



## September 2008 Update

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### Activity Updates

#### September 28th (Sunday) Wish Ride #22

##### 8 a.m. – Percival, Iowa

The Wish Ride is a charity bike ride to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. It is not a pledge ride, but has still earned over \$90,000 since it was started in 1987. Each year almost 400 riders ride the quiet roads of SE Iowa enjoying the bright red and yellow fall colors. Apples, cider, lemonade, and home-made cookies are provided at numerous rest stops. Start date/times: Sunday Sept 28th, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Start location: The firehouse in central Percival, Iowa, near I-29 exit 15, about 30 miles south of Omaha. The ride is held on local roads. 6 ride lengths available: 23 and 32 miles (flat), 30, 40, 54 and 64 miles (hilly). Registration is between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Entry fee: \$22 to get a T-shirt, \$12 without.

#### September 28th (Sunday) Trip Sign-Up Party

##### 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Fox and Hound, 120<sup>th</sup> and Dodge

Our 2008-2009 trip sign-up party is scheduled for Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> at the Fox and Hound at 120<sup>th</sup> and Dodge – 5-8 pm. Snacks will be served and free billiards will be available. Trips this season will fill up quickly so plan to attend this gathering. More information to follow.

#### October 7th (Tuesday) Board Meeting

##### 6:30 p.m. – Feta's, Miracle Hills Mall

NE of 114th and Dodge St. All members welcome

#### October 18th (Saturday) Oktoberfest

##### 6 p.m. – Tills residence, Fort Calhoun

What would October be without Oktoberfest? Jim and Linda Tills have generously offered to host this event at their house in Fort Calhoun. Bring your favorite beer to share and compare. There will be a competition to see who is the best Beer-Meister at taste testing. Brats will be provided and you are asked to bring a side dish or appetizer. Be creative. As an added bonus, polka music will be provided. The fun begins on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm. All members welcome.

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membership application.

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application.

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**November 11th (Tuesday) Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m. – Feta's, Miracle Hills Mall**

NE of 114th and Dodge St. All members welcome

**November – December Activities**

Plans for November include gathering together for an exotic dinner and a bowling sweeper is being organized for early December. We will also have a holiday get-together sometime in December.

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## Message from the President

The board has been busy all summer working on our plans for ski trips to be offered in the 2008-2009 ski season for the Omaha Ski Club. See Teri's article outlining the three trips we're planning for this season. We eagerly anticipate the first bus trip in many years. With gas prices as high as they've been, this is a very economical way to travel. We are looking forward to welcoming members of the Omaha Sports Club for this trip, our first joint venture.

You'll hear it here and again throughout this newsletter --- trips will fill fast and applications are accepted as received so DON'T WAIT to sign up for any trip that you may be considering. We're offering a limited number of trips and have limited space on each -- so don't get left out!

### **This and that – what's going on in the world of skiing (and snowboarding).**

Skiing around the world has been disrupted by both natural disasters and terrorism.

The Llaima Ski Area in Chile was closed down and evacuated in July as the volcano on which the ski area is located started spewing out lava flows up to two kilometers long just above the ski runs. The biggest fear is that the heat of the lava will melt snow causing landslides and flash floods below.

Terrorists attacked buildings at Pakistan's Malam Jabba Ski Resort in the Swat Valley, 190 miles from capital Islamabad, and close to the Afghan border, a region that was once the country's leading summer tourist destination. Islamic militants, apparently wishing to establish fundamentalist Sharia Islamic law, forced their way into the hotel, looted it, and then set it ablaze. The ski area was originally built in 1988, but remained mothballed for a decade before finally being opened by Pakistan president Pervez Musharraf in the late 1990s.

Luckily, all of our trips this year are domestic!! Although the Red Lodge Ski Area in Montana was partially evacuated in July as a forest fire threatened that area. The Forest Service had about 700 firefighters fighting the blaze and the ski area's snowmaking guns were focused on the buildings and chairlifts to keep the flames at bay.

U.S. ski resorts enjoyed an excellent ski season with a number of them breaking both skier visit and snowfall records in 2007-2008 as all major regions had good to excellent snow cover. The National Ski Areas Association released numbers estimating the total number of skiers and boarders was 60.1 million. The new record represents a 9.1% increase from the 55.1 million visits in 2006-2007, and a 2% rise from the prior record of 58.9 million visits set in 2005-2006.

Utah resorts had over 500 inches at many resorts and over 700 inches at others, despite a slow start to the season. This resulted in the state's fifth consecutive record-breaking season as they totaled 4,258,900 skier days for 2007-08. Utah's ski industry generated nearly 18,000 jobs and an estimated \$1.04 billion in income last season -- the first time their ski industry had surpassed the one billion dollar mark. Hopefully many of us will either ski Utah for the first time this year or revisit a place enjoyed before.

At Jackson Hole, Wyoming, work on the new gondola continues – with towers 1 and 3 already erected and the new foundation for tower 4 was uncovered from 20 feet of snow in the spring. They say that they are on track for their planned December 20th launch of the gondola.

We continue to hear of airlines scrambling for ways to stay profitable with the high price of fuel. US Air and United joined American with plans to charge \$15 for fliers' first bags. We expect the rest of the industry to follow. We'll try to forward information as it becomes available closer to ski season so you stay up to date on any potential additional charges. American Airlines is bringing in extra staff to check the sizes of passengers' carry-on bags to prevent an overload of their overhead storage space as a result of the industry's first \$15 charge for a checked bag. This will probably be a trend among the airlines so monitor carry-on bags size and weight accordingly.

Sundays in the Rockies look to become a little more enjoyable. Colorado liquor stores will now be open Sundays. This is good news for those ski clubs planning to stop for supplies on the way from DIA to the mountains.

I hope to see you at the Trip Sign-Up party on September 28 beginning at 5:00 at the Fox and Hound and 120<sup>th</sup> & Dodge. Light appetizers will be served on a first come – first served basis. And of course the Fox and Hound offers a full bar. In addition, there will be complimentary pool for ski club members. Thanks to Evelyn for planning this event. Come early and don't miss the fun! Stay warm and think snow!!

Andrea McMahan

# Omaha Ski Club

## 2009 Trips

Join the Omaha Ski Club this season for some exciting trips. We have included a variety for everyone. Grab a friend and join the club! Sign up early as spots are limited.

### **Copper Mountain CO (Jan 28-Feb 1, 2009) FSA Trip**

40 spots available

**\$500.00** per person. We join together with 8 other clubs from the Flatlands Ski Association (FSA) for another great trip filled with skiing, racing, socializing and parties. This is Copper Mountain so I will include mention of Jack's bar located slope side where Lefty Lucy entertains the guests with live music and dancing on the bar! This trip includes 4 nights lodging in 2 or 3 bedroom condos located in Center and East Village at Copper just a short walk to the lifts. Pool and hot tub are located in the Athletic Center. 4 day lift ticket and the FSA activity ticket to all the events, races, welcome party, final event banquet and après ski parties are included in the price of this trip. Come and socialize, try your skills at racing (just for fun or competition) and meet new friends that love to ski. (For those people who have a season pass or 4 pass, the cost of this trip without lift will be \$359.00) This year our lodging is limited so sign-up early! **You will be placed in condos on a first come/best location basis.**

Drive-out trip (The trip captain will have the list of members if you are looking to carpool with others) A picnic lunch is usually offered for an additional fee. FSA shirts will be for sale prior to the trip. Your trip captain will have all the details.

**Trip Captain: Pat McCall (402) 342-8898**

**Payment Schedule:**

**9-28-08 \$50.00 deposit**

**10-28-08 \$150.00**

**11-28-08 \$150.00**

**Or \$159.00 if NOT ordering lift tickets and this is your last payment**

**12-28-08 \$150.00 for those ordering lift tickets**

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**All prices stated above are subject to change or cancellation if participation is not adequate.** The Omaha Ski Club is able to offer our members great trips because of the member participation. Please support your Club.

# Snowmass CO (Feb 25-Mar 1, 2009) Bus Trip

48 spots available

**\$695.00** per person. Join the Omaha Ski Club as it hosts its first invitational to the Omaha Sports Club. Grab your gear, a small pillow and blanket and board the sleeper bus at 5PM on February 25<sup>th</sup> for a fun filled ride and a short nap on the way to Snowmass. (Bus boarding location TBA) The trip includes 3 days of skiing/snowboarding at Snowmass, 3 nights of lodging in 2BD/2BR condos and a memorable bus ride. We will stay at the Woodbridge Condos which are a short shuttle ride to the lifts. (Shuttles run every 20 minutes) There is a large outdoor hot tub and pool at the condos for those who enjoy socializing and sipping while soaking those sore muscles after a great day of skiing. Snowmass offers a variety of terrain for all levels of ability and lessons if you want to learn the sport or just improve your skills. This trip also includes a Welcome Party. The trip captains and members of the trip will decide on a theme for the party so that you can pack accordingly. On Sunday, those who wish to ski until 2 PM may purchase an additional lift ticket (If you plan on 4 days, arrange with the trip captain prior to final payment). The bus will leave promptly at 3 PM. Your arrival time will be early Monday morning. (The bus schedule is dependent on road conditions) Sign-up early as this trip will fill fast!

If there are not enough members signed up to fill the bus at 30 days prior to departure, the bus transportation will be cancelled and you will be notified.

**Trip Captains: Teri Hammon (402) 571-4517 or (402) 680-0971  
Len Szmurlo (712) 526-2334 or (712) 310-6895**

**Omaha Sports Club Liaison: Brenda Meyer (402) 699-5510**

<b>Payment Schedule:</b>	
<b>9-28-08</b>	<b>\$100.00 deposit</b>
<b>10-28-08</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>11-28-08</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>12-28-08</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>01-28-09</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>
Checks made out to the Omaha Ski Club	

Everyone is required to either be a member of the Omaha Ski Club or the Omaha Sports Club. If you are not a member of either club, please fill out a membership application and return to appropriate club with your membership fee.

*Participants who are Omaha Sports Club members must fill out an Omaha Ski Club membership application with the word "RECIPROCAL" across the top. You do not need to join the Ski Club or pay the membership fee to go on this trip. (If you are signing up for other trips that are offered, we require a paid membership with the Omaha Ski Club) Your paid membership with the Omaha Sports Club or the Omaha Ski Club will be verified.*

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# CMSC EUROPEAN TRIP

## Sölden, Austria

### January 16-24, 2009

### \$1,895

#### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Round trip on Air France: Chicago, Paris, Munich
- All Ground transfers
- 7 Nights in Sölden @ 3\* Hotel Tyrol  
[www.tyrol-soelden.at](http://www.tyrol-soelden.at)
- 7 breakfasts & 7 dinners
- Welcome party

#### SKI AREA FEATURES:

- Terrain for all levels of skiers
- All area ski pass available
- Area guarantees snow Nov-May due to snow making equipment on 60% of slopes and 2 glaciers.
- Skiing between 4500ft and 10,900ft (6,000ft elevation change on longest run)

#### AVAILABLE OPTIONS:

- Lifts: 5-day \$262 or 6-day \$303
- Single supplement
- 3 Nite Budapest Extension- \$529 (based on minimum of 15 people) 1/24 – 1/27 @ 4\* Hotel Astoria on Pest side  
[www.danubiushotels.com/astoria](http://www.danubiushotels.com/astoria)
- Discounted Ski rental available
- Trip cancellation & Med. Insurance (Available on request)

#### Payment Schedule

Initial deposit \$700  
Amt Due by Sept. 9 \$500  
Amt Due by Oct. 7 \$500  
Final Balance due by Nov. 4

—Your initial payment must make you current with what is due at time you sign up

#### Cancellation Schedule

—Available on request  
—Cancellation schedule amount does not include \$30 cancellation admin. fee.

**\*Fine Print:** Cost of trip is based on 30 people going. Price increases with fewer people. Price based on double occupancy. Price increases can occur due to, but not limited to, currency rate fluctuations, airline fuel surcharge increases or airline tax increases. By signing up for this trip, you agree you will pay any increases.

Any airline charges for baggage are not included in price.

Any refunds due are paid after trip returns and any unrecoverable costs are determined.

Make checks payable to CMSC. Returned check fee is \$35.

Send payments to Judy Ruuhela at address below.

Judy Ruuhela—**Trip Leader**  
309 High Point Drive, Lindenhurst, IL 60046  
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Snolvr2@aol.com

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Information and updates available at: <http://www.skicmsc.com/Pages/EuropeTrip/EuroFlyer.htm>

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
JUNE 2008 – MAY 2009**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS:    NEW \_\_\_\_    RENEWAL \_\_\_\_    FAMILY \$25 \_\_\_\_    SINGLE \$22 \_\_\_\_

**MEMBER INFORMATION - - - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone :(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box  if you are 21 years or older. For family membership, list all dependent minors on back of application.

If new member, how did you hear about the club? \_\_\_\_\_

Ski/Snowboard destinations you're interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities you're interested in: Biking \_\_\_\_ Bowling \_\_\_\_ Dinners \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(please list)

Other Interests: (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION I RELIEVE THE OMAHA SKI CLUB, INC. (OSC) OF ANY RRESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENT OR INJURY I INCUR WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ANY OSC ACTIVITIES. I ALSO CERTIFY THAT I AM OOF LEGAL DRINKING AGE IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be signed and dated)

[OSC USE ONLY]    MEMBERSHIP NO. \_\_\_\_\_ BD. \_\_\_\_\_ TR. \_\_\_\_\_ NL. \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Omaha Ski Club, P.O. Box 3104, Omaha, NE 68103-0104



# TRIP APPLICATION

(Required for each individual on the trip) (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Trip Destination \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Dates \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PH. \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PH. \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PH. \_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 I Prefer to Room With \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER INFO \_\_\_\_\_

### THE OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBER SIGNING THIS APPLICATION AGREES AS FOLLOWS

The member has read the OSC trip policies on the bottom of this application and understands and agrees to be bound by them as a condition of participation in this trip. The member further agrees that the club, its directors or committee chairmen shall bear no financial responsibility to members in the event of a delayed departure or return of a trip, or for cancellation of a trip except as provided in items 7 through 10 of the trip policies, nor shall they be liable for any bodily injury, property damage, loss of personal property, or death sustained by or caused by any member on a trip. Those individuals causing property damage at the lodges, condos, busses, ski areas, etc. shall bear the full legal and financial responsibility for the damages. It is a condition of membership in the club that any individual shall be deemed to have accepted these responsibilities and limitations of liability as a consideration of joining the club and participating in this trip.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 [osc use only] deposit: amount paid \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ ck or rpt no \_\_\_\_\_

### OMAHA SKI CLUB TRIP POLICIES

- 1) Trip captain is the final authority on and during the trip.
- 2) Club members will conduct themselves in a mature manner at all times.
- 3) There will be a \$28.00 charge on any returned check.

### TRIP SIGN-UP, DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

- 4) Only members in good standing with dues currently paid to the Omaha Ski Club may sign up for a trip. Children under the age of 19 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the trip. A trip application for a child under the age of 19 must be signed by a parent or guardian of the child.
- 5) By signing up for a trip a member agrees to pay the Club the full cost of the trip applied for, subject to the provisions for timely cancellation in item 7). Each trip will have its own trip deposit and payment schedule to be set by the trip committee. A deposit is required to sign up for a trip. Failure to meet the payment schedule may result in automatic cancellation from the trip subject to the cancellation fee in item 7).
- 6) When a trip is full the trip captain will start a waiting list. To be placed on the waiting list a member must fill out and sign a trip application and pay the standard deposit for that trip. Waiting list members must meet the payment schedules when moving to the confirmed lists.

### CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- 7) Unless otherwise listed in individual trip information, cancellations prior to 60 days before the trip departs will result in a cancellation fee of \$50.00; cancellations less than 60 days before the trip departs will result in a cancellation fee of \$100.00 if the trip goes full, or liability for the full cost of the trip if the trip does not go full. Any cancellation fees or penalties may first be deducted from payments the member made for the trip.
- 8) Transferring from the waiting list on one trip to a confirmed list on another trip will be done with no cancellation fee. Refusal to move from the waiting list to the confirmed list will constitute automatic cancellation subject to the cancellation fee in item 7) above.
- 9) If a trip is cancelled by the club, all money paid to the club by a member for that trip will be refunded.
- 10) All members on the waiting list when the trip departs will receive a full refund.
- 11) No refunds will be made until after the trip returns.

### BUS TRIPS

- 12) Smoking on buses is prohibited.
- 13) Any time the bus stops en route to its destination, passengers leaving the bus will do so at their own risk.
- 14) The Omaha Ski Club will not provide alcoholic beverages for any bus trip. If any members wish to consume alcoholic beverages on the trip, they can do so at their own expense, and assume all risks and liabilities associated with such consumption.