



"Ski News"

September 2021

Message from the President of Austin Skiers

It was very gratifying to see many friends, new members and guests at our August Trip Presentation meeting! Even in the midst of an uptick in the coronavirus we had almost 120 members attend in person!

We are offering a record number of trips in 2022 – 11, including two non-ski trips to Scotland/N. Ireland and Russia! If you haven't already signed up you'll need to act quickly as two are already SOLD OUT & three others are close.

Finally, please remember to check the [AustinSkiers.org](https://www.austinskiers.org) web page for details as to date/time for our September club meeting at Sun & Ski. Also, the details are addressed later in this newsletter.

Trip Line up for 2022
(subject to change)

Pass	Location	Date	Lodging
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 – 29	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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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 held our annual Trip Presentation Meeting with almost 120 people in attendance.

Our Trip Marketing pages have been live since early August, which includes details descriptions of each trip e.g., lodging, lift tickets (if applicable). Please read carefully [Trip Policies](#) regarding cancellation, payment, etc. Also, check out the [Registering for Trips](#) page. Also, just so you're prepared before sitting down at your computer to register - [download](#) the PDF file that contains information you will need.

The initial [registration](#) was held on **Monday, August 23** using staggered times of **11am, 12 Noon** and **1PM** based on trip start dates - January, February and March (balance of season) respectively. By **5:30PM** almost **2/3** of the trips capacity were taken. [Telluride](#) was the first to **SELL OUT** within **6 minutes!** **Two** other trips have already **SOLD OUT** - [Snowmass](#), which is no surprise as one of the most popular destinations of Austin Skiers & [Vail](#). We have **2** others with limited room - [Park City & Scotland/N. Ireland](#) also proved to be very popular with **30** people having registered! Looks like Austin Skiers are more than ready to travel with now some **70% SOLD!**

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

September Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 23

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Sun & Ski Sports



2438 W. Anderson Ln., Suite B-1A
Austin, TX 78757
512-467-2782

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Shop their Hot Buys or Deals of the Week for high quality ski apparel and snowboard gear at great prices. Austin Skiers members receive **15%** off **regular-priced** items in the store. In addition, you will receive **50%** off (**labor**) tune-ups, waxes & edging. Show your membership card in your app. You can also check the out on their website at [Sun & Ski Sports](#).

****Wear Your Name Badge/Mask****

Save The Date

The **November** Membership meeting will be held at [Marine Max/Sail & Ski](#), but we are still working on the date and other details. We will send updated information pertaining to this event via email & post on our [website](#).

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Austin, TX 78750
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Lara Pavanelli, VP Programs: Programs@austinskiers.org

HAPPY HOUR/SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

South Austin Happy Hour

Thursday - September 16

4:30PM - 6:30PM

Dirty Bill's



511 Rio Grande St.
Austin, TX 78701
512-477-3789

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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](#).



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 sites listed on their website.**

UPDATE: St. Bernard's 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:

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 **August 31, 2021** stands at **383** "active" dues paying members. When compared to the **same time last year** membership was **309** meaning an increase of **+74** or **+24%**. As of this publication date we are up to **386** with **3** new members being added since **September 1**.

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.

Travel:

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.

Recent action by the European Commission recommended to their members the United States be removed from the list of COVID "safe" countries. However, the [recommendation](#) by the EU Commission **only** applies to travelers "who have no received the COVID-19 vaccine. Here is a link to the EU Council [press release](#) that was released on August 30. In addition, here is another [article](#) on the EU Councils recommendation on COVID-19 restrictions on travel from third countries. Also, always check with your airlines as they may have some additional requirements e.g., mask while in the airport & on their plane.

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 some complete the process. For the time being we recommend you do **NOT** use your app for this purpose 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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