

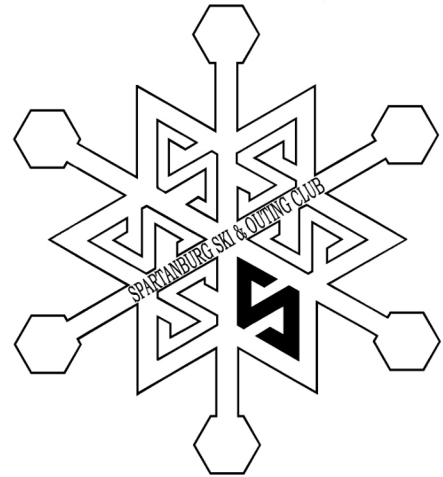
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June 2023

SPARTANBURG SKI and OUTING CLUB



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MEMBER CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL

June 1 (Thursday) , SSOC Membership meeting
at 7:00 pm, Chapman Cultural Center

June 15 (Thursday), SSOC Board meeting
7:00 pm at Basil's

June 18 (Sunday) , Father's Day

June 20 (Tuesday), Mini-Social at 6:30 pm,
Torchwood Tavern in Spartanburg

<http://www.spartanburgskiclub.org>

Wow, things are moving swiftly, and our board is on the move for some new things. I am excited for our next meeting which is at the Chapman Cultural Center Thursday June 1st 7pm to grasp future fun things for our members and occasional guests. Thank you to, the board, who is diligently working for our members infrastructure. Bring a new guest for enticement to join. Make sure to wear your SSOC shirts on as many outings and programs as possible, and if your shirt is a little tethered, get a new one when we meet. Show your team spirit, we can do some fun stuff and create interest in our great group.

Sincerest Regards,
Your presiding President
David Grayshock

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR ..
THURSDAY, JUNE 1st AT 7:00 PM
CHAPMAN CULTURAL CENTER
WE WILL BE MEETING THERE!
SEE YOU SOON!



2023 – 2024 Panel Discussion and Informational Gathering

The Future of the Spartanburg Ski & Outing Club

We are switching things up this year with our summer meetings and WILL meet at Chapman Cultural Center on Thursday, June 1st at 7:00 pm. PLEASE join us – we need your help!

ELSEWHERE in this newsletter you will find an article detailing the various facets of our club and what we do and who we are. At this meeting, we will have three sections of interest for you:



OUTINGS *** MINI – SOCIALS *** PROGRAMS

We want EACH of you in attendance to write on that paper, your ideas of what you want to do, where you want to go and when you want to do it– we should only do for the club what the club wants to do.

The BOD will lead a panel discussion and do our best to answer any questions you may have about the club, by-laws, finances, history – whatever! BUT, most importantly we need your ideas – write it down, let us know.

We are looking for direction and your BOD is NOT the SSOC, YOU are the SSOC!

Please join us on Thursday, June 1st at 7:00 pm for this informative and crucial informational gathering session. Feel free to bring a snack and your beverage of choice. This will be a FUN brainstorming activity club program – let's make it happen Skiclubbers!

Alison



WHO ARE WE ???

WHAT DO ALL OF THESE THINGS MEAN ??

WE, THE SSOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ARE OFTEN CONFUSED TOO !!

Let me do my best to break it down for you ..

SSOC - Spartanburg Ski & Outing Club

All club members - that means you!

SSOC BOD - Board of Directors

Elected and appointed officers that meet the third Thursday of the month, usually at someone's home - occasionally at a restaurant. ANY club member is welcome to join a board meeting to see just what happens.

SSOC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Happens the first Thursday of each month - this is the general monthly club meeting.

SSOC PROGRAM

The agenda for the monthly membership meeting. For example, wine tasting, chili cook off, whatever we might do.

SSOC OUTINGS / ACTIVITIES

These are events that are scheduled outside of our regular club membership meetings on Thursday. Depending on the activity, a sign-up sheet may be required if needed by the activity operator. These activities include our visits to wineries, hikes, bowling, kayaking, boat rides, blueberry picking, etc ...

SSOC MINI-SOCIAL

Once a month, the club meets at a local restaurant for dinner. This is organized by the club director and will require a sign up for seating arrangements. There is no specific day of the week for these to be scheduled and may often include a Saturday or Sunday.

SSOC TRIPS

Club trips have diminished as our active skiers have as well, but basically a club trip is anything offered to us that sends us somewhere. All ski trips including Crescent Ski Council's (generally out west or up New England way), and the Spring and Fall Conventions. Trips and Outings can often be confused or combined - just see what it is. We will do our best to keep you educated.



SSOC June Board meeting

Basil's B52

110 Garner Rd

Spartanburg, SC

Thursday, June 15

6:00 Dinner from the menu

7:00 board meeting

Any member who wishes may attend

But please RSVP to Rich

dikdar@aol.com





June's mini-social will be in Spartanburg at 100 Southport Road 6:30 on Tuesday the 20th. Bare bones style Torchwood Tavern offers burgers to rib-eyes, as well as seafood and chicken dishes. \$2 beers and house booze on Tuesdays.

Feel free to recommend any restaurant that you think we'll enjoy.



It's that time of the year....



Kittens and puppies are coming in at the Humane Society. There is a desperate need for canned kitten food and kitty litter. If you can't find kitten food, canned pate cat food is the next best thing. Of course they still need dog/puppy food, paper towels, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies. Don't throw those old newspapers and towels away, SHS needs those too.

Have you heard we will be meeting at the Chapman Cultural Center in June? Bring a snack and your favorite beverage and come on out, the red wagon will be there so bring something to help fill it up.

For those that bring something for the wagon you will get two free raffle tickets for a chance to win a raffle prize.

You can also make a tax free donation to the Spartanburg Humane Society. I can deliver your check to them when I take our animal supplies.

I hope to see you June 1st!

Joy





If you read last month's newsletter you saw a "Thank You" letter from Patsy Whitney for our donation of \$213. That is money we raised from our raffles and our donation box. We raised \$158 at our May meeting. That is awesome!

Speaking of raffles, we have three nice items you can win in June. All you have to do is purchase a raffle ticket. One dollar each or five dollars gets you six tickets. This month *you can get two free bonus tickets* by bringing items for their food pantry or items for the Humane Society.

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Looking forward to seeing you all,

Joy

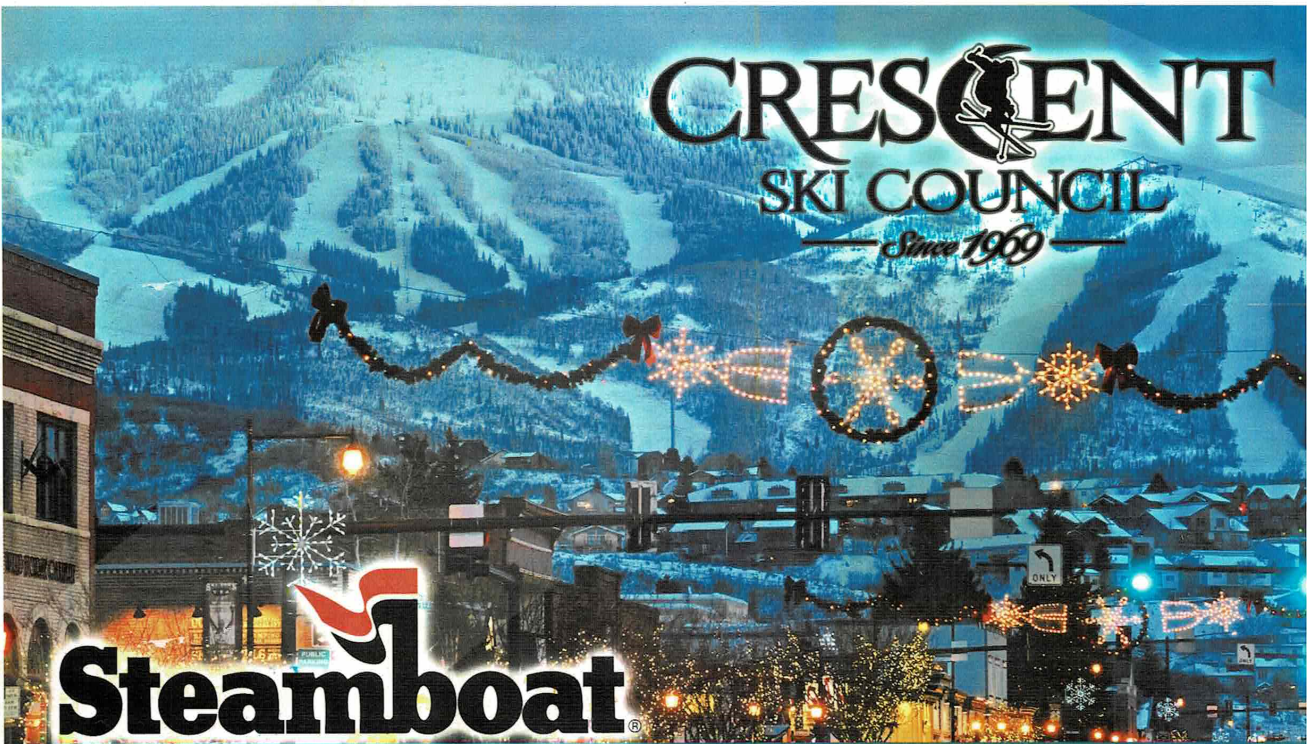


Joy Bobo and Kathy Foster went to St. Luke's on Tuesday with items for their food pantry . This is a “before” and “after” picture.



CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL

Since 1969

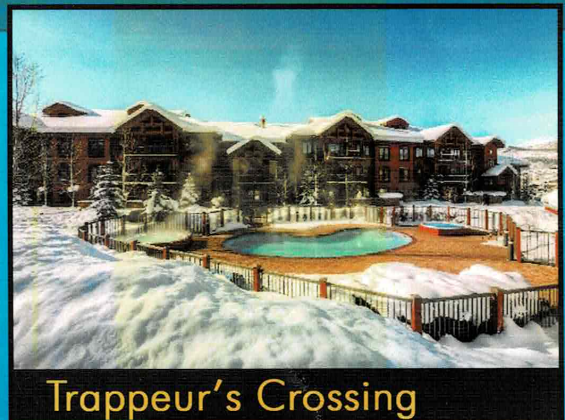


Steamboat

DECEMBER 2-9, 2023

40th Anniversary!

- 7 nights at Trappeur's Crossing
- 5 day lesson package w/3 lunches
- Optional discounted lift tickets
- Optional Roundtrip transfers
- Welcome Reception
- Apres Ski Party
- Midweek BBQ Dinner
- Final Awards Banquet



Trappeur's Crossing

STARTING PRICE **\$1420**
per person/double occ.

6day lift ticket - add \$415

Signup at: www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips

Questions: Steamboat Trip Coordinator - Cathie Mulgrew
cathiemulgrew@yahoo.com
336.473.6869



Taos information is incomplete at this point--there is no flyer yet--will send when it's available. Here is some basic information on the Taos trip:

Jan 13-22, 2024

Group Lift Tickets - to be decided, or purchase IKON Pass through Sportsamerica . May need IKON Base-plus or full price pass for Taos.

Pricing \$1600 without lift tickets
\$1700 for condos

Air - flying in and out of Albuquerque, NM

Lessons package.

Registration starts June 1st!

Hope this helps!
Carol



Crescent Ski Council presents...

Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice

May 19 – 28, 2024



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Please refer to booking #1178779



10 Days • 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Reykjavík, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss, Geysir, Snæfellsnes Peninsula, Breiðafjörður Bay Cruise, Lava Exhibition Center, Vík, Skógar Museum, Skógafoss, Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, Vatnajökull National Park, Seljalandsfoss, Blue Lagoon

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik
Days 4, 5	Fosshotel Stykkisholmur , Stykkisholmur
Days 6 – 8	Hotel Katla by Kea, Vik
Day 9	Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Sunday, May 19, 2024 Overnight Flight Set out on a journey full of dramatic contrasts. Come to know Iceland; a place where steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving behind thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords.

Day 2: Monday, May 20, 2024 Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins Begin in the capital city of Reykjavík. Join a local expert for a walking tour of the city’s old section featuring the city hall, the harbor, the Parliament building and the nearby cathedral, dating from 1796. Then, get to know your fellow travelers during an Icelandic lunch at a popular local restaurant before checking into your hotel in the later afternoon. (L)

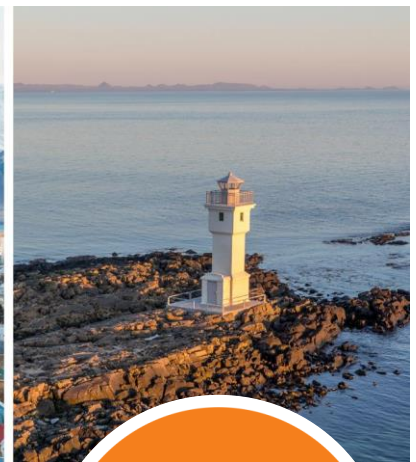
Day 3: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík Travel the Golden Circle and experience renowned natural wonders, including the double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall, the explosive Geysir thermal area, and the famous Thingvellir National Park, where you’ll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Along the way, stop at a family-run dairy farm to enjoy various cheeses and their famous ice cream. Your day ends with a visit to Friðheimar’s stud farm and greenhouse cultivation center. Discover how pesticide-free produce is grown with the aid of geothermal energy and then learn about the tradition of breeding Icelandic show horses before returning to Reykjavík. (B)

Day 4: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 Reykjavík - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Stykkishólmur Explore the Snæfellsnes Peninsula and take in black sand beaches, volcanic craters and the Snæfellsjökull glacier. Put your camera to work snapping photos of this dramatic landscape during a walk along the coastline. Connect with the local culture during a visit to a maritime museum illustrating fishing techniques, such as the century-old tradition of catching and preserving the Greenland shark; you’ll also taste *hákarl* – cured shark meat. (B, D)

Day 5: Thursday, May 23, 2024 Stykkishólmur - Breiðafjörður Cruise - Stykkishólmur Begin your day with a walk on Súgandisey Island, searching for marine birds and taking in the views of Stykkishólmur before joining a nature cruise of Breiðafjörður Bay. As you drift across the water, sample fresh scallops and sea urchin roe straight from the ocean. You might spot puffins,* cormorants, and the white-tailed eagle soaring as you look out to the shoreline. This afternoon, **it’s your choice!** Follow local tradition and take a hike up Helgafell Mountain, known as the Sacred Hill, with your Tour Manager **-OR-** spend some time on your own at Stykkisholmur Swimming Pool, a facility with both outdoor and indoor swimming pools and thermal pools to soak in. (B)

Day 6: Friday, May 24, 2024 Stykkishólmur - Lava Exhibition Center - Vík Learn about geothermal renewable energy on a visit to Hellisheiðavirkjun, the largest power station in Iceland, and the second largest geothermal power station in the world. Visit the Lava Exhibition Center and delve into Iceland’s past and present volcanic eruptions. Arrive in Vík, Iceland’s southernmost village, and one of the most remarkable spots in Iceland. (B, D)

Day 7: Saturday, May 25, 2024 Vík - Skógar Museum - Sólheimajökull Glacier - Vík Drive along the scenic south shore to the Skógar Museum. Discover its turf-built houses and



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its collection of farm and domestic artifacts. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the tallest in Iceland. View Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach scattered with caves and surrounded by basalt columns and cliffs. The beach is rich with bird life, such as the fulmar, black guillemot, razorbill, and gannet. You might also spot some nesting puffins* along the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey, a volcanic peninsula towering over the ocean. Cap off your day with a visit to Sólheimajökull Glacier, part of Iceland's fourth largest ice cap. Take in its dramatic, blue-white ice, rugged crevasses, and stunning views. (B, D)

Day 8: Sunday, May 26, 2024 Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Vatnajökull National Park - Vík Journey to Vatnajökull, Iceland's largest National Park and home to the country's highest mountains. Marvel at the vistas and snowy

mountain peaks while you set sail** along the huge icebergs of the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon. Keep your eyes peeled for possible seal sightings and get to taste the 1,000-year-old ice that surrounds you. (B, D)

Day 9: Monday, May 27, 2024 Vík - Seljalandsfoss - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík Make a picture stop at Seljalandsfoss, where you'll walk behind a waterfall for views from the inside-out. In the afternoon, visit the Blue Lagoon and soak in the warm, mineral-rich waters, located in the heart of a dramatic lava field, before returning to Reykjavik. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a local dining experience and share stories of your days in Iceland. (B, D)

Day 10: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 Reykjavík - Tour Ends Depart for home with memories of your Icelandic adventure. (B)

Experience It! Geothermal Greenhouses

Growing food in Iceland has historically been a challenge for residents due to the cold climate, unproductive land, and at times, a lack of natural light. Discover how modern technology defies these natural challenges with geothermal greenhouses. At a family-run greenhouse, learn how they are able to harness the natural warmth from the ground's geothermic waters and use it to create a year-round Mediterranean climate. Join a horticultural expert for an insider's look at innovative growing methods used to produce a large variety of tomatoes that are able thrive in this otherwise challenging environment.

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1178779>

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Nov 20, 2023, valid on air inclusive packages only.
IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

On occasion, some activities may not be available due to inclement weather.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Appropriate clothing is critical to fully enjoying your trip. Iceland's weather conditions are ever-changing and require sturdy waterproof shoes and layers of waterproof and windproof clothing.

*Puffins can usually be viewed mid-May through mid-August.

**During the months of April and October, the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon cruise may not operate due to seasonality. This is reflected in the land price for these time periods.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.



Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Icelandair gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 10:00 a.m.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$1,147 per person (which includes cancellation waiver and insurance) is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of November 13, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by March 20, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until November 20, 2023.

CST#2006766-20 UBN#601220855 Nevada Sellers of Travel Registration No. 2003-0279

For important reservation information visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1178779>.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.

Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!



June 15 Barbara Allen

June 20 Nancy Rhodes



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SPARTANBURG SKI & OUTING CLUB

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NOTES

Any Spartanburg Ski Club member may submit items for publication in the newsletter. The publication deadline is the Saturday following the board meeting each month, which can be found on the pull-out calendar in the newsletter. Call Teresa for information on how to submit your newsletter item.

Also, don't forget - the club has a "tent" available for rent. It is an 18 X 20 tent, and it is easy to assemble. We also have 4 tables that can be rented with or without the tent. We have the makings for that special occasion and it is all very reasonably priced! Tent rental is \$ 35. Tables can be rented for \$5 per table. Remember; don't have a party without the comfort of shade. Your guests will appreciate it and so will the club! For rentals of either tent or tables contact Joy Bobo.

The Spartanburg Ski & Outing Club normally meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. We are located at the Chapman Cultural Center (West Wing) on East St. John Street in Spartanburg on the first floor. During the summer months (June, July, and August) meetings are frequently held, more informally, at different sites and times. Therefore it is necessary to consult the club web site or a current newsletter for the time and location. April's meeting is held at the Piedmont Club.

The club does **not** provide alcoholic beverages at membership meetings, but members are allowed to bring their own (BYOB) choices of beer or wine. Over-indulgence is not condoned under any circumstances. Thank you.

Become a Member

A copy of our membership application is located at the following web address:

<http://www.spartanburgskiclub.org/membership/ssocappl.doc>

SPARTANBURG SKI & OUTING CLUB We
PO BOX 2864
SPARTANBURG, SC 29304

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June

2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				SSOC Board meeting, 7:00 pm at Basil's		
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