

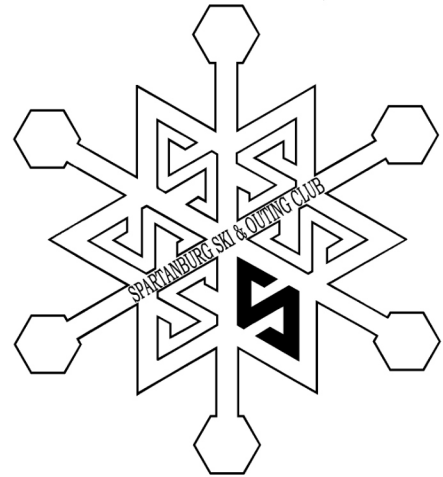
A Non-Profit Organization

September 2026

SPARTANBURG SKI and OUTING CLUB



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MEMBER CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL

September 3 (Thursday) - Fall Membership Meeting at Croft State Park, Spartanburg at 6:00 pm

September 12 (Saturday) - Hippie Birthday Bash at Parker-Binns Winery at 2:00 pm

September 17 (Thursday) - SSOC Board Meeting at The Grapevine in Boiling Springs at 7:00 pm

September 24 (Thursday) - Mini-Social at River Falls Cafe in Duncan at 6:30 pm

September 26 (Saturday) - Kayak and Canoe on Lake Lanier at 10:00 am

<http://www.spartanburgskiclub.org>



The President's Page ...

WOW, August sure was a busy month for us, there was so much to do ... September brings adventures as well - be sure to read your newsletter to find out everything we are doing!

Our club membership meeting will be Thursday, September 3rd at Croft State Park in Spartanburg (same place we were in May) starting about 6:00 pm - this is a CONCEALED BYOB (state park rules and all) and a potluck event - we will eat about 6:30 pm. Laura Taber, Croft Park Ranger will speak with us briefly about the Friends of Croft and some volunteer opportunities for us to help them out. Please plan to attend.

Be sure to check out what Joy needs from us for her RED wagon and for the women at St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic. All donations, as you know, will be greatly appreciated!

Also coming up in September is the Parker Binns Winery Hippie Fest & the rescheduled kayak trip on Lake Lanier. And, we know that Pat will have a great mini-social for us somewhere along the way!

Looking ahead to the fall, we may have a trivia contest and a sunset cruise on Lake Bowen, perhaps a Games Night - there is bound to be something to spark your interest! Keep engaged with your club!

See you in September!
Alison



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

**6:00 pm ~ Croft State Park, Spartanburg ~
Twin Oaks Shelter**

Please join us as we kick off our Fall Membership Meeting at Croft State Park for a meeting, potluck dinner & guest speaker.

We will meet about 6:00 or so and then eat around 6:30. Laura Taber, Croft Park Ranger, will speak to us afterwards about some of the things going on at this wonderful park, their need for help and how we can help provide just that!

I hope you can join us

Alison



This was the ribbon cutting for Croft's Kids In Parks Track Trail, one of the many ways Friends of Croft helps the Park.



PARKER-BINNS

— Vineyard —

Karen's

Wippie

Birthday Bash!

PEACE • LOVE • WINE

Saturday, September 12th



PBV POURING
12PM - 7PM



RELISH KITCHEN
12PM - 6:30PM



MOUNTAIN VIEW BBQ
12PM - 6PM



SETH & SARA LIVE
12PM - 3PM

CRAFT VENDORS
ON SITE!



LAZRLUVR
4PM - 7PM

Grab Your
Tickets
Here! ↓



Good Vibes, Great Wine &
Birthday Cheers for Gram!



Something fun for September! Dress up in your tie-dyes, bell bottoms, fringe, baubles, feathers whatever and join the crowd for the annual Hippie Birthday Bash at Parker-Binns Winery. We plan on getting there at 2pm, setting up a pop-up tent and enjoying the vibes. We can bring our own food to share as long as we're on the lawn. There'll be craft vendors, food trucks, live music and just plain fun! Tickets are \$10 each and it's a rain or shine event. If you want to purchase your tickets do it using the QR code. If you want me to order them let me know asap as this is a popular event and is known to sell out quickly. Address: 2275 Whiteside Road, Mill Spring NC. Peace, love and wine.

Patricia Lee 864-497-0060 or
patricia159@windstream.net

River Falls Cafe

By popular demand we're going to River Falls Cafe in Duncan on Thursday September 24 at 6:30. We ate there over 3 years ago. River Falls is on 2099 East Main Street at the end of a strip mall. Although the storefront is rather humble the food is delicious. You can check the menu: <https://riverfallscafe.com/food-menu>. They have a Happy Hour from 3-7. Hope you can make it. I'll send out a reminder a week before.

Patricia Lee <patricia1259@windstream.net> 864 497-0060



Kayak and Canoe on Lake Lanier

Saturday, September 26 2026

We will meet at 10:00 am in the Antique Mall parking lot [1005 S Trade St, Tryon] across from the road to Lake Lanier.

My parking area is small so we need to carpool. We will explore the lake, have a swim or float and picnic on my boathouse roof. Bring your own lunch. I will provide white wine and water. I have extra kayaks and canoes but if you want to bring your own go ahead.

If you arrive late the address is 998 E Lakeshore Dr, Landrum, SC.

Mark and Carol
864 580-0891



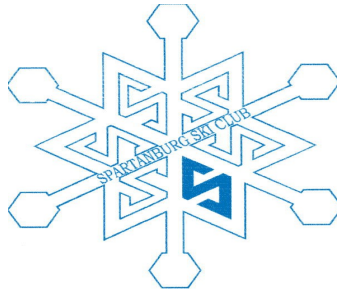


Joy Bobo
Bob Fennessy
Elke Schoellkopf
Kay Towle

September 4
September 15
September 19
September 28



Spartanburg Ski & Outing Club



Hey Ski Clubbers, that time of year is coming too fast (in my opinion), for the 2026-2027 Club Renewal. This is just a reminder that starting August 15, I will be sending all members an e-mail containing the Renewal form for printing. The Renewal cost is still \$40 for singles and \$50 for family.

If printing is an obstacle, I will be happy to mail the Renewal Form to you, just email blaine2450@gmail.com or call 717-858-5767 to let me know if I should mail one to you. I will also have forms with me at the Membership Meeting at Ivo's house on August 6th.

Here's hoping y'all come back to another wonderful year of all sorts of activities.

Blaine Decker

Membership Director





SSOC, we did it again. For the month of August we wanted to collect as much kitty litter as we could. Thanks to our dedicated members we donated just over **200 pounds** of litter! But we had so much more than kitty litter. We had detergent, cat food, dog food, treats, cleaning items, poop bags, paper shreds and more. It was truly a donation of all the items they are in constant need of.

A big thank you to Joy, Alison, Teresa, Nancy, Rich and Conni for making the delivery. The group even went out to lunch afterwards. A good time was had by all.





This is the current wish list for items for St. Luke's. Please pay particular attention to the *Personal Care Items*. Please pick up a few of these items in addition to a few food items from the list as well.

*** Dollar General *** has a \$1.00 aisle that has some great items. Everything anyone one would need for personal care. Make that extra stop and get more bang for your buck.





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June 12, 2026
Spartanburg Ski & Outing Club
PO Box 2864
Spartanburg, SC 29304-2864

Dear Joy and Connie,

On behalf of all of us at St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic, thank you for your generous gift of \$125.00 on June 12, 2026. Your support helps us continue delivering high-quality, compassionate healthcare at no cost to Spartanburg County neighbors who would otherwise go without. Today, more than 39,000 people in our community are uninsured. For many, even basic healthcare feels out of reach. Thanks to you, St. Luke's continues to bridge that gap every day.

Because of donors like you, 2025 was a year of meaningful growth and impact. We served 1,755 unique patients through nearly 6,900 medical visits, provided more than 1,500 specialty and referral visits, filled 19,566 prescriptions, and delivered over 250 behavioral health visits. Together, these services represented more than \$33 million in direct and indirect healthcare value. Every number represents a person whose life was changed because you chose to give.

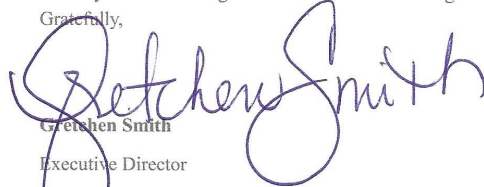
This past year also marked continued progress in our pediatric pilot program at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, which expands care to uninsured children who do not qualify for Medicaid. The program remains highly utilized and continues to grow as families seek access to preventive care, well-child visits, and ongoing support. We recently completed a modular exam room to improve privacy and comfort for our youngest patients, and we are working to strengthen specialty referral connections to meet their long-term needs.

We are also expanding language access for our growing Spanish-speaking population by investing in bilingual staff and certified interpreters, ensuring that every patient is understood and respected. Through our mobile clinic, community teaching garden, health education programs, and partnerships with local healthcare providers and educational institutions, we continue extending care beyond our walls and meeting people where they are.

Your generosity also strengthens a network powered by more than 300 volunteers who contributed over 12,000 hours of service last year. Their dedication, combined with your support, allows St. Luke's to remain a trusted medical home for individuals and families who would otherwise go without care. Together, we are building a healthier, more equitable Spartanburg where everyone, regardless of income or background, has access to the care they need to thrive.

Thank you for believing in this mission and for being an essential part of the St. Luke's family.

Gratefully,


Gretchen Smith
Executive Director
gsmith@slfmc.org
864-285-9717

Thank you for
your constant
support!

*St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; EIN 57-0943232.
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2026 – 2027 SPARTANBURG SKI & OUTING CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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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PO BOX 2864 Go
SPARTANBURG, SC 29304 for
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September

2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				Fall Membership Meeting at Croft State Park, Spartanburg at 6:00 pm		
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Labor Day						Hippie Birthday Bash at Parker-Binns Winery at 2:00 pm
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				SSOC Board Meeting at The Grapevine in Boiling Springs at 7:00 pm		
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