

Ski Scoops

December 2015

President's Message

2016 Meeting Date Changes

The holiday season is upon us and before you know it it's over. Sure, it's nice to visit with family and friends. So is skiing and snowboarding with YSC friends. With the cold weather coming, the real fun is about to begin.

There are ticket lines, airport security lines and lift lines. There are alcoholic drinks, high jinxes and no sinks (at the Colonial Inn). There is Belleayre near, more beer and the possibility of a dead deer. Pray for sunny days, runs that amaze and purple haze. There are expensive foods, skiing in the woods and I wish I could. There are steeps, deeps and lack of sleep. Sit back, relax and enjoy your YSC trip with friends and reminisce about the good times.

Due to our trip schedules, there will be a conflict with our January and February regular YSC meeting schedule. Club meeting will be held one week earlier on the second Tuesday as follows:

JANUARY 12, 2016 (NOT 01/19/16) • FEBRUARY 9, 2016 (NOT 02/16/16)

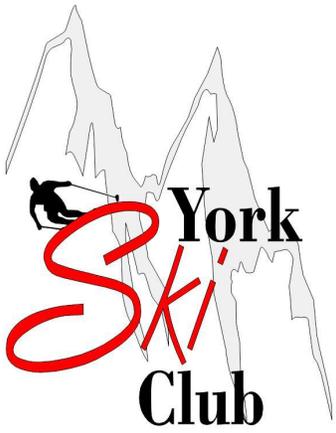
So mark your calendar now!

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Rick (O'Shay)

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND SOCIAL December 15, 2015

The YSC annual Christmas Party will be at The Stone Grille on Saint Charles Way, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Come early to socialize and take advantage of the happy hour drink specials from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. YSC will supply pizzas. Members are encouraged to bring cookies or tasty holiday treats to share. Donations for door prize raffles would be greatly appreciated. The business meeting and raffle starts at 7:00 pm. *Guests are welcome.*



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BOARD MEETING

December 22, 2015

INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA • February 12-20, 2016 (Fri-Sat)



While we have made our final payment to the tour operator, we still have room for a single male. If you haven't provided Rick Resh with a copy of your passport, **DO IT NOW!** Airline tickets must be an exact match. Your passport must expire after September 2016.

Innsbruck, Austria is the capital of the state of Tyrol-the birthplace of skiing as we know it! Innsbruck finds itself torn between being an incredible ski destination, offering some of the world's most varying terrain, and a world-class cosmopolitan city – full of culture and nightlife! The trip cost is \$1,699 pp/do (without lift tickets) and \$1,899 pp/so. We plan to ski a different area each day. Non-ski members also plan to take sightseeing excursions (extra cost) everyday.

The signup forms are available online or by contacting Rick Resh (717-767-5951).

Remember the package does not include lift tickets.

Please make your payments payable to "York Ski Club" and mail to Rick Resh, 1360 Briaridge Drive, York, PA 17404. Please provide a copy of your passport with the form. Contact Rick if you have any questions.

Trip packets will not be available for distribution at the January 12, 2016 meeting. Details for pickup or distribution will follow later.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

A: Any and all cancellations received 119 to 90 days prior to departure-\$400.00 per person contacted cancellation fee.

B. Any and all cancellations received 89 to 45 days prior to departure-\$1,200.00 per person contacted cancellation fee.

C. Any and all cancellations received 44 days or less to departure – no refunds.

No refunds for early departure or late arrival. No shows, no refund. No partial refunds will be made on airfare, or any unused lodging portions of this package.

NAME CHANGES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND REPLACEMENTS

Airline-related fees: Applicable to name changes, substitutions, cancellations after ticketing...

Where possible, Alphon Tours Inc. will make name changes and substitution of passengers with only a \$100.00 reissue fee. Per ATI's contract with the various airlines involved, a fee of \$100.00 may apply to correct a name and \$250.00 to transfer the ticket to a substitute passenger.

Participants who cancel their trip after ticketing will have a non-refundable ticket.

TRIP INSURANCE:

Trip participants can also go to www.alphortours.com homepage and click on the Travel Guard link at bottom of webpage to sign up for trip insurance. If you call Travel Guard directly at (800) 549-9037 you need to give Alphon Tours' agency code of 125081.

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VAL d'ISERE, FRANCE

March 4 – 13, 2016

YORK SKI CLUB presents Val d'Isere & Espace Killy, France With a day in Annecy, France Before a Sunday departure



Val d'Isere, France - Is located in the Savoy Region of the majestic French Alps, Val d'Isere is one of the world's largest and most famous ski resorts. Come ski the Olympic slopes of Val d'Isere in the tracks of Jean Claude Killy! Val d'Isere offers enough challenge to make this region the favorite of accomplished skiers, yet the wide-open, rolling slopes make it all seem easy. It is literally possible to ski day after day without taking the same run for a second time. Enjoy **Espace Killy**, Val d'Isere to **Tignes**, for many hours and miles of skiing.

The **Hotel Altitude***** is **ski-in/ski-out** chalet-style hotel is located near the Face de Bellevarde ski slope and has a warm and homey atmosphere with the restaurant serving good quality, traditional French food. Located at the foot of the Olympic gondola, the Altitude is a 3-minute walk (300m) across the slopes from the village centre. Most rooms have balcony with views of the mountains, lounge with open fire, cocktail bar, restaurant, sauna, solarium, Turkish bath, ski room with boot dryer, lift, and wireless internet access.

Before returning home via Geneva, spend a full day at the idyllic lakeside town of Annecy. The city's medieval town center, with its canals, are considered the Venice of the Savoie, and straddles the Thiou River, and sits on the shore of Lake Annecy. Spend the day exploring its chateau, palais, cathedral or take a leisurely stroll along the lake. (Considered one of France's best by Michelin Green Guide). We will be staying at **Hotel Splendid*****, which is right along the lake.

Trip Price Includes All of the Following:

- Motorcoach bus from York to EWR
- Group transfers between hotels/airports
- SEVEN nights' accommodation in the center of Val d'Isere (double occ.)
- Full European Buffet breakfast & Gourmet Dinner each evening at hotel
- Wine and cheese party upon arrival in Val d'Isere
- Int'l Departure Taxes, Security Fees & Fuel Surcharges (may change at time of ticketing based on current rates)
- Saturday overnight in Annecy at the 'Splendid Hotel'

REVISION TO THE FRANCE TRIP:

The optional trip has been changed to Lucerne, Switzerland. The dates and price are yet to be determined. Contact Mike Oberdick for details or see him at the club meeting.

TRIP PRICE: \$2,925.00 (dbl occ) ONLY 32 spots available – send your deposit

TODAY!!!! Check out "TRIP ADVISOR" for details about "Hotel Altitude" and the "Splendid Hotel" in Annecy.

Anticipated special Alphorn rate of \$300 - \$325 additional for 6-day Espace Killy lift pass with Carre Neige Insurance included. Senior/Junior rates may be available but cannot be confirmed at this time.

Current flight times to be determined: Flying Newark – Geneva

To sign up or obtain additional information please contact: Mike Oberdick - (717) 542-1735 or swissnutmike@gmail.com

Initial deposit of \$500.00 due ASAP to confirm your spot on this popular trip

Please make checks payable to York Ski Club and mail to Mike Oberdick, 245 Hillstream Rd. Red Lion, PA 17356

ONE FORM must be completed for EACH PERSON



Enclosed is my \$500.00 per person deposit for the March 4-13, 2016 Val d'Isere trip.

Name _____ Rooming with: _____

(EXACTLY as it appears on your Passport)

Email: _____

Address _____ Cell Phone: _____

D.O.B. / Passport # & Exp date: _____

(Please check) Yes, I have read and understand the cancellation & refund policies on the reverse side.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

KILLINGTON, VT SPRING FLING • March 30 – April 2, 2016

You may be thinking of Christmas, but we are thinking about after Easter. This is not an April Fool's joke. Our Spring Fling Trip is to Killington, Vermont beginning Wednesday, March 30 through Sunday April 2, 2016. Trip includes three days of skiing at Beast of the East and lodging at the Pinnacle Condos, just a short drive to the Killington base area or Bear Mountain. Since this is a carpool trip, we may stop at Hunter Mountain or Ski Wyndham on the way to Vermont. The three day pass can also be used once at Okemo Mountain.

The trip package includes four nights, lodging and three days of lift tickets at Killington for \$ 495 per person/quad occupancy. Send check payable to "York Ski Club" to Richard Resh, 1360 Briargate Drive, York, PA 17404. Contact Rick at 717-767-5951 if any questions.

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Canaan, Timberline, and Wisp March 3-7, 2016

This economical 4 night trip includes lots of skiing and snowshoeing. Carpool with friends to the Deep Creek Lake area of Garrett County, Maryland to ski Wisp (on your own) on Thursday, March 3rd. Full day tickets cost \$49.00 (last years' price). After a day of skiing, make your way to Davis, West Virginia and check-in to the Deluxe Cottages at Canaan Valley Resort State Park. These 4 bedroom, 2 full bath cabins are complete with full kitchens, fireplaces, and cable television. Almost a million acres of wilderness and miles of trails for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are just outside your front door. There is a convenient shuttle bus that stops at Canaan Resort and other places along the mountain road in case you get tired and want a lift back to the cabin.

We will ski Canaan and Timberline as a group (included in the price) and there will be an option to ski another day at Canaan on Monday for \$15.00 extra if you donate a can of food to their food drive. One day, we will lead a 3 hour tour for beginners and intermediates who want to try cross-country skiing. One option will be to purchase a \$7.00 (last years' pricing) single ride ticket to the top of Canaan and we will ski the backcountry to Whitegrass Ski Touring area a few miles away. Scott will

also lead a hearty group that will hike up from the bottom of the resort and meet up with the other group on top of Bald Mountain. Once we all arrive at Whitegrass, we will enjoy craft beer and wine and eat healthy food, while listening to rock and roll and watching backcountry powder skiing on their tv's.

For non-skiers, there is also plenty to do. Seneca Rocks is not too far away for a day trip and Blackwater Falls is a must-see in the winter. Ice skating, snow tubing and year-around horse-back riding are also very close to the Cabins. Visit the glass-blowing studio and take a class.

The trip cost is \$295.00 for 4 nights lodging and 2 lift tickets. This trip also has lots of options to keep you busy. A minimum of 14 and a maximum of 24 people will make this trip a success. Please join us, and bring a friend.

For more information, contact Chip Konrad at 858-1676 or Scott Burford at 779-9141.



Belleayre Mountain, NY January 29-31, 2016

The very popular trip to Belleayre Mountain is once again on the Club's trip schedule. The trip is filling up quickly-so if you are thinking about it...you better sign up. Members will be lodging at the historic Colonial Inn & Restaurant, just about two miles from the ski area. For those who have never been to Belleayre Mtn., it has a trail system that is suited for all ski levels. Its high base elevation means it gets more natural snow than other areas in the Catskills. Check out their website at www.belleayre.com for more information.

Travel Day: Friday, January 29, 2016- members will carpool to Pine Hill, NY at their leisure. There are nearby resorts that members may want to ski as they are traveling. Some popular half day destinations are Elk Mtn; Hunter and Windham. Check in time is 4pm. A pizza party will be held Friday evening.

Lodging: The Colonial Inn & Restaurant is a rustic family style inn that was built in 1870. It has 12 cozy rooms with private baths, a very large TV and lounge area, cocktail lounge and eclectic display of furnishings. Special arrangements can be made for those arriving on Thursday.

Meals: The package includes the pizza party on Friday night; breakfast on Saturday/Sunday; and the popular Saturday Evening Buffet Dinner from 6-9pm.

Summary: 2 Nights lodging (Fri/Sat); 1-day lift ticket (Sat) with an optional Sunday add-on; 2 Breakfasts (Sat/Sun); and Saturday evening buffet dinner(meal gratuity and room taxes included). Members are responsible for their own adult beverages.

Trip Cost: \$315.00 single occupancy; \$235.00 double occupancy; \$225.00 triple occupancy; \$215.00 quad
A minimum deposit of \$80 along with your trip reservation form will reserve your space. Your second payment will be due by 10/31/15 and final payment will be due by 11/30/15. After 12/1/15, there are no refunds unless a suitable substitute is found. Discounts on rental equipment are available.

For more information on Belleayre Mountain, check out their website at www.belleayre.com. For more information about the trip, contact the trip Leader: Scott Burford- burford87@yahoo.com/717-779-9141 or Shawn McEachern at 717-843-6883



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Please mark your calendar for the pre-trip meeting on December 15th. Packets handed out will include info on airlines times/flight#'s, baggage information and info on rentals demos and dining and what to do on your free day such as visiting Yellowstone Park.

Just a reminder of what is waiting in January for our week in Big Sky.

- 7 nights lodging at the "ski in" Huntley Lodge w/ daily breakfast.
- Amenities include wet bar, coffee maker,refrig. TV, outdoor pool
- large jacuzzis room service, laundry, ice machines, vending & more.
- EPSC I/D - Credential Badge to all Participants
- Big Sky Resort Disc Coupons
- Welcome Party for all with drinks & d'oeuvres
- A full 5 of 6 day lift pass for all lifts including formerly Moonlight Basin
- EPSC Club Race w/Apres Race Pizza Lunch
- EPSC on Mountain fun event Monday & lite Dinner Thursday
- Gala Dinner Party & Dance on Tuesday at Big Sky Resort
- Baggage Handling at Resort

INFORMATION

Mary Amsbaugh 717-764-6145



Special Olympics

HELP WANTED FOR Special Olympics Skiing January 7 to March 3, 2016

We will start skiing January 7 and meet every Thursday night till early March. We would like you to be there around 6pm to get the athletes out to ski from 6:30 - 8:30. After you bring your athlete in, you are free to ski till 10pm. There is no cost to you, all lift tickets are provided. You are not required to be there each week.

*If you would like to volunteer
your time contact
Deb Angstadt at 755-5876.*