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RACE SCHEDULE

Stay tuned for information regarding the 2022-2023 Race Schedule

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UNR Returns to NCAA D1 Skiing

"The University of Nevada, Reno is again a NCAA program and collegiate skiing couldn't be more excited.

UNR President and former Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval states, "We are very excited about the return of NCAA skiing to UNR." Sandoval's decision to bring NCAA skiing to Nevada is good news for collegiate skiing and will also significantly contribute to the success of regional development programs...."

Read the full article at the website below:

<https://skiracing.com/unr-returns-to-ncaa-d1-skiing/>

Plus the following:

<https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2022/ski-returns-nevada-athletics>



Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!

AUDI FIS World Cup 2023 Comes to LakeTahoe!

See page 4 for further information and how to volunteer!



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President's Message

*By Jo Simpson,
Sierra League & Sierra Council
President*



Winter is definitely here and it's time to get the skis and boards ready! We will kick off the season with our annual winter party December 4th in Truckee. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter.

Thank you to Carlene Boutacoff for hosting our fall barbeque and to all who worked to make it a success. We held a brief general meeting at the barbeque to hear what's ahead for the ski season and to elect officers for the council. All the incumbents were re-elected and I'm grateful for their dedication.

We would love to see new people coming into leadership positions. If you are interested in assisting one of the officers and learning about their duties, please contact any of us.

Your Sierra board met virtually September 17th to approve a budget for 2022-2023 and to plan for the coming season.

I represented Sierra Council at the National Ski Council Federation in September in Whitefish, MT where representatives from most of the 29 ski councils across the U.S. came together with ski industry representatives to share ideas.

I hope to see you at the Winter party and on the slopes!

See you on the slopes!

Jo

Member Clubs and Contacts

Alpine Ski and Snowboard Club

Las Vegas, NV
www.alpineskiandsnowboardclub.com
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Sugar Bowl Ski Club

Norden, CA
www.sugarbowlskiclub.com
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Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski Club

Truckee, CA
www.tdski.com
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Top Gun Ski Club

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Ski Area Websites:

Badger Pass: www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx

Bear Valley Ski: www.bearvalley.com

Boreal: www.rideboreal.com

Ski China Peak: www.skichinapeak.com

Diamond Peak: www.diamondpeak.com

Dodge Ridge: www.dodgeridge.com

Donner Ski Ranch: www.donnerskiranch.com

Granlibakken: www.granlibakken.com

Heavenly Valley: www.skiheavenly.com

Homewood: www.skihomewood.com

June Mountain: www.junemountain.com

Kirkwood: www.kirkwood.com

Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard resort: www.skilasvegas.com

Mammoth Mtn: www.mammothmountain.com

Mountain High Ski: www.mthigh.com

Mt. Baldy: www.skibaldy.com

Mt. Rose: www.skirose.com

Mt. Shasta Ski Park: www.skipark.com

Northstar: www.northstarcalifornia.com

Palisade Tahoe: www.palisadestahoe.com

Sierra At Tahoe: www.sierratahoe.com

Snow Summit: www.snowsummit.com

Snow Valley: www.snow-valley.com

Soda Springs: www.skisodasprings.com

Thank you to our sponsors:

Start Haus Ski & Bike Shop

<https://www.starhaus.com>

Tahoe Heartbeat Apparel

<https://tahoeheartbeat.com/>

Sports Basement

<https://shop.sportsbasement.com/blogs/stores>

Habervision

<https://www.habervision.com/>

Habervision offers 50% off products



RACING NEWS, w/Nan Carnal, Sierra League Race Director

As many or most of you know, scheduling race venues this year is a big challenge. Resorts have suspended racing or are still trying to hire new race program staff (including race directors), thus they are not currently scheduling racing for the upcoming winter season.

At this point, our still developing race schedule has 3 dates:

- ◆ Saturday, February 11, GS at Alpine Meadows,
- ◆ Sunday, February 12, GS at Northstar—Back by popular demand
- ◆ Friday, March 17 (Saint Patrick's Day—we will likely party!), Slalom at Alpine Meadows.

The two above resorts do not have additional dates available. We are waiting and hoping that other resorts we have contacted will have racing staff and be able to host our races.

Thus, that is our current status. Accordingly, until we have a full schedule or have to just utilize what we have, the Board is unable to determine the season race pass fee.

Stay tuned for future updates, put dates listed above in your calendars, and keep your fingers crossed that we can acquire additional race venues.

If you are not on the Sierra League (Sierra racers) email list (for updates) and want to be, send me (Nan) a message with your request: nan.sierraleague@gmail.com.

Palisades Tahoe to host 2023 Audi FIS World Cup races on February 25—26.



As one of only four U.S. resorts featured on the Audi FIS World Cup circuit this season, Palisades Tahoe will host men's slalom (2/26) and giant slalom (2/25) events on Dog Leg and Red Dog Face.

The organizing committee needs volunteers for this event, starting February 13 thru February 27. This is a HUGE event with 21 countries participating and all the top skiers will be present. Pre-event volunteers are also needed starting in December and post-event event volunteers starting February 28th.



Below is the website for information on how to volunteer. Please note the **REQUIRED Volunteer Application Form for Audi FIS Ski World Cup Palisades Tahoe**. Completing the required form will help streamline volunteer Coordination for the Audi FIS Ski World Cup Palisades Tahoe.

<https://www.volgistics.com/appform/2049884748>

Thank you for your time and interesting in volunteering. For general event details, checkout:

<https://worldcup.palisadestahoe.com>

Sierra League & Council Winter Party

NIGHT OUT FOR A WHITE OUT

December 4th

The Sierra League & Council's Annual Winter Party this year will be at
La Bamba Mexican Restaurant.

Come early and join your fellow skiers at 4:00 in the bar.

Wear your favorite winter whites or if just came off the hill, après ski wear is great.

Bring your checkbook for great raffle and sale items.

A portion of proceeds will be donated to the Far West Athletic Scholarship Program.

Here are the details:

Event type: **Drink, dine, celebrate winter, and support local upcoming skiers.**

Skill level: **Social. No practice needed. Bring a few \$\$\$s for raffle and sale items.**

Location: **La Bamba Mexican Restaurant, 11760 Donner Pass Rd. Truckee, CA**

When: **Sunday, Dec 4th. Doors open at 4:00 for no host bar. Dining at 5:00.**

Cost: **\$25.00.** Plated dinner from La Bamba's *platter choices and house specialties* menu.

Coffee, tea and desert included.

RSVP at cboutacoff@gmail.com

Make checks payable to Sierra League and send to:

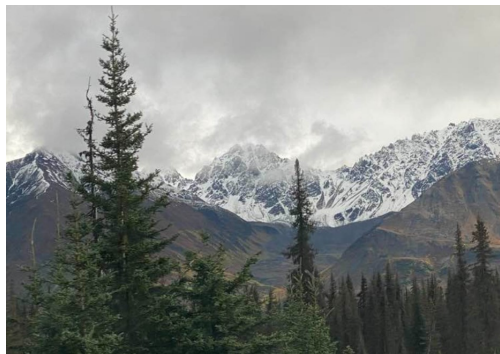
Carlene Boutacoff, 110 Wildwood Way, Woodside, CA 94062.

You can also use PayPal on the Sierra League & Council website.

<https://www.sierraleague.com>

Click on the Races tab to see the party link.

Be sure to send your check soon. This event has limited space.



Updates from VP of Travel/Social—Carlene Boutacoff

Sierra travelers, Ski Week 2023 has sold out. This is a reminder that when registration is announced for future trips, be sure to act fast for best lodging options. Check your email and the Sierra website for announcements of the FWSA 2024 destinations



Traveler UPDATES & REMINDERS Sierra League & Council/ FWSA Ski Week 2023

Jackson, Wyoming

January 21-January 28, 2023

Sold Out

The **Sierra package includes:** 7 Nights Lodging at Elk Country Inn or Snow King Resort, Welcome Party, Race Events, Picnic, Après Ski Gatherings, Special Council Dinner, Banquet with Dancing

We are staying at:

Snow King Resort: (on site restaurant/bar/lounge, swimming pool, hot tub, site of picnic, dinner and dance, shuttles to Jackson Hole Ski Area-(\$6.00 rt)

Elk Country Inn Hotel & 49er: (free parking, shuttle/bus to ski hill, hot tub, swimming pool, hot buffet breakfast, Neighboring Cowboy Village gathering area is the site of one of our apres ski events. (Bring your strings, key boards and dance shoes.)

Options for Lift Ticket Purchase:

Lift Tix Tickets—Jackson Hole Resort

• Adult 4-day	\$503	Senior (65 yrs.) 4-day	\$430
• Adult 5-day	\$604	Senior (65 yrs.) 5-day	\$517
• Adult 6-day	\$719	Senior (65 yrs.) 6-day	\$615

Daily lift tickets available at *Snow King* (\$77-\$300)

Travelers, please reconfirm your lift ticket purchases by OCTOBER 1st.

Note: **Full IKON** gives 7 days of skiing Jackson Hole and the **IKON Base Pass Plus** is good for 5 days. *Snow King Coaster Rides*-\$20/ride

Group Air & Ground SFO/Jackson **Sold Out.** Contact me for additional ground options.

Questions? Please contact Carlene Boutacoff, Sierra Trip Leader at cboutacoff@gmail.com.

Additional Details and Registration Packets available at: <http://www.sierraleague.com>

Reminder: Travelers Send all future payments and forms to
Carlene Boutacoff, 110 Wildwood Way, Woodside, CA 94062

Checks payable to **Sierra League**

See y'all there.



Sierra League and Council Membership Options

Club Membership

There are 8 ski clubs affiliated with Sierra League and Council. Please contact a club near you for membership information. Their contact information is listed at <https://www.sierraleague.com/contact.html>. Several of them have websites updated with activities and member benefits. Contact information is also available on page 3 of this newsletter.

Direct Membership

If you do not belong to an affiliated ski club, you may join Sierra League and Council as a direct member. To coincide with the [Far West Ski Association](#) our annual membership year begins May 1 and ends April 30.

The annual fee is only \$10 for each individual. This allows you all member privileges including:

- Sierra Council [Travel Program](#)
- Sierra League [Race Program](#)
- [Far West Ski Association Member Benefits](#), Services & Discounts
- The [Sierra League and Council Newsletter](#)
- Other events that might be temporarily suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. These include the annual Winter Holiday Party and summer barbecue.

Application, Dues and Information

[Application Forms](#) for individuals:

Print out form(s), fill in and sign application forms (and associated waiver) for each individual joining. The form and waiver are available at the league website under "about". The form and waiver are included in this newsletter on the following two pages.

How to submit by mail:

- Write check for \$10 made out to Sierra Ski Council
- Mail both completed form including waiver and check to:

Corey Doolin, membership
PO Box 394
Tahoe City, CA 96145

How to submit online:

- Pay Sierra Direct [Online Membership Dues through PayPal](#)
- Scan completed application and waiver form, attach as a .pdf file and email to: alpinesnow@att.net

Corey Doolin
FWSA Sierra League and Council VP Membership
alpinesnow@att.net

**Sierra League & Council
2022-2023 Membership
Application**

New Member

Renewing Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____

(cell) _____

Email: _____

Mark all that you are interested in:

Racing

Travel Program

List Trips: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: (home) _____

(cell) _____

:

I have read and signed the Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk Agreement.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Dues: \$10

Completed Application can be emailed to alpinesnow@att.net, and payment through PayPal on the Sierra League and Council website, or:

Mail completed application and waiver, along with personal check, cashier's check, or money order payable to "Sierra League & Council" to:

**Corey Doolin, Membership
P.O. Box 394
Tahoe City, CA 96145**

5/10/2022

**Sierra League & Council Waiver
2022-2023 Membership Year**

SPORT PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.
Please read and be certain you understand the implications of signing.

Express Assumption of Risk Associated with Sport, Venue Use and Related Activities.

I, _____ do hereby affirm and acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the inherent hazards and risks associated with all activities of Sierra League & Council including but not limited to alpine skiing, snowboarding, tubing, and tobogganing, and certain additional risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to boarding, riding, and disembarking ski lifts, transportation of equipment related to the activities, and traveling to and from activity sites in which I am about to engage. **Inherent hazards and risks include but are not limited to:**

1. Risk of injury from the activity and equipment utilized is significant including the potential for broken bones, severe injuries to the head, neck, and back or other bodily injuries that may result in permanent disability and death.
2. Possible equipment failure and/or malfunction or misuse of my own or others' equipment.
3. **I AGREE THAT I WILL WEAR APPROVED PROTECTIVE GEAR AS DECREED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SPORT I AM PARTICIPATING IN.** However, protective gear cannot guarantee the participant's safety. I further agree that no helmet can protect the wearer against all potential head injuries or prevent injury to the wearer's face, neck or spinal cord.
4. Variation and/or steepness of terrain, variation or changes in surfaces including but not limited to snow surfaces, ice, bare spots, rocks, stumps, debris, cliffs, trees, fences, posts, trees, light poles, signs, buildings, roads, walkways, ramps, rails, stairs, pyramids, manual pads, bowls, half-pipes, jumps, padded and non-padded barriers, other persons, and other natural and man-made hazards.
5. My own negligence and/or the negligence of others, including but not limited to operator error and guide decision making including misjudging terrain, weather, riding surfaces or other obstacles.
6. Exposure to the elements and temperature extremes may result in frost nip, frost bite, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn, hypothermia and dehydration.
7. Dangers associated with exposure to natural elements include but are not limited to avalanche, rock fall, inclement weather, thunder and lightning, severe and/or varied wind, temperature and other weather conditions.
8. Accidents or illness occurring in remote places where there are no available medical facilities.
9. Fatigue, exhaustion, chill, and/or dizziness, which may diminish my/our reaction time and increase the risk of accident.
10. Impact or collision with other athletes, spectators, facility employees, pedestrians, motor vehicles, and cyclists.

***I understand the description of these risks is not complete and unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death.**

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the above described activity(ies) and related activities, I hereby agree, acknowledge and appreciate that:

1. **I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE,** the following named persons or entities, herein referred to as releasees: **Sierra League & Council and their directors and officers, and their successors and assigns.**
2. To release the releasees, their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from liability and responsibility whatsoever and for any claims or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, survivors, executors, or assigns may have for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death arising from the above activities whether caused by active or passive negligence of the releasees or otherwise. By executing this document, I agree to hold the releasees harmless and indemnify them in conjunction with any injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property that may occur as a result of my engaging in the above activities.
3. By entering into this Agreement, I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the releasees, other than what is set forth in this Agreement.
4. This agreement shall apply to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property occurring at any time after the execution of this agreement.

This release shall be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any provision of this release is found to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be enforceable.

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

S/ _____

Signature of Adult Participant

Name of Adult Participant (Please Print)

Date

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE: *This is to certify that I, as Parent, Guardian, Temporary Guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release of all Releasees, but also to release and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to his/her involvement in these programs for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin.*

S/ _____

Signature of Parent or Adult Legal Guardian if Participant is a Minor

Name of Parent or Adult Legal Guardian (Print Clearly)

Date

SKI & SOCIAL EVENTS WAIVER (does not include racing)

SAFETY - Safe Winter Driving

With the snow flying, it is good to review safe driving tips prior to heading to the slopes. The following advice is from the Nevada Department of Transportation website:

<https://www.dot.nv.gov/safety/safe-winter-driving>

“Nevada winters can bring harsh and quickly-changing weather conditions. Driving hazards such as limited visibility, black ice, avalanche-prone areas and snow removal equipment are just some elements that may be encountered on winter roads.

The Nevada Department of Transportation works hard and effectively to clear Nevada roads for safe winter travel, with maintenance experts plowing and applying anti-icing and de-icing chemicals and sand to keep winter roads safe for winter driving.

Before driving, motorists can dial 511 (1-877-NV-ROADS outside of Nevada) or log on to www.nvroads.com for Nevada state road conditions.

SAFE WINTER DRIVING TIPS:

- Only travel in winter weather when necessary, leave enough time to safely reach your destination and plan your route to avoid snowy/icy areas and steep hills
- Before driving, check weather and road conditions by dialing 511 within Nevada (or 1-877-NV-ROADS outside of Nevada)
- Share your travel itinerary so others know when to expect you
- Remove snow & ice from all vehicle windows, mirrors, lights, turn signals and license plates
- Buckle up
- Turn on headlights to see and be seen
- Turn off cruise control
- Avoid quick starts, stops and fast turns. Accelerate, brake and steer smoothly and gradually
- Reduce speed. Speed limits are based on normal road and weather conditions, not winter road conditions
- Do not slam on brakes. Apply steady pressure on ABS-equipped vehicles and pump the brakes if necessary on non-ABS vehicles
- Always comply with all posted chain requirements
- If your vehicle has snow tires, install and use them between October 1 and April 30
- Keep additional distance from other vehicles



SAFETY - Safe Winter Driving (continued)

SAFE WINTER DRIVING TIPS (CONT.):

- Do not pass without good distance and sight clearance
- Watch carefully for snow removal equipment
- Use extra caution on bridges, ramps, overpasses and shaded areas- they may freeze first
- Maintain a high fuel level
- If vehicle begins to skid, steer in direction of slide and slowly remove foot from accelerator
- Be aware of black ice
- If parked or stuck in snow, leave window slightly cracked for ventilation and make sure vehicle exhaust system is clear of snow
- Always carry tire chains, especially when traveling in mountain passes or typically snowy areas
- Remember: 4-wheel-drive vehicles cannot necessarily turn or stop any better than 2-wheel-drive vehicles

CARRY WITH YOU:

- Tire chains / tow strap
- Flashlight and Spare batteries
- Ice scraper
- Cell phone for emergency communication (do not use while driving)
- Snow shovel
- Flares
- Jumper cables
- Small bag of sand for wheel traction
- Extra winter clothes / coat / gloves / socks
- Blanket or sleeping bag
- Non-perishable foods / water
- First aid supplies / prescription medication
- Battery-operated radio
- Candles / matches or lighter
- State map for navigation in event of winter detour



SAFETY - Safe Winter Driving (continued)



CLEARING NEVADA ROADS

Year in and year out, the Nevada Department of Transportation secures roadways from harsh winters with expert personnel, technology and dedication.

Training/Equipment

- * NDOT snow equipment operators undertake extensive winter operations training.
- * Most NDOT snow equipment are multi-use workhorses, used to plow in winter and perform other duties in summer.

Technology

- * Liquid anti-icers are applied to roads in advance of ice or snow to help prevent roadway icing.
- * Thick, sturdy sand is used on roads during winter snow removal. This sturdy sand does not break down as easily, reducing particulates released into the air.
- * NDOT road weather information systems pinpoint roads needing salt, sand or brine, greatly reducing use of all three products.
- * State-of-the-art, computerized salt and sand spreaders allow extreme precision and efficiency of salt/sand use.

SNOWPLOW SAFETY:

- Use caution when following, passing or approaching snow removal equipment
- Drive a safe distance behind snowplows. Plows often travel slower than other vehicles to remove snow, apply sand and liquid anti-icers and assist stranded vehicles
- Before attempting to pass snow removal equipment, check direction of snow discharge to avoid snow and debris thrown from equipment. Remember - plows are wider than most vehicles and portions of the plow and blade may be obscured by blowing snow
- Don't crowd the plow.
- Only pass snow removal vehicles when a safe, legal passing area is available and adequately clear of snow and/or treated with salt and sand
- Don't travel beside a snowplow. They can shift sideways after hitting snow packs or drifts
- When a plow approaches you, allow the plow room to operate by reducing speed and moving to the right side of the road if there is room to safely do so
- Do not brake with unnecessary sudden movements when in front of a snowplow - plows cannot stop as quickly as an automobile
- Don't drive through white out conditions caused by swirling snow around a snowplow. Safely pull to the side or slow to allow visibility to improve
- Remember that a snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you

Don't forget to check out the California Department of Transportation website (<https://dot.ca.gov>) for great information on winter storm conditions, winter driving, CA road conditions/closures/repairs (<https://roads.dot.ca.gov>; <https://dot.ca.gov/travel>) and much more!





SHOP FOR GEAR ALL AGES

**SKI & BOARD POPULAR BRANDS
BOOTS - BINDINGS - CLOTHING**

SELL YOUR UNWANTED GEAR

SKI SWAP

NOV 18-19

**LARGEST AREA SKI
SWAP OF THE YEAR!**

**OPEN TO
THE
PUBLIC!**

TWO DAYS ONLY!

UNBELIEVABLE SAVINGS! SO MUCH TO CHOOSE FROM
LOCAL MERCHANT PARTICIPATION

FRIDAY NOV 18TH 5PM-9PM

SATURDAY NOV 19TH 9AM-3PM



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FORMER LOCATION OF THE SPORTS AUTHORITY

EQUIPMENT CHECK IN

**THURSDAY NOV 17TH 12PM-3PM
FRIDAY NOV 18TH 10AM-5PM**

PICK UP UN-SOLD ITEMS

SUNDAY THE 20TH 10AM-2PM ONLY!

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF

INFO@SKYTAVERN.ORG



NOTE: *Items not picked up by 2pm on Sunday are donated to Sky Tavern. A 18% fee on all sales benefits Sky Tavern programming. Checks for sold items will be mailed within fourteen days. All sales are final. Sorry, no returns, refunds or exchanges.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

The Far West Ski Association (FWSA) is one of the largest associations of snowsport enthusiasts in the U.S. FWSA covers 12 states with 10 regional Councils with more than 150 Clubs and combined membership of over 50,000 skiers and snowboarders. As a member of a club that belongs to the SIERRA Council, you are a member of FWSA and entitled to all benefits. You may also join FWSA as a Direct Member.



North American Travel

FWSA Ski & Snowboard Week 2023: Jackson Hole, WY, January 21– 28

FWSA Ski & Snowboard Week 2024: Steamboat, CO, January 27 - February 3, 2024

FWSA Mini Ski & Snowboard Week 2023: Taos, NM, March, February 25—March 2, 2023

FWSA Mini Ski & Snowboard Week, 2024: Big White, BC, CA

FWSA Convention:

Annual Convention, June 15-18, 2023: The Grove Hotel, Boise, ID: Intermountain Council

FWSA International Travel:

FWSA Int. Ski & Snowboard Adventure Feb. 25-March 4, 2023: Zermatt, Switzerland, with extension to Costa del Sol, Southern Spain & Mallorca, March 4-12

FWSA Int. Ski & Snowboard Adventure February, 2024: Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy

FWSA Int. Ski & Snowboard Adventure February, 2025: Val d'Isere, FR w/extension TBD

FWSA Int. Ski & Snowboard Adventure Summer, 2025: Val Nevada, Chili, w/Atacama Desert Extension

Dive/Adventure/Cruises

FWSA 2023 Turks & Caicos Dive Trip, September 16-23, 2023

Central/West Africa; 2024 TBD

Galapagos Islands, 2025, TBD

Please contact the trip leader and/or check the FWSA website for further information regarding travel/housing/schedules, registration forms, waivers, payment schedules, etc.

FWSA travel website: <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/travel.html>

FWSA VP North American Travel:

Nancy Ellis, vpnorthamericantravel@fwsa.org

FWSA VP International Travel:

Debbie Stewart: vpinternationaltravel@fwsa.org

FWSA 2023 Int'l Ski Trip to Zermatt, Switzerland

BASIC Ski Week – Zermatt, Switzerland February 25–March 4, 2023

(Depart US Feb. 24 and return from Zurich on Mar. 5, 2023)

Opt. Extension Trip: Costa del Sol, So. Spain & Mallorca March 4–12, 2023

(Depart US Feb. 24 and return from Zurich on Mar. 13, 2023)



2 Lodging properties to choose from!

HOLIDAZE SKI TOURS®

Approx. hotel costs \$2025.00pp - \$3459.00pp (dbl. occ.) based on lodging choice [air not incl.]

Single Supplements are available.



Zermatt, Switzerland's best-known ski resort has the highest concentration of mountains and glacial ice in the Alps and the most magical and romantic car-free village situated at the foot of Switzerland's most famous landmark: the Matterhorn. It is considered by many true mountaineers to be the peak of all peaks.

You will find a wide range of possibilities for the experienced skier and many wide-open groomed runs for the intermediate and beginning skier. Ski in Switzerland and Italy in one day when you ski over the peak to Cervinia. Combined with the spectacular natural beauty, Zermatt is a record-holding destination which includes Europe's longest ski run with 25km, the highest-altitude sightseeing platform in the Alps, Europe's highest-altitude aerial cableway to the

Matterhorn glacier paradise, Europe's highest-altitude cogwheel railway in the open air (no tunnels), to the Gornergrat at 10,135 feet. Great trip for the non-skier too!

Lodging Package includes:

- Transfer between Zurich Airport & Tasch via private coach, then train transfer via 2nd class rail to Zermatt.
- Round trip luggage transfer of 2 pieces per person between Tasch and Zermatt.
- 7 night's accommodations at the Hotel Alex or Gornergrat Dorf Hotel
- Basic Zermatt - 1 overnight in Zurich, Mar. 4th; Zermatt & Extension – 2 overnights in Zurich, Mar. 4th & Mar. 12th
- Breakfast daily & 5 nights' dinner at the hotel you are staying at (2 nights to dine out in Zermatt)
- Multi-lingual guide meeting the FWSA Group Air people upon arrival.
- Wi-Fi in lobby or hotel room depending on lodging property [see lodging options sheet]
- **Welcome/Orientation on Feb. 26th at The Hotel Alex**
- Après Ski & Farewell events – details to be provided
- Optional day tour - details to be provided

So. Spain – Costa del Sol & Mallorca Extension

March 5 to 12, 2023

(Overnight in Zurich hotel on Mar. 4th and Mar. 12th return flight to U.S. on Mar. 13, 2023)

Approx. \$1810.00pp (dbl. occ.) or \$2738.00pp Single Supp.

Trip includes:

- If using FWSA Group Air – price DOES include flight from Zurich to Malaga
- All airport ground transfers for both weeks
- 4 nights at the 4 Star Melia Costa del Sol in Torremolinos or similar
- 3 nights at the 4 Star Melia Palma Bay Hotel in Mallorca or similar
- English speaking tour escort/manager for entire tour
- Breakfast daily
- Day excursions – details to be provided
- Full city day tours including the Alhambra Palace in Granada, city tour in Ronda, free time, Palma city tour...and more

- **All Prices are based on current exchange rates and subject to change.**
- **Stand Alone So. SPAIN ONLY – NO Zermatt trip is available. Contact Debbie Stewart for details and pricing.**



Make checks out to: **Far West Ski Association (FWSA)**. Please reference "FWSA 2023 Zermatt Int'l Trip" on each check.

Send to: **Debbie Stewart**
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430 S. Church St.
Visalia, CA 93277



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FWSA International Ski Week - Zermatt, Switzerland
February 25 - 4 March, 2023

Hotel Lodging Options and Pricing

Estimated Transportation Price on Lufthansa Air – SFO or LAX = approx. \$1050.00pp
 Transportation details with deviations = Fresno, San Diego, Phoenix, Portland & Las Vegas on **Signup Form**

	<u>Lodging Option</u>	<u>Availability/Options</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Price</u>
	Gornergrat Dorf	Standard Room, Double Occupancy	***	\$2025.00 (7 rooms)
		Deluxe Room, Double Occupancy	***	\$2159.00 (13 rooms)
		Single Supplement Room	***	\$2,384.00 (5 rooms)
	<p>Centrally located in Zermatt, near train station and ski lifts. This property offers a nice and clean, “minimum-frills” property with a great value for the cost-conscious traveler.</p> <p>This hotel enjoys a long tradition, a cozy and convivial atmosphere. On site dining room features delicious specialties; cozy modern bistro bar offers libations. Sauna and Spa on premises. Wi-Fi in the Lobby. www.gornergrat.com</p>			
	Hotel Alex	Classic Room, Double Occupancy	****	\$2,705.00 pp (10 rooms)
		Single Supplement Room	****	\$2955.00 pp (5 rooms)
		Deluxe Room, Double Occupancy	****	\$3090.00 pp (10 rooms)
		Jr. Suite Double Occupancy	****	\$3459.00 pp (4 rooms)
		Suite Double Occupancy	****	\$4,515.00 pp (1 room)
<p>Located in the center of town, this family-owned hotel combines the modern and the traditional in an exciting world of experiences that is full of surprises. Their traditional log-cabin exterior conceals modern bedrooms and luxury suites, and their culinary delights are amazing! Wi-Fi in rooms & lobby. 2019 Michelin Star Restaurant.</p> <p>Set only a couple of minutes’ drive from The Matterhorn Mountain, Resort Hotel Alex Zermatt offers boutique accommodation with a sauna, a terrace, and a heated swimming pool. You will be 2.7 km from Sunnegga-Blauherd and 2.7 km from Sunnegga Mountain.</p> <p>Situated in the very heart of Zermatt, in a shopping area, and the city centre is a 5-minute walk away and Zermatt rail station is 230 meters from the hotel. http://alex.hotelszermatt365.com/en/</p>				

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Far West Ski Association's 2023 Mini Ski Trip February 25—March 2, 2023 *Taos Ski Valley*

TRIP PACKAGE PRICE STARTING AT

\$1,258

*Based on double occupancy. Single supplement pricing is available
Price does NOT include air or lift tickets.*

*Sign up by October 1st and you will get a discount on your trip price.
Early Bird discount expires October 2, 2022*

Trip Insurance is highly recommended to protect your trip costs

Snake Dance Condos are steps from lift 1. Spacious units with fully equipped kitchens. King/Split Kings each bedroom. Après ski, food shopping & restaurants nearby.

110 Trails—24% Beginner; 25% Intermediate; 51% Advanced/Expert

Historic Town of Taos has many spas, an historic district, museums, and Taos Pueblo, a multi-story adobe structure home to numerous artisans.

Contacts: Marilyn Sigler—503-504-3663 – marski@teleport.com
Nancy Ellis – 530-582-0566 – Fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net

Information & Online Signup: <http://fwsamini.sat.tours>

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Included:

Five night's lodging

- Snake Dance Condos
- Ski in/Ski out
- 2bdrm condo—split King
- 1bdrm condo—split King

Welcome Reception

Farewell Dinner

Souvenir Ski Vest

Shuttle Albuquerque Airport

(must arrive between 10am—2pm)

Optional for Purchase:

3-day Adult Lift Ticket--\$444

4-day Adult Lift Ticket--\$578

3-day Senior Lift Ticket--\$267

4-day Senior Lift Ticket--\$464

Discounted Equipment Rental

Taos is on the IKON Pass

(must reserve your ski days with IKON)

Optional Activities:

- Snowmobile Tours
- Spa Services
- Sledding
- Ice Skating
- Art & History Museums
- Taos Pueblo—World Heritage Site

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90th Annual
**Far West Ski Association
Convention**
June 15 - 18, 2023
at the
Boise Centre
850 S. Front Street, Boise ID
www.boisecentre.com

*Adventure Awaits in
Boise!*



FWSA Convention 2023

Hosted by the *Intermountain Ski Council & Bogus Basin Ski Club*

The Grove Hotel

245 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83702.

www.grovehotelboise.com

Reservations: Call 888-961-5000 or 208-489-2222 Option 1,
Group Name: **Far West Ski Association.**

Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy **\$162**

Hotel Features

- The Grove Fitness Center and Spa
- Trillium Restaurant & The Bar
- Rates are available 3 days pre and post Convention
- Walking distance to shops, restaurants, museums, theaters & more

Transportation

- Air Transportation is via Boise Airport (BOI), located 10 minutes from Boise Centre.
- The Grove Hotel offers free airport shuttle service.
Call 208-333-8000 when you arrive. Ask for the Front Desk for ground transportation.

Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction
& Snowsport Trade Show
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panels
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Saturday Awards Banquet
- FWSA General Meeting & Elections

Optional Activities

- **Thursday**
 - Rafting on Payette River
 - Bike Ride through Boise
 - Pub Crawl
- **Friday**
 - 16th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
 - A Day on the Mountain, Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit TBA.

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FWSA 12th Annual Scuba Dive Trip Turks & Caicos Islands

3RD Largest Barrier Reef System in the World!

September 16 - 23, 2023



Diver Land Package = \$2211.00 Standard Room - Double Occupancy

Non-Diver Land Package = \$1945.00 Standard Room - Double Occupancy

Single Supplement Standard Room Add = \$527.00

Lodging Upgrades Available – contact Randy Lew for details

(Air transportation not included in above pricing)

Price Includes:

- 7 nights at East Bay Resort in South Caicos – Dbl. Occupancy with all meals daily
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Non-motorized water sports and activities
- Resort fees, taxes & staff gratuities. Dive gratuities NOT included.
- 6 days of 2 tank boat dives, 5 days of afternoon boat dives & complimentary use of dive computer
- PADI CDC Center
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Resort Amenities
- Welcome Party and Farewell Dinner



*Enjoy the beautiful
wildlife*

*Create New Memories
with Friends,
Old and New!*



*Dive and enjoy the
wildlife including turtles*



Enjoy a Beautiful Resort



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You must be a Member of a Far West Ski Assn. affiliated club or a FWSA Direct Member!

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SKI INDUSTRY NEWS

Ski industry news from the National Ski Club News, National Ski Council

Historic Climate Bill Expected to Benefit Ski Industry. The package includes the largest climate, energy, and environmental justice investment (\$370 billion) in U.S. history, from which the U.S. ski industry stands to benefit. SAM

Ski and Sports Shops See Impact of Russia-Ukraine War on Equipment Supplies. Ukraine is one of the biggest producers of winter sports equipment in Europe, producing hundreds of thousands of skis and snowboards each year. Certain brands may be hard to come by this snow season as disruptions in ski production from the war could rupture the supply chain. *Sacramento Bee via Stars and Stripes*

After Apocalyptic Lift Lines Last Year, Vail Resorts will Limit Ticket Sales this Winter. Daily tickets at all of the company's 37 North American resorts will be capped, but Epic Pass holders will not be affected. *Ski Magazine*

Vail Resorts Drops Vaccine Requirements, Will Limit Day Tickets. Vail Resorts has updated its Covid protocols, dropping vaccine requirements for guests and staff, and will limit day ticket sales for the upcoming winter season, according to its 2022-23 operating plan. Across all its resorts, the company will no longer require face coverings, vaccines, or dining reservations for guests. SAM

Indy Pass Adds Mountain High and Dodge Ridge in Calif. Indy Pass has added two more resorts to its growing list of partners for the 2022-23 season: Mountain High and Dodge Ridge, Calif. The additions bring Indy Pass's total alpine and Nordic resort partners to 106. SAM

Big Rock, Maine Gets \$2.5 Million Boost from U.S. Department of Commerce. The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Authority (EDA) has awarded a \$2.5 million grant to Big Rock Mountain to boost tourism by supporting investment into a new chairlift and increased snowmaking capacity at the Mars Hill, Maine, ski area. SAM

Big Snow, Mich. Acquisition Closed, Renames as Snowriver Mountain Resort. Charles Skinner Jr. has closed on the acquisition of Big Snow Resort, which includes Indianhead and Blackjack ski areas, all of which will be renamed with new branding. Big Snow will transition to Snowriver Mountain Resort, the Indianhead area will be called Jackson Creek Summit, and Blackjack will be Black River Basin SAM

Ikon Pass Adds Lotte Arai, Japan and Panorama, B.C. Alterra Mountain Company's Ikon Pass has added Lotte Arai Resort in Japan and Panorama Mountain Resort in British Columbia. With the additions, the pass will provide access to more than 50 destinations in 10 countries for the 2022-23 season. SAM

SKI INDUSTRY NEWS (Cont.)

Winter Park Resort to expand terrain this winter. Among a series of announced improvements, Winter Park Resort is opening new terrain for the 2022-23 ski season that the resort says will almost double its expert-only terrain over last season. *Steamboat Pilot & Today*

Three More Ski Areas Added to Indy Pass. Bluebird Backcountry, Colo.; Chestnut Mountain, Ill.; and Snowriver, Mich., have joined the Indy Pass starting in winter 2022-23. With the additions, Indy Pass holders will have two days of access to 96 alpine ski areas and 13 Nordic ski areas in North America and Japan SAM

Mountain Collective Adds Sugar Bowl. The Mountain Collective Pass has added Sugar Bowl, Calif., to its now 25-destination roster. The Tahoe resort joins Sun Valley, Snowbasin, Marmot Basin, and Le Massif de Charlevoix as new partners for upcoming season. SAM

Ikon Pass Adds Sun Peaks, Grandvalira Resorts Andorra. Ikon Pass has added Sun Peaks Resort in British Columbia and Grandvalira Resorts Andorra in Andorra for the 2022-23 season. With five other partners added earlier this year—Chamonix Mont-Blanc Valley, France, Sun Valley, Idaho, Snowbasin, Utah, Lotte Arai Resort, Japan, and Panorama, B.C.—Ikon Pass holders will now have access to more than 50 mountain destinations in 11 countries. SAM

Canada to Remove All COVID-19 Restrictions for Travelers. Canada will lift all remaining COVID-19 restrictions for international and domestic travelers starting Oct. 1 CBS News via Inntopia

Mountain Capital Partners to Operate Willamette Pass Resort. Mountain Capital Partners (MCP) has entered a joint venture with the Wiper family to operate and manage Willamette Pass Resort, Ore. The partnership will begin immediately. SAM

Telluride Renews Epic Pass Partnership with Vail Resorts. Vail Resorts and Telluride renewed their partnership for an undisclosed number of years. The terms remain the same: Full Epic Pass holders get seven days at Telluride with no blackouts. Four-to-seven-day Epic Day Pass holders with “all resorts” access can also redeem those days at Telluride. The Storm Skiing Journal



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