

THE ASHEVILLE AVALANCHE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ASHEVILLE SKI CLUB

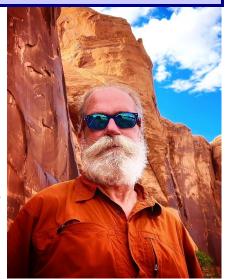
September 2023

President's Message

Greetings,

I want to introduce myself as your new club President - I'm Scott Hinkle and am happy to be serving on your Executive Committee. There is a short bio about me on page 3 of the Newsletter, so enough about me and more about the club.

I want to thank Tyler Melton for his hard work as President and we are lucky he is staying on as Past President. Vice President David Lee and I recently met over some beers to map out the next year - we have some great ideas to share with you soon! Our club is looking for two leaders: Treasurer and Social Committee Chair. If you are ready to join the team, just contact



me. The Treasurer position will be mentored, so if you can balance your checkbook - we need you! The Social Committee Chair will help us organize monthly happy hours and other fun activities like mountain biking, movie night, rafting, and weekend trips to NC ski areas.

As I write this, leaves are falling at my house at 3100 feet - signaling that Fall 2023 is on its way, with snow hopefully to follow soon. In addition to hitting the NC slopes, we have some spectacular and affordable trips scheduled. October is Ireland and if you have not been to Temple Bar in Dublin you need to sign up, now! Then in December is the Crescent Ski Council Steamboat, CO race/ski/board camp. So, dust off your cowboy hat and wax your boards!

Next up is the Crescent Ski Council Taos, NM trip in mid-January (I've signed up for this one and would love to take some turns with club members). Early March is Mt. Bachelor, OR, and you guessed it, I'll be on this one, too, so get signed up before we run out of space. Lastly, for our 2023- 2024 snow sports trips agenda, is the world-famous Breckenridge in CO at the end of March. Get your application in and we may have a one-day add-on introduction to backcountry organized for you by then.

But wait, there's more! May brings our trip to Iceland - just think hot springs, the world's happiest country, and of course lots of ice.

Bottoms up! Cheers, Scott Hinkle

jscotthinkle@gmail.com

NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Location: Highland Brewery Meadows

Time: 5:30—8:00 pm





www.ashevilleskiclub.com









Our September social will be held on Sept. 12 at 5:30 pm at Highland Brewery in the meadow. We will provide pizzas - please bring a side item or desert.

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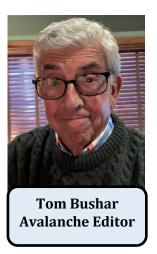
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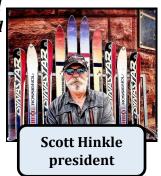
As we finished up August we went from HOT weather to WET weather, which we needed pretty badly after a dry spell. Now that kids are going back to school let's hope for some local COLD weather this ski season...

But, enough about the weather. The big news is that we have a new president. I know you would all like to learn more about Scott Hinkle.



Here is a write up of his background, in his own words:

Hi Club Members, I am Scott Hinkle, your new club President. I am a retired graduate school professor and international mental health worker. I co-led the death certificate process in NYC right after 9/11 for the American Red Cross and have trained trauma counselors in Asia, Africa, and Europe. I directed the clinical mental health counseling residency program at the only hospital in Bhutan for 11 years. I've written several academic books and published my share of journal articles (also called tenure fodder). Now that those days are behind me, it's think snow! ******



On the non-professional side, I taught whitewater kayaking at the Nantahala Outdoor Center for 8 years and pushed a little rubber down the river in my day. I skied for a couple of decades and then crossed over to the dark side, dragging my knuckles on slopes all over North America and Canada. I also am an avid mountain biker, runner, and an Orvis Certified fly-fishing guide. I have stood in knee-deep snow fishing the Blue River in Colorado in the morning – and then got some turns in at Copper Mountain in the afternoon.

Thank you for putting your trust in me! Scott Hinkle

Tom back again. Scott has some serious creds, eh? Don't forget our great upcoming trips.









Tom Bushar

tbushar@gmail.com

Susan's Event Report and Update

Please join me at the Crescent Fall Convention. All ASC members are welcome. There are morning meetings for those interested in Racing and Crescent trips. Saturday evening is a costume party that is always a good time. See page 8 for more details. <u>Please send your registration to me and I will submit the registrations for the entire club.</u>

Winter is coming and we have some great ski trips planned for you! The Courmayeur trip is waitlisted but we have space available to our other club destinations.

Breckenridge is a great all-terrain mountain with a quaint ski town. Our accommodations are across the street from the slopes! The price is a bargain for spring skiing.

The Mount Bachelor trip has space available and will be a super fun time with one of our younger trip leaders, Danny Muse. Check it out!!!

Susan susanmac2@gmail.com



ASHEVILLE SKI CLUB LEADERSHIP CONTACTS

2023-2024 updated 08/27/23

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Scott Hinkle jscotthinkle@gmail.com President (seeking replacement) Vice Pres (seeking replacement) David Lee avlskiclub@gmail.com Treasurer (seeking replacement) skibill@charter.net Bill Melton

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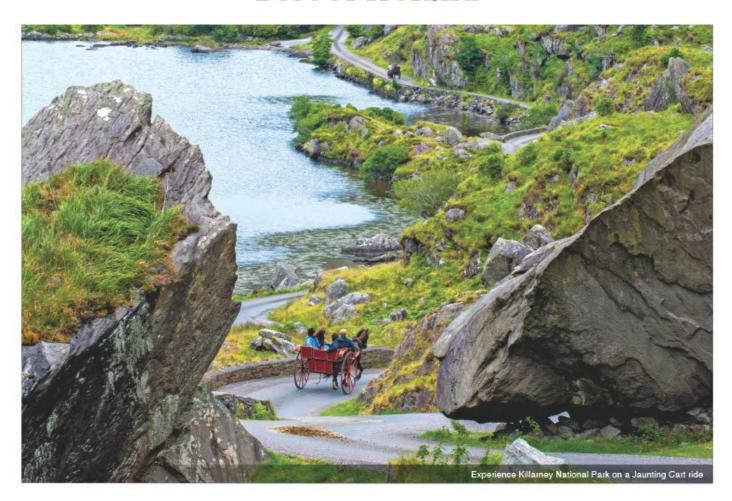
Asheville Ski Club

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Membership Application

www.ashevilleskiclub.com; ashskiclub@gmail.com Mail to: Membership Type & fees: Membership _____Single \$35 Asheville Ski Club P.O. Box 211 Family \$60 Asheville . NC 28802 _____Junior \$15(under 18 not part of a family membership) _____Racer fee \$35 per racer Payment method: Cash _____Total Check Last Name First Name Last Name - spouse First Name Address City State Zip Code Home phone _____ Cell Phone____ Primary contact: Primary email address __ Home phone _____ Cell Phone_____ Spouse contact: 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: _____

Best of Ireland



Tour Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
October 4, 2023	\$ 3,751	+ \$1,369

Roundtrip Airfare is available out of Asheville for \$1,575 per person

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.



UPGRADE YOUR FLIGHTS TO BUSINESS CLASS FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$4,600 PER PERSON*

*Upgrades must be purchased at least 120 days prior to departure and are subject to availability. rupgrades must be purchased at least 120 days prior to departure and are subject to available. Some domestic flights within the United States and Europe may require travel in Economy class. If our contracted levels of business class are sold out, we will advise of the price of published fares, if available, at time of confirmation and before purchase. Business Class must be ticketed immediately and is non-refundable.









Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – starting from \$299 per person
This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day
before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of before the four departs. If you must leave the four early due to personal liness, liness or death of a member of your immediate family. TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the four. Other benefits include medical expenses for liness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot. line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount less the TPP resembles amount. amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

Deposit Amount 20% of tour cost 91 days or more • 90 to 45 days prior 44 to 15 day prior 30% of tour cost 40% of tour cost 14 to 1 day prior 30% of tour cost
 14 to 1 day prior 40% of tour cost
 Day 1 of departure 100% of tour cos
 or early departure from tour
 No refund on unused portions of the tour 100% of tour cost

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Revised: 7-27-2022

CSC Fall Conference

October 27-29, 2023, Glenstone Lodge in Gatlinburg, TN

For ASC members wanting to register and go to the fall conference Susan will serve as the contact person and collect registration and payment. Her contact information is susanmac2@gmail.com or 828-275-4327.







2023 FALL LEADERSHIP & TRAINING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

(Hosted by the Knoxville Ski & Outing Club-KSOC)

3:00 pm: Hotel Check-in

2:00 - 5:30pm: Executive Committee Meeting

Executive/Hospitality Suite

4:00 – 6:00 pm: Conference Registration 6:00 – ? : Dinner and bars on your own

Saturday, October 28

8:45 am - Meet in Lobby for Hike

9:00 am Saturday Daytime 9 am - 2 pm

Hike in East Tennessee (guided by KSOC) You will need a Parking Pass to be purchased

through the Park website. **OR**1:00 pm – Meet at Ole Smokey
Moonshine Distillery (903 Parkway,
Gatlinburg-next Dick's Last Resort) to
attend a Moonshine Tasting & Tour.

Saturday, October 28

6:30 – 8:30 am: **Breakfast Options Glenstone Lobby: Mountain Trail Pizza

Offsite:

Log Cabin Pancake House down street from Glenstone, opens at 7 am, takeout available or Sidney James Mountain Lodge up street from Glenstone, takeout available

Or bring your own – refrigerators and microwaves provided in your hotel rooms.

**Pay on your own

Saturday Afternoon 5:00-6:00 pm: Vendor Trade Show Setup

Vendors and Trade Show workers only!

Saturday Evening 6:00-9:00 pm:

Vendor Trade Show

Meet with the Vendors of our industry to discuss what's new and plan your club's upcoming trips and activities.

Hot and Cold Hors D'oeuvres, Snacks Wine & Beer Provided

Saturday, October 28

Meetings

Water stations provided

8:30-11:30 am: Admin. Meeting, Club Forum Azalea Room (Right off the Lobby)

8:30 am - 4:00 pm: Committee Meetings

Racing: **Dogwood 2 (Far End past Pool: Access Thru Pool)** Race Workers Meeting will follow conclusion of Committee Meeting

Trips: Dogwood 1 (Access Thru Pool, Across from Pool

11: 30 pm: Lunch for Meetings (Food delivered to meeting rooms)

Saturday Night DJ/Dance Party 9:00 - 11:30 pm

Come dance and socialize with our clubs and fabulous Vendors in your Halloween finery! Desserts, Wine, & Beer Provided

Sunday, October 29 Breakfast & BOD Meeting

7:15 – 8:30 am: Log Cabin Pancake House at 327 Airport Rd. (0.2mile walk/be weather prepared)

**Breakfast: 2 Reps from each club will be given breakfast tickets at the Trade Show for paid for breakfast. Clubs that have additional people to attend - Send in \$15.00 per person.

9:00 am: CSC Fall Board Meeting,

Azalea Room

12:00 noon: Hotel check-out



Rich Mead Race Program Chair 864-313-1993

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Steamboat Race Camp--Call Sports America Tours 800 876 8551

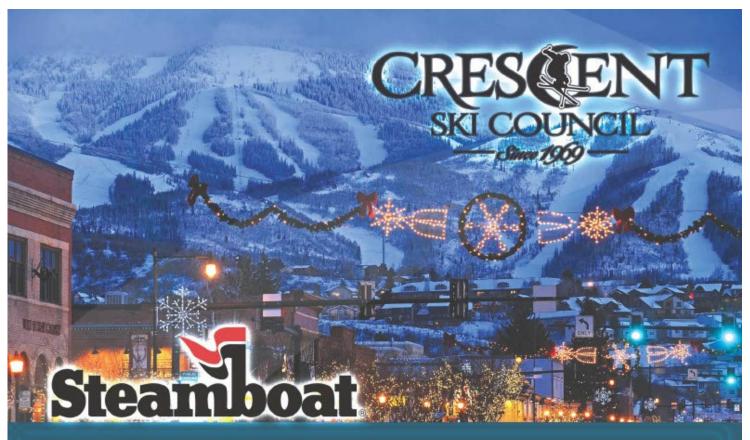
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2023/2024 Crescent Ski Council Race Series

December	3, 2023	CSC Development Training at Appalachie	an 9:00 to 3:00
December	8 - 10, 2023	Sugar Mt. Race Camp Call Kim Jöchl	828 898 4521 x224
Race Form	nat - Two runs of	f Slalom on Saturdays; two runs of Giant S	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	

December 2 - 9, 2023

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



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 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

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

P.	ACKAGE PRICING		
Snakedance Condos	1bd/1ba or 2bd/2ba	\$1395	
El Pueblo Hotel	K or QQ	\$1125	
	ING INFORMATION:	7112.	

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:

<u>Travel Agent</u> - 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 litnerary 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 participant in an SAT/CSC is liability for such changes is limited as provided herein, and that SAT/CSC will not be liable for any additional damages which maybe 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 and Outing Club presents Courmayeur Italy 2024

Courmayeur Ski Resort Italy

Courmayeur ski resort in the famed Aosta valley Italy is perfectly located on the sunny side of the Monte Bianco (Mont Blanc) massif. Courmayeur is a beautiful, refined town with an adventurous, big mountain spirit. Excellent lift access from near the center of Courmayeur provides both family-friendly & action-packed skiing & snowboarding within minutes of leaving your accommodation. The ski terrain combines 1,545m vertical descents from the main ski resort area and huge, challenging off-piste descents of over 2,150m vertical from Punta Helbronner on the flanks of Monte Bianco.



JAN 28-FEB 4,2024
Land Package \$896.00
7 NIGHTS LODGING
3-star hotel Courmayeur, 2 per hotel room
Breakfast and Dinner daily
Bus transfers from Milan
Lift Tickets are NOT included

Nice is one of the best places to visit in France to experience la belle vie (the good life). From wandering the quaint cobblestone streets to strolling the famous Promenade des Anglais, the joys of spending time in this beautiful coastal city are endless. Nice has a mild climate year round.

Optional Extension to Nice
FEB 4 -7,2024
Land Package \$285.00
3 Nights Lodging at the 4-star Hotel Splendid
Hotel taxes
Breakfast Daily
Bus transfer from Courmayeur
Transfer to Nice Airport



Air from Asheville to Milan and back from Nice to Asheville \$1041.00 American/British Air To register: complete contract (next page) and mail deposit to Susan Robinson

For more information contact Susan Robinson susanmac2@gmail.com

ASHEVILLE SKI AND OUTING CLUB Courmayeur Trip January 28, 2024- February 4 or 7 2024

Name as it appears on Passport				
Address:		200000		2000-00-00
Address:Phone (cell)	Phone (home)	DOB	03037740	
E-mail:		Your Gender:	Male	Female
Roommate/ Lodging Mate(s):				
Please assign	as	my roommate		
Please assign Trip leader, please assign a roomm	ate/lodging mate(s) for me:	Male Female	Non-smoker	
Emergency information:				
Name		Phone:		
Participation: All event participants must or of the Crescent Ski Council. Cancellation Policy: If I cancel participate described below, plus any unrecoverable Feiture to make payments may also recoverable.	ation in this event, for any reas	son, I understand I	will be charged ging or any othe	a cancellation fee
Failure to make payments may also resi cancellation date. I acknowledge receipt o \$100 Cancellation fee per perso	of the cancellation and payment so			f amounts paid to
Release of Liability and Hold Harm! I understand that the Western North Card Board of Directors, and Trip Leaders who is defined as the Terms and Conditions. I a against them and not to pursue any legal death suffered by me in connection with t social, or other activity. I acknowledge on participation in this trip may be potentially the risks, known and unknown, of participal I have read and understand this Agreemen other rules of ASC, and agree to abide by t and am participating in this trip voluntarily.	olina Ski and Outing Club (ASC) have no special or professional tragree for myself, my heirs, executaction against them, for any har this trip, including, without limited behalf of myself and all minors by dangerous, I know that there a lation. It, Cancellation Policy, the Terms of their respective provisions. I am stage and a specific and a specif	raining in the leaders utors and administra m, loss, personal in ation, all transportat represented herein a re risks and danger and Conditions, Trip	ship and organizators to waive an ajury whether medion, accommodal and for whom I and s involved, and I	ation of the Trip as ny claims or rights ntal or physical, or tion, skiing, sport, n responsible, that hereby assume all
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Payment schedule for: Courmayeur Italy

\$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

August 1= \$500
October 1 = \$500
November 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

Price based on current dollar/euro rate of 1.08/1 if the rate fluctu	ates then prices will be adjusted.
Land Cost Courmayeur per person double occupancy	\$896.00
Single Room Rate upon request	\$
Land Cost for Nice per person double occupancy	\$285.00
Single Supplement for Nice(rooms limited)	\$135.00
Air from Asheville to Milan and Nice back to Asheville	\$1041.00
	Grand Total

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

Fine Print regarding the Group Air tickets:

No changes are permitted to an itinerary or name once tickets have been issued. (Tickets May be changed, per the carrier's discretion, in the event of the death of an immediate family member or with a medical note from a doctor). Name changes after ticketing will incur a minimum fee of \$300.00 per change. No frequent flier upgrades will be permitted. Snow Tours, Inc will not be held responsible for non-credit of frequent flier miles. Individual deviations from the group's itinerary must be made in writing and are considered waitlisted until confirmation is received from the airline. Deviations will require a \$200.00 surcharge per person per change. Deviations must be booked prior to ticketing. A maximum of 10% of passengers will be allowed to deviate. Airline baggage requirements are strict; specific information on your airline's conditions will be sent in due time. Porterage of luggage, skis, etc., is not included by Snow Tours, Inc. Baggage weighing more than 50lbs., but less than 70 lbs., will be assessed a penalty amount. Baggage weighing more than 70 lbs. must be shipped as cargo through a freight forwarder prior to departure. Snow Tours will not be held responsible for any baggage charges assessed by the airlines. The First Bag is free, the second bag is \$100.00 each way.

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- Daily Breakfast
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For more information contact trip leader Danny Muse: danielpmuse@gmail.com 828-707-0625





Asheville Ski ClubTrip to Breckenridge March 30-April 6, 2024







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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

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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.

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Payment schedule for: Breckenridge

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Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

Days 4, 5 Fosshotel Stykkisholmur, Stykkisholmur

Days 6 – 8 Hotel Katla by Kea, Vik
Day 9 Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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 fiords.

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 - Breiðafjördur Cruise - Stykkishólmur Begin your day with a walk on Súgandisey Island, searching for marine birds and taking in the views of Stykkishólmur before joining a nature cruise of Breiðafjördur 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 Stykkisholmur 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, bluewhite ice, rugged crevasses, and stunning views. (B, D)

Day 8: Sunday, May 26, 2024 Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Vatnajökull National Park - Vík 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 Vík - Seljalandsfoss - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík Make a picture stop at Seljalandsfoss, where you'll walk behind a waterfall for views from the insideout. 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 Reykjavík. 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 Reykjavík - 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 thrive in this otherwise challenging environment.

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Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

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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 Jōkulsárlón 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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