



Programs

October presentation will be the southwest USA winter weather prediction by an NOAA meteorologist. NOAA come in several years ago and their winter weather prediction presentation was very interesting and provided what turned out to be very accurate timing wise and in relative snowfall amount-it was a very good ski year. Come to the presentation to get the real report for the upcoming year from an expert scientist.

Bus Trips for 2019

By Angela Welford

Announcing our 2019 winter BUS TRIPS! Bob and Adrienne have made the bus and lodging reservations for the 2 Bus Trips for 2019:

LEADVILLE, CO, 18-21 JANUARY (Martin Luther King weekend) for \$245/person

OURAY, CO, 22-25 FEBRUARY for \$340/person.

I am stepping in for Adrienne who had to resign (sadly!)

LEADVILLE, CO is a long time Club favorite destination. We will stay at the Silver King Inn just ¼ mile from downtown Leadville. Skiers have the option of a Nordic Area, downhill skiing at Cooper Ski Area as well as lots of backcountry trails. As I recall, this town is one of the favorites for those "class 3 shopping trips"...

In February we return to OURAY, CO for the first time since 2012. We will stay at the Twin Peaks Lodge, perfectly located at the south end of town within easy walking distance of restaurants and shopping. There are hot springs right at the hotel! Most of the skiing opportunities are between Silverton and Ouray, with trails suitable for beginners to advanced skiers.

So now that our bus trips are planned, it's time for you to start thinking snow! With Colorado's great snow (at least in the past), both locations should have ample skiing opportunities for all levels of skiers and be fun places to stay. If you are a beginner skier, be sure to register for the Club's beginner's class and get feedback from the instructors to see if you are ready for a bus trip that takes you to more difficult terrain.

The Trip Registration forms are included with this Newsletter and can also be found on our website at www.nmccskiclub.org. You can sign up for both trips. Keep in mind that if trips are oversubscribed, we will hold a lottery for seats on the bus (50 per trip), but your chances of getting on the trips is very good. Put the trip dates on your calendar and make plans to go, because members tend to drop as the date nears. We've had empty seats on the bus even though we had a waiting list for each trip.

Please be sure to read the Bus Trip Guidelines that are also linked to in the newsletter (on website). Direct any questions to me (awelford1017@gmail.com) or to Bob (hvac87108356@yahoo.com). We hope you will join us for this fun bus trip season with lots of skiing opportunities!

Afore mentioned bus trip guidelines can be found at <http://nmccskiclub.org/ski-outings/bus-trips/>

Hut Trip to Peter Estin



This trip is scheduled from January 7, 2019 – January 12, 2019 (including all travel dates).

Visualize yourself being HERE with us for 3 nights, 4 days of skiing!

Although Peter Estin Hut seems to be near The Middle of Nowhere, Colorado, it's really only about 6 miles from Eagle, but it seems more like 30 after driving to the remote trailhead. Situated at 11,200 feet above sea level, Estin is one of the oldest huts in the 10th Mountain system. Built in 1985, it was damaged in an unusually heavy snow season in 2013, which was the year of our second visit to this hut. It was repaired / renovated in 2014, and is waiting for our third visit in 2019.

Just a short distance from the hut is an open slope that, on our last foray, several of us spent hours skinning up, and floating back down. There are numerous relatively steep pitches that make for lovely Telemark turns, as well as gentler stretches for those who prefer a mellow glissade. There are other turning options, as well as several opportunities for an interesting diversity of Nordic touring. This hut probably has more of "something for everyone" than any other.

This advanced intermediate trip is fairly long at 7.4 miles via the Hat Creek Trail, but the elevation gain of 2180 feet makes for a manageable 5.6% average grade. The cost of this trip, exclusive of transportation and lodging enroute, is \$146.00. As of press time there are six spots remaining. This is our ONLY scheduled hut trip this year, so if you're wanting to do a hut trip in the current decade, this is it.

Contact Guy Miller for sign up details.

Ring in the New Year in Silverton - Again

Last year as you will remember we could not spend New Year's as a group at the Grand Imperial Hotel in Silverton skiing on Mineral Creek, Molas Pass, Andrew Lake et al. and enjoying a pot luck dinner on New Year's Eve because there was NO SNOW! But that was last year, a 1 in 500 year freakish weather pattern. This year the early forecasts are for a more a traditional snow season so the club has reserved 21 double occupancy rooms at the newly remodeled Grand Imperial Hotel for December 29th, 30th, and 31st with check out the 1st. The rate has gone up some as we were told it would after the extensive remodeling. All double occupancy rooms are now \$75.00 per person per night or \$225.00 per person for the three nights. The rate does not include breakfast but breakfast will be available at a buffet in the hotel.

If you would like to 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 meetings.

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Ski Swaps

The Albuquerque area ski swap sponsored by Sandia Peak Ski Patrol is scheduled for October 26-28. Search for nmskiwap for details. Casual searching shows ski swaps occurring in Santa Fe, Durango, Pagosa Springs. Did not find any confirmations of dates for the events outside of Albuquerque. However, historic data shows occurring

Summarizing, hello autumn, goodbye summer. Which means, ski season is just around the corner. Don't let your ski season get derailed, renew your membership and sign up for some afore mentioned club ski trips.



Membership 2018/2019

We are expecting lots of snow this season, so please join the ski club. We have restructured our membership. The dues for all members are \$15 each, there is no longer a family membership option. However, 1st year under 40 is \$1 and children under 18 are \$1 (the cost of PayPal). The membership website <https://www.nmccscmembership.org>

Using web based renewal reduces the time, effort, transcribing errors recording memberships, and will get you access to Egroups and the website much faster. The aging process of membership renewal (paper forms and checks) is still viable, but inefficient. To members that receive a paper copy of the Newsletter. Your subscription to the paper copy of the newsletter will expire Jan 1, 2019. The cost for a paper newsletter is \$10 for the calendar year. IF you chose to renew your paper subscription please do so with your membership renewal, which is due before the same expiration date.

Instruction

Are you ready to learn about Cross Country skiing basics? It does not matter if you are brand new to the sport, haven't been on skis in years, or just have a friend you would like to introduce cross country skiing to. Come join us for Beginning Cross Country Skiing. The indoor session will be conducted the evening of Wednesday December 12 at the Lomas and Tramway Library (908 Eastridge NE 87123). The outdoor session on Sandia Mountain is scheduled after the New Year's holiday, with an eye on the snow conditions.

Outdoor lessons are free, but one must be a ski club member to attend. Outdoor lessons focus on learning balance and control, kick and glide technique, side step and kick turns. Participants also practice herringbone steps up hill, and the snowplow.

We will have a beginner's instructional overnight car trip mid-season. It will likely be between late January and mid-February, to the Chama Cumbres Pass area. Contact Ruth Bargman-Romero for more information. Skiers of all abilities are welcome to come out.

More Information found at: <http://nmccskiclub.org/instruction/beginner-instruction>

Questions: contact our Instruction chairman - Instruction@NMCCSkiClub.org

Chama Chile Ski Classic

If you cannot get away for the bus trip to Leadville, join ski enthusiasts throughout the southwest for the 45th Annual Chama Chile Ski Classic 2019: January 19, 20, and 21 (MLK weekend). There will be classic and skate races, snowshoe races, a costume contest, and fat tire bike races. Plus a lot of fun in Chama! More info and registration at: <http://www.skichama.com/>

Sierra Club Trips

EXTRA! EXTRA! Read all about it: Available snow adventures with The Sierra Club early 2019. Please check e-mail below for more information; <https://content.sierraclub.org/outings/search?activities=Snow&facets=activities>

Gliding Through Glacier National Park, Montana
\$2,995 Jan 19-26, 2019

Boundary Waters by Dogsled: A Bucket List Adventure, Minnesota
\$1,995 Jan 23-27, 2019

Peak Experience: Snowshoeing in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming
\$4,075 Feb 9-16, 2019

Ski Crater Lake National Park, Oregon
\$1,135 Feb 10-15, 2019

Winter Wildlife and Hot Springs, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming
\$4,195 Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2019

Cross-Country Skiing in the Shadow of Denali, Alaska
\$1,845 Mar 3-8, 2019

Ice, Northern Lights, and Hot Springs in Fairbanks, Alaska
\$2,345 Mar 11-17, 2019

| <i>Calendar of Events 2018-2019</i> | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Thursday | October 11 7:00 – 9:00PM | General Meeting at Garden Club |
| Friday-Sunday | October 26 – October 28 | Albuquerque area Ski Swap |
| Thursday | November 8 7:00 – 9:00PM | General Meeting at Garden Club |
| Wednesday | December 12 6:00 – 7:30PM | Classroom session- Beginning Cross Country Skiing: Library at Tramway & Lomas |
| Thursday | December 13 7:00 – 9:00PM | General Meeting at Garden Club |
| Saturday-Tuesday | December 29 – January 1 | Silverton car trip |
| Monday - Saturday | January 7 – January 12 | Hut Trip – Peter Estin |
| Thursday | January 10 7:00 – 9:00PM | General Meeting at Garden Club |
| Weekend (1 day) | January TBD | Field Instruction - Beginning Cross Country Skiing Sandia Mountains |
| Friday-Monday | January 18-21 | Bus Trip Leadville, Colorado |
| Weekend | January or February | Beginner friendly overnight trip (compliments beginning ski lessons) |
| Thursday | February 14 7:00 – 9:00 PM | General Meeting at Garden club |
| Friday-Monday | February 22 – February 25 | Bus Trip Ouray, Colorado |
| Thursday | March 14 7:00 – 9:00 PM | General Meeting at Garden club |

Proposed Budget 2018-2019

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| Income | | |
| | Bus Trip Ouray with S/C | 16,660.00 |
| | Bus Trip Leadville with S/C | 12,005.00 |
| | Peter Estin Hut w/SC | 1,813.69 |
| | Membership fees | 4,000.00 |
| | Newsletter Mailing Fee | 110.00 |
| | Interest income | 15.00 |
| Total Income | | <u>34,603.69</u> |
| Gross Expense | | |
| | Peter Estin Hut Trip Expense | 1,653.69 |
| | Bus Trip Expense Ouray | 16,016.94 |
| | Bus Trip Expense Leadville | 11,395.44 |
| | Advertising | 200.00 |
| | Officer expenses | |
| | President expense | 50.00 |
| | Treasurer expense | 50.00 |
| | Secretary expense | 25.00 |
| | Vice President expense | 25.00 |
| | Total Officer expenses | <u>150.00</u> |
| | Bank fees | 25.00 |
| | Southwest Cyberport | 129.48 |
| | Corporate Report | 10.00 |
| | 10th Mtn. Div.Hut Assn dues | 35.00 |
| | Filing Fee | 9.90 |
| | Instruction | 200.00 |
| | Insurance | 1,050.00 |
| | Meeting room | 1,325.00 |
| | Membership & Social Media | 280.00 |
| | Newsletter | |
| | Postage | 80.00 |
| | Printing | 165.00 |
| | Supplies | 10.00 |
| | Total Newsletter | <u>255.00</u> |
| | P.O. Box | 140.00 |
| | Programs | 50.00 |
| | Refreshments | 450.00 |
| | Summer Party | 300.00 |
| | Scholarships | 400.00 |
| | Trails | 100.00 |
| | Web site | 400.00 |
| Total Expense | | <u>34,575.45</u> |
| | Net Income | 28.24 |

LEADVILLE, COLORADO **Cost: \$245 per person**
Leaving Friday, 18 Jan, 2019 returning Monday 21 Jan, 2019

Your trip price includes refreshments on the bus, transportation and three nights lodging (including breakfast)
Not included in the trip price are meals and incidentals

A longtime Club favorite destination, Leadville has lots of good backcountry skiing options for all ability levels including a Nordic area. A detailed list of skiing opportunities will be distributed closer to the trip. We will be staying at the Silver King Inn (www.silverkinginnandsuites.com). The hotel serves breakfast and is within walking distance of downtown (1/4 mile). Rooms have coffee makers, and some have mini-fridges and microwaves. All rooms are double occupancy so roommates will be assigned unless you sign up with another person (see form below). Dinner is on your own all 3 evenings. A list of restaurants will be passed around on the bus. There is a Pizza Hut across the street from the hotel. The Club will provide drinks and snacks at a social/information hour each evening.

Deposit \$145 per person due with this application. Balance \$100 due December 15, 2018

Registration form/deposit must be received by November 10, 2018. Mail to:

Max Shepherd, 1413 Adams St NE, Albuquerque, 87110 (cell: 505-270-5258; max.shepherd@comcast.net)

ALL PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE (see Bus Trip Policy on the website)

Alternatively, you may bring the form and deposit to the October or November Club meeting.

If a drawing for seats on the bus is required it will take place after the November club meeting.

Questions? Angela: 505-450-6010; awelford1017@gmail.com

******Club Cancellation Policy******

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.

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LEADVILLE, CO. 18-21 JANUARY, 2019

Name _____ **Best Ph#** _____

Other Ph# _____ **Email** _____

Emergency contact/ph# _____

Ski Ability: Beginner ____ Class I ____ Class II ____ Class III ____

Would you be willing to lead a ski trip in Leadville? Yes ____ No ____ Maybe ____

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

Name _____ **Best Ph#** _____

Other Ph# _____ **Email** _____

Emergency contact/ph# _____

Ski Ability: Beginner ____ Class I ____ Class II ____ Class III ____ **ph#(of contact)** _____

Would you be willing to lead a ski trip in Leadville? Yes ____ No ____ Maybe ____

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OURAY, COLORADO **Cost: \$340 per person**
Leaving Friday, 22 Feb, 2019 returning Monday, 25 Feb, 2019

Your trip price includes refreshments on the bus, transportation and three nights lodging (including breakfast)
Not included in the trip price are meals and incidentals

We are excited to be returning to Ouray and the Red Mountain Pass area. This area has lots of good backcountry skiing options for all ability levels. A detailed list of skiing opportunities will be distributed closer to the trip. We will be staying at the Twin Pines Lodge and Hot Springs (<http://www.twinpeakslodging.com>) at the south end of downtown within walking distance of many restaurants. Rooms have mini-fridges, microwaves, hair dryers and coffee makers. The lodge serves a hot breakfast. All rooms are double occupancy so roommates will be assigned unless you sign up with another person (see form below). Dinner is on your own all 3 evenings. A list of restaurants will be passed around on the bus. The Club will provide drinks and snacks at a social/information hour each evening. Bonus: You can soak your tired muscles in the Lodge's outdoor hot springs fed soaking tubs!

Deposit \$240 per person due with this application. Balance \$100 due December 15, 2018
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OURAY, CO. 22-25 FEBRUARY, 2019

Name _____ **Best Ph#** _____

Other Ph# _____ **Email** _____

Emergency contact/ph# _____

Ski Ability: Beginner ___ Class I ___ Class II ___ Class III ___ **ph#(of contact)** _____

Would you be willing to lead a ski trip in Ouray? Yes ___ No ___ Maybe ___

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

Name _____ **Best Ph#** _____

Other Ph# _____ **Email** _____

Emergency contact/ph# _____

Ski Ability: Beginner ___ Class I ___ Class II ___ Class III ___ **ph#(of contact)** _____

Would you be willing to lead a ski trip in Ouray? Yes ___ No ___ Maybe ___

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| Ratings | | |
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| 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/ | | |

| Avalanche Outlook | |
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| US | https://avalanche.org/ |
| Canada | https://www.avalanche.ca/map |
| Taos | http://taosavalanchecenter.org |
| Crested Butte | http://cbavalanchecenter.org/ |
| Some of the sites from https://avalanche.org | |
| Colorado | http://avalanche.state.co.us/ |
| Utah | https://utahavalanchecenter.org |
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