



September 2017

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Join us at the Trips Sign-up Party for Information on the trips for the 2017-2018 Ski Season

Here is the line-up for the season:

December 9 to 12 – Copper Mountain, CO, drive out

December 29 to January 2 – Powderhorn, CO drive out

January 31 to February 4 – Snowmass, CO, drive out – FSA trip

February 7 to 11 – Angel Fire/Taos/Red River, NM, drive out

February 24 to March 3 – Steamboat, CO drive out – CMSC ski week

March ???

April 11 to 16 – Copper Mountain, CO, drive out – CMSC spring fling

See the article on pages 3-4 for details.

The trips sign-up party will be this Sunday, September 24th at the Fox and Hound. See you there!

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Upcoming Events

September 24th (Sunday) 5:00 p.m.

Trip Signup Party

Fox and Hound, 506 N 120th St, Omaha

In the shopping center on the west side of 120th St a little N of Dodge St.

Don't procrastinate, get on board early to help plan for these activities.

Also meet your ski friends. Everyone welcome.

October 4th (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Peony Park Hy-Vee #5, 7910 Cass St, Omaha

At the north end of 78th St beyond Cass St. All members welcome.

November 8th (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Peony Park Hy-Vee #5, 7910 Cass St, Omaha

At the north end of 78th St beyond Cass St. All members welcome.

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December 5th (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.
Social Gathering and Copper Pre-Trip Party
Jimi D's, 6303 Center St, Omaha

On the south side of Center St a little W of 63rd St. Everyone welcome.

December 6th (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting
Peony Park Hy-Vee #5, 7910 Cass St, Omaha

At the north end of 78th St beyond Cass St. All members welcome.

December 9th (Saturday) to December 12th (Tuesday)
Copper Mountain Trip

Details available at the trip signup party.

December 12th (Tuesday) 5:30 p.m.
Warren Miller Movie – “Line of Descent”
Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, 12750 Westport Pkwy, La Vista

A little NW of West Giles Rd and 125th St.
See the flyer on page 7. Tickets are \$15. Everyone welcome

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The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following renewal members:

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Trips Sign-up Party

**Fox and Hound
120th and Dodge
September 24, 2017
5 PM**



It is time to start planning your trips for this season! This year, we are adding a few trips that are inexpensive and to places we haven't skied in a long while.

Join us at the Fox and Hound on September 24th for information on all the trips for this season. Spaces on each trip are limited. The signups will be in the order that they are received. After that, we will start a waiting list and will add rooms as needed IF available.



Our first trip takes us to Copper Mountain in December to get our ski legs and make sure our gear is in working order, followed by a trip to Powderhorn over New Year's. Next, the FSA trip takes us to Snowmass at the end of January followed by a trip to Angel Fire, Taos and Red River NM in February. The CMSC Chicago Week will be at Steamboat the last week of February.



March needs a trip! Give me your input and suggestions. I will have a suggestion sheet at the sign-up party or send me an email with your thoughts.

To finish the season, we will join CMSC's Spring Fling to Copper Mountain in mid-April.

Please note-some of the trips have deadlines or limited spots available. If you want to go on a trip...**SIGN UP EARLY!** There are a few reasons for this. CMSC cancels rooms and has certain deadlines for the clubs so that they do not lose money holding rooms. They do not add people after the deadlines as we found out the hard way last year. Another reason, especially with FSA, we were unable to secure rooms. Some may become available and I will try to get as many people on the trip as I can, but right now, I could only get eight spots!



Jask everyone to sign up early. If a deposit is made and we cannot get you on the trip, your deposit will be returned. When the spots are filled, a waiting list will be started. If you do not sign up early, I cannot work on getting more spots at the last minute. I cannot stress it enough, sign up early! You will find a trip application in this newsletter as well as on our website at www.omahaskiclub.com. You will find a membership application there also, if you haven't renewed for this year. After the signup party, membership dues increase!



See the article in this newsletter about a chance to receive \$50 off your next trip! Bring your friends and spread the word that we ski!!

I have been asked why we don't do fly out trips? I will explain simply, we do not have enough people to make it cost effective. When planning trips, the lodging at most places is the least expensive item and the most flexible when you have a small group. Next item is the lift tickets. This can break the bank and make the trip very expensive if we do not get group pricing. Group pricing starts with a group of 20! This is why FSA and CMSC can offer the lift tickets at a lower cost, but there are other factors which make these trips more expensive overall. When we are trying to get an inexpensive trip to say a Vail Resort property for an example, if we do not have 20+ people on the trip needing lift tickets, the cost of lift tickets is \$140+ per person per day! The same principle applies to the airlines. The bare minimum of 10 people is needed for a group. If we do not have 10, we do not have a group which means everyone has to find their own airfare at the same time or prior to when the transportation is to leave the airport. The same thing with the bus or coach for transfers to and from the airport. It takes at least 10 people to even consider getting a small bus to transfer everyone. This gets very expensive for groups less than 10. So, **I challenge you** to recruit members to increase our numbers on each trip! If we can get 20 or more people to sign up for a fly out trip, I would be very happy to plan a great trip to wherever you wanted to go! Go spread the word to your friends and acquaintances and bring in members, and then tell me where you want to ski.



My goal is to provide variety in our trips and to try to keep them as inexpensive as possible. I am only as good as the suggestions that I received and the numbers of members that sign up for the trips. With that said I can only plan trips and make this work if everyone participates. Let's make this a great season! Think snow!



Teri Hammon
VP Trips
Omaha Ski Club

Friends & Family Challenge for the Upcoming Trip Sign-Up Party

The best way to share your love for winter sports is to introduce someone to skiing or snowboarding. And the Omaha Ski Club needs new members! So, we are hosting the **Friends & Family Challenge**. Bring a friend or family member to Sunday's Trip Sign-Up Party and you'll both be entered into a drawing for a \$50 trip credit. *(Must be someone who is not currently an OSC member and cannot include your spouse.) There is no limit to the number of new-comers welcome. The more you bring, the more entries you will have in the raffle!*

WHY: Our goal is to maximize the amount of quality skiing and snowboarding of our club members by leveraging our numbers to continue to offer exciting, affordable, and diverse trips. It is important to spread awareness of our organization and that's where **YOU** come in. **Every Member Matters.** Even bringing one friend can make a huge impact. If everyone brought one friend, we would double our exposure! At the social events we hold, it is our goal to bring as many fellow skiers and snowboarders together as possible. Here, we meet, socialize, get to know one another, and share what we love. Some newcomers may become lifelong members, while others may never attend a single trip. In either case, we are raising awareness of who we are, as a club, and ultimately - that will help us attract new members and grow our reputation.

At the trip sign-up party, please make an effort to meet the newcomers and help them feel welcome. Sometimes just introducing yourself and saying, "Glad you can come," is enough to help someone feel at ease. Remember, it can be intimidating to travel out of town with a group of strangers... so committing to that first trip is pivotal. It means we have earned their trust. We know they will have a great time, once they attend. But some may need a bit of encouragement to take the first step.



Please be thinking about raising awareness and other opportunities to attract new members. There will be other promotions throughout the year, but **let's start strong, right out of the gate!**

Valerie Ford
Public Relations
Omaha Ski Club



President's Letter...

My thoughts and prayers are with the people who have been in the path of hurricanes' Harvey and Irma. I can't imagine that a storm could leave that much water and destruction in that large of an area. I hope that the upcoming storms that are heading for the U.S. and other countries do not have the devastating after effects. Many people have been affected by the weather. I hope Mother Nature will be nice to us again as we look to another season of skiing.

This winter looks as if it should be another wonderful year for skiing. I don't know what the snow will be like, but I have a feeling that it will be another fun season. With Mammoth closing August 6th after being open 270 days I think this next season will be as good as last year. One of the long-range models says the northern ski areas in the U.S. will have more snow. Another one says just the opposite. Whatever the snow, it is always an exciting time skiing and enjoying friends.

I know that Teri has a great line-up for trips this season. Please attend the sign-up party to see information on the trips that we have to offer. Our first trip to Copper Mountain in December will be with the Cornhusker Ski Club. It is always fun on the first trip since we are excited to start the season, find out if our clothes fit and find all the gear we need for the trip. Bring your trip applications and checks since we are doing sign-ups in the order that they are received. Space on the trips is limited!

We are a ski club and much of our existence depends on you! We need input to plan trips and we need your help to also spread the word that we do exist! Please help us by bringing a friend to our events. Every member is welcome to also attend our board meetings where decisions are made for activities and events. See our event calendar on our website at www.omahaskiclub.com. Have a wonderful ski season and I look forward to seeing you on the slopes! Think snow...in the mountains!

Phil Bintz
President Omaha Ski Club



Save the Date!

Join us for some winter stoke Tuesday, Dec. 12th at 7pm at Alamo Drafthouse Cinema for Warren Miller's 68th film: **Line of Descent** hosted by Canfields Sporting Goods.

Social Hour will go from 5:30-7pm. Come mingle with other outdoors minded enthusiasts; Craft beers, cocktails, milkshakes, and food will be available in the theater and at the Drafthouse taproom.

Vendor Faire will take place inside the theater from 5:30-7pm as well. Join Mt. Crescent Ski Patrol, Omaha Ski Club, Snowy Range Ski Area, Canfield's, and other purveyors.

Intermission Raffle/Giveaway with sweet prizes!

Tickets will be on sale for \$15 starting in November at: drafthouse.com/Omaha

Select the show date and time from the drop-down menu.

Hope you can join us!

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2017 – MAY 2018**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____

FAMILY \$25____ (\$30 if paid after September 30th, 2017)

SINGLE \$22____ (\$27 if paid after September 30th, 2017)

MEMBER INFORMATION - - - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Alternate Phone: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Check this box if you are 21 years or older. For family membership, list all dependent minors on back of application.

If new member, how did you hear about the club? _____

Ski/Snowboard destinations you're interested in: _____

Activities you're interested in: Biking____ Bowling____ Dinners____ Other____
(please list)

Other Interests: (please list) _____

NOTE: BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION I RELIEVE THE OMAHA SKI CLUB, INC. (OSC) OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENT OR INJURY I INCUR WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ANY OSC ACTIVITIES. I ALSO CERTIFY THAT I AM OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____
(Must be signed and dated)

[OSC USE ONLY] MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ BD. _____ TR. _____ NL. _____

Mail to: Omaha Ski Club, P.O. Box 3104, Omaha, NE 68103-0104



TRIP APPLICATION

(Required for each individual on the trip) (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Trip Destination _____ Trip Dates _____

FIRST NAME _____ M.I. _____ LAST NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ SEX _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PH. _____ WORK PH. _____

E-MAIL _____ CELL PH. _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

I Prefer to Room With _____ OTHER INFO _____

THE OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBER SIGNING THIS APPLICATION AGREES AS FOLLOWS:

The member has read the OSC trip policies on the bottom of this application and understands and agrees to be bound by them as a condition of participation in this trip. The member further agrees that the club, its directors or committee chairmen shall bear no financial responsibility to members in the event of a delayed departure or return of a trip, or for cancellation of a trip except as provided in items 7 through 10 of the trip policies, nor shall they be liable for any bodily injury, property damage, loss of personal property, or death sustained by or caused by any member on a trip. Those individuals causing property damage at the lodges, condos, busses, ski areas, etc. shall bear the full legal and financial responsibility for the damages. It is a condition of membership in the club that any individual shall be deemed to have accepted these responsibilities and limitations of liability as a consideration of joining the club and participating in this trip.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

[osc use only] deposit: amount paid _____ date _____ ck or rept no _____

OMAHA SKI CLUB TRIP POLICIES

- 1) Trip captain is the final authority on and during the trip.
- 2) Club members will conduct themselves in a mature manner at all times.
- 3) There will be a \$28.00 charge on any returned check.

TRIP SIGN-UP, DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

- 4) Only members in good standing with dues currently paid to the Omaha Ski Club may sign up for a trip. Children under the age of 19 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the trip. A trip application for a child under the age of 19 must be signed by a parent or guardian of the child.
- 5) By signing up for a trip a member agrees to pay the Club the full cost of the trip applied for, subject to the provisions for timely cancellation in item 7). Each trip will have its own trip deposit and payment schedule to be set by the trip committee. A deposit is required to sign up for a trip. Failure to meet the payment schedule may result in automatic cancellation from the trip subject to the cancellation fee in item 7).
- 6) When a trip is full the trip captain will start a waiting list. To be placed on the waiting list a member must fill out and sign a trip application and pay the standard deposit for that trip. Waiting list members must meet the payment schedules when moving to the confirmed lists.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- 7) Unless otherwise listed in individual trip information, cancellations prior to 60 days before the trip departs will result in a cancellation fee of \$50.00; cancellations less than 60 days before the trip departs will result in a cancellation fee of \$100.00 if the trip goes full, or liability for the full cost of the trip if the trip does not go full. Any cancellation fees or penalties may first be deducted from payments the member made for the trip.
- 8) Transferring from the waiting list on one trip to a confirmed list on another trip will be done with no cancellation fee. Refusal to move from the waiting list to the confirmed list will constitute automatic cancellation subject to the cancellation fee in item 7) above.
- 9) If a trip is cancelled by the club, all money paid to the club by a member for that trip will be refunded.
- 10) All members on the waiting list when the trip departs will receive a full refund.
- 11) No refunds will be made until after the trip returns.

BUS TRIPS

- 12) Smoking on buses is prohibited.
- 13) Any time the bus stops en route to its destination, passengers leaving the bus will do so at their own risk.
- 14) The Omaha Ski Club will not provide alcoholic beverages for any bus trip. If any members wish to consume alcoholic beverages on the trip, they can do so at their own expense, and assume all risks and liabilities associated with such consumption.