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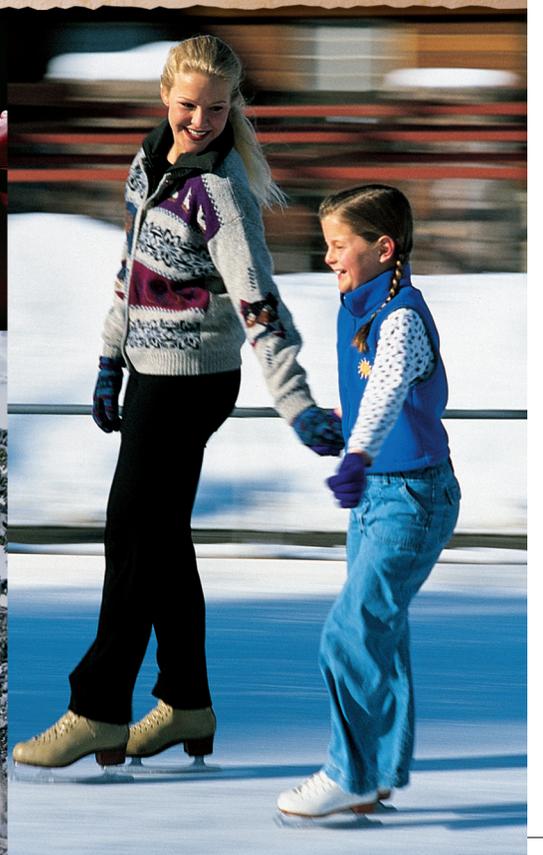
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Summer is coming and we are all looking for ways of spending the precious warm days of the Midwest. Ski clubs might be the answer for many of us. They have weekend or evening events that won't cost you an arm and a leg and will keep you outside or inside, happy and busy all summer!

For those of you who like to bike, check out the Chicago Friars Ski & Bike Club. They have free "Show and Go" rides. These are half-day or full-day bike trips on local bike trails. Rides can vary from short (10 miles) to long (over 60 miles). Many of their trips stop at a restaurant for a meal and all are great fun. If you feel like taking the lead rather than following along, you can volunteer to be the leader. For more information, contact Steve at chicagofriars@gmail.com.

Like wallyball? Check out the Chicago Nomads Ski Club. They play wallyball at the Oak Lawn Racquet Club on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30. The cost is only \$3. The group usually goes out for cocktails afterwards. You can get more information on their website at www.chicagonomads.com.

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Enjoy tennis? Check out Lakeshore Ski and Sports Club. They run wonderful tennis events. The participants are grouped by level so that everyone has a good time. Check out their website at www.lssc.org for more information on the levels and dates.

Feel like skating? Join Duneland Ski Club at R-Way in Portage on Sundays from 2 to 4:30. The event is \$4.50 per person and skate rental is extra. They head to Applebee's afterwards for dinner and to relax all those muscles they used. For more information, contact them at skier@dunelandskiclub.com.

So you think you can golf? Check out Joliet Ski Club. They have weekly golf outings at a number of golf courses near Joliet. Check out the information at www.jolietskiclub.org.

Do you enjoy camping? There are a number of options for you, but I only have room to mention a couple:

Hustlers Ski Club has two camping trips on their schedule. They will be heading to Wisconsin's Richard Bong State Recreational Area for biking, rollerblading, fishing, swimming, horseshoes, bocce ball, volleyball and paddleball. For more information, check out their website at www.hustlersskiclub.com.

Skunk Hollow Ski Club has one camping trip per month during the summer. They will be camping in Wisconsin at Devils Lake State Park, Kettle Moraine and Yellowstone Lake State Park. Their trips offer hiking, biking, rock climbing and often include your meals. Check them out at www.skunkhollowskiclub.com.

I could go on for pages telling you of clubs that play volleyball, bowl, sail or hike. Any summer event you can imagine (and some you never thought of before) are available through the ski clubs that are members of CMSC. Check the clubs out on the pages of this magazine and join their summer fun. Start your summer off right—join a ski club!

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61. Snomads Ski Club

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 2031 Lathrop Ave., Racine, WI 53403
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Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: No
President: Jim Robinson
 (262) 554-6233/j.robinson-skier@sbcglobal.net

62. Snow Hawks Ski Club

www.snowhawksskiclub.com/
Meeting: Various
 Meeting location varies; see website
Membership requirements: None
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: No

63. Snowdrifters Ski Club

www.snowdrifters.net
Meeting: McNally's Irish Pub
 201 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174
 Meets 1st and 3rd Monday each month 8 p.m. (May-Sept., 3rd Mon. only)
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
President: Pam Murray
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64. Snowseekers Ski Club

www.Snowseekers.org
Meeting: First Presbyterian Church
 W. Maple & Douglas Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048
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Membership requirements: 21+
Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
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65. Springfield Ski Club

www.springfieldskiclub.org
Meeting: Varies each month - check website for location
 Meets second Thurs. each month 5:30 p.m.
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
President: Erin Gorman
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66. St. Louis Ski Club

www.stlouisskiclub.com
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Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: No
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Membership requirements: None
Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: No
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68. Tatry Ski Club

www.tatryskiclub.com
Meeting: Polish Highlanders Alliance
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Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
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69. Thunderbird Ski Club

www.tbirdskiclub.com
Meeting: Hawthorne Valley Country Club
 7300 N. Merriman Rd., Westland Mi
 Picnic/Social 1st and 3rd Wed. June-Sept.; Meeting/Social 1st and 3rd Wed. Oct.-May
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: No
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70. Vagabond Ski and Social Club of Milwaukee

www.vagabondskiclub.com
Meeting: Zoofari Conference Center
 9715 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226
 Meets first Wed. each month 7:30 p.m.
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: No
President: Bill Gehweiler

71. Viking Ski Club

www.VikingSkiClub.com
Meeting: Check our website
 Meets fourth Tues. each month 7 p.m.
Membership requirements: 18
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: Yes
President: Sue Dale
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72. Wheel Ski Club

www.wheelski.com
Meeting: Domenico Pizza & Restaurant
 547 East Grand Avenue, Beloit WI 53511
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Membership requirements: None
Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
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73. Wild Bunch Ski Club

Meeting: Cemen's Pizza
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 Meets second Thursday of each month at 8:30 p.m.
Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
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74. Zoom Zoom Mountain Ski Club

allenadezio@sbcglobal.net
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Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
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40. Midwest Ski Academy

Meeting: Wilmot Mountain, places and dates vary
Membership requirements: None
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: No
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41. Moraine Valley College Ski/Snowboard Club

www.morainevalley.edu/skiclub
Meeting: Moraine Valley CC Campus
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Membership requirements: 18
Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
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42. New Horizon Ski Club

jerdonram@aol.com
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Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
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Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: No
President: Ruth Sulda
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44. Nordic Fox Ski Club

www.nordicfox.org
Meeting: Ashbury's at Boughton Ridge
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Membership requirements: None
Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
President: Art Kardatzke
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45. Norge Ski Club

www.norgeskiclub.com/
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Membership requirements: 18
Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
President: Randy Hansen

46. Oak Park Ski Club

www.oakparkskiclub.org/
Meeting: Famous Freddie's Road House
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Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: No
President: William Campbell
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47. Omaha Ski Club

www.omahaskiclub.org/
Meeting: Variable
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
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48. Peoria Ski Club

www.peoriaskiclub.info
 Various - see website for latest.
Membership requirements: 18
Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
President: Dennis Kennedy
 intnski@comcast.net

49. Piccadilly Ski Club

www.piccadillyskiclub.com/
Meeting: Ballydoyle
 5157 Main St., Downers Grove, IL 60515
 Meets first and third Thurs. each month except May, June,
 July, first Thurs. only, 7:30 p.m.
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: Yes
President: Duane Amlee
 (815) 254-9034/dramlee@comcast.net

50. Pine Point Ski Club

www.pinepointskiclub.com/
Meeting: John Barleycorn Pub
 658 W. Belden, Chicago 60657
 Second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: No
President: Jerry Garbis
 MikeGarbis@msn.com

51. Rivercity Ski Club

Rldew@hotmail.com
Meeting: Starved Rock Yacht Club
 Dee Bennett Rd., Ottawa, IL 61350
 Meets third Mon. each month 6 p.m.
Membership requirements: 18
Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
President: Ronald Dewey
 (815) 942-2336/Rldew@hotmail.com

52. Rock Valley Ski Association

www.skirockford.org
Meeting: Thunder Bay Grille
 7652 Potawatami Trail I-90 & Bus 20, Rockford, IL 61107
 Meets second and fourth Tues. each month Aug-May 7:30
 p.m.
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: No
President: Bob Stieg
 (815) 979-2038

53. Sanctuary Ski and Snowboard Club

www.SkiSanctuary.org/
Meeting: Champps Americana
 2301 Fountain Square Dr., Lombard, IL
 Meets the first and third Wednesday
 of each month 8:00 p.m.
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: No
President: Chris Nesypor
 cnesypor@comcast.net

54. Schussboomers Ski and Snowboard Club of Milwaukee

www.schussboomers-wi.com/
Meeting: Johnny V's Classic Cafe
 1650 South 84th St., Milwaukee, WI 53201
 Meets second Thurs. Sept-April at 7 p.m.
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
President: Robin Depies
 (262) 375-8535

55. Sitzmark Ski Club

www.sitzmarkskiclub.com/
Meeting: El Barrio Restaurant & Lounge
 1122 Diamond Lake Rd., Mundelein, IL
 Meets first and third Wed. each month at 8 p.m.
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: Yes
Family Memberships: Yes
President: Kevin Butchin
 (847) 548-2991/bkil12yeblok@comcast.net

56. Sitzmark Ski Club, Milwaukee

www.sitzmark.org
Meeting: Best Western Midway Hotel
 1025 S. Moorland Rd., Milwaukee, WI
 Meets second Fri. Sept.-April at 7:30 p.m., Greenfield Park
 June-August at 6 p.m.
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: No
President: Audrey Wissmann
 (262) 513-2825/audwiss@aol.com

57. Skihasen Ski Club

Meeting: Crossroads
 4602 S. Business Dr., Sheboygan, WI 53081
 Meets 2nd Wed. Oct.-April at 7 p.m.
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: No
President: Calvin Wheeler Jr.
 (920) 452-6277/Calvin.wheeler@att.net

58. Skunk Hollow Ski and Snowboard Club

www.skunkhollowskiclub.com
Meeting: American Legion Post 238
 121 N. Douglas St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004
 Meets 2nd and 4th Thurs. each month; May to Aug., 2nd
 Thurs. only (8 p.m.)
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: No
President: Sally Griffith
 (847) 882-2889/president@skunkhollowskiclub.com

59. SlyFox Ski Club

www.slyfoxskiclub.org
Meeting: The Bar
 2436 W. Nordale Dr., Appleton, WI 54914
 Meets first and third Wed. Oct.-April at 7 p.m.
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: No
President: Sam Fontaine
 (920) 337-0375/president@slyfoxskiclub.org

60. Sno-Gophers Ski Club

www.sno-gophers.org/
Meeting: St. Ailbe's Basement
 9100 S. Stony Island, Chicago
 Meets 2nd & 4th Tues. Sept.-May, 7 p.m. Meets only 2nd
 Tues. June-Aug.
Membership requirements: 21
Children allowed on Trips: No
Family Memberships: No
President: Christine Holley-Davis
 (708) 655-6456/cebonye@aol.com

20. Fleetwind Ski Club

www.skifleetwind.com

Meeting: Dugan's

128 S. Halsted St., Chicago

2nd & 4th Wed. of each month at 8:30 p.m., during summer 2nd Wed. only

Membership requirements: 21**Children allowed on Trips:** Yes**Family Memberships:** Yes**President:** Bob Radycki

(773) 973-4417/rradycki@ameritech.net

21. Fort Wayne Ski Club

www.fwsc.org

Meeting: Elks Lodge

4935 Hillegas Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46808

See Web Site for more information

Membership requirements: 21**Children allowed on Trips:** Yes**Family Memberships:** Yes**President:** DeWayne Stewart

(260) 385-3207/dewaynestewart@aol.com

22. Four Seasons Ski-Adventure Club

birdsapa@aol.com

Meeting: Connie's Pizza

Iroquois and Ogden, Naperville, IL 60563

Meets 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month at 8 p.m.

Membership requirements: None**Children allowed on Trips:** No**Family Memberships:** No**President:** Ann Bass

(630) 983-5964/trillium10@aol.com

23. Four Winds Ski and Social Club

www.FourWindsSki.org

Meeting: Real Time Sports

1120 W Devon Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Meets 1st and 3rd Thurs. 8 p.m. Sept. to April,

1st Thurs. only May to Aug.

Membership requirements: 18**Children allowed on Trips:** Yes**Family Memberships:** Yes**President:** Steve Skwiat

(630) 351-0919/scalsdad@aol.com

24. Freeport Ski Club**Meeting:** The Freeport Eagles Club

1200 W. Galena, Freeport, IL 61032

Meets second Tues. each month 7:30 p.m.

Membership requirements: 21**Children allowed on Trips:** Yes**Family Memberships:** Yes**President:** Bill Engel

(815) 233-2545/engelw@aeroinc.net

25. Gateway Ski USA

www.gatewayski.com/

Meeting: C.J. Muggs Restaurant

Bonhomme & Central, Clayton, MO 63105

Meets monthly, contact president

Membership requirements: None**Children allowed on Trips:** Yes**Family Memberships:** Yes**President:** Joe Racine

(314) 280-2924/jlracine@sbcglobal.net

26. Gelandesprung Ski Club

www.gelandesprung.org/

Meeting: Sports Corner

500 Grant St., De Pere, WI 54115-1316

Meets Tues. before each trip 7 p.m.

Membership requirements: 21**Children allowed on Trips:** No**Family Memberships:** No**President:** Cari Williquette

(920) 434-2407/cwillusana@new.rr.com

27. Great River Ski Club

www.skiquincy.org/

Meets first Wed. each month 7:30 p.m.

Membership requirements: 18**Children allowed on Trips:** No**Family Memberships:** No**President:** Tammy Rupp

(217) 224-2107/trrupp@adams.net

28. Greater Grand Rapids Ski Club

www.ggrsc.org

Meets 2nd Mon. of the month; see website or call hotline

616-942-9449

Membership requirements: 18**Children allowed on Trips:** Yes**Family Memberships:** Yes**President:** Bob Nicholas

(616) 247-0643/robert_nicholas@sbcglobal.net

28. Hustlers Ski Club

www.hustlersskiclub.com/

Meeting: Chammp's Americana Sports Bar

955 E. Golf Rd., Schaumburg, IL

Meets Sept.-April first and third Tues.; May-Aug. first Tues.

only, 7:30 p.m.

Membership requirements: 21**Children allowed on Trips:** No**Family Memberships:** No**President:** Debbie Fanta

president@hustlersskiclub.com

30. Ibex Ski and Snowboard Club

www.skiibex.com

Gatsby's Pizza and Pub, Inc.

427 E. Rand Rd., Arlington Hts, IL

Meets first and third Wed. each month, Brewz N'

Schmooze hour at 7 p.m., meeting 8 p.m.

Membership requirements: 21**Children allowed on Trips:** Yes**Family Memberships:** Yes**President:** Lou DiFrancisco

(847) 391-1025/ibexpresident2008@skiibex.com

31. Indianapolis Ski Club

www.indyskiclub.org

Meeting: Adam's Mark Hotel - Airport

Check website for up-to-date information

Membership requirements: 21**Children allowed on Trips:** Yes**Family Memberships:** Yes**President:** Christy Sharp

(317) 293-4480

32. Inland Ski Club

www.inlandskiclub.com

Meeting: Rodney's Sports Bar & Grill

2833 Highway Ave., Highland, IN 46322

Meets first Mon. Sept.-April 7:30 p.m.

Membership requirements: 18**Children allowed on Trips:** Yes**Family Memberships:** Yes**President:** Tom Diehl

(219) 728-1281/tomjd99@comcast.net

33. J's Ski & Snowboard Club

www.geocities.jp/jskijp/

Meeting: Please contact us by e-mail.**Membership requirements:** None**Children allowed on Trips:** Yes**Family Memberships:** Yes**President:** Roy Nakagama

roysan0841@yahoo.co.jp

34. Joliet Ski Club

www.JolietSkiClub.org

Meeting: Knights of Columbus

Infantry Dr. & Jefferson St., Joliet, IL

Meets first and third Thurs. each month at 7 p.m.

Membership requirements: 21**Children allowed on Trips:** Yes**Family Memberships:** No**President:** Barry Westphal

(815) 942-9649

35. Lafayette Ski and Snowboard Club

www.lafayetteskiclub.org

Meeting: Monical's Pizza

3500 St Rd 38 East, Lafayette, IN

Meets first Wed. each month 7 p.m., Sept.-May

Membership requirements: 21**Children allowed on Trips:** Yes**Family Memberships:** Yes**President:** Steve Kelley

(765) 474-4293/kelley@purdue.edu

36. Lakeshore Ski and Sports Club

www.lssc.org

Meeting: see website for details

Meets third Wed. 7-9 p.m.

Membership requirements: 21**Children allowed on Trips:** No**Family Memberships:** No**President:** Gigi Jones

(312) 988-9416/pres@lssc.org

37. Latvian Ski Club**Meeting:** St. Peter's Lutheran Church

450 Forest Preserve Dr., Wood Dale, IL 60191

Meets last Friday of month

Membership requirements: None**Children allowed on Trips:** No**Family Memberships:** No**President:** Peteris Plume

(312) 981-4065/pplume@aol.com

38. Lincoln Park Ski Club

www.lincolnparkskiclub.org/

Meeting: John Barleycorn Pub

658 W. Belden, Chicago 60614

Meets first and third Tues. Sept-April 7:30 p.m.

Membership requirements: 21**Children allowed on Trips:** No**Family Memberships:** No**President:** John Douglas

(773) 296-2028/president@lincolnparkskiclub.org



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1. 400 Ski Club

www.ski400.park-ridge.il.us

Meeting: As announced in Skilites, the club newsletter
Meets second Wed. for lunch most months Sept.-April

Membership requirements: 21

Children allowed on Trips: Yes

Family Memberships: Yes

President: Len Schneller
(847) 825-2829/lenski2@sbcglobal.net

2. Alpine Ski Club

Meeting: Schwaben Center

301 Weiland Rd., Buffalo Grove, IL 64489
Meets first Wed. of the month except July 8 p.m.

Membership requirements: None

Children allowed on Trips: Yes

Family Memberships: Yes

President: Hans Kendl
(847) 991-5345/johnkendl@sbcglobal.net

3. American Blind Skiing Foundation

www.ABSF.org

Meets third Monday of each month

Membership requirements: None

Children allowed on Trips: Yes

Family Memberships: Yes

President: Karen Windell
ABSF@absf.org

4. Aqua Adventurers

Meets first Tues. each month 8 p.m. at various locations.
Contact president for information.

Membership requirements: 18

Children allowed on Trips: Yes

Family Memberships: No

President: Nettie Napravnik
(708) 704-4828/nettie_nap@hotmail.com

5. B.U.C. Ski and Social Club

MikeMike1@msn.com

Meeting: Sawas Restaurant

9200 W. Cermak Rd., Broadview, IL 60155

Meets second Sat. each month 8 p.m.

Membership requirements: 21

Children allowed on Trips: Yes

Family Memberships: Yes

President: Roger Loth
(630) 466-0167

6. Battle Creek Ski Club

www.battlecreekskiclub.com

Meeting: Miller's Time Out

Helmer Rd. Exit of I-94 on W edge of Battle Creek, Battle Creek, MI 49015

Membership requirements: none

Children allowed on Trips: Yes

Family Memberships: Yes

President: Betsy Watson
(269) 321-2079/shastawat@sbcglobal.net

7. Bloomington-Normal Ski Club

www.bnski.org/

Meeting: Varies each month

Membership requirements: None

Children allowed on Trips: Yes

Family Memberships: Yes

President: Tom Crawford
(309) 664-0127/pres@bnski.org

8. Boeing Employees Ski Club – St. Louis

www.besc-stl.org

Meeting: Boeing Facility

Meets 3rd Wed. of the month

Membership requirements: none

Children allowed on Trips: Yes

Family Memberships: Yes

President: David Allsop
david.allsop@boeing.com

9. Champaign Ski Club

www.champaignskiclub.org/

Meeting: varies

Meets second Tues. after first Mon. of each month 7 p.m.

Membership requirements: 18

Children allowed on Trips: Yes

Family Memberships: Yes

President: Gwen Broeren

10. Chantilly Lace Ski Club

www.chantillylace.org/

Meeting: Chantilly Lace Bar

2660 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62705

Meeting location and time varies, contact president

Membership requirements: 18

Children allowed on Trips: No

Family Memberships: No

President: Kevin Davlin
(217) 525-1070

11. Chicago Friars Ski and Bike Club

www.chicagofriars.com/

Meeting: Ricochet's Tavern

4644 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago 60625

(www.ricochetstavern.com)

Meetings are on 1st and 3rd Mon. of each month at 8 p.m., announcements at 8:30. Look for us in the back of the bar.

Membership requirements: 21

Children allowed on Trips: No

Family Memberships: No

President: Jill Hronek
(773) 761-1492/granthronek@comcast.net

12. Chicago Police Ski Club

www.chicagopoliceskiclub.com

Meeting: Gem Bar & Grill

2700 S. Loomis, Chicago, IL 60608

Meets Sept.-May, 1st & 3rd Mon.; June-Aug., 1st Monday only, 7 p.m.

Membership requirements: 21

Children allowed on Trips: Yes

Family Memberships: Yes

President: Ziggy Niewdach
(773) 636-8710

13. Chicagoland Club 50 – Ski and Sports

www.ski50.com

Meeting: See current Activities Calendar on www.ski50.com

Membership requirements: 50

Children allowed on Trips: No

Family Memberships: No

President: Barb Fredrickson
(847) 831-2965/barbfredrickson@sbcglobal.net or president@ski50.com

14. Chicagoland Handicapped Skiers

Meeting: Call (630) 279-3183

Contact president

Membership requirements: None

Children allowed on Trips: Yes

Family Memberships: No

President: Valerie Byrne

15. Downhillers Ski Club

www.downhillers.org

Meeting: O'Donoghues Irish Pub

13225 Watertown Plank Rd, Elm Grove, WI

Meets second Thurs. each month, Sept.-May 7:30 p.m.

Membership requirements: 21

Children allowed on Trips: Yes

Family Memberships: No

President: Robert Schueller
president@downhillers.org

16. Duneland Ski Club

www.dunelandskiclub.com/

Meeting: Gary Sportsman Club

10101 Madison St., Crown Point, IN

Meets first Mon. of each month May-Aug. and first and third Mon. Sept.-April at 7 p.m. except for holidays

Membership requirements: 21

Children allowed on Trips: No

Family Memberships: Yes

Vice President: Ginnie Moffitt

(219) 663-0174/vicepresident@dunelandskiclub.com

17. East Iowa Ski Club

www.eastiwaskiclub.com

Meeting: People's Church

600 3rd Ave, Cedar Rapids, IA

Meets monthly

Membership requirements: 18

Children allowed on Trips: Yes

Family Memberships: Yes

President: Kim Robu
president@eastiwaskiclub.com

18. Elmhurst Ski Club

www.ElmhurstSkiClub.com

Meeting: Elmhurst Public House

683 W. St. Charles Rd., Elmhurst, IL 60126

Meets 1st Tues., Sept.-Apr.

Membership requirements: 21

Children allowed on Trips: Yes

Family Memberships: No

President: Ray Lucas
(847) 487-2371/luke38@sbcglobal.net

19. Fireside Ski Club

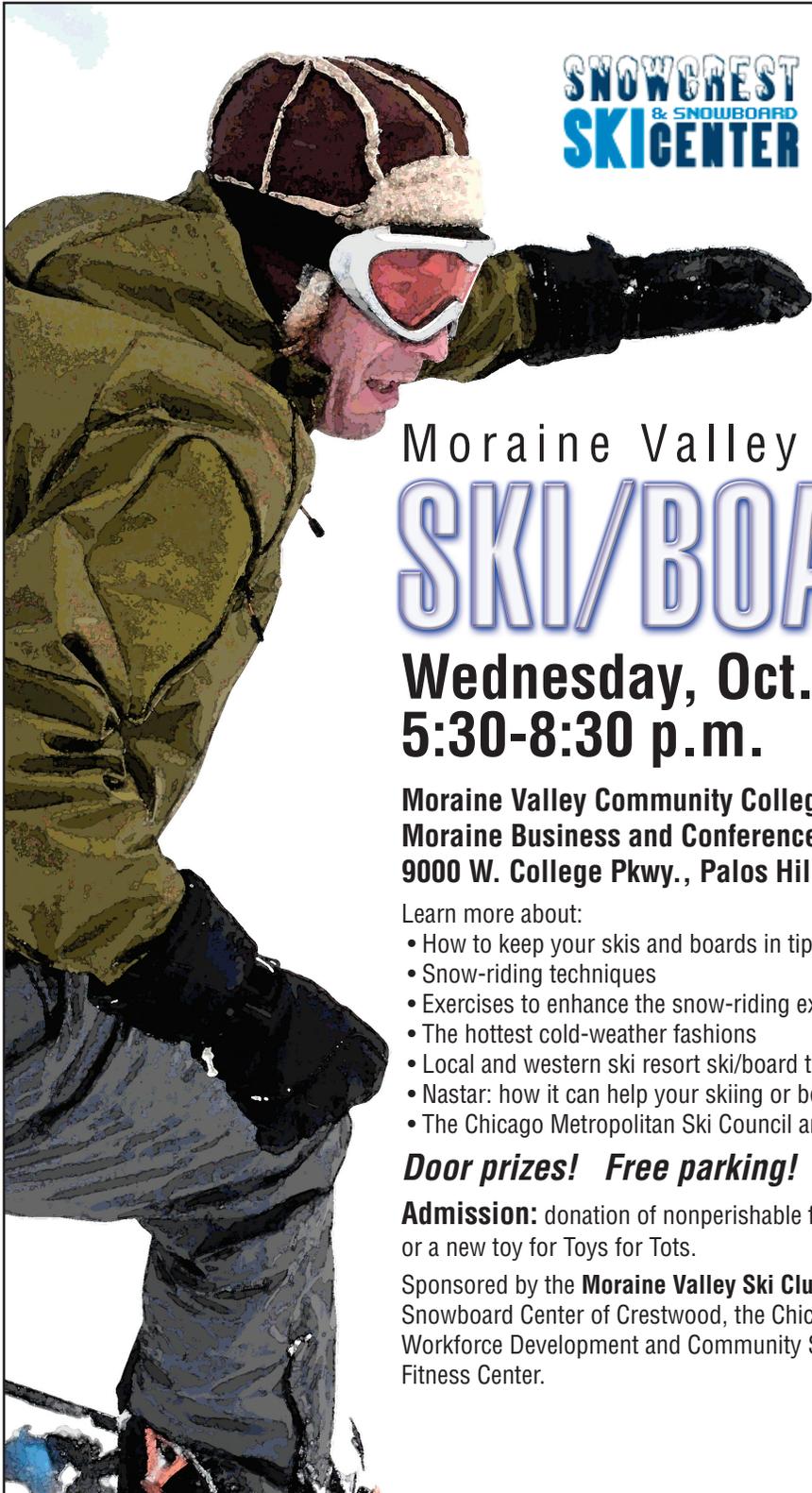
Meeting: Sanfratello's Pizza

127 W. Main St., Glenwood, IL 60425

Membership requirements: 21

Children allowed on Trips: No

Family Memberships: No



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Overlook observation deck at the base of the bowl where skiers and riders can relax and enjoy the view. The resort has also opened two new luxury hotels, the Lumière Telluride and Capella Telluride, as well as several new restaurants. Contact: 970-728-6900, tellurideskiresort.com.

Idaho

Sun Valley recently relocated its Sun Valley Nordic Center to the new 58,000-square-foot Sun Valley Club in the backyard of the world-famous Sun Valley Lodge. The new center offers cross country skiers a number of new features, including a restaurant, indoor and outdoor bar, men's and women's lockers and lounges, equipment storage, repair and rental. There are also two outdoor heated pools, ice-skating and exclusive shopping. The Sun Valley Club is located one mile east of the Sun Valley Village; free bus service is available. Contact: 800-786-8259, sunvalley.com.

Utah

The Canyons Resort in Park City made several improvements this season. A new ski lift called the Frostwood Pulse Gondola transports guests staying in the Frostwood area to the base of the Flight of the Canyons gondola. As part of the Iron Mountain expansion plans, the new Timberline Lift will go from the base of Tombstone to a half mile below the

DreamCatcher lift and will be used to access Tombstone from the DreamCatcher area at the end of the day. In order to open up more tree skiing and riding, trees will



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Loading the Flight of The Canyons gondola

be gladed in areas such as Mystic Pines off of Peak 5. Snowmaking will be increased by 30%, and the grooming fleet has increased by 25%. In the next year the resort will begin construction on an 18-hole golf course. Contact: 435-649-5400, thecanyons.com.

Wyoming

Jackson Hole Mountain Resort in Teton Village opened its highly anticipated aerial tram in mid-December. Better known as "Big Red," the tram can carry 100 passengers and soars 4,139 vertical feet in the air in nine minutes until it reaches the 10,450-foot summit of Rendezvous Mountain. The tram claims the longest continuous vertical rise in North America. At the summit, hiking trails can be found in every direction, and Corbet's Cabin will be open all summer, with beverages and snacks available while taking in views of the Snake River Valley. A new viewing station at the top will allow for 360-degree aerial views of Wyoming and Idaho. Jackson Hole Mountain Resort will open for the summer season on May 23. The aerial tram will operate daily until Sept. 27. Contact: 888-333-7766, jacksonhole.com.

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Wisconsin

The remodeled Historic Stone Chalet at **Granite Peak**, at Rib Mountain State Park near Wausau, features a new upstairs lounge area with mountain views, two stone fireplaces and weekly entertainment. The chalet also has additional downstairs eating, plus new changing areas and restrooms. Also new at Granite Peak is the large outdoor patio with a fire ring and an outdoor grill serving bratwurst on Saturday nights and holidays. A second high-speed lift is planned for 2009-2010, with ski-in/ski-out resort lodging planned for 2010-2012. Contact: 715-845-2846, skigranitepeak.com.



Boarder at Granite Peak

New and Noteworthy in the East

Maine

Mt. Abram Ski Resort in Bethel has more than doubled its skiable terrain with a new policy called "Boundary to Boundary." Skiable and rideable terrain has gone from 250 acres to 650. There are groomer trails for every level rider as well as 400 more forested acres packed with powder stashes, steeps and cliff drops. The new policy means riders and skiers can't lose their ticket for skiing off the trails in the trees. Contact: 207-875-5000, mtabram.com.

Vermont

Stowe Mountain Lodge recently opened and is located at the base of Spruce Peak Mountain in Stowe. The lodge offers skiers and snowboarders the opportunity to take advantage of the slopes without having to wait in any lines.



Stowe Mountain Lodge



Airboarders at Smugglers' Notch Resort

Guests are able to send their equipment from home through the resort's ski valet service and have it waiting for them when they arrive. The resort will also bring up the equipment to the chairlift or gondola whenever guests are ready to ski. Other services include "ski sherpas" heating ski boots and tuning equipment as well as lift tickets, lessons and rentals being secured in advance. Contact: 800-253-4754, stowemountainlodge.com.

Airboarding takes slope-sliding to a whole new level at **Smugglers' Notch Resort**, "America's Family Resort." A-shaped and similar in size to a water raft, an airboard is an inflated sled steered by shifting body weight from side to side, thereby engaging the urethane grooves on the underside that act as edges. A wrist strap keeps the device connected to the rider in case of a tumble. Legs and feet can also influence the airboard's downhill path. There are sizes for adults and kids. The afternoon family activity at lift-served Morse Highlands starts with a short instructional class. Guests must be 10 years old, 48 inches tall and wear a helmet. Smugglers' Notch is consistently rated No. 1 in family programs by SKI magazine. Contact: 800-419-4615, smuggs.com.

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Destination Report: East

Whiteface Mountain

By Jennifer Wessner

Whiteface Mountain is located in the Adirondack Mountains, nine miles from Lake Placid, N.Y. Host of the 1932 Olympic cross country ski events and the 1980 Winter Olympic Games, it has retained its large Olympic Complex and ski facilities. Whiteface also boasts the distinction of having the largest vertical drop (3,430 feet) in the Eastern United States.

With over 300 skiable acres, 80 runs and an elevation of 4,650 feet, Whiteface offers a first-class ski experience. The mountain has a good mixture of trails with 37 percent advanced, 43 percent intermediate and 20 percent beginner. The longest trail, Excelsior, is a three-and-a-half mile intermediate run. The Slides are billed as the only true double-black diamond area in the East and provide 35 acres of backcountry to explore. Eleven ski lifts, including a high-speed eight-passenger gondola, connect skiers and riders to the slopes.

Whiteface Mountain has non-traditional skiing experiences for the adrenaline junkie. The NASTAR race course at Whiteface is ranked 10th nationally and No. 1 in the East. Visitors of all ages and abilities are allowed access to the course for a minimal fee. The mountain has five terrain parks, including a kid's park on the Bronze run. The main terrain park is 79 Railpark. The site of the 2007 World Cup Snowboard Competition, it has multiple lines, its own sound system, and a 450-foot, Zaugg-cut super-pipe. The park also has its own rail line.

Families can take advantage of Whiteface's many children's programs. Kids Kampus Lodge at Easy Acres is a self-contained area featuring a rental shop, ski school, restaurant, nursery, triple chair and beginner terrain. The Play-n-Ski program (ages four to six) and Junior Adventure (ages seven to 12) are available every day. Whiteface Teen Experience is available during weekends and holidays.

A big draw at Whiteface is the 1980 Olympic Sports Complex. Visitors can take a ride on a bobsled with a professional driver and brakeman. The complex has 31 miles of trails for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. It has two skating rinks, including an outdoor speed-skating oval and a biathlon range.



Racing down the moguls course at Whiteface.
Photo: ORDA / Shawn Holes

This past season, Whiteface introduced Lookout Mountain, an area of the mountain that has not been in use since a previous resort closed in the 1950s. Whiteface redeveloped this land and added four runs and approximately four miles to its existing resort. The new runs are in the intermediate to expert range.

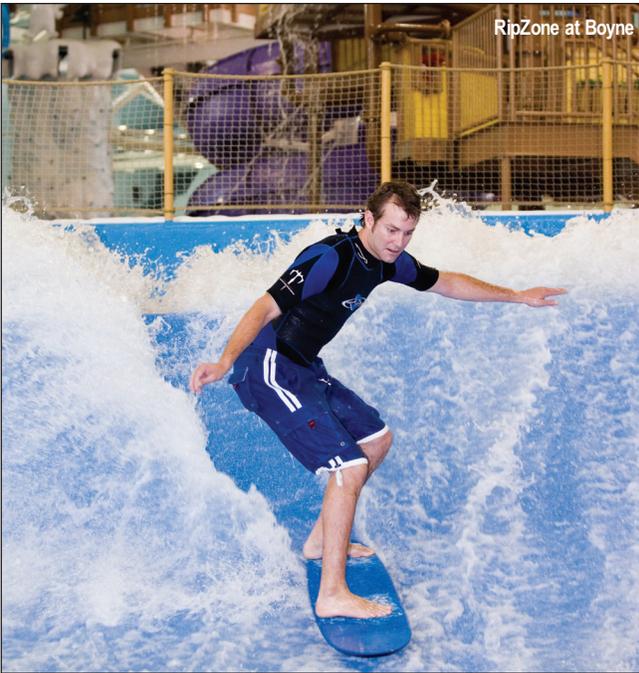
Visitors to Whiteface can find accommodations in Wilmington or Lake Placid. Wilmington has several family lodges, inns and motels to choose from. Lake Placid, a main hub for the area, has a bustling Main Street with many shops, restaurants, hotels and condos. Whiteface Lodge is an AAA Four-Diamond luxury resort in Lake Placid. The resort has a 94-suite hotel, spa, restaurant, movie theater and Canoe Club.

Contact: 518-946-2223, whiteface.com

New and Noteworthy in the Midwest

Michigan

Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls expects to reduce energy consumption by up to 40% with a revolutionary system called Energize. This system controls energy use in unoccupied hotel rooms of the resort's Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa accommodations. When guests enter one of the 220 rooms and suites, their room keycard will activate the system. Energy sources are enabled allowing lights to be turned on and heating and cooling temperatures to be adjusted. When guests exit and remove the keycard, all sources return to preset energy saving settings. Also in efforts to conserve energy, the resort has switched to compact fluorescent bulbs and installed low-flow showerheads and kitchen and bathroom faucets. Contact: 231-549-6000, boyne.com.



Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville recently opened Crystal Spa, which offers a full menu of services including massage, body treatments, facials, manicures and pedicures. Other features include a meditation lounge and outdoor meditation garden with hot tub (available year-round), manicure and pedicure area, and locker rooms with heated floors, steam rooms and infrared saunas that use less power while providing deeper tissue penetration than traditional saunas. The 18,500-square-foot, LEED-certified facility also has a fitness center with state-of-the-art cardio and strength-training equipment, indoor pool with lap lanes, hot tub, and an indoor

and outdoor motion studio. The spa has 12 treatment rooms and a variety of treatments to choose from. Contact: 231-378-2000, crystalmountain.com.

Minnesota

Lutsen Mountains in Lutsen has made some recent new additions. A new triple chair lift increases the uphill capacity on Eagle Mountain by 30% and provides express service to Eagle's North Face expert runs. The Plunge, the near vertical drop on the North Face of Moose Mountain, has re-opened and is the steepest run in mid-America with a 90% slope and winch-cat grooming. Eagle Ridge Resort has added a two-bedroom, one-and-a-half bath luxury suite with convenient ski-in/ski-out access as well as 12 new one-bedroom luxury condos with upgraded features such as Silestone countertops, steam showers, stainless steel appliances, fireplaces and private balconies. There are also three new spas in the Lutsen area that offer a variety of services, including massages and other treatments. Contact: 218-663-7281, lutsen.com.

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Destination Report: Midwest

Ski Brule

By Jennifer Wessner

Named the No.1 Midwestern resort and No.1 family resort by OnTheSnow.com, Ski Brule is a favorite among skiers and riders of all ages. Located in Michigan's Iron County, Brule is a six-hour drive from the Chicago suburbs. Ski Brule has continued its tradition of being "the first to open, the last to close" for over 20 years. The average season is 164 days with the slopes closing every year in mid-April.

Ski Brule has 17 trails and 11 lifts over 150 ski-able acres. The elevation of the mountain is 500 feet. The longest groomed trails at Brule are Maple Syrup and Homestead trails; both trails are a mile long. The runs are spread evenly between the different skill levels. Long, mild greens lie on both sides of the mountain allowing beginners many opportunities for practice. Advanced skiers can test their abilities on Double Doodle, the mountain's double black diamond. Rapids and Snowshoe Terrain area is a 30-acre terrain park with rails, spines, whales, gaps, fun boxes and kickers. Bambi Playground, a new addition for the 2008 ski season, is a beginner terrain park with its own rails and boxes. Night skiing is available on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Families are a top priority at Ski Brule. Kids age 9 and under stay and ski for free. Ski Brule also offers daily children's classes at Gentle Ben, the kids-only starter area. SKIwee (skier) and MINIRide (snowboarder) classes teach fundamentals including walking, sliding, and riding the rope tow. Each class lasts three hours (on and off the snow), with opportunities for the complete beginner as well as the more advanced skier. Brule Bear Cubs is a more advanced class for children who are already chairlift riders. A fun alternative for the whole family is the tubing park on Whitewater trail. Any first-time skiers or riders can take lessons for free on selected days of the week. Free lessons include lift ticket and rentals.

Located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Brule features over 200 miles of snowmobile trails and 33 kilometers of snowshoe and cross country ski trails. The wooded terrain of the Brule River Valley offers beginner, intermediate and advanced trails for cross country skiers. Nordic skis and snowshoes are available to rent. Snowmobilers can easily



Runs at Ski Brule are spread evenly between the different skill levels.

access the vast trail systems of Northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan and explore the area for hours or even days.

Accommodations are located at the base of the mountain in Ski Brule Village. It has many chalets and condos that sleep up to 12 people. Pioneer Lodge Condos offer studio and one-bedroom condos with panoramic views of the mountains.

In the summer, Ski Brule ski slopes turn into biking and hiking trails. The area has many rivers and lakes perfect for fly-fishing, kayaking, canoeing and tubing. Ski Brule rents tubes, canoes and rafts. A summer favorite is Brule Sporting Clays, a half-mile course with over 50 shooting fields. Guns, ammo, instruction and food are available at the clubhouse. Less than an hour away, visitors can access Iron County's golf courses, casinos, shops and restaurants.

The 2009-2010 ski season will see new additions and renovations across the mountain. Brule plans to increase snowmaking capacity by adding new water snowmaking lines, pumps and machines. Renovations are planned on Brule Lodge and Rental Center. Brule will be adding to the existing Bambi Playground and will add a new terrain park called Woods Park.

Contact: 800-362-7853, skibrule.com.

New and Noteworthy in the West

California

North Lake Tahoe businesses and organizations are planning a large-scale, season-long celebration to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1960 Olympic Winter games held in Squaw Valley and along Tahoe's West Shore from Homewood to Tahoma. The Olympic Heritage Celebration, which takes place Jan. 8-17, 2010, will have planned events including races, celebrations, parades, interpretive tours and reenactments. The anniversary event will also provide awareness and fundraising for the Squaw Valley Olympic and Winter Sports Museum, which is in the planning stages. Contact: 1960winterolympics.com.

Northstar Resort in Truckee has made many improvements for skiers and riders. Enhancements include an extension of ski trails and the express quad lift on Lookout Mountain, new snowmaking systems, tree thinning for improved glade skiing, increased lift capacity, and the widening of the ski area boundaries which increases the resort's acreage by 414 acres to a total 2,904 acres. Also available for guests at the resort are 150,000 square feet of retail space at the Village at Northstar, which has 35 unique shops, galleries and dining options. Contact: 800-466-6784, northstaratahoh.com.

Kirkwood Mountain Resort in Kirkwood has added two new lifts that will give access to 700 acres and 1,350 vertical feet of skiing and snowboarding. There is also a lift for beginners called the Wonder Carpet lift in Timber Creek Base Area, which helps newcomers learn how to ski at their own pace and is a great place for the family to ski together. Contact: 800-967-7500, kirkwood.com.

Canada

Canadian Mountain Holidays (CMH) in British Columbia is offering visitors a deal for the 2010 season. If guests book with a deposit by June 15, 2009, they will receive a guest lodge credit of CAN \$100/day booked. For example, if a guest booked a seven-day trip, he would receive a credit of \$700. The credit can be used for anything visitors choose, including the bar, massages, extra heli-skiing meters and the shop, and is good at 11 of CMH's 12 lodges. Contact: 800-661-0252, canadianmountainholidays.com.

Colorado

Telluride Ski Resort recently unveiled its Revelation Bowl and Lift on the east side of Gold Hill. The bowl is for advanced and expert skiers and riders and offers a vertical drop that is now one of the largest in North America, at 4,425 feet with 3,845 vertical feet lift-served. Along with a 400-acre expansion this year, there is a new Bear Creek
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Destination Report: West

Keystone Resort

By Jennifer Wessner

One of Vail Resorts' five premier ski resorts, Keystone stretches seven miles along the Snake River, over three mountains, 3,128 vertical feet, 3,148 acres of terrain, and three villages with shops, bars, restaurants and accommodations.

Located near Dillon in Summit County, Colo., Keystone boasts 125 trails and 20 lifts, including two gondolas. Offering the longest ski day in Colorado from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., it also offers the largest night skiing operation with nine trails and a designated Night Park.

Whether you prefer green beginner runs, intermediate blues perfect for gentle carving, or adrenaline-inducing double black diamonds, the resort has runs for all levels of skiers. The three mountains that form Keystone are Dercum, North Peak and The Outback. Dercum Mountain is home to the Schoolmarm Trail, a gentle groomed 3.5-mile run perfect for beginners. North Peak offers long bump runs with varying levels of difficulty. The Outback, with an elevation of 11,980, is home to the North and South bowls. Opened in 2007, the Independence Bowl offers a "backcountry-light" experience with 300 acres of expert-only hiking and snowcat skiing.

Although traditionally a family resort, Keystone has been gathering a following of snowboarders and freestyle skiers with its two award-winning terrain parks. Ranked #1 by Transworld Snowboarding Magazine and #2 by Freeskier Magazine, Keystone's A51 Terrain Park has two half-pipes, including a superpipe, rails, barrels, boxes and big air jumps. A51 Incubator, a second beginner-friendly park, is positioned directly across from the main park, giving everyone the opportunity to indulge their inner daredevil.

There is no shortage of kids programs at this family-friendly resort. Ripperoo & Friends Adventure Zones is a dedicated children's park on Dercum Mountain, conveniently located near the beginner area off of the Schoolmarm Trail. Named for the children's ski school mascot, the kids' area has runs for both the complete beginner and intermediate skier and rider. Adventure Point, a tubing run located at the top of the River Run Gondola, has five lanes for guests of all ages. The resort even has a five-acre lake that is transformed every winter into the largest Zamboni-maintained outdoor skating rink in North America.



Ski School at Keystone

When the slopes close, the resort has numerous other attractions to keep visitors busy. The three villages around the base of the mountain have many shops and restaurants perfect for après-ski relaxation. In the summer, Keystone offers water sports in its small lake, mountain biking and hiking on over 60 miles of trails. There are two highly ranked golf courses on the grounds of the resort. Fly-fishing, horseback riding, and whitewater rafting are available as well.

Lodging options at the resort range from traditional hotel rooms to mountain base condos. The Keystone Lodge and Spa is a Four Diamond AAA-rated hotel with a 10,000-square-foot spa. For less traditional accommodations, visitors can stay at the Ski Tip Lodge, an old 1880s stagecoach stop that now is a bed & breakfast.

Keystone Ski Resort entered the 2008-2009 season with the state-of-the-art, eight-passenger River Run Gondola. In addition to replacing the old six-passenger gondola, the new gondola was moved into River Run Village, bringing skiers and snowboarders closer to the mountain.

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Kids Day Offers Fun for New Skiers

CMSC Kids Day, held on Feb. 28 at Wisconsin's Grand Geneva Resort, was a trip that deserves recognition for giving young skiers a special opportunity. CMSC and Grand Geneva, The Mountaintop sponsored 30 kids from the East Village Youth Program. Mid America Associated with American Consolidated Transportation Companies in Elk Grove Village provided a yellow school bus for the adventure.

Gratitude and thanks are extended to CMSC, CMSC ski clubs, Mid America, East Village Youth Program, Grand Geneva, The Mountaintop, Nub's Nob, REI, Viking Ski Shop and individuals, and for the donations of warm items for new skiers.

Kids were transformed into patriotic ski champions receiving medals and trophies for their enthusiastic spirit and perseverance. Let freedom reign on the mountains of America and may the youth one day share their new experiences with others.

Caroline Knoff
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Alpine Racing

The CMSC Alpine Racing series is a great way to increase your skiing abilities, challenge yourself, and have a great time on the hill! The series is comprised of 14 recreational races scheduled over seven weekends. Since the races are held at a number of different Midwest ski hills, this is also a fantastic chance to visit some great ski areas with fellow skiers and alpine racers. Racers often car pool or take advantage of bus charters to away races.

The program is class based, so participants race against skiers and boarders in the same age group and ability level. Novices race against novices, kids against kids, experts against experts and so on.

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2009 Winter Carnival Results

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Women - Skier					
1st	Jessica Mariano	Grand Rapids Ski Club			
2nd	Beth Kish	Thunderbird Ski Club			
3rd	Geri Finch	Grand Rapids Ski Club			
Men - Snowboarder					
1st	Andy Oneil	Thunderbird Ski Club			
2nd	Tim McDonald	Grand Rapids Ski Club			
3rd	Rob Bialowicz	Thunderbird Ski Club			
Men - Skier					
1st	Bryan "Tree" Jones	Wild Bunch Ski Club			
2nd	Ron LaCasse	Thunderbird Ski Club			
3rd	Michael Brown	Peoria Ski Club			
Penguin Race					
Women					
1st	Jessica Mariano	Grand Rapids Ski Club			
2nd	Marianne Watkins	Fort Wayne Ski Club			
3rd	Suzan DeWald	Fort Wayne Ski Club			
Men - Skier					
1st	Tim Tessman	Fort Wayne Ski Club			
2nd	Dave Marquez	Wild Bunch Ski Club			
3rd	Brendon Perry	Fort Wayne Ski Club			
Canoe Race					
1st	Tim Sefried	Peoria Ski Club			
	Barb Strand	Peoria Ski Club			
2nd	Nancy Darling	Peoria Ski Club			
	Dave Durdel	Peoria Ski Club			
3rd	Jennifer Dietrich	Thunderbird Ski Club			
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	Suzanne Wagner	Fort Wayne Ski Club			
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Winter Carnival 2009

By Nettie Napravnik

Winter Carnival 2009 at Michigan's Shanty Creek Resort was a success. We tried a new concept this year. "The Best Of" theme was a mix of Viva Las Vegas, Mardi Gras and Famous Dead People. It was a weekend filled with beads, dead people and fun!

We had about 90 participants from Ft. Wayne Ski Club, Greater Grand Rapids, Peoria Ski Club, Thunderbirds Ski Club and the Wild Bunch. We even had a 3-year old! (Personally, I think we missed out not giving Haley Atkinson from Ft. Wayne a medal for her 1st Winter Carnival, but that darn hindsight always kicks in too late!)

The Canoe Race with its few injuries was a hit. I did break my hand, but it was so exciting that even after breaking the hand, I jumped back in the canoe to finish the race!

Costumes brought out Col. Sanders, Marie Antoinette and a Two Dollar Bill. Seems those Famous Dead People were pretty popular! We also had some scantily clad



PHOTO BY BARRY STANEK
Penguin Race at Winter Carnival 2009

females from T-Birds that got a lot of attention.

We unveiled two new games on Sunday—the Snowshoe Fish Toss and Pitcher Relay. Thankfully, the fish for the fish toss part were frozen solid, but they were BIG! Maybe 18 inches on the short headless one. The Pitcher Relay was very successful with many teams making it down with very little beer loss. The teams had to ski a relay with pitchers of beer, filling glasses of beer and not spilling (or drinking) a drop! It was really something to see.

The entire concept of Winter Carnival is to have as much fun as you can! Meeting members from other clubs, having a few laughs and participating in some healthy competitions made it a wonderful time. I want to thank trip leaders from the clubs for all their hard work. Kathy Lopez from Wild Bunch, Gari Chaffin from the T-Birds, Donna Schwab from Peoria, Geri Finch from Greater Grand Rapids and Brendon Perry from Ft. Wayne worked very hard to make Winter Carnival a success.

The weekend could not have been as nice as it was without the help of everyone at Shanty Creek. Phyllis Lockhart, Scott Anderson, Amy Short and Steve Kershner worked with us for weeks before the event in order to make the weekend flawless. I would also like to thank my committee: Geri Finch (assistant trip leader & computer person), Tim Tessman (games chairperson & beer man), Les Skrzyski (beer man), Darrell Ahlberg (games person) and Connie Casey (games person). It is a privilege to be able to work with this group. Special thanks to Tim Tessman for loading my car and my brother for coming over and unloading it and setting up the computer for me.

I can't wait till next year! Stop by the trip room at Trip Seminar and see what we have planned. We will be planning more changes and fun for everyone! We will keep working to make Winter Carnival fun and exciting.

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As a year-round club, we offer various social events during the summer. Activities include an annual rock climbing weekend in Devil's Lake State Park, camping in Kettle Moraine State Park and, in August, Yellowstone State Park. The summer trips wrap up in September with the annual Apple Cider Century bike trip in Union Pier, MI. Check our website for impromptu barbecues and bike rides. Next winter's trip schedule will be posted by the end of summer, so be sure to sign up early to reserve your spot.

Everyone is welcome to find out more about us by attending a meeting. Contact: www.skunkhollowskiclub.com or Sally Griffith, president, at president@skunkhollowskiclub.com.

Snomads Ski and Snowboard Club

The Snomads is an active year-round ski, snowboard and social club that has been around for more than 35 years. We are members of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Ski Council through which we participate in their recreational Senior Race program. But the highlight of each season is our week-long trip out West, where all arrangements are made by our Ski VP and all you have to do is sign up and have fun. One of the goals on this trip is not to repeat a ski destination every 8 to 10 years. This means you will get to ski in a lot of different places with a great group of people.

Though our main focus as a club is skiing, that does not stop us from having fun and partying year-round. We are an adults-only club with the majority of our members drawn from the Southeastern Wisconsin area. Contact: <http://snomadwi.tripod.com/>.

Snow Hawks Ski Club

Feel the wind whistling through your hair. A favorite tune is running through your head as you glide across the terrain. Fresh air fills your lungs as you ride up the side of the mountain through the clouds and the treetops.

When it's winter, yes! Any other time of year, that experience just might be a horseback ride. We invite you to temporarily abandon your ski poles for an array of social events, where there's always an après-ski atmosphere at the lodge bar, followed by an exceptional dinner.

Events have included picnics at Millennium Park concerts, bowling, billiards, architectural tours, ethnic dinners (e.g. Thai, BYOBs, Greek Town, Galleria Marchetti), theater evenings sponsored by the playwright, lakefront bike trips, weekend and daytrip motorcycling, karaoke nights, holiday parties, cooking classes, miniature golf, Art Institute tours, salsa lessons, beginning bridge, backgammon contests, street fairs, Summerdance, and our big September kick-off party.

Call Snow Hawks Hotline, 773-472-8274; e-mail us at info@snowhawksskiclub.com; or visit www.snowhawksskiclub.com.

Thunderbird Ski Club

A great ski season is winding down, but the Thunderbirds Ski Club is gearing up for many exciting summer activities.

Our summer golf league begins play on May 1. The golf and canoe weekends are always fun. The Thunderbird Theatre Group has several summer dates booked, and our Wednesday Summer Socials provide opportunities for friends to meet. For many, the monthly picnics are the highlight of the summer, often drawing over 200 members and their friends.

This year, we will kick off our summer with a very special event. On April 24 the Thunderbird Ski Club will celebrate its 60th Anniversary at the Inaugural Ball. For 60 years we have been providing ski and social opportunities for folks in the metro Detroit area and beyond. Be sure to check out our website www.tbirdskiclub.com or join us for one of our trips or activities!



Tetry Ski Club

Over 35 years of Tetry Ski Club history proves that you should combine alpine skiing during the winter with many different activities during the hot summer. One of the smallest ski clubs, Tetry is definitely one of the best. Tetry is the winner of 6 of the last 7 years of CMSC club competitions. Tetry offers family memberships and allows kids on club trips.

Tetry organizes two alpine ski events for Polish and friends of Polish families. During summer we have a tennis tournament, track & field competition, picnic and Ski Disco. Our new biking team is very active and practices at least once a week from early spring to late fall. We have not forgotten about our kids and grandkids: the first Sunday of December we are meeting with Santa Claus!

Our website www.tetryskiclub.com is in the Polish language, which is also our club basic language, but some of us speak a little English, too.

Summer Club Activities

Hustlers Ski Club

Want ambitious ski trips plus a full slate of year-round activities? Hustlers is a perfect fit. Last year our nearly 200 members enjoyed skiing, snowboarding, biking, golfing, hiking, camping, skating, canoeing, indoor arena football, Wii-fitness competitions, improv comedy, and much more.

If your true love is skiing, you'll really shine with us. Our annual weekend Midwest trip features six hours of FREE lessons for members and guests, all levels, taught by 16 instructors in our own certified PSIA ski/snowboard school. You can even hone your competitive edge in a racing clinic!

Like to party? We meet yearlong, first and third Tuesdays, at Champps Americana Sports Bar in Schaumburg. Birthday bashes, themed parties at members' homes, and Super Bowl get-togethers round out a season that starts with a picnic and ends with a banquet. Come join us! Contact: Debbie Fanta, president, at debbie@thefantas.com, or check us out at www.hustlersskiclub.com.

Moraine Valley Community College Ski and Board Club

The Moraine Valley Community College Ski and Board Club is open to snow riders of all ages and all communities. We're all about riding the snow, and do not have a membership fee for our club. Families are welcome on all our trips.

The club has been in existence for over 25 years at the campus, allowing students, families, and everyone access to some great trips. We have sponsored trips to Breckenridge, Keystone, Lake Tahoe, Whitefish and Mammoth. Join us on our Jan. 4-10, 2010, trip to Telluride, Colo. Payment for our trips is easy and convenient as we accept credit cards!

Contact advisor Mike Wade at wade@morainevalley.edu for more information. To join the club, visit www.morainevalley.edu/skiclub and fill out the form.

Piccadilly Ski Club

Whether you're an avid skier, boarder, socializer or traveler, Piccadilly Ski Club offers you the opportunity to do what you love. Founded in 1971, Piccadilly originally focused on skiing but has expanded to provide a year-round calendar of events. Our membership is roughly 180 with an even number of males vs. females and a 60/40 split on the number of singles vs. married folks. We are a 21-and-older club with the majority of our members in their 30s-50s.

This year we had trips to Idaho, Colorado, Canada, the Midwest, and a Winter Warmup to Costa Rica. Year-round activities include laser tag, golfing, camping, biking, hiking, pub crawls, wine tasting, softball, splash parks and other family events. Our summer picnic event is Aug. 9, where we have trip sign up, games and tons of food. Contact: www.piccadillyskiclub.com.



Pine Point Ski Club

Pine Point Ski Club is an athletic, recreational and social club of about 150 members. Most of our members are between the ages of 25 and 55, are single, and live throughout the Chicago area with a concentration on the city's North Side lakefront neighborhood. Although skiing is our main interest, we offer a year-round schedule of activities. Annual favorites include the summer canoe trip, camping/biking trip and Sunday picnic. We often have dinner nights at various Chicago restaurants. We have skiers at all levels: racers, mogul monsters, cruisers, snowboarders and raw beginners. Contact: www.pinepointskiclub.com.

Sanctuary Ski & Snowboard Club

Sanctuary Ski and Snowboard Club is more than just a great club for skiing and boarding. We are an active, fun social group (21 and over) with a mixture of singles and couples. We meet year-round with all kinds of events.

We have skiers of all levels. To finish off this season or to start next season we have a chance-of-a-lifetime trip to: Bariloche, Argentina, with an optional trip to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (August 2009). Also, we have warm-weather activities planned: bike rides, our club picnic in June (unveiling our 2009/2010 trip schedule), camping & canoeing weekend, golf outings, baseball games, bar of the months, etc.

We meet at Champps Americana in Lombard. So stop by and in join the fun; non-members are always welcome. For the latest club information, visit www.skisanctuary.org or check out our Meetup site at www.meetup.com/sanctuary-ski-and-snowboard-Club/.

Skunk Hollow Ski and Snowboard Club

Since 1960, Skunk Hollow Ski and Snowboard Club has organized trips and other activities for adventure-seeking men and women over 21 years of age. The club is composed of skiers and boarders of all ability levels, so there is always somebody to share the slopes with.

Club Activities

The past ski season is a distant memory, but CMSC clubs are planning tons of summer outings and gearing up for next winter's trips. This sampling of member clubs gives an idea of what they offer.

Four Winds Ski and Social Club

Four Winds Ski & Social Club spans three generations of fun for the entire family. Four Winds is not your normal ski club; we actually encourage families to bring their kids along to experience all the club's outdoor activities.

At Four Winds, we have members who have never put on a pair of skis or a snowboard. However, they might go on a snowshoeing, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, biking, hiking, sailing, canoeing, water skiing or wakeboarding trip. Others might be more content to enjoy a cruise in the Caribbean, a concert in the park, wine tasting, dinner theater or museum. We like to say we are a family-oriented social club with a bad skiing habit!

Club social events include more events than you can name in this article and all keep the friendships building. We understand that fun often costs money and make every effort to make our outings affordable so the entire family can participate. An annual family membership is only \$40! Come visit us at www.fourwindsski.org.

Bloomington-Normal Ski & Snowboard Club

The Bloomington-Normal Ski and Snowboard Club's purpose is to enjoy life by participating in active outdoor adventures and getting together with friends. We have been a part of the community since 1967. In that time, we have learned how to organize a variety of trips and adventures throughout the seasons. We also get together for frequent social gatherings and activities.

Our main focus is downhill skiing and snowboarding, and we organize a variety of trips during the ski season to resorts in the Western U.S., Canada, Europe and the Midwest. Other winter activities include curling and cross country skiing. Summer activities include whitewater rafting, golf, rollerblading, canoeing/kayaking and bicycle tours as well festivals and shows. We are a diverse group of people who share a common desire for friendship and the great outdoors. Our membership represents all ages and backgrounds. Contact: www.bnski.org.



The Freeport Ski Club has members from 23 to 74 years of age.

Champaign Ski Club

The Champaign Ski Club is dedicated to making the joys of outdoor adventure available year-round to those living in the flatlands of Central Illinois. The club is open to all individuals and families who enjoy outdoor activities such as skiing, camping, whitewater rafting, canoeing and group adventure travel to distant lands. Seasonal activities include skiing in winter, kayaking and biking in spring, boat and farm parties in summer and golf outings in fall. Monthly house parties bring members together for planning and reminiscing. The club's activities encompass all age levels. Visit our web site for a monthly calendar of upcoming events and articles showing our recent adventures. Contact: www.champaignskiclub.org.

Freeport Ski Club

The Freeport Ski Club has been in Freeport, Ill., for 35+ years. We just returned from Park City, Utah, where we had 25 members along to ski Park City, The Canyons and Deer Valley. Some of us took a hot air balloon ride and toured Salt Lake City. Other activities included snowmobiling, shopping, a dinner/sleigh ride, reading, relaxing, watching movies, etc. We have members from 23 to 74 years of age; non-skiers and skiers liking green to black runs and everything in between. We enjoy going to different resorts in the USA and Canada, and we have been to Austria, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. Contact: Mary Zumdahl (trip captain) at mzum-dahl@winterconstruction.com; home phone 815-563-4198.

Blind Skiers

Amaze and Inspire

For the past 36 years, the American Blind Skiing Foundation (ABSF), with the help of hundreds of volunteer ski guides, has enabled hundreds of visually impaired children and adults to experience the thrill and excitement of downhill skiing.

One of those first visually impaired skiers was 16-year-old John Erickson. Three years earlier, Erickson had complete vision loss in one eye and had become legally blind in the other due to pressure on his brain.

"Skiing changed my whole attitude about my visual impairment because I suddenly found myself doing something I never thought possible," Erickson said. And when others voiced their amazement in seeing him ski, he began to consider his visual impairment as an inconvenience, not a handicap.

When a volunteer guide suggested racing, Erickson gave it a try. At first, he said, "it was terrifying; it was skiing as fast as I could, barely in control, behind someone I could barely see. But when I finished that first race, the sense of accomplishment was beyond belief."

"With the help of my guides, I started to think that almost anything was possible." Last March, Erickson and his guide, Jennifer Gardner, won gold at the NASTAR National Ski Racing Championships.

Contact ABSF if you would like to volunteer as a ski guide – and help show another visually impaired person that skiing is too fun not to do just because you can't see well!

Contact: absf.org.



Gold medalist John Erickson

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Message from the Trip Chair

CMSC Trip Seminar Set for May 16

Carol-Joy "C-J" Motisi

This year is the 37th year of the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council Trip Seminar. Trip Seminar, the council's premier event, offers an excellent venue for CMSC member clubs to send representatives to meet with exhibitors from ski areas, tour operators, bus companies and others related to the ski industry to book trips and gather information for the upcoming ski season.

While this show is considered one of the best in the country by the exhibitors, it's truly up to the ski clubs to actively support this event. Each individual CMSC club can do this by sending representatives to the Trip Seminar and conducting business for their next ski trips. As exhibitors at the Trip Seminar see this support from the ski clubs and CMSC, the more they will be compelled to attend Trip Seminar and continue to support it. So CMSC clubs – get ready to attend Trip Seminar 2009 and plan for your 2009–2010 ski season! The details for this year's Trip Seminar are as follows:

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Trip Seminar 2009 Club Registration

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2009 CMSC Trip Seminar

Date: May 16, 2009

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Club Show Schedule

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Registration in Trip Seminar Office (606A)

.....1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Trip Seminar 2009

.....9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lunch (Sheraton Grand & Luna Grill)

.....12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Trip Seminar 2009

.....1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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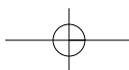
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