



## "Ski News"

**July 2021**

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### Message from VP Trips

Hey Austin Skiers!

Are you ready for an **OUTSTANDING** ski trip line-up for **2022**? Well, you should be. We have a great trip line up returning to some of Austin Skiers' annual favorites along with back-to back trips in **January** (**Snowmass, Steamboat & Telluride**) and **March** (**Vail, Mammoth & Heavenly**). The Trip Pages outlining the details e.g., accommodations, venue information, etc. are being worked on as we speak and plan to open them up at the same time middle to latter part of this month to give you enough time to make plans on which trips you're going on.

Austin Skiers has negotiated the most favorable trip contracts practical. All the trip contracts have "force majeure" clauses; if a government requirement makes the trip impossible, The risk arises that a tour operator's subcontractor (like a bus company or a resort) lacks the ability to refund amounts prepaid, and the tour

operator chooses to withhold that part of the refund. In that case, the participants are out of luck for that part unless they bought trip insurance. Most airlines are different; they will not refund prepaid tickets, but instead will give a travel credit good for a one year.

As is always the case when you travel to please consider Trip Insurance. Usually, the policy terms require for "cancel for any reason" coverage the insurance must be purchased within a few days of your first payment (deposit). Check out our Trip Insurance Resources page for more information.

All these policies, will be communicated to you before sign up, and will be discussed at the Trip Presentation meeting, in the meantime if you have any general question/comments, feel free to send me an email

I hope to see you at the [Annual Trip Presentation](#) meeting, on [August 22, 2021](#) at the [Balcones Country Club](#) from [4-6PM](#)

Thanks for your continued support of Austin Skiers and Think Snow!



Thinking snow,

Cindy Berry  
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Proudly partnering with the Texas Ski Council (TSC)

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Please take time to review our [trip policies](#), which include cancellation information.

We encourage our members going on our trips to consider trip insurance for those unexpected emergencies before or during your trip. **Here is a link for more information on [Trip Insurance](#).**

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## VP Trips Report

### Trip Line up for 2022 (subject to change)

| Date  | Location            | Pass | Trip Chair        |
|---|---------------------|------|-------------------|
| Jan 8-15  | * Park City, UT     | EPIC | Cindy Berry       |
| Jan 21-29   | Zel-am-See          |      | Mary Jo Humphreys |
| Jan 22-29   | Snowmass, CO        | IKON | Clay Yantis       |
| Jan 29-Feb 5  | Steamboat, CO       | IKON |                   |
| Feb 5-12  | *Telluride          | EPIC | Brian Lawrence    |
| Feb 19-26   | Sun Peaks, CAN      |      | Tim Atkinson      |
| Feb 26-Mar 5  | Vail, CO            | EPIC | Sylvia Blair      |
| Mar 5-12  | *Mammoth            | IKON |                   |
| Mar 12-19   | Heavenly, CA/NV     | EPIC |                   |
| May 14-29   | Scotland/N. Ireland |      | Tere Mayne        |
| (Pre-trip to London May 14-19/Main trip: May 19-29) |                     |      |                   |

Sept '22          Russia

\*Texas Ski Council Trip

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## Trip Chairs Wanted

Austin Skiers has an exciting **2022** ski season ahead with several top-rated, ski-in, ski-out resorts from which to choose! The tentative trip line-up is also posted on our [home page](#). There is a PDF file that you can [download](#) providing you a list of by date, venue and applicable passes (IKON/EPIC). The venues will be added to the file and updated soon.

We are working on the details for our trips and will have them [posted](#) on our web site **later this month**. This is also the time to begin thinking about serving in the capacity as either a Trip Chair or Trip Chair Assistant. We are asking our membership to find members who are interested in volunteering for either of these positions.

***The following trips are [still in need](#) of a Trip Chair/Trip Chair Assistant: [Heavenly](#), [Steamboat](#), [Mammoth](#) & [Russia](#). Now is the time to identify club members willing to serve. Qualified applicant will be allowed a trip reimbursement of **\$1,300** as a [Trip Chair](#) or **\$300** as a [Trip Chair Assistant](#).***

As you know we can't run a trip without a Trip Chair, so this is a critical leadership position for our club. If you are interested in serving as a Trip Chair or Assistant read through the trip chair's [responsibilities](#) and submit your [application](#). Email your completed application form and any questions you may have about the trip to Cindy Berry at [Trips@AustinSkiers.org](mailto:Trips@AustinSkiers.org).



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### Pro Trips for Airline Travel

**Airline** Travel Tips to save you time coming and going within the U.S and returning from international trips. There will be an article in the August issue about how to prepare to sign up for individual trips.

#### **TSA Pre-check:**

The **TSA Pre-Check** is administered by the **TSA** and is designed to permit selected members of Global Entry, NEXUS, and SENTRI, members of the U.S. Military, along with cadets & midshipmen of the United States service academies expedited screening for domestic and select international itineraries. It allows for expedited check-in without having to remove shoes, belts, 3-1-1 liquids, laptops or light jackets. It's a **five-year** membership & comes at a cost of **\$85**. Click [here](#) to begin the enrollment process. Once you've completed the form you will eventually need to schedule an appointment with a local **Universal Enrollment** (UE) Center. If you have any questions, click [here](#) for their FAQ. The in-person process takes less than **15 minutes** - be aware you will be subject to **fingerprint ID** as part of the interview.

#### **Global Entry:**

The **Global Entry** (Trusted Traveler Program Enrollment) is a **U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)** program, which allows expedited clearance for pre-approved, low-risk travelers upon arrival in the United States. Members enter the United States through automatic kiosks at [select airports](#). When you arrive at one of the approved entry U.S. airports, proceed to Global Entry kiosks, present your

machine-readable passport or U.S. permanent resident card, place your fingerprints on the scanner for fingerprint verification and complete a customs declaration. The kiosk issues the traveler (you) a transaction receipt and directs you to baggage claims and the exit.

You must be [pre-approved](#) for the Global Entry program. All applicants undergo a rigorous background check and in-person interview before enrollment. While Global Entry's goal is to speed travelers through the process, members may still be selected for further examination when entering the United States. Any violation of the program's terms and conditions will result in the appropriate enforcement action and termination of the traveler's membership privileges.

The [benefits](#) of Global Entry are: Reduced wait times with self-service kiosks or E-Gates using facial comparison technologies; No paperwork to be filled out by passengers upon entry; and [includes TSA Pre-Check](#). The fee will run you **\$100** and is good for **five** years. So, you can get Global Entry [including](#) TSA Pre-Check for just **\$15** more as opposed to spending **\$85** for [just](#) TSA Pre-Check.

For their information center click [here](#). You must first create a [Trusted Traveler Program](#) online account thru the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

#### **Mobile Passport:**

Another program for International Travelers you might be interested in knowing more about is a CBP authorized smart phone app called [Mobile Passport](#). It's available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) users. It's probably the **best kept secret** for [international](#) travel around. Download the app & complete your profile. Once you land & reconnect to the internet, submit the information using the app - you will receive a QR code, You will still need to present your physical passport and mobile device to a CBP officer to finalize inspection for entry into the United States. There are **29 arrival airport** or **4 seaports** and **terminals**.

Be aware some app developers will charge for additional features, which are not required by CBP nor from which CBP will collect a fee or store profile information. The iPhone app I used charged **\$14.99** to store my information - it was worth it to me to pay it, but not required by CBP. If you use this device you will no longer have to complete a paper form or use the kiosks.

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**SAVE THE DATES**

The [Annual Trip Presentation](#) will be held this year on **August 22, 2021** from 4-6PM at [Balcones Country Club](#). Stay tuned for more details on the website, newsletter & email.

The [Annual Holiday Party](#) will be held this year on **December 12, 2022** from 6-10PM at [Balcones Country Club](#). Stay tuned for more details on the website, newsletter & email.

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**Happy Hours/Special Activities**

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# South Happy Hour

## Bender Bar & Grill

321 W. Ben White, Bldg. #300  
Austin, TX 78704

**Thursday, July 15**

**4:30 - 6:30 PM**

**Event Details:** Austin Skiers has reservations for 20 first come first served on the front covered patio. Don't miss this one as we continue coming out of our year long COVID quarantine.

Please wear your name badge

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The Texas Ski Council is a member of the National Ski Council Federation. Which means Austin Skiers are members and have some great benefits. Please check them out and register at [National Ski Council Federation](#).



**SI BERNARD**

Austin Skiers appreciates the support of our local ski stores, [Sun & Ski Sports](#), [MarineMax Sail & Ski](#) and [Saint Bernard Sports](#) for hosting our club meetings this fall and winter. Please shop local, these stores are adding more ski related inventory every week and giving our members discounts during each meeting.

Reminder...

- Sun & Ski provides a 10% discount to our members on full priced ski items.

Do you need rentals? Visit Marine Max Sail & Ski to rent equipment and clothing for skiing and boarding

Check out their ski/snowboard bundles - goggles, ski poles, boot bags and snow apparel! Follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and other social media sites listed on their website.



**Chris Vrba, Director: [Director@austinskiers.org](mailto:Director@austinskiers.org)**

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Austin Skiers "active" membership stands at **390**. We appreciate your membership & participation in Austin Skiers - it is why we exist.

For those interested in photos from [Beaver Creek](#) & [Heavenly](#) you can view them on our website under "[Photos 2020-21](#)."

Also, as you are [renewing](#) your [membership](#) please double-check your [contact information](#) is correct - address, phone # & email. On occasion we may need to physically mail you something or call - so please take a quick glance. We appreciate it!

We are still working on finalizing a few remaining contracts for a Great line-up of ski venues for next season. Please consider serving as either a [Trip Chair](#) or [Trip Chair Assistant](#) in **2022**. Contact Cindy Berry [Trips@austinskiers.org](mailto:Trips@austinskiers.org) for further details.

For those of you that have recovered from **COVID-19** or know someone who has and developed the antibodies from the virus, please consider donating your **convalescent plasma** through "[We Are Blood](#)," which is the local blood bank for the Travis County Medical Society. They have an [online form](#) you can submit your information to see if you qualify. If so, the total amount of time at their facility will take you 1-1/2 to 2 hours. They have [multiple](#) locations around the Austin area.

We look forward to providing a **GREAT** year of **ski, non-ski** trips, special activities and other social opportunities for you and your family to enjoy!

[Click here to renew your membership.](#)

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