



Welcome to Austin Skiers!

We are delighted you chose to join Austin Skiers! You have just joined more than a snow ski group – we are a **Ski, Travel & Social Club** that enjoys a variety of activities, having fun and making new friends! Please find enclosed your Austin Skier **Name Badge** - we encourage you to wear it at all **club events**.

Briefly, here is a little something about Austin Skiers. We have been around for about 49 years providing an opportunity primarily for group travel to snow ski. In a typical ski season, we will run 9-10 trips with 35-40 people per trip. We typically have an **international** ski trip in the line-up as well. This past season we went to **Japan**, which included an **optional** extension to **Thailand** making it a 3-week trip. Last year we changed to a single **Post Trip Party** for all **participants** who went on a ski trip that season. The club also provides several **non-ski** trips during the year. The fall of 2018 we took 45 people on a **Boat & Bike** trip to **Croatia** for two weeks! This summer we're going to **Cozumel** on a scuba diving trip for 5 days (June 1-6, 2019) and a trip to **San Francisco/Sonoma Valley Wine Tour**, which is scheduled for Austin 23-28, 2019. Check out the website at AustinSkiers.org for more details.

Besides travel we also get together **twice a month** for **Happy Hour** alternating between North and South Austin, since we have members who live all over the Austin Metro. We also have periodic "special activities" that have included in the past attending Round Rock Express Baseball games to a "Hill Country Wine Tour" and Ester's Follies. We also have a Summer and Holiday party. This past fall we also held a **Wine Tasting** in a private home of a member.

We have periodic **Membership** meetings throughout the year with two in the Fall leading up to ski season and one in the spring. The **Annual Membership** meeting in **May** is to elect board members, provide reports from the board to the membership and conduct any other club business as needed. Planning for our trips begins in the spring & run through early summer. We release our **Ski Trip line-up** usually sometime in **July** and hold our **Annual Trip Presentation** Meeting in August where we provide information about each trip. You will have an opportunity to let us know which trip(s) are of interest to you. Our formal online **registration** occurs later the same week.

As part of your membership you will receive a Monthly **Newsletter** sent to you via email around the first of each month. In addition, there are periodic **email** "blasts" we send out notifying you of an upcoming activity. We maintain a presence on the web at **AustinSkiers.org** and **Facebook.com/AustinSkiers**. Please "like" us on Facebook and "follow" us as we post trip pics, happy hour and other club activities. We also have an **app** for your iPhone **or** Android device. It's under the name '**WildApricot-Member**' and can be found at the iPhone App Store **or** Google Play for Android devices to easily keep up with events and register for activities.

Thanks again for making Austin Skiers your "go to" club for your Ski, Travel & Social activities. Let us know if you have any questions – see you at an upcoming Austin Skiers activity soon.

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