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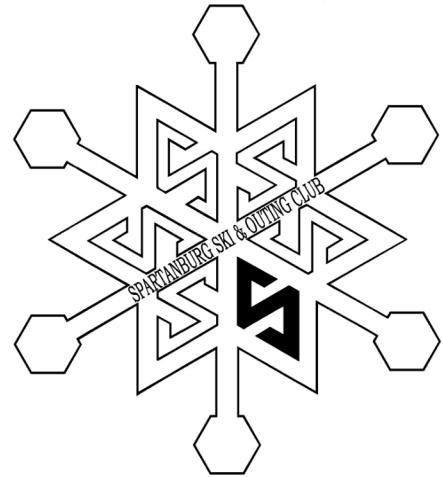
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MEMBER CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL

November 2 (Thursday), Fall Festival Dessert Extravaganza at 7:00 pm, Chapman Cultural Center

November 9 (Thursday), Mini-Social at 6:30 pm at Smoking Butt Heads , Spartanburg

November 16 (Thursday), SSOC Board meeting at 7:00 pm at David's home

November 19 (Sunday), Chili and Hot Apple Cider at Alpine Ski Center, 1:00 pm-5:00pm

November 23 (Thursday), Thanksgiving

<http://www.spartanburgskiclub.org>

Hi to all of our SSOC members and guests checking out the latest news about us!! Up and coming, here are a few.

Nov. 2nd Desserts at Chapman Cultural Center

Nov. 4th Barn Tours: Contact Patricia Lee

Nov. 9th Smoking Butt Heads: Contact Patricia Lee

Nov. 12th Wine tasting at total wines: Contact Teresa Bowers

November 19th chili and apple cider at Alpine Ski Center in Greenville : contact Mark McCall

Keep visiting St Lukes and the Humane Society (recycled medicine containers): Contact Joy Bobo

Dec. 7th Cookie Swap

Keep bringing outings to the board.

Read the Rest of The Newsletter for Details!!!!

Thank you to all of our organizers and team players that attend, it makes it fun!! Hope to see you out with your Ski Club Swag On.

David G.



Fall Festival Dessert Extravaganza

Thursday November 2, 2023

7:00 PM

Chapman Cultural Center

Spartanburg, SC



This is a chance to show off your dessert skills.

Bring your favorite dessert (with a fall theme) to share
and enjoy the flavors

There will be a short meeting before the fun starts





If you missed our October membership meeting you missed a great time! Between the German food, German BINGO, and the raffle that contained some Oktoberfest beer glasses with German beer, and chocolate you missed a FUN time. Congratulations to Fran and Rick who walked away with the goods. Through these raffles and the donation box we also brought in \$96 for St. Luke's.

Our members also brought in so many donations for the Spartanburg Humane Society and the St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic that I once again headed home with a car full of items for both charities.

Thank you to each and every one of you that contributed to this "load of love".





BARN 2023



November 4
*RD November 11
10am - 4pm

Tickets \$45
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local stores, online
and at each barn

5 Beautiful Barns
Gorgeous Countryside
Spectacular Fall Leaves

Family Friendly Event
Local Chili Cookoff
Art by Local Artists



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visit tryonhounds.com/barn-tour

TOUR

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&
CHILI!



I was excited to see a barn tour offered by the Tryon Hounds on November 4 from 10-4. This event takes you to 5 state-of-the-art barns in Columbus, Tryon, Mill Spring and Lake Lure. When you visit your first barn you'll get a map and descriptions of the barns. There'll be artists displaying and selling their art and a chili cook-off by local chefs! The cost is \$50. Although this is an SSOC event, this will be a self-tour so purchase your own tickets. You can go in whatever order you wish and stay as long as you want. Wear good walking shoes.

<www.tryonhounds.com/barn-tour> Pat





Our last mini-social of 2023 will be in downtown Spartanburg at the newly opened Smoking Butthead's BBQ. The owner, Todd Smith, is a world-wide champion so we can expect the best of bbq, ribs, brisket etc. We'll be meeting on Thursday November 9th at 6:30. Their menu can be found at <www.smokingbuttsheadsbbq.com> You're encouraged to invite friends, that's often the way we get new members. Always let me know how many will be coming so we have the tables set up for enough people. "Butthead's" is located on 111 W Main Street on the corner in the old Wild Wings building on Morgan Square. See you there? Pat (964) 497-0060



Chili and Hot Apple Cider at Alpine Ski Center
Sunday, November 19, 1-5

30 Orchard Park Drive, Greenville, SC

See what is new at our only local ski shop and socialize with friends in the Spartanburg and Greenville ski Clubs. Some special prices will be available. This is a great time to bring in your skis for a tune up before the snow flies.

Mark and Teresa will make and serve hot apple cider and the Greenville club will provide chili and fixings. Hope to see you there.





Our November membership meeting is going to have some amazing seasonal sweets to sample. As you are picking up ingredients for your desserts, pick up a few cans of food for the St. Luke's food pantry. We are blessed to be able to afford our food. Let's bless the St. Luke's patients with some good food too.

There is also an urgent need for canned Pate' cat food for the Spartanburg Humane Society. Pate' is preferred because it can be used for cats and kittens. Dry food for dogs and cats as well as old blankets, pillows, throws, towels and cleaning products are needed. Make sure everything is clean and still has some life left in it before you donate it. As cold weather approaches, some warm blankets and throws would be perfect for sleeping on.

The red wagon will be at the meeting, so let's fill it up!

Both of these organizations appreciate **every** thing we do and give.





Start baking your favorite cookies for our December 7th meeting. Bring some tins and if there's any left over after we enjoy each other's treats, we can bring some home!





The SSOC annual Holiday Party will be held January 6th, 2024 at the home of Joy Bobo.

Mark your calendar so you won't miss this fabulous event. More info to come next month.





Wanda Meadows
Barbara Rogers
Carol McCall
Dan Pappas

November 5
November 6
November 10
November 10



SKICLUBBERS!

Help me – help them and you – feel better!

Don't forget – if you know a SSOC member who is going through something rough, be it an illness, surgery, loss of any kind – please let me know. I would like nothing more than to send that person a card from the club just to let them know we are thinking of them.

Everybody needs that special love every now & then,
And we can make that happen!

Thanks!

Your SSOC Good Wishes Fairy,
Alison





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2023/2024 Crescent Ski Council Race Series

December 2 - 9, 2023	<i>Steamboat Race Camp--Call Sports America Tours 800 876 8551</i>
December 3, 2023	<i>CSC Development Training at Appalachian 9:00 to 3:00</i>
December 8 - 10, 2023	<i>Sugar Mt. Race Camp Call Kim Jöchl 828 898 4521 x224</i>

Race Format - Two runs of Slalom on Saturdays; two runs of Giant Slalom on Sundays

December 16 & 17, 2023 Appalachian Mtn, NC Race 9:30

January 6 & 7, 2024 Sugar Mtn, NC Race 9:00

January 13-20, 2024 Crescent Ski Council Ski Week

February 3 & 4, 2024 Beech Mtn, NC Race 9:30

February 5, 2024 Cup Run Challenge at Snowshoe, WV

February 10 & 11, 2024 Sugar Mtn, NC Race 9:00

February 24 & 25, 2024 Appalachian Mtn, NC Race 9:30

March TBA 2024 Governor’s Cup Race at Timberline, WV 9:30

March TBA 2024 Dick Trundy/Sugar Cup GS Sugar Mt. 9:00

March TBD Crescent Cup TBA

March TBA 2024 NASTAR Nationals

DEC. 2-9, 2023 CSC Racing’s 40th RACE CAMP @ STEAMBOAT—PLAN NOW! REGISTER ONLINE <https://www.crescentskicouncil.org/clubtrips.html>

CSC RACE SERIES SPONSORS OF THE MONTH

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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)

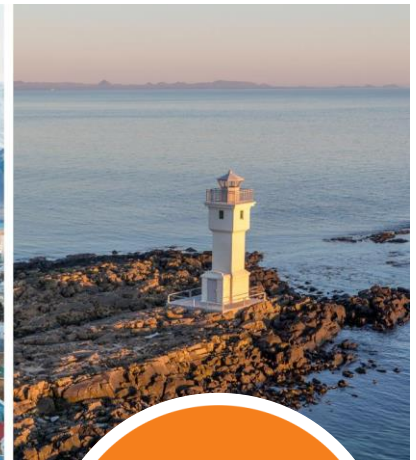
Day 3: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík Travel the Golden Circle and experience renowned natural wonders, including the double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall, the explosive Geysir thermal area, and the famous Thingvellir National Park, where you'll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic 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:

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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.

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You can also find this information on your tour documents.

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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>

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November

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				Fall Festival Dessert Extravaganza at 7:00 pm, Chapman Cultural Center		Barn Tour from 10-4 pm
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				Mini-Social at 6:30 pm, Smoking Butt Heads, Spartanburg		
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Wine tasting at 4:00 pm, Total Wine's in Greenville				SSOC Board meeting at 7:00 pm, David's home		
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Chili and apple cider at Alpine Ski Center in Greenville, 1-5 pm						
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