



Photo: Carl Smith

Bus Trips

Higher altitudes and latitudes in Colorado are conducive to our pursuit of cross country skiing. Riding a bus up to Colorado, affords the enroute opportunity to kick back, relax, work on crossword puzzles etc..

There will be beer, wine, soft drinks, juice, water and snacks provided on the bus throughout the trip, including on the bus after skiing each day. Happy hour provided each evening as well. Best of all -- is the skiing opportunities each day for all levels of skiers to various trails. Funds paid to the club cover the bus fare, lodging, refreshments & snacks on the bus, and happy hour. All other costs are covered by the individual participants. Typical 'other cost' would be lunch while skiing, dinner, downhill lift tickets, and Nordic track tickets.

To participate, the skier will need a ski bag that can hold your skis and poles. If you don't have a bag, they should be available at REI, ski swaps, and other places that sell skis at the start of the ski season. If you're getting your first bag, double check that it is long enough, as cross country skis are normally longer than skis for - downhill, telemark, AT.



The club has posted Bus Trip Procedures, Bus Trip Policy, and Bus Trip Lottery Process to the web page for newcomers and veterans alike to bus trips. The link to the documents are found at <http://nmccskiclub.org/ski-outings/bus-trips/>. These documents cover the most frequent questions that arise regarding the bus trips.

Crested Butte is scheduled from January 12 through January 15, 2018. Crested Butte is an old mining town, now serving as a yearlong recreation town with plenty of skiing, and dining opportunities. Trail options include groomed Nordic facilities, back country skiing following creeks that flow toward Crested Butte, and lift served skiing at Crested Butte. Historically, discounted lift tickets for Crested Butte can be purchased at local retailers, and the ski swap before Thanksgiving. A nice place any time of year.



Mount Crested Butte



Gothic Mountain



It is good to hydrate.

Frisco is scheduled for March 2 – 5. The Frisco Nordic Center is just minutes from Frisco's charming Main Street, offering an excellent high altitude facility for skate skiing, classic cross-country skiing and even snowshoeing, all with exceptional views of peaks in every direction. The Center offers 27k of ski trails, 20k of snowshoe trails, rentals, skate or classic lessons available. There is also excellent backcountry skiing in the mountains between Breckenridge and Frisco. The trails can accommodate all levels of skiing. A form for the trip will be included in the November newsletter.

Bus trip chair needed for 2018 and 2019. Come train and mentor with the folks organizing the trips for 2017-2018. The position is ideal for two people to work together. For all of you who are interested, please contact myself, bettygendron@gmail.com, or Mike Martin, mike_martin_csp@q.com. We hope to hear from you!

New Year's Trip - Silverton

Last year as you will remember we could not spend New Year's as a group at the Grand Imperial Hotel in Silverton with skiing on Mineral Creek, Molas Pass, Andrew Lake et al. because the new owner had rented most of the hotel to the local downhill skiers. But not this year. This year we have tentatively reserved 22 double occupancy rooms for the New Mexico Cross-Country Ski Club, December 29th, 30th, and 31st with check out the 1st. The rate has gone up as we were told it would after the extensive remodeling. All double occupancy rooms are now \$125.00 per night plus tax of \$24.50 tax for a total of \$150.00 per night. The rate does not include breakfast but breakfast will be available in the hotel.

If you think you might be like to again spend New Year's with friends in Silverton and ski what has traditionally been the incredibly good snow in and around Molas Pass please either let me know or sign up at our regular club meeting in October.

Max Shepherd (Max.shepherd@comcast.net)

Hut Trips



Hut trips involve driving personal vehicles to the trailhead, followed by skiing into the hut using backpacks with to bring your sleeping bag, food, climbing skins, some extra clothing items such as down booties. The drive time to the trail head typically necessitates overnight lodging near the trailhead. The trip cost does not include costs for travel, food and motels enroute. Contact Guy Miller if you would like to participate.

← Good snow at Betty Bear Hut

The first hut trip is to the Betty Bear Hut from January 28-February 2 (includes travel time). If there is adequate interest, a trip extension to Skinner Hut may be under taken. The Betty Bear hut is at the upper end of the Fryingpan River, and sits at 11,100 feet. Cost of the Betty Bear Hut is \$148.

The second hut trip is to the Jackall Hut from February 19 to February 24 (including car travel dates). The hut north of Leadville is at 11,600 feet \$165.

Car Trips

We are looking for volunteers to organize overnight car trips. These outings are a fun and vital part of the club. These tend to be small and flexible, and add some variety to the locations and types of outings the club offers. These are perhaps easier to organize than the bus or hut trips. You can organize a single trip, with help from the Overnight Car Trips Chair, Scott Mitchell. Besides helping you think through the trip details, Scott will also help you with Ski Club policies and processes, such as the liability form and information on the participants.

Please brainstorm what you'd like to do in the coming season! We are interested in both XC trips and AT (backcountry) trips. See the website for background information about trips in general, and where we've gone in the past: <http://nmccskiclub.org/ski-outings/car-xc-trips/> and <http://nmccskiclub.org/ski-outings/car-at-trips/>

Day Trips

Day trips are typically announced via email, to take advantage of snowstorms when they pass through.

Member Gear for Sale

Members frequently bring equipment that can be used for skiing (and occasionally other outdoor recreation), and offer it for sale at the meeting. As an advance notice, Carl Smith is offering a Black Diamond Infinity 60 Pack. This is a full size 60 liters, soft pack; a fine pack for one of Guy's hut trips. Carl has used it once. It is gray and orange and is either a medium or a large size. (Carl is 5'9" and it fits well.) Includes: original BD paper work, an REI sleeping bag compression sack, and a description for packing soft packs. Asking \$80. Carl Smith smithfoto@comcast.net.



Trails Updates

In mid-September Mike Meier scouted the trail from Ladera to Griegos Junction, down Elk Ridge Trail to Lower Road. Subsequently Mike led a crew to work on the Elk Ridge/Ladera trails on September 26, removing wood and replacing blue diamonds. It is skiable and very interesting after the recent fire.

Instruction

Beginning Cross Country Skiing, instruction begins with classroom instruction in the early season (December), followed by on snow instruction (preferably on Sandia Mountain in January).

Ski Swap & Ski Expo

A three day event at the State Fairgrounds Friday October 27 to Sunday October 29. The KAFB Ski Expo is scheduled for The KAFB Ski Expo is scheduled for October 26th. October 26th. Volunteers needed for both events, contact Bet if can assist.

Email insight

The email server has a list of all members email addresses from those who submitted an email address on their membership form. This is how the server determines if emails are legitimate.

- 1) If you use an alternative email to send to NMCCSCeGroup, the server will refuse to send the email on to all as the 'from' email address is not in its list of 'members'. Try to use the email that you provided on the membership form.
- 2) Please refrain from putting 'NMCCSCeGroup' in the 'cc' list when responding to an email. The server gets confused and refuses to send your message due to 'too many recipients'.
- 3) The server will not send an email to the group if you are using your cell phone as the sender because your phone number is not in the member email list and therefore not a legitimate email.
- 4) Use the unsubscribe link at the bottom of the email to remove yourself from the email list.

Membership

[New Membership Signups- check it out!](#) We are now using PayPal, our preferred method of renewal/new signups. It drastically reduces the time and effort spent recording memberships. *It also will get you access to Egroups and the Website much faster.* (We still can accept checks with a paper application if you are unable to use PayPal, but we require additional time to process your paper membership application.) Please try to use it before the first meeting!

Go to the new membership site:

<https://www.nmccskmembership.org>

It would be splendid to have a person to help with data-entry for our Membership Chair, Stacey Kittner. Membership@nmccskiclub.org, or vicepresident@nmccskiclub.org.

Ratings

Hiking, Biking, Climbing, Rafting, and Skiing will typically provide a rating system for the excursion under consideration. Club ratings are 1 through 4. A tabular format of the ratings in the newsletter, complete descriptions available on the webpage.

Programs

In the 1942 Camp Hale (near Tennessee Pass) was constructed as a training facility for the US Army 10th Mountain Division. Training for the troops include Alpine and Nordic skiing. During the war the 10th mountain division served in Italy. The program is a 46 minute movie of the avid skiers in the 10th Mountain Division that championed the US ski industry after the war. Even if you are not a skier, this program sounds interesting from the perspective of hearing the history and influence of these men.

<i>Calendar of Events 2016-2017</i>		
Thursday	October 12 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club Program: Movie - History of Tenth Mountain Huts
Thursday	November 9 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club Program: TBD
Wednesday	December 13 6:00-7:00 PM	Class room Instruction – Beginning Cross Country Skiing Lomas & Tramway Library community room
Thursday	December 14 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club
Thursday	January 11 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club
Friday-Monday	January 12 – January 15	Bus Trip Crested Butte, Colorado
Saturday	January 6	Field Instruction - Beginning Cross Country Skiing Details announced at classroom session
Sunday-Friday	January 28 – February 2	Hut Trip Betty Bear
Thursday	February 8 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club
Monday-Saturday	February 19 – February 24	Hut Trip to Jackal Hut
Friday-Monday	March 2 – March 5	Bus Trip Frisco, Colorado
Thursday	March 8 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club

The Budget for upcoming year, will be presented, then voted upon by the general membership at the October meeting.

2:12 PM
09/26/17
Accrual Basis

New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 1 through September 26, 2017

	Jul 1 - Sep 26, 17	Budget
Income		
Betty Bear Hut Trip w/SC	884.00	1,773.29
Jackal Hut Trips w/ SC	1,320.00	2,021.69
Membership fees	0.00	4,500.00
Bus trip - Crested Butte w/ SC	0.00	16,250.00
Bus Trip - Frisco w/ SC	0.00	20,250.00
Newsletter Mailing Fee	0.00	60.00
Interest income	0.18	10.00
Total Income	2,204.18	44,864.98
Gross Profit	2,204.18	44,864.98
Expense		
Jackal Hut Trip Expense	1,941.69	1,941.69
Betty Hut Trip Expense	1,693.29	1,693.29
Bus Trip Expense Crested Butte	500.00	15,780.68
Bus Trip Expenses Frisco	250.00	19,629.74
Advertising	0.00	200.00
Officer expenses		
President expense	0.00	1.00
Treasurer expense	49.51	75.00
Secretary expense	0.00	25.00
Vice President expense	0.00	1.00
Total Officer expenses	49.51	102.00
Bank fees	0.00	25.00
Southwest Cypertport	32.23	129.00
Corporate Report	10.00	10.00
10th Mtn. Div.Hut Assn dues	0.00	35.00
Filing Fee	9.90	9.90
Instruction	0.00	200.00
Insurance	0.00	1,030.00
Meeting room	1,325.00	1,325.00
Membership & Social Media	0.00	280.00
Newsletter		
Postage	0.00	130.00
Printing	0.00	300.00
Supplies	0.00	10.00
Total Newsletter	0.00	440.00
P.O. Box	0.00	132.00
Programs	0.00	50.00
Refreshments	0.00	450.00
Summer Party	0.00	300.00
Scholarships	0.00	400.00
Trails	0.00	100.00
Web site	0.00	400.00
Total Expense	5,811.62	44,663.30
Net Income	-3,607.44	201.68

New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club

Membership Form, Year 2017 – 2018

Send membership form and dues to:
New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club
P.O. Box 51563
Albuquerque, NM 87181-1563

Print clearly.

***Asterisk* anything you DO NOT want listed in the Member Directory.**

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 (please) _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Email: _____

Additional ADULT name: First & Last Name _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Email: _____

Additional family members (up to college age and ages): _____

Check all that apply: **New Member** **Under 40, 1st Year** **Renewing Member** **Address/phone Changes**

New? How did you hear about us? Current member ___ Meetup ___ Website ___ Flyers ___ Business Card ___ Newspaper ___

	Amount
Single Membership (\$20 per year), Adult Member Under 40 (Free 1 st year)	
Family Membership (\$25 per year)	
Paper Newsletter US Mail Subscription Fee (\$10 per year)	
Total submitted*	

Payments submitted through the new Square Charge Card System will have 2.84% service charge added.

Dues are due October of current year, must be paid by the December meeting to receive access to website and participate in club trips.

The **Membership Directory** will appear in the members-only (password protected) section of the Web site.

Newsletter subscription fee of \$10 per year must be paid prior to receiving the Paper Newsletter by US Mail.

APPLICANT and SPOUSE (or CO-APPLICANT) and ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS MUST READ RELEASE of LIABILITY and SIGN IT.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

I know and expressly assume the risk that a cross country skiing activity scheduled by the New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club, a New Mexico nonprofit corporation, may be dangerous or hazardous, and may result in loss or damage of property, physical injury, or even my death. I understand that neither the trip leader nor any trip participants are required to have any training or to have any experience or expertise with respect to any activity or in any aspect of safety or first aid. With full knowledge of these dangers, I RELEASE the New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club and its officers, directors, members, vehicle drivers, leaders, trip participants, guides, representatives, employees, or agents (collectively, The "NMCC Ski Club") from liability, claims, or demands and agree NOT TO SUE OR OTHERWISE MAKE ANY CLAIM against the NMCC Ski Club that may arise during my participation in any activity.

This RELEASE OF LIABILITY will be effective whether or not any loss, damage, injury, or death RESULTS FROM THE NEGLIGENCE of the NMCC Ski Club. I understand that negligence means a failure to do an act which a reasonably careful person would do, or the doing of an act which a reasonably careful person would not do, under the same or similar circumstances, to protect himself, herself, or others from injury or death. I expressly assume the risk of loss, injury, or death suffered by me as a result of participating in any activity. I am voluntarily participating in the activity. I am solely responsible for my own equipment, safety, first aid needs, and medical needs. I will take every precaution to provide for my own safety and well-being while participating in any activity.

This release is binding on me, my heirs, and my personal representatives. I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE BEFORE SIGNING IT. (If you need more space, please use the reverse side for additional signatures and dates.)

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

FOR FAMILY MEMBERS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW:

I am the legal guardian of the above minor and have read the above RELEASE. I hereby consent to the terms of the RELEASE on behalf of the named minor(s) and give my consent to their participation in all activities of the NMCC Ski Club on the terms stated.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Parent or Legal Guardian)

The NMCC Ski Club operates by the volunteer efforts. Please indicate the activities in which you may be willing to participate:

Day Trip Leader _____ Refreshments _____ Trail Maintenance & Development _____ Club Officer/Board Member _____

Instruction _____ Program Presentation/Topic _____ Other _____

Date Dues Received _____ Paid in Cash/Amt _____ Paid CC _____ Paid by Check _____ Check Number _____

CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO---BUS TRIP

Leaving Friday, January 12, returning Monday, January 15, 2018, Cost \$325.00 per person

Crested Butte hardly needs any introduction; it has been a longtime favorite for the NMCCSC for many reasons. It offers varied and challenging groomed Nordic trails, majestic backcountry skiing and serious Class III skiing from Red Lady Mountain to Oh-be-Joyful Creek if the bus can get near Kebler Pass. And we will again be staying at the Old Town Lodge, one of our favorite lodges anywhere, located close to the Nordic Center, and walking distance to amazing restaurants and close to the town shuttle. The cost of the trip includes breakfast at the Old Town Lodge. The club will provide snacks at a social hour each evening around 5:30. Please let me know if you have a roommate preference, otherwise roommates will be assigned.

Deposit of \$150 is due with this application. Balance of \$175 is due December 13, 2017.

(Registration, including deposit must be received by Max Shepherd no later than November 8, 2107. Balance due December 13, 2017. Mailing address: Max Shepherd, 1413 Adams St NE, ABQ., 87110. Cell (505-270-5258; Email: max.shepherd@comcast.net). As always, all payments are non-refundable. See Bus Trip Policy, January 2016, under Club Documents and Records on our Website:NMCCSkiClub.org.

(cut along dotted line and submit form below)

Crested Butte, Colorado, January 12, 13, 14, 15, 2018

Your trip price includes refreshments on the bus, transportation and three nights lodging (including breakfast). Not included in the trip price are dinners for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Deposit \$150 due with this application. Balance \$175 due December 13, 2017

(Please print clearly)

Name _____ Home Ph# _____

Cell Ph# _____ Email _____

Emergency contact and Ph# _____

Skiing ability: Beginner____, Class I____, Class II____, Class III_____

Would you be willing to lead a ski trip while at Crested Butte ? Yes __, No __, Maybe ____

If two people are signing up together, please fill out the following:

Roommate Name _____ Home Ph# _____

Cell Ph# _____ Email _____

Emergency contact and Ph# _____

Roommate skiing ability: Beginner____, Class I____, Class II____, Class III_____

Would you be willing to lead a ski trip while at Crested Butte? Yes __, No __, Maybe ____

Registration form/deposit must be received by November 8, 2017. Mail to: Max Shepherd, 1413 Adams St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. You may also bring this form and deposit to the October or November Club meeting. Questions? Email me at max.shepherd

@comcast.net. My cell phone # is (505) 270-5258. Crested Butte, Colorado --- Bus Trip

FRISCO, COLORADO---BUS TRIP--- Cost \$405.00 per person

Leaving Friday, March 2, 2018, returning Monday, March 5, 2018,

Frisco offers trails that will accommodate all levels of skiing abilities. The Frisco Nordic Center is just minutes from Frisco's charming Main Street and offers an excellent high altitude facility for skate skiing, classic cross-country skiing and even snowshoeing, all with exceptional views of peaks in every direction. The Frisco area also operates a free shuttle which allows anyone wanting to do lift skiing at many of the surrounding downhill areas to come and go on their own. And the bus will be taking us to select locations scattered around the Frisco, Keystone and Breckenridge town sites. We will be staying at the Baymont Inn & Suites which is located minutes from the shuttle stop. The club will provide snacks at a social hour each evening around 5:30. Please let me know if you have a roommate preference, otherwise roommates will be assigned.

Deposit of \$200 is due with this application. Balance of \$205 is due January 11, 2018.

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(cut along dotted line and submit form below)

Frisco, Colorado, March 2-5, 2018

Your trip price includes refreshments on the bus, transportation and three nights lodging (including breakfast). Not included in the trip price are dinners for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Deposit \$200 due with this application. Balance \$205 due no later than January 11, 2018

(Please print clearly)

Name _____ Home Ph# _____

Cell Ph# _____ Email _____

Emergency contact and Ph# _____

Skiing ability: Beginner _____, Class I _____, Class II _____, Class III _____

Would you be willing to lead a ski trip while at Crested Butte? Yes __, No __, Maybe __

If two people are signing up together, please fill out the following:

Roommate Name _____ Home Ph# _____

Cell Ph# _____ Email _____

Emergency contact and Ph# _____

Roommate skiing ability: Beginner _____, Class I _____, Class II _____, Class III _____

Would you be willing to lead a ski trip while at Crested Butte? Yes __, No __, Maybe __

Registration form/deposit must be received by November 8, 2017. Mail to: Max Shepherd, 1413 Adams St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. You may also bring this form and deposit to the regular Club meetings. Questions? Email me at max.shepherd@comcast.net. My cell phone # is (505) 270-5258.

Board Members 2017-2018			
President	Mike Martin	273-1876	President@nmccskiclub.org
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Finding Us			
Web Page	http://nmccskiclub.org		
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Mail	New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club PO Box 51563 Albuquerque, NM 87181		

Ratings		
Class	Vertical Climb (ft)	Distance (miles)
One	Less than 1000	Less than 5
Two	Less than 2000	Less than 5
Three	Greater than 2000	Greater than 10
Four	Unpatrolled, mountainous terrain, with the purpose of downhill skiing. Slopes can be greater than 25 degrees. Knowledge of use of climbing skins, avalanche gear needed.	
Steepness of slopes, skill level, and stamina can also dictate the ski tour rating. Please see the webpage for more information. http://nmccskiclub.org/ski-outings/		

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