



December 2021 Update

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2021-2022 Trips

December 8-12 – Summit County, CO, drive out - completed - see page 4

January 22-27 – Telluride, CO, drive out – FSA trip *** Full - waitlist only ***

February 20-27 – Ski Utah Alta/Snowbird/Brighton/Solitude, UT, drive or fly out

See the flyers on pages 6 and 7 for details.

Upcoming Events

January 12th (Wednesday) 6:30 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.

January 16th (Sunday) 5:00 p.m.

Social Gathering and Telluride Pre-Trip Party

Copps Pizza and Sports Bar

7474 Towne Center Pkwy #101, Papillion, NE

The club will be meeting at Copps Pizza and Sports Bar in the Shadow Lake Towne Center shopping mall SW of Rt 370 and 72nd St for our monthly club social. All current, past and legacy club members are welcome to join us. This will also be a pre-trip "get acquainted" event for all club members going on the Flatland Ski Association annual ski trip to Telluride, CO. Teri Hammon will be there to give out info and answer any questions about this trip. Copps Pizza & Sports Bar is located in the old Nebraska Brewing Company location. We have reserved the internal balcony where we held our annual holiday party the last few years. Hope to see you there!

January 22nd (Saturday) to January 27th (Thursday)

Telluride Trip

See the trip flyer on page 6.

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Trips Update December 2021

The good news: We are going to Telluride and they are getting dumped on! Hopefully the snow conditions will be great when we get there. The west has been having incredible amounts of snow. Places like California and Utah have had almost too much snow...is there such a thing?

The bad news:

Unfortunately, I am not able to get any more rooms for the Telluride trip. I have five people on the waiting list. The unfortunate part of this whole story is: I had to cancel two rooms (that was 8 spots) by October 1st so that the club would not lose money. At that time, I had sent an email and reminded anyone who wants to go, to sign up early! Those who did sign up early, have a spot on the trip. Those who waited until the last minute are not able to go because the trip is full. Please let this be a lesson on future trips. With the way things have been with Covid the past year and a half, more people are trying to get outdoors and vacation. This, along with more groups planning trips to destination resorts, make for less rooms available. FSA did have to move the dates of our trip earlier since there was a large group that took our week between last year and this year.

On that note, I want to announce that we will be going to **WHITEFISH Montana next year!** Save the dates of January 27 – February 3, 2023. This will be a week-long trip for us, with the FSA trip included! **Save the dates and SIGN-UP EARLY!** We will have some wonderful accommodations at The Lodge at Whitefish. More information on this next year.

The Utah Trip continues to fill. We have eleven people signed up so far. I do have **seven spots** left if you wish to join us on this adventure. We will stay at Crystal Inn and Suites and take the bus to Snowbird, Alta, Brighton or Solitude. We will also visit Deer Valley (IKON) or Park City/Canyons (EPIC) for a day or two. One evening, we will have a welcome party. Other days, we will explore the restaurants around the area. If you plan to fly out, the hotel needs 24 hour notice to pick you up. Some of us will have vehicles there, otherwise the hotel will shuttle us.

We have been having strange weather here in Nebraska for December. It is unknown when Mt. Crescent will open. We haven't had any snow other than a dusting and the temperatures are in the 40's. Climate change? Global warming? I will let the experts decide. For now, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year! Be safe and enjoy your friends and family. They are the most precious gifts that you have!

Please join us for the Social Gathering and pre-trip information session for Telluride on Sunday, January 16th - 5pm at Copps Pizza & Sports Bar (7474 Towne Center Pkwy #101, Papillion, NE)

Let it snow!!!

Teri Hammon

Vice President of trips

Summit County Trip December 8-12, 2021



Ben Novograd, Phil Bintz, Randy Malmgren, Andy Rabick, Billy Coghill, Scott Branum, Teri Hammon, Denice Branum, Jamie Lewis, Ellen & Pebbles Forster, Fred Hutson, Pat Connelly, Simon Lewis, Brian Moore. (Front) Debbie Williamson, Len Szmurlo and Gretchen Hutson.

What started as a full trip, with a waiting list, dwindled before we left. A few pre-trip injuries and illness prevented some from going. There was fear of no snow or very limited runs being open. It was an early season trip. As with any early season trip, there could be the possibility that we had limited opportunities for decent skiing. I was optimistic. There was snow predicted, with a possible storm while we were there. I knew that Copper would have at least a few runs open and others had told me that Keystone wasn't bad for the limited terrain open. We never found out as we all skied at Copper Mountain. They had received a few inches of snow on Tuesday before we arrived. Wednesday, Phil and I skied. The snow was great! Storm King was even open! The US Ski Team was training under the Super Bee. The Grand Prix was at the half pipe. Highpoint was open under the Flyer. We took several runs to check the conditions, then we went back to the Best Western Ptarmigan Lodge to check out the hot tub. It felt fabulous! The hotel was clean and comfortable. We had hot breakfasts each morning and bars or fruit to take with us. The rooms were nice, with great showers. We all had lake views of Lake Dillon and the mountains.



Thursday, we returned to Copper Mountain. The slopes were busy since there weren't many runs open. There was talk of Timberline opening soon, maybe by Saturday. We had received about 5 inches of fresh snow overnight with more expected. This was going to be a very busy weekend. Thursday evening, we were joined by Len, Jamie and Simon for a Welcome Party at the hotel lobby and breakfast area. We had pizza from Peppino's. Len brought a delicious dessert tray from Blue Moon Bakery. Jamie and Simon prepared beautiful green and fruit salads and helped with the pizza delivery. We had lots of food to eat. Afterwards, we took a group picture since it was impossible to get everyone together on the slopes.



Friday, we skied at Copper Mountain again. It was a bit busier, but they had opened Bittersweet and a couple other runs. It was snowing and another 6 inches had fallen overnight. The snow was great considering the amount of people on the slopes. We stopped in at Jack's Bar to say hi to Lucy and Nick. Brian was in the clinic. He had fallen earlier and injured his knee. Later we found out that the ligament was torn and he was probably done skiing for the year. Later that evening, several of us went to Pug Ryan's for dinner. The fish and chips were delicious.

Saturday, it was a record attendance day at Copper Mountain. The interstate was a parking lot of people waiting to get to the parking lot. We had left the hotel early and it still took us about 20 minutes to get to the parking lot from the exit point. The lift lines were just as bad. In all the years



that I have been coming to Copper, I have never seen the lift line for the Flyer extend as far back to the Eagle. It was insane! Timberline lift opened with an additional area to ski. Thankfully, we had made several runs early and felt that we skied enough. It was off to the hot tub and a quiet dinner with friends.



Andy, Phil, Ben, Len and Brian

Sunday, we packed and headed for home. The roads were good. Overall, we had a good time skiing. The snow was great and it gave us a chance to get our ski legs

and enjoy the company of good friends. I hope all of the sick and injured members recover quickly! I hope to see everyone soon.



Teri Hammon
Trip Captain



Telluride CO Ski Trip

January 22 – January 27, 2022
(Saturday to Thursday)



Cost: \$1285 (5 nights lodging/4-day lift tickets)
Senior price (age 65-79) \$1245 (5 nights lodging/4-day lift tickets)
\$925 (5 nights lodging/NO lift tickets) (non-skiers, seniors 80+ and FULL Epic Pass holders)

****** Trip full - Wait list only if room becomes available ******

Join the Omaha Ski Club as we join with eight other clubs for the Flatland Ski Association (FSA) trip to Telluride CO. This trip includes:

- Five nights lodging at the luxurious Mountain Lodge at 457 Mountain Village. 2 Bed/2 Bath Deluxe condos (these are more spacious). Ski-in, ski-out, outdoor hot tubs and heated pool, Free Wi-Fi, fitness center and sauna, ski storage lockers (ask for key at arrival, free shuttle to Gondola, Mountain Village Market, and Mountain Village. Arrive on Saturday, check-out on Thursday morning. Check-in at 4 PM, check-out is 10 AM.
- *Parking fees are \$20 per vehicle per night. (Not included in the trip cost)*
- 4-day lift ticket for skiing Sunday through Wednesday (**FULL Epic Pass holders, seniors 65 and over, and non-skiers-please NOTIFY trip captain**)
- FSA Welcome Party on Sunday evening
- Awards/Farewell Banquet on Wednesday
- NASTAR type racing for those who wish to participate. Helmets required.
- Optional opportunity to participate in snowshoe races-8 people needed
- Après Ski specials TBD.
- FSA tee shirts may be preordered-long sleeve \$20, short sleeve \$15 *Optional, but there will not be availability at the event.*

Trip Captain: Teri Hammon
Phone: 402-680-0971
Email: dragonsrock@cox.net

Membership is required in either the Omaha Ski Club or one of our reciprocal membership clubs. No additional dues will be required.

Payment Schedule:

Due at signing (now): \$100

September 1, 2021: \$250

October 1, 2021: \$250

November 1, 2021: \$250

December 1, 2021: remaining balance plus optional items

Mail Payments to: Omaha Ski Club, PO
Box 3104, Omaha NE 68103-0104

Ski Utah!

Alta/Snowbird/Brighton/Solitude

February 20-27, 2022

\$415 for IKON Pass holders

18 SPOTS

Drive-out (obtain your own air)



Enjoy the Utah powder with the Omaha Ski Club as we explore four areas on this week long adventure. The trip includes:

- 7 nights lodging at the Crystal Inn Hotel & Suites MidValley, 818 East Winchester, Murray UT (hotel style 2 queen beds) double occupancy. Free Wi-Fi, indoor pool and hot tub, fitness facilities, guest laundry facilities. All rooms include mini-fridge, microwave, hair dryer and coffee maker. Elevator in the hotel.
- Daily hot buffet breakfast
- Complimentary area shuttle
- Public transportation (UTA) to the ski areas (free for pass holders). Price TBD for 2021-2022
- Ski areas are about 20-40 minutes from hotel
- Welcome Party
- Ski Storage at the Hotel
- Lift tickets are additional for non-IKON pass holders
- Obtain your own lift tickets at Utah Super Pass <https://www.skicity.com/super-pass/> or try liftopia.com or if your friend has "friends and family" tickets available on their IKON pass.
- **For members obtaining your own airfare, Crystal Inn has free airport shuttle. You must notify the hotel 24 hours in advance to set-up a shuttle**
- About 34-mile (45 minute) drive to Deer Valley (IKON pass) or Park City Resorts (Epic Pass)

(Prices subject to change)

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Phone: 402 680-0971

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Payment Schedule:

\$100.00 due at signing
\$100 due October 30, 2021
\$100 due November 30, 2021
\$115 due with final payment December 30, 2021

Mail payments to:

Omaha Ski Club
P O Box 3104
Omaha NE 68103-0104

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2021 – MAY 2022**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____

FAMILY \$25 ____ (\$30 if paid after September 30, 2021)

SINGLE \$22 ____ (\$27 if paid after September 30, 2021)

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.



**WAIVER/RELEASE FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19
June 2021 – May 2022**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

In consideration of being allowed to participate on as a member or guest (“Releasor”) of the Omaha Ski Club and related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, understands, and agrees that:

1. Participation in Omaha Ski Club events, trips and/or other gatherings includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist;
2. Participation in Omaha Ski Club events may potentially bring Releasor in close contact with other individuals and locations including, but not limited to, ski resorts which have been known sources of exposure to COVID-19;
3. **RELEASOR KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUMES ALL SUCH RISKS**, both known and unknown, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES** or others, and assumes full responsibility for Releasor’s participation in Omaha Ski Club events, trips and/or other gatherings;
4. Releasor on behalf of him/herself and on behalf of Releasor’s heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, **HEREBY RELEASES AND HOLDS HARMLESS** the Omaha Ski Club its officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, volunteers and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, (“Releasees”) **WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH**, or loss or damage to person or property, **WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE**, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Name of participant: _____ Participant signature: _____

Date signed _____:

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child/ward including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. Furthermore, my child/ward understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, the child/ward’s other parent(s) and child/ward do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, the child/ward’s other parent(s) and child/ward do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident to my minor child’s/ward’s presence or participation in these activities as provided above, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE**, to the fullest extent provided by law.

Name of parent/guardian: _____ Parent/guardian signature: _____

Date signed _____: