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NOVEMBER HAPPY HOUR
and QUARTERLY MEETING
A Special Election to fill two Board Positions:
VP Activities and VP Marketing
TUESDAY, November 8 - 5:30-8:00 P.M.

Cafe de France
 17370 Preston Rd. #505
 Dallas, Tx., 75252
 Between Frankford and Campbell

**Volunteer Needed: Take Pictures at the November Happy Hour
 and you can be added to the volunteer list.**

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Birthdays

November Birthday

02 Camille Cowle	14 Mary Lynn Vasel
03 George Michael Harper	15 Jeff Pannell
05 Lisa McLaughlin	16 Carla Krieger
05 SherylPotts	17 Susan Riewe
06 Carolyn Gigac	18 Michael Hines
08 Betty Bogart	18 Rusty Wells
09 Gene Mayer	19 Matt Mayo
10 Gail O'Brien	20 Roberta McAllister
11 Mark Davidson	20 Marcus Peters
12 Pamela Autrey	20 Andy Via
14 Terry Davis	21 Beth Phillips

December Birthdays

01 Dave Martinez	14 Jean-Francois Bedard
01 Debra Mezo	15 Tom Stiffler
02 Miguel Palacios	15 Niles Wallgren
04 Patricia Fekete	17 David Ruda
06 Carl Pfeiffer	18 Lou Fox
06 Ronald Smith	18 Charlotte Shero
07 Steve Suddith	23 Isaiah Brosseau Reed
08 Dennis Cuccia	23 Tari Demko
09 David Hensley	25 Judith Lamsom
09 Ivan Van Havre	25 Susan Williams
10 Carl Byler	26 Jori Andrade
12 William Buehler	27 Chris Taylor

Welcome New Members

Erica Derricott
Lisa Malcolm
Ryan Nichols
Kristen Nachols

Dwight Burt
Blake Gebhauer-White
Sherri Ernst
Joshua Rohrer

News From the Board

Next Board Meeting:
November 15, 6:30 PM
Picasso's Pizza & Grill
18160 Dallas Parkway, Dallas

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Advertising info Contact: David Hensley - VP Publications superdaveskis@yahoo.com Cruiser Rates: Business Card \$ 100/Yr Third Page \$ 150/Yr See below for Add'l info.	November Events 8 Happy Hour Cafe de France 10-13 Russian River Wine Tasting	December Events 3 Holiday Party 9 Horse Drawn Carriage 13 Happy Hour TBA	January Events 7-14 Traditional Vail 10 Happy Hour TBA 15 Toxins Out/ Toxins In 26 Dallas Stars 29-2/3 Snowbird
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Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club

2016-2017 Trip Schedule

Trip Name/Destination	Trip Director	Trip Information	Trip Price
LSS Russian River Wine Tasting November 10-13, 2016	Debbie Greenslade debbiegreenslade@gmail.com	Russian River Wine Trip is currently waitlisted; contact trip director for availability	Price: Land only: \$620
TSC Traditional Long - Vail January 7-14, 2017 Vail Long	Joe Mueller joe_mueller@sbcglobal.net; 214-842-2748	8 Days/ 7 Nights/ 6days of skiing Lodging: Vail International Condos Trip is currently waitlisted; contact trip director for availability	Price: Full: \$1274/\$1146* Partial: \$936/\$842*
TSC Traditional Short - Vail January 10-15, 2017 Vail Short	Nicholas Fekete nfekete@sbcglobal.net; 281-793-2096	6 Days/ 5 Nights/ 4 days of skiing Lodging: Vail International Condos Trip is currently waitlisted; contact trip director for availability	Price: Partial: \$676/\$608*
LSS Snowbird/Alta,Utah Jan.29- Feb. 3, 2017 Snowbird/ Alta	Cheryl Slaughter ladysnake828@yahoo.com; 214-493-2192	5 Night Ski in Ski out Lodging: Cliff Lodge	Price: Partial :\$960/\$864*
TSC Final Showdown Telluride Feb.25- Mar. 4, 2017 Telluride	Scott McGarvey, smcg@chicagobooth.edu; 312-560-4000	8 Days/ 7 Nights 6 days of skiing Lodging: Mountain Lodge Trip is currently waitlisted; contact trip director for availability	Price: Full: \$1556/\$1400* Partial: \$940/\$846*
LSS Natchez, MS. Mar. 31- Apr.2	Debbie Rima debbierima@yahoo.com	2days/ 2 Nights Lodging: Natchez Grand Hotel Trip is currently waitlisted; contact trip director for availability	Price: Partial :\$300/\$270*
LSS Key West May 5-8, 2017 Key West	Carol Zahn carolzahn@verizon.net;	4Days/ 3 Nights Lodging: Doubletree Resort Trip is currently waitlisted; contact trip director for availability	Price: Land Only: \$552/\$497*
LSS Durango Whitewater Rafting June 8-11, 2017	Debbie Rima debbierima@yahoo.com	2 days/ 3 nights Lodging: Siesta Motel Optional Zipline	Price: All Partial: No raft/rail \$226/\$204*, Class 3 \$418/\$376*, Class 3/ 4 or 4/5 \$502/\$452*
LSS Iceland October 7-15, 2017 Iceland	Debbie Greenslade debbiegreenslade@gmail.com 972-489-2817	9 Days/ 8 Nights Hotels: Alda, Kea Trip is currently waitlisted; contact trip director for availability	Price: Land Only: \$3560/\$3260*
New Zealand October, 2018	Susan Riewe msg4smr@att.net 972-989-7969	TBA	TBA

* **Discount Price for early registration, see trip for details on discount**
Partial: Includes Lodging & Activities **Land Only:** Includes Transfers, Lodging & Activities
Package: (includes air from DFW, transfers, lodging & all activities) **Full:** Includes Air, Transfers, Lodging & Activities
 Please review the Lone Star Skiers Trip Policy found at www.lonestarski.org under Board/Rules and Policies For additional information please contact LSS VP of Trips

Announcing New Activities And Trips

January 15 Toxins Out/ Toxin In
Natchez, Ms in March 31 to April 2017

See info below

Info Coming soon:

New Zealand is in the works for October 2018

Announcing from the TCS

Do you enjoy skiing, snow-boarding, traveling with your club members? If so, and you would be interested in serving at the state level, you are encouraged to complete the TSC board application!

Application is located at: <http://www.texas-ski.org/forms/forms.htm>

Please return the completed form no later than 1/18/17.

We thank you for your support in this important endeavor!

TSC 2017 Nominating Committee

PROGRESSIVE TROLLEY CAR ADVENTURE

We drank, then rode, then drank, then ate, then drank, then ate again. The weather was incredible, and we were happy!

We started our evening at Cork Wine, sitting outside and drinking some outstanding wines. You can pay for a taste and/or pay for a glass at this Uptown shop. The recommendations by the vendor helped us each pick a favorite, and we sat outside and enjoyed our first stop. Everyone hopped on the trolley for a fun ride to Klyde Warren Park, where much to our dismay, the park was closed for some special event and this event somehow caused the trolleys to unexpectedly shut down for long periods of time. Not to ever let anything stand in their way of a drink, about half of the group headed to a nearby bar while the others took a 2 mile leisurely stroll to Patrizio's, our stop for dinner. The restaurant managed to set us all up outside, where we thoroughly enjoyed our dinner and cocktails. Then back on the trolley again to our final stop, Sablon Chocolate Lounge, where we tasted incredible chocolate drinks, chocolate treats and plain ol' chocolate. What a way to end the evening! Good times with great friends!!!



"Roughin' It" at Lake Murray

Once again, we were blessed with THE best weather for this type of outing. Some of us headed up to Turner Falls before setting up "camp" for the weekend. This is a beautiful park with some hiking trails and a swimming area.

There's even a "sort of" zip line you can experience. After a Walmart run for groceries for our meal Friday night, we settled into our cabins and an incredible weekend. Susie Fry's cabin, which happened to be in the middle of most of our cabins, became our base camp for group meals. Thanks Susie!! Cary Bassham and Cheryl Slaughter were our grillmasters for the evening, and we thoroughly enjoyed our bratwursts and hamburgers, along with all the salads, beans, and other extras provided by many in our group. There were several dogs along on this trip, and we all relaxed under the abundant stars next to our bonfire while some roasted marshmallows. Vicki Roemer brought s'mores for making up too! Saturday morning everyone enjoyed their coffee and bike rides, then some went for an enjoyable horse ride. All went smoothly except one horse bit another's butt and caused a bit of excitement. Then back to Susie's for leftovers for lunch. Later, we managed to get the water sports vendor, who was closed for the season, to send someone to let us do some kayaking which was incredibly peaceful though a little windy. Brian Alexander and Rusty Wells even brought their own inflatable kayaks. That evening, we met once again at Susie's for ribs, brisket and pulled pork for dinner under the stars. Later, Betty Bogart and Vicki Glass snuck off and Betty put on her Lady of the Lake costume and went around to various camp sites to scare some folks. Sunday morning, we once again met at Susie's for blotto breakfast, consisting of eggs and anything left over, which was mostly some pork, brisket, veggies and cheese and toasted hamburger. Not a bad way to end our trip!! This group was awesome, and everyone asked if we could plan this one again!



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**Trip is currently waitlisted;
Contact Trip Director for
Availability.**

RUSSIAN RIVER WINE TASTING

November 10-13, 2016

\$620 (includes 3 nights lodging, 2 full day tours of 3 premium wineries each day including the cost of private tastings and tour bus, picnic lunch each day on the grounds of a winery, wine with lunch, croquet at one of the wineries, live music at another winery).

Transportation to San Francisco from Dallas and transfer from San Francisco to Healdsburg is on your own.

The Russian River Valley is California's most diverse and beautiful wine region and part of Sonoma County which many say has emerged as the premier wine region of the world. Sonoma County has more vineyards than Napa to the East. With this vast number of micro climates and soils to work with, from the hot valley around Cloverdale to the cool vineyards of the Sonoma Coast, the area's winemakers will always be the avant-garde of wine-creation and storytelling.

We're staying at the beautiful Best Western Dry Creek Inn, minutes from downtown Healdsburg, with many tasting rooms right in the heart of town!

Wineries we'll be touring include Martin Ray, Sonoma Cutrer, HKG, VML, DeLoach and Lambert Bridge.

For questions, contact Trip Director: Debbie Greenslade at debbiegreenslade@gmail.com.

Horse Drawn Carriage to see Holiday Lights Deerfield Subdivision

Friday, December 9
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
\$17/members; \$20/non members

Activity is waitlisted;
Contact Debbie for
Availability.

Join us as we enjoy a ride in our Horse Drawn Wagon pulled by a team of draft horses. Skilled drivers take you on a tour of the beautiful Deerfield Subdivision known for their exuberant light displays, as enjoy holiday music and wonderful holiday ambiance!

Bring some blankets (some are provided but it's always good to have more) and your favorite beverage (warm or cold) and relax while you ooh and aahh at beautiful decorations! We highly recommend bringing lids for your beverages as there may be some jostling!

Just \$17 per person for members (\$20 for non members) covers the ride, the lights, and the driver's tip.

Limited to 20 folks!!!

We'll provide details as to where to meet a few days before the event. We'll find a fun place to eat afterwards.

If weather causes this event to be cancelled, you will be fully refunded.

For questions, contact Debbie Rima at debbierima@yahoo.com.

BEER V. WINE SMACKDOWN

Saturday, February 4
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Limited to 24 participants
\$46/members - \$50/non-members

Scardello's Artisan Cheese Shop
3511 Oak Lawn Ave. (near Lemmon)

Dallas

214-219-1300

You can park behind Scardello's or across Lemmon at Eatzi's



Which is truly the better pair with cheese? Will wine lovers shake their stems in the agony of defeat?? Will beer lovers mourn by crying in their . . . well . . . beer??? Even if you know the answers to these vexing questions, who wouldn't love the experience of putting these two elixirs to the test? Each of the five rounds consist of one gourmet, artisan cheese, one very fine wine, and one unique beer. We will talk about pairing in general and specific impressions of each pair. There will be a vote and a winner. What truly is cheese's best partner? You will decide!!

We'll meet at Pappadeaux for a light dinner before this event, and if we're still feeling energetic, head over to Chocolate Secrets for some more wine and jazz.

For questions, contact Debbie Rima at debbierima@yahoo.com.

TOXINS OUT/TOXINS IN: A DAY AT KING SPA

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017

10:00 to ??

Cost: \$22 with [Groupon](#)

(remember to purchase the weekend ticket for \$22)

These [Groupon](#) specials don't last long so be sure you grab yours today.

If you don't get a Groupon, you can still pay at the door, but it is definitely more expensive.



More Info: Contact Debbie Rima at debbierima@yahoo.com

Also, please click this link to sign up to let me know you are coming, so I can share important information with you before our relaxing day. You'll still need to buy the Groupon, but this will allow me to provide information to you before the event and let others know you are joining us.

[LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!](#)

Then join us for a relaxing, fun day at King Spa, a unique Korean-inspired spa that offers great relaxation to relieve stress from the body and the mind.

We'll begin our day changing into shorts and t-shirts provided by the Spa and checking out the 9 different hot and cold saunas, designed to cure about any ailment you have. There is a description in front of each sauna describing the benefits you may expect. By the time you finish these saunas, you'll feel so much better and healthier!

Then, we'll head over the wet area, change into our swimsuits, and enjoy the hot tubs and heated pool with jets aimed to relax to all those sore, tired body parts.

Once you feel completely healthy, you can head over to the swim-up bar and enjoy a variety of cocktail choices which you can also take to the pool area to sip while you let the jets relax those achy muscles.

Food is also available.

For those who aren't really crazy about saunas, there are recliners and a big screen television to catch up on some sports or grab a nap.

Then you can join us in the pool area!



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Mar 12 - Mar 16, 2017

TSC Youth Foundation Spring Break Keystone

[Link to Youth](#)

Link to TSC Newsletter

[http://www.texas-ski.org/insidetsc/news/16/TSC Newsletter '16-'17 Volume 1.pdf](http://www.texas-ski.org/insidetsc/news/16/TSC%20Newsletter%20'16-'17%20Volume%201.pdf)

DALLAS STARS

Come see your Dallas Stars whip up
on the Buffalo Sabres!!!

Thursday, January 26, 2017

7:30 P.M.-10:30 P.M.

American Airlines Center

(We can meet somewhere beforehand for dinner -
We'll announce the location a few days before the event)

24 PLAZA DEFEND SEATS!!!
Section 123, Row P, Seats 1-12
Section 123, Row R, Seat 1-12

Just \$62.00

Questions: Contact Debbie Rima at debbierima@yahoo.com



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Texas Ski Council "Traditional"

Vail Long 2017

Saturday, January 7 - Saturday, January 14

Registration on or Before October 1 ... \$1146*

Registration October 2 or Later ... \$1274

Includes Seven Nights Lodging, Air Fare DFW to Denver (now \$275, but may be reduced), Ground Transportation, TSC and Lone Star Activities

Without air/transfers

Registration on or Before October 1 ... \$842*

Registration October 2 or Later ... \$936

Long Trip is currently
Waitlisted; Contact Trip
Director for Availability.

Vail Short2017

Tuesday, January 10 - Sunday, January 15

Registration on or Before October 1 ... \$608*

Registration October 2 or Later ... \$676

Short Trip is currently
Waitlisted; Contact Trip
Director for Availability.

Includes Five Nights Lodging, TSC and Lone Star Activities

Contact: Joe Mueller ... joe_mueller@sbcglobal.net; 214-842-2748

*To Qualify for the early sign up discount, you must pay the \$100 deposit, and meet all payment deadlines and minimums. If you fail to meet any payment schedule, you will be charged the full amount.

Why Do I Want To Go On This Trip?

Because Vail is truly an international "world class" ski resort that draws people from around the globe. It is one of the largest ski resorts in North America with 5300 acres of diverse terrain, 31 lifts service 195 runs for all skill level of skier. Annual snow fall of 350" stays fresh because of the 8,000' base elevation, with 3,500 feet of vertical to the summit at 11,500'.

By January 7 the holiday crowds will be gone, so you can ski long and hard. Vail has a fleet of snow cats that offer a tremendous amount of groomed skiing. The front side of Vail is enormous with each lift servicing beginner to advanced runs, so it is easy to ski with a group of diverse level skiers. The back bowls are for intermediate and above skiers and are world famous; just pick a line and get after it. Coming off the back bowls is Blue Sky Basin that has trails, but has been left more natural with many trees in place offering an different ski experience.

Don't forget about an easy bus ride over to Beaver Creek; another Vail managed resort included in your lift ticket, where it is considered "gauche" to walk up stairs, so escalators are provided along with hot chocolate in the morning and cookies in the afternoon.

In short, you will have the opportunity to ski as much as your legs can handle. If you do not want to work that hard on vacation, Vail/Beaver Creek has a tremendous selection of spas, restaurants, bars and shopping.

We will be staying at the Vail International Condos located directly on the in village bus route that runs east/west from Golden Peak, the Village and Lionshead. Vail International is only one bus stop from Lionshead to the west and the Village (the iconic Covered Bridge) to the east. In street shoes it is about a 7 minute walk to the Lionshead lifts, so it is a very handy location.

Check out the Vail International webpage: [Vail International Condos](#)

This is gonna be a good 'un ... Joe Mueller, Lone Star Ski Dude

Snowbird/Alta 2017

Sunday, January 29 - Friday, February 3

More lodging just
added; One Male pillow open

Registration on or Before September 27 ... \$864*

Registration September 28 or Later ... \$960

Includes Five Nights Lodging, Four Days Lifts, Ground Transportation and Lone Star Activities

Air not included but: **Do Not Book Your Air Until October** When We Will Confirm The Above Group Pricing

Contact: Cheryl Slaughter,
ladysnake828@yahoo.com,
214-493-2192

*To Qualify for the early sign up discount, you must pay the \$100 deposit, and meet all payment deadlines and minimums. If you fail to meet any payment schedule, you will be charged the full amount.

Question: Why Should I Go On This Trip? Answer: Because It Is a Real Ski Trip ... A good ski trip begins with good snow.

Annual snowfall of 300 to 350 inches per year is considered very good ... Snowbird/Alta (SB/A) averages 530 inches per year. This coupled with an average base elevation of 8,100 feet will keep the snow "fresh", so it is very probable that in late January to early February the snow conditions will be excellent.

Plan to ski hard for 4 days on a good selection of beginner, intermediate and advanced slopes. Alta can be accessed by skiing up and over the top of Snowbird, or a via short shuttle ride.

Your SB four day lift is included in the package; an Alta day pass can be purchased at SB for an estimated \$35/day. Alta remains a "skiers only" resort, so snowboarders not allowed.

Lodging: Five nights (Sunday evening arrival; depart Friday morning) at the **Ski In /Ski Out** Cliff Lodge, which is a self contained hotel with 2 queen beds per room, and small refrigerator. It has several restaurants, heated pool, spa, hot tubs, ski lockers and ski rental (we get 20% discount on rentals). It is a 5 minute walk, or very short shuttle ride, from the Cliff House to the SB village for additional restaurants/bars. For more information, check this link:

[Cliff Lodge](#)

There is some, but limited shopping at SB/A, so this will primarily be a ski trip.

Note: The above pricing is based on a group rate, and we must book at least 8 rooms (16 pillows) to lock in the price; the non-group rate is an additional \$200/person.

On October 1, we will decide to cancel the trip, or to proceed; this is why we are setting the early registration discount date to September 27. **Do not book your air** to Salt Lake until we make a decision. If we do not meet the minimum number and we decide to cancel the trip, you will receive a full refund.

Join me at my favorite ski resorts in Utah ... Joe Mueller, Lone Star Ski Trips Dude

Texas Ski Council Final Showdown in Telluride, CO.

Saturday, Feb 25, 2017 to Saturday, Mar 4, 2017

10% Discount if registered by November 20, 2016.

\$100 Deposit due at time of registration.
1/2 Trip Price due by November 20, 2016.
Balance due January 10, 2017

STANDARD PACKAGE: \$1,556 ~~\$1,400 UNTIL 11/20/16~~

(Includes Air and Transfers. Does not include Lift Ticket.)

BASIC PACKAGE: \$940 ~~\$846 UNTIL 11/20/16~~

(Does not include Air or Transfers. Does not include Lift Ticket.)

3, 4, 5, 6-day Lift Ticket options available.

Telluride has a reputation for world-class skiing and a stunning ambiance. And it is like visiting two resorts on one vacation stay - Mountain Village with its modern, alpine, European elegance complements the rustic, Victorian charm of downtown Telluride. Share the experiences of a wonderful week with us!

We'll fly nonstop from DFW into Montrose, CO for a 75-minute shuttle to the resort. Our lodging is Mountain Lodge, noted for its ski-in, ski-out convenience and upscale amenities.

The mountain is great for all types of skiing -- from beginner to off-piste. You'll enjoy 2,000 skiable acres, 125 trails and 18 chairlifts/gondolas.

TSC Ski Week Activities

We are planning plenty of activities so you'll meet other skiers from clubs all over Texas! The Ski Week events include:

Welcome Reception -- Downtown Telluride

Mid Week Wine & Cheese Après Ski Party – Complimentary Kenwood Korbel wine tasting with assorted wine & champagne and light snacks.

Special **Lon** Party.

TSC Races – \$10 per racer for 2 timed runs per racer W/Nastar Medals.

Mountain Lunch (after the races)– Mountain BBQ to be hosted at Gorrano Ranch.

Farewell Dinner/Dance with Race Awards -- Mountain Village

Additional Amenities/Activities:

Discounted rental equipment

Relaxing hot tubs

Numerous spas

Daily après ski

On-mountain scavenger hunt/poker run

Mountain tours

Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, Heli-skiing with Telluride Helitrax

Winter fly fishing

Ice climbing Bridal Veil Falls

Have two pillows in special Deluxe Condo; Contact Trip Director for Availability.



Questions? Contact Scott McGarvey, smcg@chicagobooth.edu.

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BEAUTIFUL KEY WEST, FLORIDA!

May 5-8, 2017 - 4 days, 3 nights

\$552/\$497** per person



****Discount of \$497 for signing up before January 30, 2017, and meeting set payment schedule (\$100 deposit; 50% 1/30/17; balance 2/28/17). If these terms are not met, you will be transferred to non-discounted amount of \$552)**

Only 24 spots available!

**Trip is currently waitlisted;
Contact Trip Director for
Availability.**

Lodging is at the beautiful Doubletree Resort by Hilton Grand Key - Key West

Price includes 4 days/3 nights at the Doubletree Resort; American breakfast daily; complimentary shuttle to and from airport; complimentary shuttle to and from town between 8 a.m. and 11:20 p.m.; complimentary shuttle to and from Smathers Beach with free beach chairs and a beach club; club gatherings; free wi fi; all taxes and resort fees!

Air is not included but flights are available directly to Key West from DFW. We'll be watching for specials.

No need to rent a car!

Additional \$89 package includes snorkeling the reef, parasailing, kayaking, and/or jet skiing for 3.5 hours



A STEP BACK IN TIME

The crown jewel of Southwest Mississippi, Natchez is a grand city steeped in rich history that is unquestionably second to none.

Natchez has embraced and preserved the influences of Native American, European, Southern, and African American cultures, all of which have given her a timeless and unique blend of charm, grace, romance, mystery, and adventure.



Friday, March 31 - Sunday, April 2

\$270 early discount*/ \$300 regular

**Trip is currently waitlisted;
Contact Trip Director for
Availability.**

This trip is currently waitlisted. If you would like to get on the waitlist in case there is a cancellation, sign up and select the waitlist option. You will pay \$100 deposit; when and if someone drops off, the waitlist will clear in the order of sign up. If you decide you no longer wish to be on the waitlist or do not clear, you will be refunded the full \$100.00.

*To qualify for early discount, sign up for this trip on or before 12/26/16 and pay your \$100 deposit, then meet the established payment schedule (half of trip due 12/26/16; balance due 2/28/17). Failure to do so will bump you to the regular payment.

Questions? Contact Debbie Rima at debbierima@yahoo.com

Let's explore the intoxicating and majestic allure that has made Natchez one of the most exciting and fascinating cities in the world! We'll be doing a little of it all - tours of antebellum homes, canoeing the Mississippi (optional), visiting ancient Indian burial mounds, enjoying some spectacular gardens, listening to blues in historic honkey-tonks, savoring a dinner created by renowned chef Regina Charboneau in a beautiful historic home, perhaps attending an authentic Southern ball (optional), guided historic cemetery tour and if you like, even partaking in some gambling at the local casino (optional).

On Friday, March 31, we'll drive to Natchez (a 6 hour drive from Dallas).

We'll organize carpools for those interested.

There is a unique (optional) opportunity to canoe the Mississippi River that afternoon at 2 p.m. on a 4-hour canoe trip. Become one with the Mississippi's nature as our guide entertains us with tales of the area and points out interesting local animals and foliage. This adventure is highly recommended in many travel guides and is a different and special way to see the river. These are multi-person canoes so this event works for all levels of experience and ability. This is optional and not included in the price of the trip.

Those not canoeing may want to stop at Monmouth to tour their beautiful gardens with magnolias, crepe myrtles, cedar trees and an abundance of colorful seasonal flowers. No cost to tour the gardens; \$15 to tour the home (optional).

We'll all meet up at the hotel and head out for dinner and check out some historical and fun bars to listen to some Blues and Jazz. Others may want to head to the casino.

Saturday morning, we'll begin our tours by walking, biking or driving to our first home, Rosalie, sitting high in a Mississippi River Bluff. After a tour of that home, we'll head over to Stanton Hall, a palatial Greek Revival style home.

After lunch, we'll visit Longwood, an octagonal 30,000 sq. ft., 6 story, never finished mansion.

We'll then hop in our cars and drive down the Natchez Trace Parkway for a special tour of Brandon Hall, open for tours only during the Pilgrimage. Then we'll run right up the road to see the Emerald Mound burial grounds, the second largest Mississippian Period ceremonial mound in the U.S.

Saturday evening, we'll enjoy a gourmet dinner with wine at historic Twin Oaks (where we are also welcome to tour). Renowned chef and author Regina Charboneau will be preparing our dinner.

If you are interested, you are also invited to an authentic Southern ball. The Save the Hall Ball hopes to gather donors and old friends at a black tie party with great food, open bar and a dance band like the traditional Natchez pilgrimage balls. A great party on the grounds of Stanton Hall is a wonderful way to remind us of the beauty and importance of these historic buildings.

This date of this years Save the Hall Ball is Saturday, April 1, 2017.

I can arrange for the purchase of tickets if this is of interest to you.

Sunday, we'll visit the historic Natchez City Cemetery for an unforgettable and entertaining guided tour of this "must see" cemetery before heading back to Dallas.

Price includes:

- Guided tours of 5 Antebellum homes
- Gourmet dinner with wine at Twin Oaks (tip included)
- 2 nights at the beautiful Natchez Grand Hotel
- Guided cemetery tour
- Parking at hotel
- Breakfast daily
- Wi fi at hotel



September Happy Hour

“Thanks Candis For Taking Pics at the last Happy Hour”



Danube River Cruise

The Danube River Cruise and Bike trip was a blast. All 12 of our participants really enjoyed themselves, and no one got hurt even though there were a few little tumbles. Our weather was fantastic, but unfortunately for those on the Oktoberfest/Munich post trip, it turned cold and rainy. Don't think that stopped them for drinking some beer and doing the chicken dance though!

Our "My Story" boat was mainly filled with the 128 TSC participants. This small river cruiser made for a cozy atmosphere and the food, crew, and service were all great. The cabins were small but had adequate storage. The bathroom throne was a bit tight! We weren't really in our cabins except to sleep and shower, and maybe sneak a nap before dinner after a day of biking or touring. The dining and lounge areas, and the 'lido' deck were all very nice.

Breakfast was a full buffet, and we could build a sandwich or take their ready-made lunches. Dinner offered 2-3 entrée and dessert choices. I think everyone was happy not to go through a buffet line in the evening but rather be served. Most bought the beverage package, and I'm sure it was a smart choice for many.

There was an entertainer on board and we partied a couple nights, and the crew did a show as well as a 'pirate' night - FUN!

The excursions were great so that took us out a couple of nights also. I believe many of us would have liked at least an additional day in Vienna.

Austria is very clean and bike friendly (except for the occasional truck driver. The countryside and towns were just beautiful, and their wine country compares to California. The Austrians like their wine and it's very good! The cruise director, Stephan, briefed us daily on our bike route, what we would see, when the boat was departing and arriving etc. I think everyone became comfortable with the daily guidance, and this allowed everyone to tour at their own pace. If you wanted to stay on the boat, a full lunch was served, and you could enjoy the lido deck and lounge, or go ashore. The boat traveled sometimes overnight or while we were biking.

I think everyone felt the biking added to feeling healthy and energetic while enjoying the scenery, and many of us hope there's an opportunity to do another biking trip somewhere fun!

Thanks much. Paula Lanigan, Danube trip leader





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LONE STAR SKIERS & ADVENTURE CLUB

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY AND CASINO NIGHT

DECEMBER 3, 2016

**OMNI PARK WEST
1590 LBJ FREEWAY
DALLAS, TX 75234
972/869-4300**

Activity is waitlisted;
Contact Debbie for
Availability.

Limited to 80 people!!!

**\$50/member; \$65/guest before November 1
\$60/member; \$75/guest on and after November 1**

Self parking is free in the hotel parking garage

COCKTAIL RECEPTION: 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

CASINO GAMES: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

DINNER BUFFET SERVED 6:30 p.m.-midnight

BAND STARTS about 9 p.m. till midnight

ALL DRINKS are at your expense.

Call Drinks: \$9.00 each

Domestic Beer: \$6.50, Imported Beer: \$7.00

House Wines: \$7.50, Wines by the Bottle

Credit Cards Accepted

Every participant receives one ticket toward a chance at winning great door prizes.

Try your hand at blackjack, poker, craps or roulette from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Trade in your chips for more tickets toward a chance at winning great door prizes!

Dance the night away to the tunes of Mapleshade with your friends at Lone Star Skiers & Adventure Club. Guaranteed to keep you on the floor burning off all the calories from the wonderful buffet dinner.

This is one party you really don't want to miss! Dress is whatever you are most comfortable wearing - our members come in anything from formal to business casual to jeans to even kilts. We just want you to have fun!!

Don't have a date? That's great! We have plenty of single folks who attend this party, and we all just dance freestyle!

Don't want to drive home? No worries! We have 20 rooms held for just \$99/night (plus tax). Call 1-800-THE-OMNI and identify yourself with Lone Star Skiers & Adventure Club and request one of the rooms we have blocked. **Any unbooked rooms will be released on November 11, 2016!**

Durango Whitewater Rafting

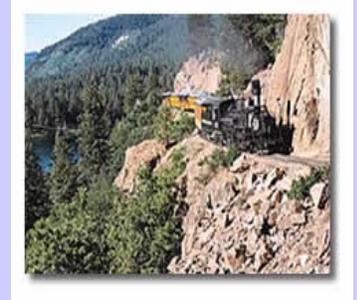
Thursday, June 8 - Sunday, June 11, 2017



Class III/IV or Class IV/V Rafting and Rail
Registration on or Before March 5, 2017... \$452*
Registration on or After March 5, 2017 ... \$502

Leisurely 2 Hour Class III Raft and Rail
Registration on or Before March 5, 2017 ... \$376*
Registration on or After March 5, 2017 ... \$418

No Raft/No Rail - Room, Activities Only
Registration on or Before March 5, 2017... \$204*
Registration on or After March 5, 2017 ... \$226



Includes Three Nights Lodging, Rafting, a Scenic Ride on the Famous Durango/Silverton Railroad, Dinner One Evening, and Lone Star Activities

Lodging: Three nights (Thursday arrival; depart Sunday morning) at the **Siesta Motel**. Option to upgrade to room with Kitchenette for \$10 more - limited rooms available - first booked, first in.

Limited Rooms are available for Child Staying Free With Two Paying Adults

Contact Debbie Rima at debbierima@yahoo.com for more info

(Transportation to Durango not included, but we'll work on carpooling if interested)

*To Qualify for the early sign up discount, you sign up on or before March 5 2017, pay a \$100 deposit, and meet all payment deadlines and minimums.
If you fail to meet the published payment schedule, you will be charged the full amount.

Join us for a fun-filled full day of extreme Class IV and V white water rafting on the world class Silverton portion of the Upper Animas River, known for being one of the premier, heart-stopping, whitewater adventures (must be at least 16) (you must meet with guides Friday evening for 15 minute orientation raft trip to determine physical ability, maturity and performance of self-rescue swim). Price includes rafting, train ride, lunch, and thermal gear

Or opt for the full-day very exciting Class III and IV white water rafting on the Needleton section of the Upper Animas (still a thrill) (must be at least 14). Price includes rafting, train ride, lunch, and thermal gear

Or enjoy a much gentler 2 hour Class III rafting ride on the Lower Animas (great for families - child must be at least 30 lbs.), followed by transportation to Silverton and the train ride back to Durango (lunch not included).

All followed by a one-way train ride on the famous narrow gauge train ride from Silverton to Durango, considered "One of the World's Top Ten Most Exciting Train Rides." The scenery is incredible!

Your final option is to not raft at all and enjoy your day exploring Durango, ziplining or even riding the train up and back as the rest of us raft.

Friday morning, there will be an option to zipline through the mountains on a 2-hour or 3-hour spectacular ride!

Optional Zip Line - 8 a.m. Friday: 3 hour - 12 zipline - \$199 - 2 hour - 6 zipline - \$149

The Ponderosa Grande Canopy Tour (12 Spans or 6 Spans) offers the feeling of being on top of the world, yet is only 2 miles from downtown Durango. Massive timber towers are perched high in the Ponderosa Pines and offer majestic Colorado Mountain views in every direction. This is where your adventure awaits. It's safe and designed for the whole family yet fast, fun, and exhilarating. Imagine zipping through the sky on a network of cables suspended high above the forest floor. Come fly with us!

ICELAND - LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

Called one of the most beautiful places on earth!

Iceland, a Nordic island nation, is defined by its dramatic volcanic landscape of geysers, hot springs, waterfalls, glaciers and black-sand beaches. Though not part of the continental mainland, the country is considered Nordic European. The name of the country—Iceland—may not be that appropriate: although 10% of Iceland is covered by glaciers, it has a surprisingly mild climate and countless geothermal hot-spots and hot springs. Owing to the warming effect of the Atlantic Gulf Stream, Iceland enjoys a maritime temperate climate and the average temperature in winter is around 46°F for a high and 36°F for a low.

Iceland is a country of sharp contrasts. A place where fire and ice co-exist. A country where insular existence has spurred a rich and vibrant culture. Our tour will allow you to see it all: volcanoes, glaciers, geysers, waterfalls, fjords and so much more!

Enjoy Iceland with an intimate group of 28, traveling the country, seeing the best of the best that nature has to offer!

October 7-15, 2017

9 days, 8 nights

**Trip is currently waitlisted;
Contact Trip Director for
Availability.**

The Northern Lights are best seen between late September to March, so we'll have a good chance to see them, and will do all we can to maximize that chance!



\$3,560.00 (**\$3,260.00 if you sign up on or before June 19, 2017, pay your \$200 deposit, and meet all payment schedules**) includes 8 nights lodging, all tours, entrance fees, and guides (except optional tours), 4 dinners, 1 lunch, daily breakfast



NOTE: This does not include air which will be quoted when air is available for quote. We should have more information on this in October or November 2016



\$200.00 Deposit to Hold Your Spot
Half payment due 5/15/17
Balance due 6/10/17

**Only 28 Spots Available
We cannot add any more!**



Penalties for cancellation will be incurred after May 5, 2017
Trip insurance is strongly recommended

TRIP ITINERARY: See Web Page for details

Optional tours:

Whale watching: Price is \$109.00 per person.
Northern Lights by Boat: Price is \$125.00 per person.

More Lake Murray



DECEMBER HAPPY HOUR

TUESDAY, December 13 - 5:30-8:00 P.M.

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