



"Ski News"

August 2021

Trip Line up for 2022 (subject to change)

<u>Pass</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Lodging</u>
EPIC	* Park City	Jan 8 – 15	Snowflower
	* Zell am See	Jan 16 – 23	Superior Grand Hotel
IKON	Snowmass	Jan 22 – 29	Top of the Village
IKON	Steamboat	Jan 29 – Feb 5	Trappeur's Crossing
EPIC	* Telluride	Feb 6 – 13	Mountain Lodge
	Sun Peaks, CAN	Feb 15 – 19	The Coast Hotel

EPIC [Vail](#) Feb 26 – Mar 5 Highline Vail (Doubletree)
IKON * [Mammoth, CA](#) Mar 5-Mar 12
EPIC [Heavenly,CA/NV](#) Mar 12 – 19 Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel
[Scotland/N. Ireland](#) May 19-29 Multiple Properties
(Pre-Trip):Manchester May 14-19
[Russia](#) Sept 1-9 Multiple Properties

*Texas Ski Council Trip



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Visit [Texas Ski Council](#) for more information

Please take time to review our [Trip Policies](#).

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](#).**

VP of Trips Report

On **August 22nd**, we will have our annual Trip Presentation Meeting. **We need you to register before August 14th** so we have an exact count for the restaurant.

Our Trip Marketing pages are now live. Please read carefully [Trip Policies](#) regarding cancellation, payment, etc. Also, check out the [Registering for Trips](#) page along with reading the [article](#) later in this newsletter about vital information you need to know **before** sign up day. We will open the Trip registration on **August 23rd** using a staggered time-frame - starting at **11:00am** for Trips in **January**; **12:00pm** for the Trips in **February**; and **1:00pm** for the **balance** of the years'

trips. **ALL** trips **times** are based on **CST** - so be mindful of your **Time Zone** on **Trip Sign-Up** day.

If you have any questions regarding the trips, you can contact the trip chairs or myself. Looking forward to presenting an exciting Trip line up in couple of weeks.



Cindy Berry, VP Trips: Trips@austinskiers.org

2022 Trip Presentations & Membership Meeting

Sunday, August 22nd

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Balcones Country Club

8600 Balcones Club Dr.

Austin 78750

[MAP](#)

Come see our exciting video presentations about each trip! Meet the trip leaders and visit with other club members to share your ski and travel plans! Visit ["Trips"](#) for more information about trip policies e.g.,

registering, etc. And you can view a [summary](#) of all the trips on **one** page by [logging](#) in as a **Member** to view the "[Trips Calendar](#)."

The food will consist of Soup, an assortment of salads and sandwiches. The beverages will include a coffee and tea station along with a cash bar.

Ski Equipment/Clothing Shop & Swap!

Bring your ski equipment and/or ski clothing to the meeting labeled with your name & cell phone #, suggested price and any other helpful information. There will be a clothing rack for items on hangars.

You must remove your remaining items by the end of the meeting. Items left behind will be donated to Goodwill.

**Reminder: Please [renew](#) your membership
BEFORE this meeting!**

Please wear you name badge

[REGISTER](#) (click)



Lara Pavanelli, VP Programs: Programs@austinskiers.org

Trips Can Sell out in 5 Minutes – Info you need to Know!

How many times have you started the [registration](#) process for a trip & had to stop to go and find a piece of information you don't have committed to memory e.g., Passport, Global Entry? And by the time you found it & got back on your computer you discover the delay cost you being able to sign-up for a trip. We've seen some trips **SELL OUT** in **5-7 minutes**! Well, I'm going to try to help you out here by giving you exactly what you need to know ahead of time, if you don't already know.

There are [required](#) fields (*) you **must** fill out in order to complete the process e.g., First/Last Name, Date of Birth, Gender, ID First/Last Name and Primary Phone Number. However, we encourage you to complete **ALL** fields to minimize the time the Trip Chair will have to spend contacting you to complete the registration. Also, when the form says, "ID First Name," ID Middle Initial" and "ID Last Name," **PLEASE** use the name for each field as it appears on the travelers [government issued identification](#) i.e., driver's license or passport. If you don't and get to the ticket counter at the airport and based on how the ticket is issued – if they don't match, **they're not going to let you board!** So – to avoid that problem **PLEASE** do yourself a huge favor fill-in those three blanks **EXACTLY** how it appears on your ID. In the meantime, we encourage you to review your current member profile to make sure it correctly reflects your "ID" that will expedite the process.

The other [required](#) fields include: Abiding by Trip Policies; Cell # while traveling; Passport # (international travelers); Passport Issue Date & Expiration Date; Country who issued your passport; State of current residence; Do you want Travel Insurance; Will you share a bed with roommate; Emergency Contact Name; and Emergency Contact Primary Phone. For international travelers you may or may not have a Global Entry #, but if you do, please enter it as it will expedite your re-entry. For domestic travelers you may want to look into [TSA Pre-check](#) to minimize time in line as you proceed thru security. If you do Global Entry you get both. Also, a time-saving tip check out the Mobile Passport issued by [Customs Border Patrol](#) (CBP) – [iPhone](#) or [Android](#) and it's FREE unless you want to pay a 3rd party to retain some of your information. Check out last months [newsletter](#) (PDF) for more detailed information about the above items.

Also, make sure of the [expiration date](#) of your **Passport**. "Some countries require that your passport be valid at least **six months** beyond the dates of your trip." Some airlines will not allow you to board if this requirement is not met.

If you have all this information in front of you **BEFORE** you begin the registration process it will provide you a better opportunity to more quickly complete the process. [Download](#) this helpful Checklist (PDF)!

HAPPY HOUR/SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Due to the [Trip Presentation](#) being **August 22**, which is close to the normal time we have Happy Hour - there will be none scheduled for S. Austin this month.



Bill Estes, VP Special Activities Activities@austinskiers.org



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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](#).



UPDATE: [Sun & Ski Sports](#) has **re-opened** their store for walk-in traffic.

When thinking of shopping for ski gear this season, remember to shop [Sun & Ski Sports](#). Please **let their staff know** Austin Skiers enjoy a **15% discount off regular-priced** items in the store. This discount cannot be combined with other offers.

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

Message from the Membership/Communications Chair

Gary's tidbits...

June 1 to May 31 is the membership year for Austin Skiers and we want to thank those of you who have already [Renewed](#) your **annual membership!** The vast majority (+90%) pay on-line because of convenience - the club pays for the "merchant fee." However, for now you may still send me a check to 11503 Oak View Dr., Austin, TX 78759. **Membership renewal** pricing remains **unchanged** at **\$40 for Singles** and **\$55 for Families** (up to 6).

Membership as of **July 31, 2021** stands at **322** "active" dues paying members. When compared to the **same time last year** membership was **264** meaning an increase of **+58** or **+22%**. As of publication date membership is now **330**.

As of this publication date we have **97** signed up for the Annual **Trip Presentation** on **August 22**, which will be **in-person** at the Balcones Country Club!

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! It's also **VERY** important when it comes to airline ticketing - your government issued ID e.g., drivers' license or passport need to match.

For our [international](#) travelers you can check the U.S. State Department website by country for specific travel requirements relative to [COVID-19](#). Check this site for [re-entry](#) requirements into the United States. U.S. citizens may want to consider registering for the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program ([STEP.state.gov](#)) so you can receive important information from your nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate, including alerts and updates to Travel Advisories.

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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 are in **desperate** need for donations! 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. Your donation can literally **save a life!** Please check out this [link](#) for an updated COVID-19 antibody testing policy.

FYI. I get calls, emails or texts periodically after an email goes out from the club about a LINK not working e.g;. Insurance Resources or Registering for the Annual Trip Presentation. Ok, we do make mistakes from time-to-time, but if you would go to the clubs [website](#) you'll likely find it there or in the drop-downs at the top. We're here to be customer friendly and make it easy for you. We certainly welcome any questions you have, but try this out and you might find it saving you an extra step and time. If not, contact me.

We look forward to providing another **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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