



"Ski News"

November 2021

Trip Line up for 2022 (subject to change)

Pass	Location	Date	Lodging
EPIC	* Park City	Jan 8 – 15	Snowflower
	* Zell am See	Jan 21 – 29	Superior Grand Hotel
IKON	Snowmass	Jan 22 – 29	Top of the Village
IKON	Steamboat	Jan 29 – Feb 5	Trappeur's Crossing
EPIC	* Telluride	Feb 5 – 12	Mountain Lodge
	Sun Peaks, CAN	Feb 19 – 26	The Coast Hotel
EPIC (Doubletree)	Vail	Feb 26 – Mar 5	Highline Vail

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

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](#).**

*****SPOTLIGHT*****

Heavenly/Lake Tahoe

March 12 – 19, 2022

**How about enjoying a piece of Heaven
on**

SPRING BREAK!!

Spring Skiing at North America's **Largest Single Mountain Resort** - none other than **Heavenly/Lake Tahoe**? It also comes

equipped with one of the largest [snow-making](#) systems on the planet!

Heavenly is an awesome place to ski - the fabulous view of the blue-green waters of Lake Tahoe will take your breath away!!

You will also have the option to ski [Kirkwood](#) or [Northstar](#). All properties accept the [EPIC](#) pass.

Why Heavenly/Lake Tahoe?

Fabulous accommodations at:

[THE LAKE TAHOE RESORT](#) – A SUITE HOTEL - BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED!

- Bright lights of the casinos at night
- One-short block from the hotel to the Gondola, ski rentals & lift tickets
- Award winning restaurants within walking distance or by cab.

Even with all these fabulous skiing opportunities you have - on your day off or if you'd just like something else to do check out the plethora of things available to you while in [Heavenly/Lake Tahoe](#). Click here for a [link](#) that will provide you a good explanation of what all else there is to do while you're on this awesome ski trip!

Registration deadline is December 1st - so register now. Have questions? Please email or call me.

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Heavenly@austinskiers.org

VP of Trips Report

We now have **4** trips **SOLD OUT** - [Vail](#), [Snowmass](#) & [Telluride](#) & [Park City](#). [Steamboat](#) has an opening for **1 SF** and **1 SM**. Also, we still have room on [Sun Peaks](#). The trip with the fewest sign-ups so far is [Heavenly](#), but because it's a late season trip it's not unusual for a trip this late in the season to take a while to fill up.

We still have an opening for Trip Chair for [Russia](#), which is scheduled for **September 1-9, 2022**.

You can also [download](#) a PDF file of the **2022** trips for your convenience.

Even if a trip is **SOLD OUT** or near capacity, please consider registering and sending in your deposit as there are inevitable cancellations for a variety of reasons.

If you have any questions regarding the trips, you can contact the trip chairs or myself. Looking forward to an exciting year of skiing & travel!



Cindy Berry, VP Trips: Trips@austinskiers.org

<<<Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates>>>

The Austin Skiers Nominating Committee is looking for members willing to serve to recommend to the board a slate of candidates for next year. The committee will have **two** face-to-face **meetings** over the next **three months** with follow up thru email and phone calls. if you are interested or have questions about serving on our Board for next year please contact **Tim Atkinson** - President@austinskiers.org.

VP Trip Planning

If you've been anxious to go some place we haven't been join the [trip planning team](#) and we will try to make that happen for you. Even if you are traveling with the group, we can still use your help in planning our trips. We will start working on the **2023** slate of trips beginning in **January**. All meetings will be via Zoom - so you don't even have to leave the comfort of your recliner to join the team. For more information, contact Tere Mayne at TripPlanning@austinskiers.org.



Tere Mayne, VP Trip Planning: TripPlanning@austinskiers.org

November Membership Meeting

Thursday, November 11

5:00PM - 7:00PM

[MarineMax/Sail & Ski](#)



12971 Research Blvd.
Austin, TX 78750
512-258-0733

[MAP](#)

There will be an additional **10%** off current inventory **AND Sale** items! In addition, you will receive a **25%** discount off rentals along with ski & board tune-ups. For your convenience, the staff will be available to [schedule your appointment](#): for boot fittings, bindings & ski sales - inclusive of Pre-season sales. Your discount will be applied at your appointment.

Store will be [closed to the public during](#) our meeting. Pizza & beverages will be provided. The Bay doors will be open to allow for better ventilation - [so Masks are Optional](#).

****Please Wear Your Name Badge****

Save The Date - Holiday Party

Sunday, December 12, 2021

6:00 to 9:00 PM

at

Balcones Country Club!!

<<Registration will be open soon!>>



Lara Pavanelli, VP Programs: Programs@austinskiers.org

HAPPY HOUR/SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

North Austin Happy Hour

Thursday - November 4

4:30 - 6:30PM

[Garbo's Fresh Main Lobster](#)

**12709 N. Mopac Expressway
Austin, TX 78727
512-387-1328**

[MAP](#)

NOTE: Austin Skiers has the bar area reserved for sitting or mingling.
Please join us to discuss your spring 2022 ski trips!

<<Please Remember to Wear your Name Badge>>



Bill Estes, VP Special Activities: Activities@austinskiers.org



Proudly partnering with the
Texas Ski Council (TSC).
Visit [Texas Ski Council](#) for more information.



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](#).



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.

In addition, you will receive **50%** off the cost (labor) of tune-ups, waxes & edging.

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.



Also, please remember our long-time partner [Marine Max/Sail & Ski](#). Stay tuned for more information about the anticipated meeting in **November**. Follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and YouTube along with other social media listed on their website.

UPDATE: St. Bernards has closed their North Domain Store permanently, but are planning a new location as yet undetermined.



Chris Vrba, Director: Director@austinskiers.org

Message from the Membership/Communications Chair

Gary's tidbits...

Membership:

Membership as of **October 31, 2021**, stands at **406** "active" members. We added **4** new members last month.

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.

Winter Weather Forecast:

Check out the forecast by [AccuWeather](#) for the upcoming winter.

Safety Protocols:

As we begin thinking about ski trips for next year, I'd like to take the opportunity to remind everyone that while we're there to have fun & enjoy the outdoors we need to think **SAFETY** when it comes to skiing. Common sense is one of the most important things to keep in mind

and practice on the slopes. The FIS (International Ski Federation) has published "[Rules of Conduct for Skiers & Boarders](#)" as a guideline for skiers & boarder. The NSAA (National Ski Areas Association) has their own "[Responsibility Code](#)." These are **common sense** approaches and etiquette.

Travel - International:

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.

The way things are developing, if you intend to do any international travel **expect** to have to be **FULLY** Vaccinated (**COVID-19 card**) **AND** show evidence of a **Negative COVID-19 test PRIOR** to leaving the U.S. **AND returning**. **Three** things to keep in mind: **(1)** find out **which test** you will need to have; **(2)** how many hours in advance of travel does it needs to be given; **AND (3)** the form of **payment** accepted, especially in a foreign country - you may need to bring extra cash. One **tip** - when you get your **COVID-19 card** **make a copy** front/back and take the copy to a business who can **laminat**e the card. Put your **ORIGINAL** card in a safe place - so when/if it needs to be updated you will still have your original card. I'd also take a **picture** of it with your phone.

App Use:

Apps you use on your phone are **not** designed to be as "fully functional" as using your computer on-line. During the recent trip registration, we found some shortfalls that apparently would not let you add a "guest" to your registration and some realized a delay in it showing up in our system. Also, it will not let you register on the Waitlist for trips that are already full. For the time being we recommend you do **NOT** use your app for these purposes but use your

computer. We will let the software developer know to see if a remedy can be found.

COVID-19:

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.

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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