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## Save the Date

### Sierra League & Council Annual Barbeque Saturday, September 20

Sierra racers, travelers, ski club members,  
direct members, and guest, you are invited

**When:** Saturday, Sept 20th, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

**Where:** 12912 Ski View Loop, Truckee, CA, at the mountain home of Carlene Boutacoff, bordering the 5th hole of the Tahoe Donner Golf course. This is an **outdoor** event.

**Details:** BBQ items provided by Sierra. Bring your favorite beverage and a dish to share. Appetizers, salads, side dishes and desserts are appreciated.

**Who may attend?:** All Sierra Council members, direct members and guests.

**Entertainment:** Music provided by Paul Vandervoort. Additional musicians are always welcome. Happy feet are encouraged.

**Mini Ski Swap:** Join the fun of avoiding the land fill. Bring your gently used winter gear to trade, sell or donate. Watch for more details.

**Note:** A short general Sierra membership meeting with announcements and election of council officers will take place

**Contact person:** Carlene Boutacoff, Social Chair, Sierra League & Council; [cboutacoff@gmail.com](mailto:cboutacoff@gmail.com)



**President's Message**  
**By Jo Simpson, President**  
**Sierra League &**  
**Sierra Council**



Hello Sierra members and friends!

The FWSA convention is coming up June 12-15 in Palm Springs and I hope to see a good showing for Sierra Council there. There are a lot of fun activities planned, as well as several informative sessions on Saturday. Registration info is on the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter and on the FWSA website <http://www.fwsa.org>.

I would like to thank Carlene Boutacoff for leading our FWSA North American Ski Week trips for the past seven years. She has stepped down from VP Travel, but we aren't letting her go completely since she is continuing as our Social Chair.

John Schultheis was elected VP of Travel at our general meeting last September and is leading the ski week to Crested Butte, CO, January 24-31, 2026. We are already half full for our allocated lodging SO if you plan to go, sign up soon to hold your spot.

I hope to see many of you at the annual Sierra League and Council Barbeque on September 20. It's always a fun event and an opportunity to reconnect with ski friends whom we haven't seen during the summer.

**Board Members**

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### **Member Clubs and Contacts**

#### **Cabernet Ski and Race Club**

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#### **Las Vegas Ski Snowboard & Sports Club**

Las Vegas, NV  
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#### **Reno Ski & Recreation Club**

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#### **Sugar Bowl Ski Club**

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Ted Peterson  
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#### **Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski Club**

Truckee, CA  
www.tdski.com  
Marty Anderson  
president@tdski.com

#### **Top Gun Ski Club**

Greg Peairs, President  
shifty@aol.com

### **Regional Ski Area Websites:**

**Badger Pass:** [www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx](http://www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx)

**Bear Valley Ski:** [www.bearvalley.com](http://www.bearvalley.com)

**Boreal:** [www.rideboreal.com](http://www.rideboreal.com)

**Ski China Peak:** [www.skichinapeak.com](http://www.skichinapeak.com)

**Diamond Peak:** [www.diamondpeak.com](http://www.diamondpeak.com)

**Dodge Ridge:** [www.dodgeridge.com](http://www.dodgeridge.com)

**Donner Ski Ranch:** [www.donnerranch.com](http://www.donnerranch.com)

**Granlibakken:** [www.granlibakken.com](http://www.granlibakken.com)

**Heavenly Valley:** [www.skiheavenly.com](http://www.skiheavenly.com)

**Homewood:** [www.skihomewood.com](http://www.skihomewood.com)

**June Mountain:** [www.junemountain.com](http://www.junemountain.com)

**Kirkwood:** [www.kirkwood.com](http://www.kirkwood.com)

**Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard resort:** [www.skilasvegas.com](http://www.skilasvegas.com)

**Mammoth Mtn:** [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com)

**Mountain High Ski:** [www.mthigh.com](http://www.mthigh.com)

**Mt. Baldy:** [www.skibaldy.com](http://www.skibaldy.com)

**Mt. Rose:** [www.skirose.com](http://www.skirose.com)

**Mt. Shasta Ski Park:** [www.skipark.com](http://www.skipark.com)

**Northstar:** [www.northstarcalifornia.com](http://www.northstarcalifornia.com)

**Palisade Tahoe:** [www.palisadestahoe.com](http://www.palisadestahoe.com)

**Sierra At Tahoe:** [www.sierratahoe.com](http://www.sierratahoe.com)

**Snow Summit:** [www.snowsummit.com](http://www.snowsummit.com)

**Snow Valley:** [www.snow-valley.com](http://www.snow-valley.com)

**Soda Springs:** [www.skisodasprings.com](http://www.skisodasprings.com)

### **Thank you to our sponsors:**

Start Haus Ski & Bike Shop

<https://www.starhaus.com>

Tahoe Heartbeat Apparel

<https://tahoeheartbeat.com/>

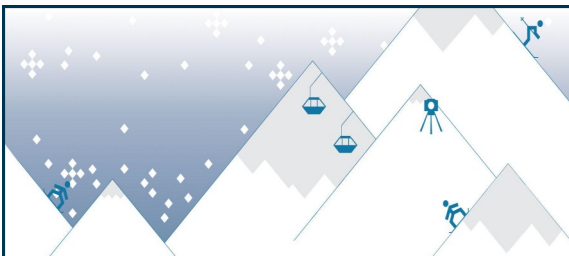
Sports Basement

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

Habervision

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

Habervision offers 50% off products



## Sierra League Race Chair Message

### 2025 Racing Season Recap.

Thanks everyone for a great race season. Amazingly, ALL 6 of our scheduled league races were held! Let's hope for the same next year!

Thanks to all of you who volunteered for hill work, serving as race starters, gatekeepers and on the scoreboard. We can't run these races without your help. Thank you for showing up for Sierra League and contributing to the overall race effort.

#### Noteworthy season kudos:

Congratulations to racers who earned strikes this season: **Craig Hada, Linda McCue, and Jim Cable.**

And congratulations to racers who earned their second strike and bumped to the next handicap level: **Michael McCue, Todd Lopez**

Double congrats go to Todd; after bumping to S3 in race 5, he double struck the next day (race 6) to S2. Has to be a record!

If I happened to overlook anyone, my apologies. Please let me know!

Enjoy your summer activities and see you next year for the 2026 racing season.

**Nan** (Nan Carnal, Sierra League Race Director)



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### The Far West Skier's Guide is digital.

Access the Far West website ([www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)). From the Member Corner dropdown menu, select Publications. From the Publications screen, select Far West Skier's Guide. The link for the guide will display on the right. Access to the guide is also available on the Sierra League website at the bottom of the home screen. You can also use the link below:

<https://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2024-25/index.php>

*Sierra skied the Big 3:  
Sunshine, Lake Louise Ski Resort & Norquay*



**2025 FWSA Ski/Snowboard Week Wrap-up by Carlene Boutacoff**

Congratulations to Sierra travelers attending 2025 FWSA Ski Week in Banff, Canada. Your enthusiasm, cooperation and competitive spirit made the trip a joyous adventure.

On the mountain Sierra racers performed exceptional well, including the GS races, Council Challenge, and the costume competition. Thank you, John S., Lisa V. and Paul V, for herding our racers to the start line in time and to winning finishes.

Besides racing competitions, the week included fabulous skiing at three of Canada's world class resorts--Sunshine, Lake Louise and Mt. Norquay. The weather was very cooperative with days of blue skies and temperatures no colder than a typical winter day in Truckee.

Off the slopes many travelers took time to tour the Canadian Rockies and enjoy the Ice Magic Festival at Lake Louise. The day I attended was so warm that the Zamboni cracked through the lake surface. Even though resurfacing could not be completed, Sierra star skaters still shined on the ice.

We were very fortunate that the Canadian dollar took a dive during the week. This allowed us to fill our evenings with well attended après ski celebrations. Besides the usual grazing snacks, we discovered a new council tradition...Ice cream with a dash of Irish Cream. Thank you, John Schulteis, for stocking us with ice cream and Laura Pries from LA Council for providing the Irish Cream. Betty Donellan must also be recognized for organizing our popular evening of bowling.

Thank you to all Sierra travelers for making 2025 Banff Ski Week a memorable success.

I hope to see everyone at the September Sierra League & Council Barbeque. See further details in this newsletter.

*Carlene Boutacoff, Sierra League/Council Social Director*

# 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 Council sponsored events, including the annual Winter Paraty and the Summer BBQ.

## 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](mailto:alpinesnow@att.net)

Corey Doolin  
FWSA Sierra League and Council VP Membership  
[alpinesnow@att.net](mailto:alpinesnow@att.net)

**Sierra League & Council  
2024-2025 Membership  
Application**

New Member

Renewing Member

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_

(cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark all that you are interested in:

Racing

Travel Program

Social

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](mailto: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**

05/10/2024

**Sierra League & Council Waiver  
2024-2025 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 my 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 if 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.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
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)**

ALL INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE MUST BE PRINTED ONTO ONE PAGE

Sierra League & Council 05/10/2024

# 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 a 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 2026: January 24-31; Crested Butte, Co

FWSA Mini Ski & Snowboard Week 2026: Details TBD

## FWSA Convention:

Annual Convention, June 12-15, 2025; Palm Springs, CA

## FWSA International Travel:

FWSA International Ski & Snowboard Summer Ski Week: July 31-August 10

Valle Nevado, Chile with extension to Santiago

FWSA Int. Ski & Snowboard Adventure 2026:

## Dive/Adventure/Cruises

FWSA Fall Foliage Cruise 2025: September 9-19; Quebec City to Boston

FWSA 2025 BELIZE Dive Trip: September 27-October 4

Greece 2026: Details TBD

Galapagos Islands 2026: Details 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](mailto:vpnorthamericantravel@fwsa.org)*

FWSA VP International Travel:

*Gloria Raminha: [vpinternationaltravel@fwsa.org](mailto:vpinternationaltravel@fwsa.org)*

# **FWSA 2025 Summer Ski Trip to Valle Nevado, Chile** **August 1 – 10, 2025 (7 nights in Valle Nevado & 2 nights in Santiago)**

*The group departs the US on July 31<sup>st</sup> and arrives in Santiago on August 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*August 1<sup>st</sup> - Half-day Santiago City Tour before departing for Valle Nevado.*

All Prices are based on US dollars



## **Land Package Includes:**

**7 Nights at The Hotel Puerto Del Sol in Valle Nevado**

**2 Nights at the 5-star Hotel InterContinental in Santiago**

*Prices start at \$3399 per person, based on double occupancy [air transportation sold separately.]*

Single Supplements are available.

Valle Nevado resort is located just 90 minutes east of Santiago, Chile on 1,999 acres of terrain, with 34 trails. It is known for its spectacular views of the Andes Mountains, dry snow, and wide-open terrain. It traditionally has a deeper and better snow quality than any of the resorts in Chile due to its high altitude (elevation 10,000'), southern orientation, and extensive snowmaking system. We will be staying at the Hotel Puerto Del Sol which is just 20 meters away from the slopes.

### **Lodging Package at the Hotel Puerto Del Sol in Valle Nevado includes:**

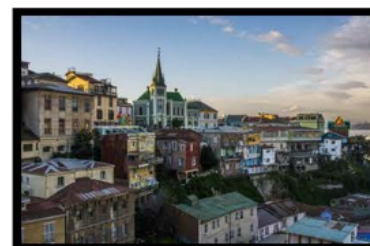


*Hotel Puerto Del Sol*

- Meet and greet at Santiago Airport with English Speaking Assistant.
- Half-day Santiago City Tour with English-speaking guide.
- Transfer between Santiago to Hotel Puerto Del Sol in Valle Nevado via a private Coach with English-speaking assistant.
- 7 nights' accommodation at the Hotel Puerto Del Sol.
- Welcome/Orientation Party on August 1<sup>st</sup> with reps from Valle Nevado Tourism Board.
- Daily Lift Tickets – (For those with an IKON pass, a discount will be applied based on your type of IKON Pass and any eligible PASS programs).
- One interconnecting ticket to La Parva or El Colorado resort (Subject to availability).
- Daily Buffet Breakfast & Dinner.
- Après Ski events – details to be provided.
- Complimentary use of the hotel amenities, such as:
  - WIFI
  - Ski storage
  - Spa
  - Outdoor heated swimming pool
  - Access to Fitness Center

### **Lodging Package at the 5-star Hotel InterContinental in Santiago includes:**

- Daily breakfast at the hotel.
- Full-day tour to the Central Coast, Valparaiso, and Vina del Mar, then we will travel to Casablanca Valley where we will be welcomed at Casas Del Bosque Vinyard for a tour and tasting followed by lunch.



*Valparaiso*

Send Deposit and Registration Documents to:

**Gloria Raminha**  
**FWSA VP of Int'l Travel**  
**12707 Windy Ridge Dr.**  
**Bakersfield, CA 93312**

For more information contact: Gloria Raminha at [garski2011@gmail.com](mailto:garski2011@gmail.com) or cell: 661/800-8229.

More FWSA Travel information is available at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) under the travel tab.

State of California Seller of Travel # 2036983-40

Make checks out to: Far West Ski Association (FWSA). Please reference "FWSA 2025 Chile Trip" on each check.

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



# 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Far West Ski Association Convention

June 12 - 15, 2025

at

## Riviera Resort & Spa, Palm Springs

1600 N. Indian Canyon Drive

Palm Springs, CA 92262

Hosted by the *Orange Council of Ski Clubs*



### Riviera Resort & Spa, Palm Springs

1600 N. Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262

**Reservations:** [Far West Ski Association Booking Link](#)

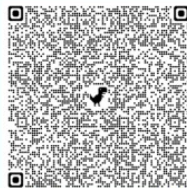
Or call **760-327-8311**, Group Name: **Far West Ski Association**.

**Room Rates** per night plus tax, single or double occupancy —  
**\$169** per night

**Room Registration Deadline: May 19, 2025**

### Hotel Features

- Palmetto Cafe
- Sante' Spa
- Circa 59
- Paradise Pool and Bar
- Tropics
- Starlight Lounge
- Oasis Pool



Scan for reservations

### Transportation

- Air transportation via Palm Springs International Airport (4 minutes away)
- Transportation to the airport is available by rental car, Uber, or Lyft.

### Convention Highlights

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

### Optional Activities

- **Thursday**
  - Aerial Tram at St. Jacinto Park
  - 28th Annual Pub Crawl
- **Friday**
  - 18th Annual Michael German
  - Memorial Golf Tournament
  - Spa Day
  - Pool Party at Oasis Pool
  - Club Happy Hour

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or 714-656-6032

A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit: USARC (U.S. Adaptive Recreation Center) [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)



# **FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION**

## **FALL FOLIAGE CRUISE—MAJESTIC PRINCESS**

Sept. 9-19, 2025 QUEBEC CITY TO BOSTON—FALL FOLIAGE

### **Per Person Rates:**

- from \$1,097/person*    **INSIDE ROOM (2) *They pick your room***
- from \$1,117/person*    **INSIDE ROOM (2) *You pick your room***
- from \$2,187/person*    **BALCONY ROOM (2) *They pick your room***
- from \$2,247/person*    **BALCONY ROOM (2) *You pick your room***
- from \$2,667/person*    **MINI SUITE (2) *They pick your room***
- from \$2,902/person*    **MINI SUITE (2) *You pick your room***

*Taxes and port fees included in the above rates*

### **CRUISE INCLUDES:**

- 10 Nights, All Meals & Floor Shows
- Group Cocktail Party
- 6 Restaurants on the ship plus the Main Dining Room

\*\*\*\$600.00 more/person (\$60/day) includes the following:

**\*Premium Drinks**

**\*WIFI on 1 device**

**\*Gratuities Paid**

**ADD QUEBEC CITY HILTON HOTEL (Walking distance to Old Quebec City)**

**Mon. Sept. 8th prior to boarding ship on Sept. 9th = \$143/person double room**

*Trip information: Contact Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel,*

*fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net*

*(530) 414-8261*

**FWSA CST #2036983-40**

## CRUISE CONTINUED

FWSA CST #2036983-40

### 8 PORTS OF CALL

SEPT 9th Tuesday	QUEBEC CITY Board Ship	
SEPT 10th Wednesday	QUEBEC CITY	Ship Departs 5:00 p.m.
SEPT 11th Thursday	SAGUENAY, CANADA	7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
SEPT 12th Friday	DAY AT SEA	
SEPT 13th Saturday	CHARLOTTETOWN, CANADA	9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
SEPT 14TH Sunday	SYDNEY, CANADA	8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
SEPT 15TH Monday	HALIFAX, CANADA	9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
SEPT 16TH Tuesday	DAY AT SEA	
SEPT 17TH Wednesday	SAINT JOHN, CANADA (Bay of Fundy)	8:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
SEPT 18TH Thursday	PORTLAND, MAINE	9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
SEPT 19TH Friday	BOSTON, MAINE	7:00 a.m. + Off Ship

### **Additional Costs:**

- Air to Quebec City (YQB) & transfer to ship
- 1 night Quebec City Hilton night before cruise & 2 transfers (hotel and ship)
- Ship transfer to Boston Airport (BOS) after cruise
- Air from Boston, MA (BOS), end of cruise

**DEPOSITS: \$400 PER PERSON TO BOOK ROOMS**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY MAY 31, 2025**

### CANCEL POLICY:

- FULL REFUND IF CANCEL BY MAY 31, 2025
- June 1—July 1, 2025—\$400/person penalty
- July 2—August 1, 2025—50% penalty
- August 2 —August 19, 2025—75% penalty
- August 20—September 9, 2025 trip date—100% penalty

**Note: Room Rates could increase depending when you book**

Contact Nancy Ellis, (530) 414-8261, [fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net), to sign up.



# Sign Up Now for 2026 FWSA Ski Week

**Jan 24-Jan 31, 2026**

Join us for the FUN in Crested Butte, Colorado

## Send your Deposits for best Lodging choices.

Package Prices include 7 nights lodging, welcome party, race events, après ski gatherings, special council dinner, banquet dinner with dancing.

## Sierra Lodging choices & package prices:

### Grand Lodge Hotel – 3 Star Hotel - Emmons Studio \$1540pp, double occupancy

Hotel Rooms; King & King Murphy Bed. Kitchenette; Microwave, 1 Burner Stove & Minifridge. Hot Tubs & Sauna & Pools, free parking, Short walk to Slopes. Free Ski Valet at Slope. Located Next to the Transit Center. 433 Sq Ft

### Elevation Hotel and Spa- 4 Star Hotel \$1675pp, double occupancy

Hotel Rooms: You can request either a King or 2 Queen beds. Kitchenette with Microwave and Minifridge. Hot Tubs & Sauna & Indoor pool, parking, ski storage, Ski in; Short walk out; Closest to the Slopes. FWSA activities will be held at this property. \$15 per day Parking. 486 Sq Ft

### Grand Lodge Hotel – 3 Star Hotel - One Bedroom \$1760pp, double occupancy

King in Bedroom plus Queen Murphy bed in main area. Microwave, 1 Burner Stove & Minifridge, Hot Tubs & Sauna & Pools, free parking, Short walk to Slopes. Free Ski Valet at Slope. Located Next to Transit Center. 830 Sq Ft.

**All Lodging options are in the Crested Butte Base Village with shuttle service to town nearby.**

Options for purchase:

Group air will be available from selected locations. Watch for further details.

## Crested Butte is an EPIC Ski Resort

**EPIC Pass & EPIC Local Pass offer Unlimited days at Crested Butte, EPIC Tahoe Local Pass offers 5 days.**

EPIC Adult Day Passes:           5-day Adult     \$527                           6-day Adult     \$614

Travelers using the link below to purchase an EPIC pass or EPIC Local pass who then sign up for the 2026 FWSA Crested Butte Ski Week will get a discount applied to their trip package.

**USE THIS LINK TO PURCHASE AN EPIC PASS OR EPIC LOCAL PASS**

<https://www.ski.com/season-passes-epic-pass?ls=12099>

**Reserve your spot for this great Trip to Crested Butte Colorado:**

Send your \$200.00 deposit, made payable to Sierra League, and your registration forms to:

**John Schultheis, VP Travel Sierra League, 160 Virgil Dr., Sparks NV 89441**

More details at <http://www.sierraleague.com>

Travel Insurance is Highly Recommended.

NOTE: *Participants must be a member of a FWSA Club or Direct Member*     **FWSA CST # 2036983-40**



**Sierra Council Payment Schedule**  
**FWSA 2026 SKI WEEK**  
**Crested Butte, Colorado**

**Payment Schedule:**

<b>Payments:</b>	<b>Due date:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
Initial deposit	Due at Sign-up	\$200.00
Second Payment	Due by June 20	\$500.00
Third payment	Due by August 20	\$500.00
Final payment	Due by November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Final balance due

**Cancellation Policy:**

**See the Far West Cancellation Policy in the Far West Registration Packet.**

Note: Travelers should immediately contact the council trip leader if you need to cancel. Efforts will be made to replace your reservation. All replacements must go through the Sierra Council trip leader, John Schultheis at [jms@schultheis.org](mailto:jms@schultheis.org) Cancellations should be in writing and dated.

We highly recommend that you purchase travel insurance to protect yourself from unexpected cancellations. Travel insurance vendors can be found on the FWSA and the NSCF websites and are provided for informational purposes only and should not be considered an endorsement of the services.

**Methods of Payment:**

Make **Checks Payable to: *Sierra League*** and send to

**John Schultheis**  
**160 Virgil Drive**  
**Sparks, NV 89441**

**FWSA CST # 2036983-40**



# FWSA 2025 DIVE TRIP

## Ramon's Village Resort

September 27 - October 4, 2025



**BASIC Dive Package: \$1,969 pp (double occupancy)**

**Non-Dive Package: \$1,444 pp (double occupancy)**

**Deluxe Room Upgrades and Standard Single supplement rooms are available.**

### **Ramon's Village Resort Land Package Includes:**

**Three Meals Daily**

**Complimentary Wi-Fi**

**7 Nights' Accommodations (*Double Occupancy*)**

**PADI 5-star IDC dive operation**

**6 Days of Diving - 13 Boat Dives with Dive Master, Tanks and Weights Included**

**1 night dive is included**

**Resort Fees, Taxes & Gratuities (housekeeping & dive gratuities are not included)**

**Round trip ground transfer from Ambergris Airport**



*Incredible diving in the  
Mesoamerican Barrier Reef...  
the second largest reef system  
in the world!*

*Enjoy a fantastic resort on the beach  
- perfect for the diver and non-diver  
to enjoy!*

**Contact:**

**Randy Lew**

**FWSA Dive Trip Leader**

**829 SE 11<sup>th</sup> Place**

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**12707 Windy Ridge Drive**

**Bakersfield, CA 93312**

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

State of California Registered Seller of Travel # 2036983-40

## **SAFETY: SUMMER SKI CARE: THE DO'S AND DON'T'S**

As the ski season winds down, the following article is a helpful and often humorous checklist for storing your gear until next ski season. The article is from the website of Folsom Custom Skis (Boulder, CO not CA). <https://www.folsomskis.com/summer-ski-care-the-dos-and-donts>

“For better or for worse, skiing is a sport that relies heavily on equipment. Not just any equipment, but expensive equipment that has us covered from head to toe. With the seasonal nature of skiing, it’s easy to overlook summer ski care. In an effort to get the most out of your gear and make it last longer, here are some essential do’s and don’ts for summer ski equipment care.

### **DO:**

- **Maintain your skis:** Having a technical tune is not super important to getting your skis ready for summer; simply take a look at your skis and assess what needs to be repaired.
- Any core shots should be filled to make sure skis are sealed from moisture.
- Any sort of delamination should be fixed.
- Make sure that your skis are clean and rust free.
- If your skis are covered in spring mud, hose them off and make sure to get rid of any dirt.
- Let skis dry individually, as edge to edge contact will promote rusting.
- If there’s rust on the edges, simply rub it off with a gummy stone or some steel wool.
- Apply a heavy hand wax, and leave it on until you’re ready to go skiing again.
- If you feel like doing a full tune on your skis before summer storage, go for it, but make sure you leave that heavy coat of wax to protect the bases from drying out.
- **Store your skis in a cool, dry place:** It’s safe to say that most people want to store their skis in the garage. This can be a good option, but if your garage gets exorbitantly warm, consider storing them elsewhere. One of the most damaging things to a pair of skis throughout the summer months is a large temperature fluctuation. When plastic bases get cold and hot again and again, the plastics expand and contract, causing the tune to deform.
- **Keep your skis out of UV light:** Direct exposure to the sunlight is very damaging to skis and can seriously shorten their life cycle. UV light penetrates the plastics in your skis (topsheet, sidewall, and bases) causing the plastic to break down prematurely. Let the camber profile relax: Take your ski straps off and allow the ski to sit in its natural state. It is best to just lean them up against a wall either clicked together or independently
- **Take care of your bindings:** If your bindings are at a high DIN setting, back them down a few notches to relax the springs so they don’t sit under pressure for longer that they need to. Yeah, we know you’re super rad and can only ski a P18, so make that binding last. Don’t leave the heel pieces up for the summer, either.

## SAFETY (Cont.) – SUMMER SKI CARE: THE DO'S AND DON'T'S

### Do's (cont.)

- Check your pockets: Remove all that crap that's accumulated over the season. Ski gear, backpacks and ski bags have a lot of pockets so don't be that guy that finds an old, moldy sandwich in your pocket next season. Who knows you might find some hidden gems that you thought were lost long ago!

### DON'T:

- Leave your skis on your roof rack or box: Yeah we get it: you ski. That's great but you don't need to drive around all summer with your skis up top. Sun, rain, hail, and wind will totally disintegrate your skis through the summer months. Additionally, for a pair of skis, spending a summer in a roof box is like spending a summer in a blender.
- Be the stinky guy next season: When you are done skiing for the year don't just stuff everything in your backpack at the end of the day and just leave it there until next year. Everything will smell awful the next time you use your gear and it will be that much harder to get rid of. Additionally, you can use a Nikwax product, or something similar to boost waterproofing. No one likes smelly gear. You and your and ski buddies will thank you later
- Hang your goggles from your rearview mirror: it'll cause your goggle straps to stretch out and the unnecessary UV exposure is bad for the lenses. Again we get it, you're a skier. Maybe just put a sticker on your car instead
- Leave your boots in a messy pile: was your last ski day a closing day party? If so, it's very probable that you consumed some adult beverages, tramped through a bunch of mud and took your ski boots off in a very barbaric fashion. Maybe you even slept in them. Bunched up liners, unbuckled boots, and mud are bad for ski boots and can cause the plastic to deform. Unless you are retiring your boots, do the right thing and clean them up.
- Throw all your touring gear in a pile after your last tour: Was your last touring day a frustrating one? Heavy, wet, or muddy conditions cause that last tour to be a slog? Don't take your frustrations out on your gear. Put it away like an adult.
  - Dry your skins and store them properly, in their bag. If they are left dirty or wet, the adhesive will breakdown and the skins will be less grippy.
  - Take the batteries out of your transceiver. This will prevent corrosion and force you to put fresh batteries in next season.
- Worry about your poles: They're just poles. PRO TIP: They make great stands for polish horseshoes (Editor's Note: more like "Pole-ish" horseshoes, a real backyard game with rules and equipment. No relation to the people from country of Poland)
- Miss out on summer deals & discounts: It's often the most economical time to buy skis, take the plunge during warmer months and your wallet will thank you when the snow starts to fly."

# SKI INDUSTRY NEWS—2025

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

February 2025

Colorado Lawmakers Revive SHRED Act in Congress in an Effort to Keep Ski Area Fees Flowing Locally. Colorado congressmen are taking another shot at keeping revenue from ski area fees in the local communities where resorts operate. U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet, a Colorado Democrat, reintroduced the Ski Hill Resources for Economic Development, or SHRED Act, for the third time. Bennet was joined by co-sponsor Sen. John Barrasso, a Wyoming Republican, and several other lawmakers in bringing it to the U.S. Senate. Colorado Democratic Rep. Joe Neguse and Rep. Blake Moore, a Utah Republican, introduced the act in the U.S. House of Representatives. Sky-Hi News via Google

Skiing Double: Deer Valley East. An expansion of staggering scope, once dreamt of in the original plans for Deer Valley more than 50 years ago, is coming to life. Plans include adding 3,700 skiable acres, 16 new chair lifts, 10-person gondola and new village. Combining with the new Mayflower ski resort, acreage will increase to 5,726 ski-only acres. Expansion will unfold over the next 3 seasons with hopes that the majority of the new acres will be open for the 2025-2026 ski season. SAM

This Beloved U.S. Ski Resort Now Has the World's Longest 8-passenger Chairlift — and It Gets 400 Inches of Snow a Year. Big Sky Resort debuted the Madison 8 chairlift, which comes with an incline length of 8,631 feet, making it the world's longest eight-passenger chairlift. Travel + Leisure

The Undisputed First Rule of Skiing and Snowboarding. What was the #1 rule?

Overwhelmingly, the top answer was "have fun." The idea reflects the essence and spirit of the sport. Skiing and riding are not just a physical activity, they are recreational pursuits that people engage in for enjoyment and exhilaration. SnowBrains

Uphill, in the snow: Why This Laborious Ski Trend is Booming at US Resorts. A growing number of skiers are powering up mountains without any mechanical assistance. Lift-free "uphilling" has benefits beyond fitness, fans say. Backcountry skiing and ski mountaineering, which involves summiting peaks with alpine gear, are versions of traveling uphill in the snow. But a less extreme, fitness-oriented version of "uphilling" is on the rise within resort boundaries at US ski resorts. It's attracting skiers beyond the backcountry set in search of a good workout with the added bonus of fresh air and fresh tracks — often before the mountain opens to lift-access for the day. Ski areas allowing uphill access (designated routes and hours when skiers, hikers and snowshoers can walk up the mountain) have increased by nearly a third over the past decade, according to statistics from the [National Ski Areas Association](#), a trade association for ski area owners and operators that represents over 300 alpine resorts in the United States. CNN via Google Alerts

This Is the Most Expensive Ski Resort in the U.S. — and It's Perfect for Both Experts and Newbies. A new study named Aspen Snowmass Ski Resort in Colorado the most expensive ski resort nationwide. Skiing in the U.S. is, simply put, wildly expensive. But that doesn't seem to be stopping people from hitting the slopes. According to the National Ski Areas Association, 60.4 million Americans visited a mountain in the 2023/24 season. *Travel + Leisure* via Google Alerts

Park City Patrol Ratifies Contract After a 10-Month Negotiation. Members of the Park City Professional Ski Patrol Association (PCPSPA) have voted to ratify the contract negotiated by the United Mountain Workers union with Vail Resorts on Tuesday. The agreement, reached after 10 months of negotiations for increased wages, ended a nearly two-week strike. SAM

## SKI INDUSTRY NEWS (Cont.)

**Crested Butte Lift Maintenance Workers Authorize Strike Against Vail Resorts.** Crested Butte Lift Maintenance voted to authorize a strike against Vail Resorts over contract negotiations. Powder

**A-Basin Ski Patrollers Vote to Unionize.** Members of the Arapahoe Basin ski patrol voted 30-22 in favor of unionizing. If the results are certified by the National Labor Relations Board, the Arapahoe Basin Ski Patrol Union (ABSP) will join the Communication Workers of America (CWA) 7781 United Mountain Workers, which will represent ABSP in contract negotiations with A-Basin's new owner, Alterra Mountain Company. Alterra closed on its acquisition of A-Basin in November. SAM

**Hotel Fire in Turkish Ski Resort Kills at Least 66.** A predawn January fire at a hotel in the Kartalkaya Ski Resort in Turkey killed at least 66, with another 51 injured, Turkey's Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said. The resort is located in Northwestern Turkey's Koroglu mountains, about 185 miles east of Istanbul. SAM

**Lift Detaches at Attitash, One Injured.** On Feb. 2, a carrier with one rider aboard detached from the Flying Bear lift at Attitash Mountain. The carrier fell approximately 20 feet. Eyewitnesses report that the male passenger was conscious and walking after the fall. He has since been released from the hospital. SAM

**Lift Failure Injures 15 at Spain Ski Area.** A chairlift failure injured more than a dozen people Saturday morning at Astún resort in the Spanish Pyrenees. The bullwheel on a 1985 fixed-grip quad detached, causing the lift to derope on numerous towers, according to liftblog.com's Peter Landsman. SAM

March 2025

**Women Ski Jumpers Win Equal Pay for First time at First Women's World Cup in USA.** For the first time in history, a Women's World Cup ski jumping event was held on U.S. soil, marking a major milestone for the sport. The competition also made history by awarding equal prize money to female athletes for the first time, a significant step toward gender equity in professional ski jumping. Park City *Town Lift* via Google Alerts

**Indy Pass Adds Six Ski Areas for 2025-26 Season.** The Indy Pass will include six new ski area partners in 2025-26, including the first Southern Hemisphere partner resort. The new additions are Burke Mountain, Vt.; Tenney Mountain, N.H.; Corralco Mountain Resort, Chile; Rauriser-Hochalmbahnen, Austria; Pila, Italy; and Mt. Washington XC, British Columbia, Canada. Indy Pass holders can ski this summer at Corralco when it's winter in the Southern Hemisphere. SAM

**Mountain Collective 2025-26 Pass Adds Benefits, Loses A-Basin.** For the 2025-26 season, the Mountain Collective Pass will once again offer two days of access to 26 ski partner resorts with some changes from the previous year, including the departure of Arapahoe Basin, Colo., and the addition of new pass-holder benefits. SAM

**Idaho Supreme Court Reconsiders Ski Area Liability Ruling.** Initially, a lower court ruled in favor of Sun Valley Resort, citing Idaho's 1979 Ski Area Liability Act, which limits ski area operators' liability for inherent risks of skiing. The Idaho Supreme Court reversed this decision in December 2023, stating that a jury should determine whether the resort had failed to meet the duties of ski area operators outlined in the state's Ski Safety statute, regardless of the skier's actions. The December 2023 ruling could lead to higher insurance costs for all ski areas. Sun Valley asked the court to rehear the case on the basis that the court failed to factor in considerations such as the duty of skiers in its original ruling. SAM

**Keystone Ski Patrol ratifies contract after months of negotiations with Vail Resorts.** The Keystone Ski Patrol Union announced that members voted to ratify a contract with Vail Resorts. KDVR-TV Denver via MSN.

## SKI INDUSTRY NEWS (Cont.)

Majority Sale of Powderhorn Brightens Future for Colorado Resort. A deal to make the managers of Powderhorn Mountain the majority owners of the western Colorado mountain promises to build upon recent upgrades. Located less than an hour's drive from Grand Junction, Powderhorn first opened in 1966. SnoCountry

The 11 Oldest Ski Gondolas Still in Use in North America Today. While new gondolas are being installed each year across North America for skiing, this article will focus on the oldest gondolas still in operation for skiing access. SnowBrains

Honoring 60+ Years of East Coast Spring Skiing Tradition at Killington, VT, as Resort Begins Construction for New Superstar Chair in April. The legendary Superstar Express Quad is being replaced with a new six-passenger chairlift and will close to the public on April 13, after providing almost 40 years of incredible spring skiing. The new lift will be finished in the fall, though not in time for the annual Thanksgiving World Cup race, which has been moved to Copper Mountain, Colorado, for 2025. SnowBrains

Ikon Pass Adds Ischgl and Others, Discontinues Base Plus Pass for 2025-26 Season. The 2025-26 Ikon Pass will introduce new resort access, expanded benefits, and a notable change to the pass lineup. Ischgl, a ski area in Austria, will join as the seventh Ikon Pass destination in Europe. Windham Mountain Club in New York will leave the pass lineup for 2025-26. Four resorts—Jiminy Peak, Mass.; Cranmore, N.H.; Wild Mountain, Minn.; and Buck Hill, Minn. - have joined as "bonus mountains," offering two days of access to full Ikon Pass holders. Ikon Base Plus Pass has been discontinued for the 2025-26 season.

Arapahoe Basin Goes Full Ikon, As Season Pass Sales Begin. For the 2025-2026 season, Arapahoe Basin will go unlimited under the Ikon Pass, although an Arapahoe Basin-only season pass will be available. Colorado's Arapahoe Basin, which was acquired by Ikon Pass parent Alterra Mountain Company in 2024, will now offer unlimited access for Ikon Pass holders, removing previous restrictions. SnoCountry

Comparing the Price Development of Ikon, Epic, Mountain Collective, and Indy Passes. The [Ikon](#), [Epic](#), [Mountain Collective](#), and [Indy Passes](#) are the four big multi-resort passes on the market. Each offers something a little unique and different from the others. A quick breakdown of what's new for each pass next season at "SnowBrains"

Ragged Mountain NH Listed for Sale. Ragged Mountain Resort has been listed for sale, along with more than 2,000 acres of surrounding land. The ski area is currently managed by Pacific Group Resorts, Inc. (PGRI), on behalf of a third-party owner that acquired it in 2007. SAM

Judge Finds Toggenburg Owner Violated New York's Antitrust Law. A New York State judge has ruled that Inter-mountain Management, owner of Labrador Mountain and Song Mountain ski areas, violated state antitrust law when it purchased and shut down neighboring Toggenburg ski area in 2021. SAM

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10 States with the Highest Number of Active Ski Areas. There are a ton of ski areas across the United States, ranging from tiny little hills with a single rope tow to massive resorts with a huge amount of surrounding infrastructure. But which states have the most ski areas? Unofficial Networks via Google Alerts

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Occupied Gondola Cabin Falls at Kicking Horse, BC. A gondola cabin with eight passengers inside fell from the Golden Eagle Express gondola at Kicking Horse Resort March 10. The detachment occurred shortly after the cabin left the lower terminal. No injuries were reported. SAM

Two unreported deaths from crashes at ski resorts in Summit County, CO, bring season total to 3 fatalities. In addition to the skier [who died at Keystone Resort](#) the week of March 10, the Summit County Coroner's Office says there have been two other deaths resulting from crashes at [local ski resorts](#) so far this season. In January, two snowboarders died days after sustaining injuries in crashes. *Summit Daily* via Google Alerts

Skier Tragically Dies in Snow Immersion Suffocation Accident in Mt. Bachelor, Oregon. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) has confirmed that a 34-year-old male from Seattle, Washington, tragically passed away at Mt. Bachelor ski resort March 17, 2025. The cause of death has not been officially determined, but according to the press release, "the circumstances are consistent with snow immersion suffocation." Powder

Man Dies after Falling from Malfunctioning Chairlift at Red Lodge Mountain, Montana. A 37-year-old man has died after falling from a chairlift that was having a mechanical problem at Red Lodge Mountain. According to local authorities, Jeffrey Zinne of Billings was riding alone in a three-person chair that carries skiers up the mountain when he fell from an unspecified height. MSN via Google Alerts

Kazakhstan for skiing? Almaty, Kazakhstan's largest city sprawls across a valley at 800 meters above sea level, its modern skyscrapers piercing the sky against the backdrop of the majestic Zailiisky Alatau mountain range. Just 15 kilometers from the city center lies Shymbulak, a resort that would make any ski enthusiast question their loyalty to the Alps. *InTheSnow Ed. Note: While Kazakhstan is a longshot for a ski trip, the article is a great travel read.*

The 9 Sketchiest Ski Resort Access Roads in North America, According to SnowBrains Readers. What ski resort has the sketchiest road to get to? With over 500 comments, these are the most daunting and dangerous routes to ski resorts they identified, where preparation, caution, and a touch of bravery are essential for making it safely to the slopes. *Snowbrains*

April 2025

Aspen Snowmass to Begin \$80 Million Infrastructure Investments this Summer. Aspen Skiing Company has announced that it will be implementing several serious upgrades at Snowmass Mountain this summer. From dining area renovations to lift replacements and more, the total cost of these improvements is around \$80 million. *Freeskier*

## SKI INDUSTRY NEWS (Cont.)

**Three Chairlifts to Be Installed This Summer in Northern New Mexico.** Northern New Mexico's three major resorts, Taos, Angel Fire, and Ski Santa Fe, have hired crews to install new chairlifts at each mountain, aimed to move folks around the hill and give novices faster access to their favorite trails. SnoCountry

**Four New Chairlifts to Go Up This Summer on Washington Mountains.** In the Pacific Northwest, four mountains in Washington will replace aging chairlifts with upgraded versions this summer. Each project is aimed to increase uphill capacity -- either with speed or more seating -- and reduce stop-and-starts during operating hours. SnoCountry

**Valle Nevado and La Parva Entering 2025 Winter Season with \$4 Million Upgrades.** Valle Nevado and La Parva are two of the Andes Mountains most sought after ski destinations. The neighboring resorts recently announced that they will be unveiling \$4 million USD of new investments for the 2025 winter. Freeskier

**POWDER Takes Mt. Bachelor Off Market.** After putting Mt. Bachelor on the market in August 2024, POWDER has decided it's going to keep the resort in its portfolio after all. SAM

**Who Reopened and Who Closed in 2024-25 as the Number of Operating U.S. Ski Areas Continues to Be in Flux.** The number of active ski areas in the United States is subject to change each season due to various factors such as weather conditions, financial viability, and operational decisions. SnowBrains

**A Complete List of Ski Areas on United States Forest Service Land.** There are 116, or maybe 128. The Storm Skiing Journal

**Boyne Resorts Introduces Company-Wide Season Pass Products.** Boyne Resorts has launched season pass products that provide access to all 10 of its properties for the 2025-26 winter season: the unlimited Boyne Passport and the 3-6-day Boyne Explorer. Its properties remain partners on Ikon Pass and Mountain Collective. SAM

**Group with Local Ties Offers \$11.5 Million for Burke Mountain.** Bear Den Partners has submitted a purchase and sale agreement to acquire Burke Mountain for \$11.5 million. Burke Mountain has been under the control of a federal receiver since it, along with Jay Peak Resort, Vt., was seized by the Securities and Exchange Commission in 2016 from then-owner Ariel Quiros. SAM

**Man Charged with Aggravated Assault After Altercation with Another Skier at Deer Valley Resort.** A Connecticut man faces a felony charge after an alleged assault on the slopes of Deer Valley Resort in Park City, Utah, left another skier with serious injuries. SnowBrains

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Note: To read the full article for many of the ski industry news listings, refer to the following websites:

POWDER - <https://www.powder.com>

Snowbrains - <https://www.snowbrains.com>

SAM (Ski Area Management) - <https://www.saminfo.com>

Seniors Skiing—<https://seniorsskiing.com/were-back/>

Freeskier—<https://freeskier.com/>

SnoCountry—<https://snocountry.com/>



[www.sierraleague.com](http://www.sierraleague.com)



## YOUR RESPONSIBILITY CODE

- 1** Always stay in control. You must be able to stop or avoid people or objects.
- 2** People ahead or downhill of you have the right-of-way. You must avoid them.
- 3** Stop only where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
- 4** Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
- 5** You must prevent runaway equipment.
- 6** Read and obey all signs, warnings and hazard markings.
- 7** Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
- 8** You must know how and be able to load, ride and unload lifts safely. If you need assistance, ask the lift attendant.
- 9** Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- 10** If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski area employee.

**Know and Obey the Code.  
It's Your Responsibility.**

*If you need help understanding the Code, please ask an employee.*