.00 will be due on October 1, 2023. Final payment will be due December 1, 2023. Failure to make proper payments by the due dates will automatically be considered a request to cancel and the stated cancellation policy will apply. Make checks payable to Sports America Tours and mail to 1700 County Rd, Suite B, Minden NV 89423. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover are accepted - Payment by credit card will result in a 3% addition to the cost of the trip. All returned checks are subject to a \$25.00 fee.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY. THERE CAN BE NO EXCEPTIONS:

**** All requests for changes, cancellations or refunds must be made in writing to SAT.**

**** IF YOUR CANCELLATION NOTICE IS RECEIVED:**

- ** Prior to October 1st, you will receive a full refund less \$50.00 per person and less any airline-imposed penalty.**
- ** October 2nd deposits become non-refundable unless spot is resold.**
- ** At any time, if your space is resold, you will receive a full refund less \$50.00 per person and less any airline-imposed penalty.**
- ** If you pay by credit card, at any time you cancel your reservation, you will be charged an additional 3% of all charges, to offset bank fees incurred by SAT.**
(This is in addition to other cancellation fees noted)

INSURANCE: Trip cancellation, health, and accident insurance is available to help protect you against unforeseen circumstances which cause you to interrupt or cancel your trip. Please see Application Form for rates & indicate thereon whether you accept or decline trip insurance. Also, complete separate form provided and include it with the Application Form when submitted. This insurance may be purchased after initial sign-up and up until final payment, however pre-existing conditions will not be covered. Upon request, SAT will provide you with additional details of coverage.

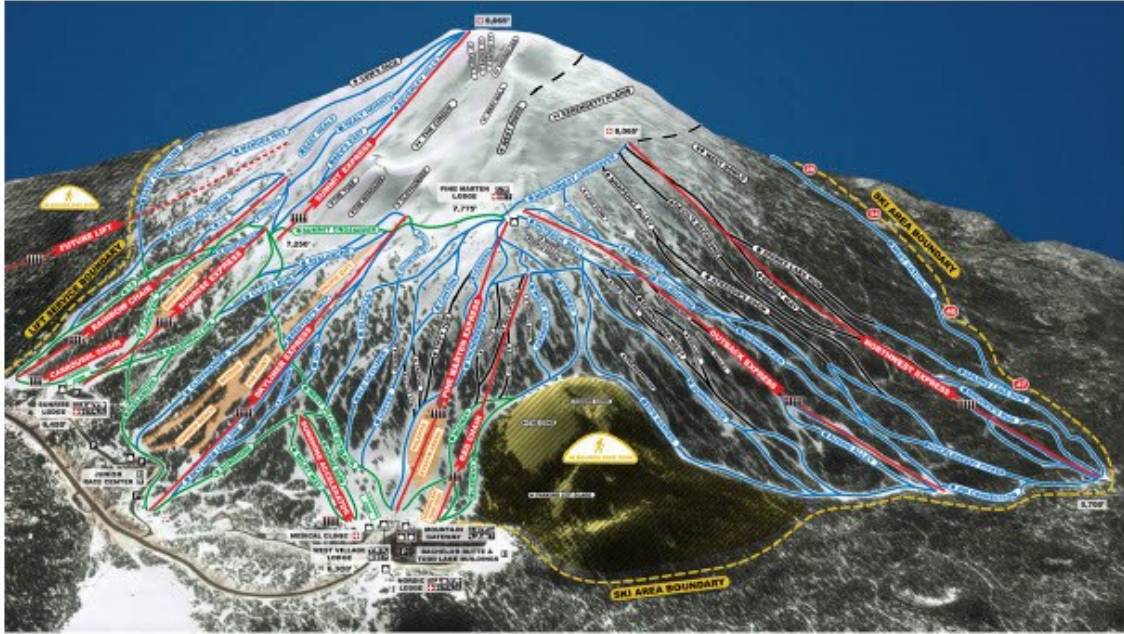
RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I/We hereby appoint Sports America/The Crescent Ski Council, Inc./my local Club to perform necessary acts deemed desirable in connection with planning and leading any ski trips or other social/activity function in my behalf. I/We understand the Council/Club acts as coordinator only and accepts no responsibility for the services of any person or agent, ski area, airline, motor coach, hotel or condominium, or any organization whatsoever rendering any of the services or accommodations being offered on any trip or activity. Ski trip and other activity fees are based upon current tariffs and are subject to change without notice. The Council/Club accepts no responsibility in whole or part for any delayed departures or arrivals, missed plane or other carrier connections, loss, damage or injury to person or property, mechanical defect or failure of any nature however caused, or for any substitution of hotels or common carrier, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby.

I/We fully understand that the Council/Club is a voluntary association run by volunteer officers and Board Members who have no special or professional training in conducting ski trips and other activities. By participating, we do not rely on the expertise of any director, officer, activity coordinator or the agents of any of the foregoing: delivery of goods and service as described is the responsibility of the contracted vendors.

Further, I/We realize that skiing, as well as many other outdoor activities, has innate danger that may result in physical injury or death. I acknowledge that these risks may be known or unknown. Since safety is directly tied to my physical ability and skill to participate in any sport, I/We hereby release the Crescent Ski Council, Inc. and local club, their officers, directors, trip leaders and SAT, from any liability in connection with injuries or physical and equipment damages I may incur in relation to my participation in any event.

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
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 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	_____

Please protect your investment with trip insurance. Sites such as squaremouth.com compare providers' coverage and prices, with links to the provider.

Crescent Ski Council presents...
Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice

May 19 – 28, 2024



Book Now
& Save
\$200
Per Person

Upgrade to Elite Airfare! see inside for details

For more information contact
Collette
855-843-2415
Please refer to booking #1178779



10 Days • 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Reykjavík, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss, Geysir, Snæfellsnes Peninsula, Breiðafjörður Bay Cruise, Lava Exhibition Center, Vík, Skógar Museum, Skógafoss, Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, Vatnajökull National Park, Seljalandsfoss, Blue Lagoon

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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)

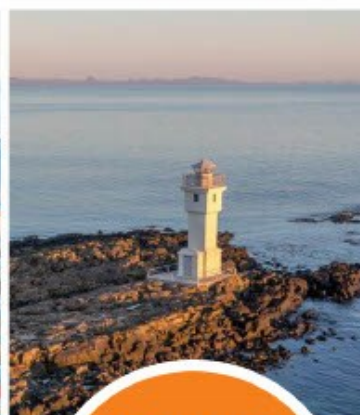
Day 3: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík Travel the Golden Circle and experience renowned natural wonders, including the double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall, the explosive Geysir thermal area, and the famous Thingvellir National Park, where you'll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic 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)

Experience It! Geothermal Greenhouses

Growing food in Iceland has historically been a challenge for residents due to the cold climate, unproductive land, and at times, a lack of natural light. Discover how modern technology defies these natural challenges with geothermal greenhouses. At a family-run greenhouse, learn how they are able to harness the natural warmth from the ground's geothermic waters and use it to create a year-round Mediterranean climate. Join a horticultural expert for an insider's look at innovative growing methods used to produce a large variety of tomatoes that are able to thrive in this otherwise challenging environment.

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IDENTIFICATION

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Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

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.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$1,147 per person (which includes cancellation waiver and insurance) is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of November 13, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by March 20, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until November 20, 2023.

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