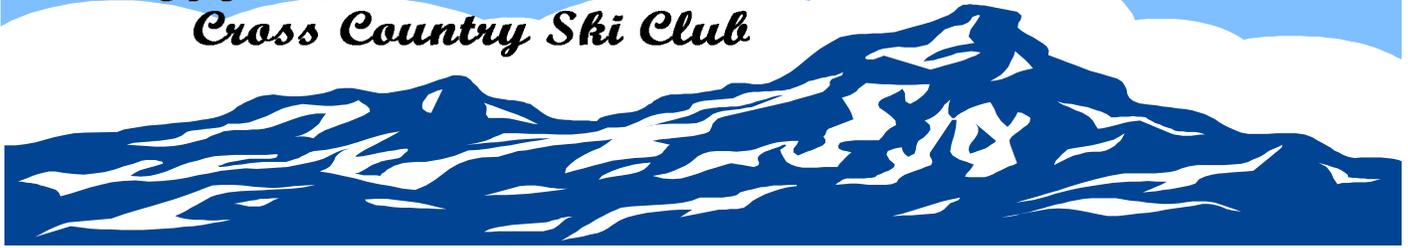


New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club

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From the President:

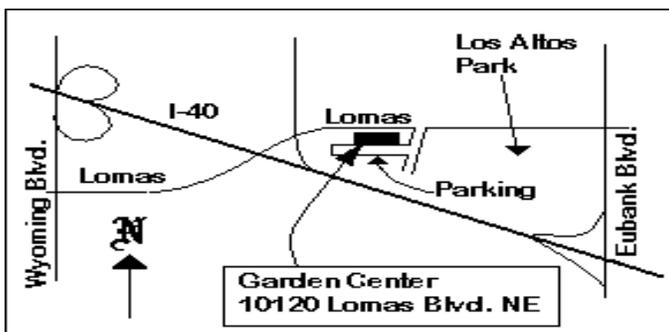
When I got up Thursday morning, the temperature reading of 51 degrees reminded me its time to start doing a few extra balance exercises at home. Also, if you have a health club membership, its time to rev-up the exercises which stress the primary muscles used in skiing, such as using the elliptical machine. If you're not sure which exercises are most ski-specific, ask a trainer. If you don't have a health club membership, a short-term membership might be worth considering.

Its not too early to start thinking of day trips you would like to lead in the Sandias, Jemez and Sangre de Cristos. Your name goes in the drawing hat every time you lead a trip, the prize being a free seat on one of the bus trips next year. Even for relatively experienced skiers, it is helpful to do some local skiing before your first Colorado bus trip.

One area we haven't emphasized much in recent years is organized overnight car trips to northern areas within a half-days drive. If you aren't sure where to go, have a chat with some of our older experienced members. Contact Guy Miller, Overnight Trip Chair, to discuss proposed arrangements.

Unfortunately, our Refreshment Chair, Emily Martin, is moving to Houston. This is a board position and has bus trip privileges. Contact me if you are interested.

At the meeting, we will vote on the proposed budget included in this newsletter & hear about the experiences of those who attended the avalanche school. Remember, the Club voted last winter to start general meetings one-half hour earlier at 7 PM, and that our October meeting is on Tuesday, October 9. *Wayne*



Reminder!

1. Attend Next Meeting **Tuesday Oct 9, 7:00**
2. Renew Your Membership **NOW**. Form included. Dues must be received by November meeting to continue to receive newsletter & register for bus trips.
3. Elect to receive future **newsletters via the Web**. Make this election on your membership form. This saves the club money! Contact **Gene Lisotto@msn.com** to modify your choice!!

4. Check your **email address!!**
This issue is being snail mailed to every member, even those who normally use the Web Page. There will be an email before October 5 from the 'Yahoo Group'. If you don't get that email & think you are signed up for 'Yahoo Group', contact John Thomas **jt87111@comcast.net** to get squared away.
5. **Play the bus trip lottery!!!** Louise must **receive** your registration by Nov 6th or bring it to the Nov 8th meeting.


BEGINNER CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLASS

Each year, our Club offers a class for beginning cross-country skiers. This once-a-year event is geared toward the absolute beginner, although those skiers with minimal experience could also benefit. The class consists of a two hour classroom session, which is normally held in mid to late December, and an all day on-the-snow session which is generally held early in January. The class is for members only, and a \$10 administrative fee is assessed.

The idea is for beginners to learn the fundamentals of skiing at the *beginning* of the season, so they can have the rest of the winter to practice their new skills. So, don't wait until mid-winter to start thinking about signing up---it'll be too late by then!!

Sign up begins at the October general meeting, or you can contact Guy Miller .

HUT TRIP UPDATE

We have reserved Francie's Hut for our group for Friday, Jan 25, 2008, through Sunday, Jan 27. Francie's is located just outside of Breckenridge. This trip is suitable for qualified beginners.

The trip has one spot open, and no one on the wait list. If you'd still like to go, contact Guy Miller.

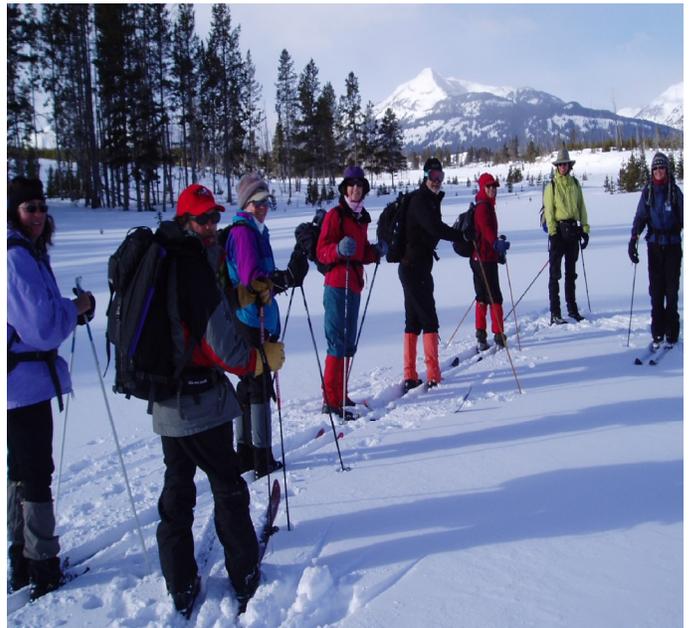
YELLOWSTONE ON SKIS TOUR

Story & Photos by Mike Meier

Thea and Ray Berg organized and led a 7-day cross county ski trip to Yellowstone National Park 29 January through 5 February 2007. Our group of 18 NMCCSC members gathered at the Bozeman airport, and after making delivery arrangements for our lost luggage, we were driven by Karst Stage to the Mammoth Hot Springs (MHS) Lodge inside the park. The lodge was built in 1937 and revealed its age with a very spacious and elegant art deco lobby with welcoming fireplace and overstuffed chairs and couches, but also with rather spartan guest rooms, complete with 1937 lighting and a heating system that entertained us through the night with the sounds of thermal expansion and contraction. After we checked in, some of us went on a brief walking tour of the nearby hot springs before dinner. After dinner, there was a meeting at which we met our guides, Julianne and MacNeil, learned about what was generally planned for the week, and received specific instructions on the who, what, where and when of the following morning.

The next day, under bright sunshine and clear skies, we all headed east on busses for the Blacktail Plateau Trail, a broad, unplowed road with traces of new snow on a well-packed base with tracks groomed into one side. It gently ascends 650' over 6 miles of mostly treeless terrain with views of the Gallatin

Range, and then descends 900' over 2 miles into more dense forest. We ate our packed lunches on the sunshiny part of the trail, viewing jagged Electric Peak in the distance, while Julianne told us amazing tales of survival by some of the early mountain men who traveled in this area. "Point," a skiing instructor/driver accompanied us for part of the trip and gave us some technique tips. At trail's end, we met the busses and were driven to a visitor/volunteer center for the Yellowstone Association Institute (our guides' employers), stopping on the way to observe a pack of inactive wolves that were barely visible through spotting scopes in a distant stand of pines. On the return trip, they had descended much closer to the road and were then frolicking in the snow in plain view. We found parking among the now rather numerous spectators, and observed the wolves with naked eye, binoculars, and spotting scopes for about a half-hour. Julianne enthusiastically proclaimed that it was the best wolf sighting in the past 3 months.



Julianne's group taking a break along the Bighorn Loop. From left, Marlene, Point, Frances, Marcia, Ray, Thea, Sherry, and Julianne. Antler Peak is behind Ray

On Wednesday, we snow-coached south to the Indian Creek trailhead. Starting out on that trail, we eventually picked up Bighorn Loop and continued on it back to a warming hut after a short side trip onto Indian Creek trail for a total distance of 5.5 miles and an elevation change of 320'. This trail, like most of the others that we would encounter, is narrower than Blacktail, and it rolled and curved to conform to the terrain. It had a firm, probably groomed base, and excursions away from it were into fairly deep (~30") snow. Point, the instructor, and MacNeil, both backcountry telemarkers, were bemoaning this season's thin coverage and the quality of the snow. Evidently the conditions this year had conspired to produce a light, crystallized base that could unpredictably collapse under the skier. Off-trail cross-country skiers were also affected, though with less catastrophic consequences than for the telemarkers. There were several challenging drops along the way, and Point's pointers on skiing them were welcome. The trail passed through varied terrain: open plain, sparse and dense woods, and burned areas where the pines were just getting up to head height, reminding me a little of a Christmas tree farm. Along the way, we enjoyed views of Indian Creek and Antler Mountain. After warming up and lunching at the hut, most of

our group continued skiing, heading north on Sheepeater Trail (named after a Native American tribe that had inhabited the area). This also had some nice rolling terrain and fresh snow, with several challenging drops. The prudent benefited from observing the mishaps encountered by those of us who recklessly followed Julianne over the edges of these slopes. The runout for one of the drops was a flat area on which a herd of bison had recently tramped about, leaving a very rough, hole-ridden surface that was punctuated with several "bison-pies." Julianne made it down with some difficulty, and warned us of the hazards, but some of us just had to go for it anyway. Catastrophe struck for me, although in falling I at least avoided the bison poop. Continuing north, Bunsen Peak dominated our view, and we eventually came to a broad, flat trail, which led back to the road where we met the last scheduled snow coach of the day.



Marlene, Sherry, and Marcia get down during the lunch/dance break on Blacktail Plateau.

After breakfast on Thursday, we checked out of MHS in preparation for a snow coach trip down to Old Faithful (OF), where we would spend the next two nights. The ride provided another opportunity to view wildlife, notably eagles, a herd of bison, and another pack of wolves, the latter snacking on the remains of an elk who had recently met its demise. There was a brief stop at Gibbon Falls just outside the boundary of the Yellowstone Caldera (YC), where our guides described the geology of the area. Among other things, we learned that the YC is about 42 miles in diameter, compared to our local Valles Caldera (VC), which is about 7 miles in diameter. It was not realized that the VC was a caldera until the 1920's when that was revealed by aerial photography, whereas the nature of the YC was unrecognized until geological studies revealed it in the 1960's and '70's. The explosion of the VC ejected about 5 cubic miles of material, which I once thought was pretty impressive until we learned that the YC ejected about 585 cubic miles of magma.

About 3/4 of the way to OF, under overcast skies, we stopped to ski a 5 mile trail to Fairy Falls. Near the road, young pines were reforesting a burned area, but as we neared the falls the forest became older and denser. Near the top, water was freely falling, and below, massive, beautiful ice shields had

formed from the freezing, wispy spray. A short extension led to Imperial Geyser, which is probably more impressive in



Fairy Falls. One of the huge ice shields visible behind us collapsed

summer. The temperature was well below the dew point and the geyser's activity was obscured by the abundant steam that the hot pond generated.

On the way back to the snow coach, we heard a loud crash from the direction of the falls. Dee and Carolyn, who were proceeding back at a more leisurely pace than rest of us, were at the falls when one of the massive ice shields collapsed, and witnessed this spectacular event.

When we arrived at Old Faithful, we checked in and found that our luggage had already been delivered to our rooms, and some of the hardier in the group went out to observe the late afternoon eruption of the geyser. The Old Faithful Snow Lodge is a modern, very nicely appointed facility with a large, warm fireplace in the lobby, very comfortable and well-decorated rooms, and a pleasant dining room with fast and friendly service. (Because of the high heating cost, Old Faithful Lodge, the historic and rustic inn, is not open for business in winter.) When we turned in around 9PM, the outdoor thermometer reported -17degF.

After bundling up the next morning, we found that our worst fears had not been realized, and that the night's low had only gotten to -30 rather than the predicted -33degF. After breakfast, in relatively torrid -9degF weather, our group snow-coached across the Continental Divide to the DeLacy Creek

trailhead for a 6 mile round trip to the frozen shores of Shoshone Lake. Near the trailhead, we skied through a hilly, dense forest before the trail opened up to a broad creek plain. DeLacy Creek was frozen, but its serpentine course was clearly outlined under the smooth, otherwise featureless new snow.

As we proceeded toward the lake, the wind picked up and the new snow was deep enough to justify taking turns breaking trail. A stand of pines separated the plain from the frozen, snow-covered lake and provided enough cover from the wind for a brief lunch break before we headed back. After reaching the cover of the forest again, Julianne presided over the "2007 New Mexico Cross Country Ski Championship", held on a modestly steep hill. Champions were the contestants who coasted farthest on the long run out at the bottom of the hill. After disqualifying Julianne on account of her inability to produce a legitimate NM driver's license or passport, Sherry ("The Inseam") was crowned female and overall champ and Jim Linn was crowned male champ. On the drive back to the lodge, some of the more masochistic of us skied an additional couple miles on a very flat trail, starting near Kepler Cascades and ending at the lodge. Probably because of its proximity to OF, it was pretty hard packed and icy, and not as much fun as we had hoped. After getting back, some of us got another chance to view Old Faithful's eruption. Like at Imperial Geysers, the eruption was largely obscured by the clouds of steam. Dinner at the Snow Lodge was very lively and enjoyable, and after consuming substantial quantities of Cabernet Sauvignon, some of us became convinced that we understood the underlying physics of geyser operation.

On Saturday, our final day of skiing, we snow-coached to the Yellowstone Canyon area. The road up to Madison followed the Firehole River, and here the dew point effect that had clouded out the geysers was in our favor. The relatively warm river generated an overlying, light fog, and a herd of snow- and frost-coated bison made their way slowly along the road creating a surreal and ghost-like scene. We unloaded at the closed (except for bathrooms) Canyon Visitor Center and skied onto the trails. The group that I skied with did the 1.8mi Roller Coaster Trail that circumnavigates the Canyon Village campground, where we found 4" of fresh powder under bright sunshine and crystal clear skies. We broke trail through a packed, winding, and gently (most of the time) rolling track in dense forest. Julianne had advertised two steeper hills that presented some compression and therefore balance challenge near their bottoms, and led us down them. The new, soft snow helped in negotiating the slopes, or, in some cases softened our falls. Some sidestepping or herringbone was required on steeper uphill, but we never were in situations that required skins. After returning to the road, we encountered and joined up with the rest of our group, and we all followed coyote tracks to a trail that bordered 800' to 1200' deep Yellowstone Canyon. The trail was flat and powdery, and the views of the canyon and river below were spectacular. The snow coaches picked us up above "Grand View" and "Lookout Point," where we saw Lower Falls (~300' high), and we drove over to "Uncle Tom's Trail," where there was an excellent view of Upper Falls (~100' high). Both the falls were stunning, with the violently rushing water surrounded by massive shields of ice. Along the way, a passing tourist bus was surprised by a memorable view of some bare anatomy belonging to one of our group who was seeking a "private moment" a little too close to the road.

We reboarded the snow-coaches and headed back to Norris and then up to MHS with a couple of stops to look at real and imagined wildlife along the way. Bison in the road slowed our travel a couple times, but the close-up views of these huge animals made it all worthwhile. The restaurant was more geared up for the weekend trade, and the service was quite a lot faster, but no less friendly, than it had been earlier in the week.

The next morning everything went smoothly, helped by the fact that the restaurant had a self-serve buffet, and we left Mammoth on schedule. Coming down from Bozeman Pass, on the way out of the park, we viewed many more elk and encountered another herd of bison on the road, a final encounter with the exquisite wildlife of Yellowstone.

2007-2008 Proposed Budget	
Income	
Trip Surcharges	810
Instruction	100
Membership	2,500
Hut Trips	\$2,714
Long Bus Trips	39,000
Interest	100
Total	\$45,224
Expenses	
President	250
Vice President	100
Treasurer	\$100
Secretary	50
Programs	100
Membership/Labels	100
Newsletter	1,800
Refreshments	500
Trails	100
Instruction	100
Daytrips	25
Overnight Trips	25
Long Bus Trips	39,000
Hut Trips	2,656
Scholarships	1,400
Meeting Room	675
Insurance	1,000
Corporate Report	10
Summer Party	375
PO Box	144.00
Total	\$48,510
Surplus	(\$3,285)

ANNOUNCING THE 2008 BUS TRIPS

By Thea & Ray Berg

We will be leading the bus trips, but we will be out of country on a Nepal Trek in November. Louise Broadbent has graciously agreed to take care of collecting the applications and the drawing, if one is required, during our absence.

How to Sign Up for the Bus Trips

Before registering, please read the complete club policy on long trips which is posted on the Web as well as the following summary.

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find registration forms. Please send a separate check for each trip for which you register. ***If you want to room with a certain person you must register together on one slip and send checks together.*** The mailing address is on the registration form. **Please do not send checks to the club's PO Box.**

Typically, single members who are drawn will be paired with other same gender singles. If your name could be either gender (example – Chris), please indicate Ms. or Mr. until we get to know you. In Silverton, there will be a few single rooms without a roommate. These will be assigned randomly for singles who sign up alone.

As long as the demand for bus trip seats exceeds our supply, we will hold a lottery drawing on November 9th, 2007, to determine who is on the trips. Board members have first priority to sign up for trips as an incentive to serve this organization. There will be at least 3 board members present at the drawing. The trip rosters will be posted on the club website. After all seats for a trip are filled, we will place the remaining registrations in a "Reserve Pool" and their original checks will be destroyed. It costs nothing to remain in "Reserve" status. We will keep your registration unless you notify us that you are no longer interested in that trip. For those drawn to be on the trip – your cancelled check will be your receipt. Most often when members cancel, they sell their seat to someone in the "Reserve Pool". However, it is their seat and they may sell it to anyone who is over 18, same sex, and a member of the club.

Bus Trip Guidelines

Who may go: Paid-up Club members, at least 18 years of age.

Departure: Times will depend on the trip. Check the individual trip descriptions. Buses depart from the west side of the Target parking lot at I-25 on Paseo Del Norte. We will be in the parking lot one and one-half hours before departure to load the bus and pass out boarding passes in the order of your arrival. You will only be able to reserve one seat per pass. The bus will board ½ hour before the scheduled departure time.

Bus Ride: The club supplies cold sodas, water, wine and beer on the bus. There is a restroom on the bus. The bus will make a dinner stop on the way to Frisco and Crested Butte. You should bring your own food or eat in advance of departure on the Silverton trip.

Luggage: Pack your skis in a ski bag. You are allowed one large or two small suitcases per person. Cargo area is at a premium so please be considerate of others. You may bring a six-pack type cooler if it fits under your seat.

Hotel: If you need a roommate, we will find one of the same gender for you.

Meals: Meals are provided as outlined in each trip description. All other meals are your responsibility. No cooking is allowed in hotel rooms. You may bring breakfast & lunch foods in your cooler. You must bring your own food and water when going out to ski. On ski days, the bus normally leaves the hotel about at 8:00 or 9:00 AM and returns to the hotel in the late afternoon.

Skiing: We attempt to go to a variety of areas to accommodate beginning to advanced skiers. There may be set-track areas or downhill skiing available, but our main pursuit is cross-country skiing.

NEVER SKI ALONE, unless you are at a Nordic Center.

Clothes: Casual, warm and layered are the key words. We often walk to dinner so bring warm clothing for evenings. Slip-on crampons are very useful. (Yak Traks)

Cost: The cost of the trip is derived from the estimated cost of the bus, hotel, drinks, snacks, included meals, club surcharge, and bus driver's tip divided by the number of people on the trip. Once you have paid your deposit you are on the trip. The balance is due by the dates given on the trip registration form. Payments are not refundable: If you cancel you must find a substitute and settle the payment with that person. You will be given names in the "Reserve Pool".

Reserve: The "Reserve Pool" will be started once a trip is full. It costs nothing to be on "Reserve" status and you have a good chance of going. Often someone needs to cancel at the last minute so keep that weekend open on your calendar!

General Instructions for Signing Up for Long Bus Trips

- Please send the completed form with the deposit to:
 - Louise Broadbent at 367 Horseshoe Loop, Jemez Spring, NM 87025. (Louise needs to have the form in hand by November 6, 2008.)
 - Alternatively, you may bring the form and deposit to the October or November Club meeting.
- If you would like to room with a particular person, you must submit applications for both roommates together.
- You must submit forms for each trip separately
- Deposit for each trip must be on separate checks.
- You must be a club member and have paid your dues by the November Club meeting in order to be eligible for any Bus Trip drawing, if a drawing is required.
- Once your application has been accepted, you own the seat and owe the balance for the trip. If you change your mind, you may only sell or give your seat to an eligible NMCCSC Member.
- Please be sure to note the meal arrangements for each trip, as they are each different.
- In the event that a bus trip cannot be completed due to events beyond Club control, such as weather, road conditions, mechanical failure, etc. any money that is not already committed will be equally divided and distributed among trip participants.

Good planning, team work and a sense of humor will make this year's trips successful.

And we want to assure you that we are up to the task!!

Thea & Ray



Frisco

The bus will stop around 5:30pm Friday in Alamosa, Colorado for a pre-arranged buffet style banquet dinner at the Taqueria Cavillo Restaurant. We will be staying at the Cross Creek Condominiums in Frisco. We have reserved (6) 2 bedroom condos with 2 baths, (4) three bedroom condos with 2½ baths, and (1) four bedroom condo. The condominium complex has a community room we will utilize on Saturday and Sunday nights for our après ski parties. The condominium complex has two hot tubs and an indoor pool. All the condos have full kitchens so you can bring food for any meals not planned by the club. Cost of the trip will be **\$280 per person**. Cross Creek Condominiums are located only a few blocks from Main Street where most of the restaurants in Frisco are located. It is a couple of blocks from the Summit County Shuttle stop. The Shuttle is free and runs all day and night taking skiers to all the surrounding downhill ski areas and three Nordic Centers. There are also many back-country ski options from Frisco. The bus will make a fast food stop on our way home in Espanola. Please complete the registration form and mail it to Louise Broadbent, 367 Horseshoe Loop, Jemez Springs, NM 87025. Your registration form and deposit check must be received no later than November 6th by mail or you can bring your registration to the club meeting on November 8th. The drawing for slots on the ski trips will take place on Friday November 9th. Questions – send them to louise@valornet.com.

Deposit \$180 due with this application. Balance \$100 due December 11, 2007

Cut along line and submit forms for each trip separately.

Frisco Colorado - Friday January 11, 2 PM returning Monday January 14, 9 PM Cost \$280 per person

Your trip includes Friday dinner in Alamosa, Saturday pizza dinner, bus transportation, and three nights lodging.

The rooms are condos with full kitchens for breakfasts and other meals. You may prepare food in the rooms and can get together with other condos for your meals.

Name _____ Home Ph# _____ Cell Ph# _____

Email address _____ Emergency contact and ph# _____

Ski Ability: Beginner ____, Class One ____, Class Two ____, Class Three ____

Would you be willing to lead a ski trip in **Frisco**? Yes ____, No ____, Maybe ____

Roommate Name _____ Home Ph# _____ Cell Ph# _____

Email address _____ Emergency contact and ph# _____

Roommate Ski Ability: Beginner ____, Class One ____, Class Two ____, Class Three ____

Would you be willing to lead a ski trip in **Frisco**? Yes ____, No ____, Maybe ____

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Crested Butte.

We will have a dinner stop at Taqueria Calvillo restaurant in Alamosa, Colorado around 5:30pm on Friday night. We will be staying at the Old Town Inn where we will have all double rooms. The club will supply an enhanced continental breakfast each morning in the hotel lobby. We will have information boards available at the Breakfast.

The Nordic Center is an easy walk from the hotel and there is a shuttle to the alpine ski area as well. The cost for this trip will be **\$240 per person** and includes Friday night dinner, three breakfasts. The bus will make a fast food stop on our way home in Espanola. Please complete the registration form and mail it to Louise Broadbent, 367 Horseshoe Loop, Jemez Springs, NM 87025. Your registration form must be received no later than November 6th by mail or you can bring your registration to the club meeting on November 8th. The drawing for slots on the ski trips will take place on Friday, November 9th. Questions – send them to louise@valornet.com.

Deposit \$140 due with this application. Balance \$100 due December 11, 2007

Cut along line and submit forms for each trip separately.

Crested Butte Colorado- Thursday January 31, 2 PM returning Sunday February 3, 9 PM Cost \$240 per person

Your trip includes Thursday dinner in Alamosa, continental breakfasts at the hotel, transportation, and three nights lodging.

Name _____ Home Ph# _____ Cell Ph# _____

Email address _____ Emergency contact and ph# _____

Ski Ability: Beginner ____, Class One ____, Class Two ____, Class Three ____

Would you be willing to lead a ski trip in **Crested Butte**? Yes ____, No ____, Maybe ____

I am interested in **Friday dinner** at Marchitelli's ____, The Bacchanale ____, Timberline ____, None ____

I am interested in **Saturday dinner** at Marchitelli's ____, The Bacchanale ____, Timberline ____, None ____

Roommate Name _____ Home Ph# _____ Cell Ph# _____

Email address _____ Emergency contact and ph# _____

Roommate Ski Ability: Beginner ____, Class One ____, Class Two ____, Class Three ____

Would you be willing to lead a ski trip in **Crested Butte**? Yes ____, No ____, Maybe ____

I am interested in **Friday dinner** at Marchitelli's ____, The Bacchanale ____, Timberline ____, None ____

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Silverton

The Silverton trip provides a great skiing experience for the bargain price of **\$210 per person**. The club will be staying at the Grand Imperial Victorian Hotel. The hotel is a historic building in every sense, from the original grand saloon to the historic plumbing. The hotel has a hot tub and we will do some creative scheduling to assure everyone gets a shower. Some of the singles on this trip will not be sharing a room. Everyone will have a private entrance to their bathroom. We have arranged for a late check-out of 2:00pm for the entire group. We will depart Silverton at 2:30pm. There will be a very short stop in Cuba on the way home.

There will be no planned dinner stop on the way to Silverton on Thursday evening. You should eat in advance or bring your dinner on the bus with you. The dining options in Silverton are limited and the shopping is nearly non-existent. The trip includes full breakfast buffet every morning and a group dinner on Sunday evening. **Please select your entrée on your registration form.**

The trip will be three full days of skiing. The Silverton area has a fair amount of avalanche activity and people should use caution before going on trails. There are some beginner ski trails right from the hotel in safe areas. Silverton is at 9300 ft. elevation and has snow in town most years. If there is not ample snow in the town of Silverton, the options for Beginner and Class I skiers will be somewhat limited on this trip. If the snow level is below 9000 feet, there will be lots of ski options for all levels of skiers. There are several options to ski from town. One is a Nordic trail that circles the town. Kendall Mountain, the municipal downhill ski area has a small warming hut that is utilized by the Nordic skiers as well as the skating rink. There is another beginner level cross country ski trail that can be accessed from the Visitor Center about 8 blocks from the hotel. The local snowmobile club grooms 125 miles of multi-use trails. A tentative ski option will be to Molas Pass and on to the Durango Mountain ski area and Nordic Center.

Please complete the registration form and mail it to Louise Broadbent, 367 Horseshoe Loop, Jemez Springs, NM 87025. Your registration form and deposit check must be received no later than Nov. 6th by mail or you can bring your registration to the club meeting on Nov. 8th. The drawing for slots on the ski trips will take place on Friday Nov. 9th. Questions – louise@valornet.com.

Deposit \$110 due with this application. Balance \$100 due December 11, 2007

Cut along line and submit forms for each trip separately.

Silverton Colorado - Friday February 15, 5 PM returning Monday February 18, 9 PM

Cost \$210 per person

Your trip includes three breakfast buffets and Saturday dinner at the hotel, transportation and three nights lodging.

Name _____ Home Ph# _____ Cell Ph# _____

Email address _____ Emergency contact and ph# _____

Ski Ability: Beginner ____, Class One ____, Class Two ____, Class Three ____

Would you be willing to lead a ski trip in **Silverton**? Yes ____, No ____, Maybe ____

For Saturday dinner I am interested in: Pickle Barrel ____, Grand Imperial Hotel ____, Neither ____

Sunday Dinner choice: Salmon ____, Ribs ____, Chicken ____

Roommate Name _____ Home Ph# _____ Cell Ph# _____

Email address _____ Emergency contact and ph# _____

Roommate Ski Ability: Beginner ____, Class One ____, Class Two ____, Class Three ____

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October 2007

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	Club Meeting 7:00 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	Board Meeting 7:00 pm		27
28	29	30	31			

January 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	Club Meeting 7:00 pm	Frisco	12
Frisco	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	Francie's Hut trip		26
Hut	28	29	Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Crested Butte		31

November 2007						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	Mailed Trip Registrations in Louise's Hand	7	Club Meeting 7:00 pm	Lottery	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	Board Meeting 7:00 pm	28	29		30

February 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
C Butte	11	12	13	Club Meeting 7:00 pm	Silverton	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Silverton	25	26	27	Board Meeting 7:00 pm		29

December 2007						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			TBD: Beginner Ski Class			8
	Bal Due		12	13	14	15
	Cst Butte	Club Meeting & Party 7:00 pm	19	20	21	22
	Frisco		TBD: Day Trips / Lead One! Schedule with Bill Heitz!			29
	Silverton		26	Board Meeting 7:00 pm		
30	31					

March 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	Club Meeting 7:00 pm	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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