

Sno-Gophers Ski Club Gazette

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November 2024

Mark Your Calendar!

Midwest Region First Tracks Breckinridge

December 13-18, 2024

SGSC Christmas Gathering!

December 18, 2024

Wilmot Mtn Drive Up

Saturday, December 28, 2024

New Years Eve Train to Winter Park!

Dec. 31, 2024- Jan 5, 2025

Crested Butte & Steamboat Springs

January 13th thru January 18th 2025

Swiss Valley Ski & Snowboard Area

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Seven Springs, Pennsylvania

Jan 31st to February 2nd, 2025

Timber Ridge Ski, Snowboard & Tubing

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Summit 2025 - Keystone Mountain Resort

February 22nd thru March 1st, 2025

Whitefish Mountain Resort

March 23rd - March 29th, 2025

Sno-Gophers Ski Club

60th Anniversary Celebration

May 17, 2025

Club Picnic - July 20, 2025

Annual Camping Trip - August 8-10, 2025

Black Friday Membership Dues Sale!

\$50

Renewals or New Memberships!

Epic Passes Go Off Sale December 2, 2024!

This is the absolute last day to take advantage of this great value for EPIC areas--West or Midwest. Skiing or thinking about skiing with the Gophers at Wilmot 12/28/24 or Seven Springs 1/31-2/2/2025? **There was a misprint in our flyer, lifts will not be a part of the Seven Springs package.** Therefore, you will need to purchase EPIC Day Passes before the December 2, 2024 deadline for the best prices.

Why?	Epic Day Pass	After Dec 2 nd
Wilmot Mtn	\$61	\$105
Seven Springs	\$61	\$115

Where can I purchase an EPIC Day Pass?

Easiest: Wilmot or Seven Springs website's or epicpass.com No matter where you look the information below **is what you need.**

Choose Your Resorts & Resort Level!

All Resorts \$123/32 Resorts \$98/22 Resorts **\$61 (includes Wilmot & Seven Springs)**

Choose Peak Dates - **No** Yes +\$10

Adult (Ages 13+) **Child** (Ages 5 - 12)

\$61 Per Day **\$32 Per Day**

Select/purchase the number of days but remember to purchase enough days/passes to cover your entire ski season i.e. 1 day Wilmot; 2 days Seven Springs.

*****Summit attendees** choosing the 22 Resort level will not allow you to ski at Keystone. You need the 32 Resort level for Keystone and All Resorts if you plan on skiing at Vail.



MEMBERSHIP

Kudos to Membership Chair, Melanie Caswell and her team for an excellent ski show! It was well attended, informative and enjoyed by all who were there! It's not too late to renew or bring new members into the club. We have a Black Friday Sale until December 1st when both renewals and new memberships will return to \$60.00.



SOCIAL

Club Christmas Gathering

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Privilege Restaurant and Bar

6948 S. South Chicago Ave.

Chicago, Ill 60637

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Refreshments available until exhausted!

Sno-Gophers Ski Club

60th Anniversary Celebration!

May 17, 2025

*Georgios Banquets, Quality Inn & Suites
Conference Centre*

8800 West 159th Street

Orland Park, Illinois 60462

*Tickets are \$100.00-dinner + 4hr open bar**

Tickets are currently available from GIGi or Zelle (sno-gophersskiclub@att.net).

Rooms are available at the adjacent Quality Inn & Suites at the discounted rate of \$135.00. Call (708)403-1100 to book rooms! Use code:SNO-GOPHERS SKI CLUB for the discounted rate.

RACING



SGSC Racing Chair Yassim Namdar has news about the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) Alpine Race Program which is a Chicago area race league. The race league is divided by ability into different classes where beginning racers race against beginning racers, and advanced against advanced. Each race consists of two runs, with the winners determined by the fastest combined time in each class. The top three racers in each class receive medals, and points are awarded towards a season long trophy for each group.

The series is 14 races, spread out over three months, and provides skiing and social opportunities for all. Giant slalom (GS) races call for wider turns and allow racers to complete the course at higher speeds– these are perfect for newcomers! Slalom races require quick, short radius turns and test technical ski skills.

There is a training program that many racers join for additional cost though the Wilmot Mountain ski school on Tuesday and Wednesday nights throughout the season, as well as Wednesday afternoons. Many of the racers also compete, when they become more proficient in the Midwest Masters races, which is the Central Division of U.S. Ski and Snowboard.

An abbreviated schedule for slalom and giant slalom is below.

12/13-15/2024 – Ski Brule

1/11-12/2025 – Sunburst

1/31-2/2/2025 – Granite Peaks

2/8/2025 – Wilmot Mtn

2/15/2025 – Wilmot Mtn.

2/22-23/2025 – Wilmot Mtn.

3/1/2025 – Wilmot Mtn.



NBS Black Friday Registration Prices

--Sales end on Nov 29, 2024 5:00pm MST.

- Youth Registration - To Age 17
\$125.00/\$135.23incl. \$10.23 Fee
- **Black Friday Registration**
\$325/\$348.65incl. \$23.65 Fee
Adults, Seniors, Next Gen, Mid Week!

Current Summit Registration Prices Nov. 24- Dec.30, 2024

- Late Adult Registration - \$450.00
- Late Senior - Age 70+ Registration - \$400.00
- Late Next Gen Registration - Age 18-40 - \$350.00
- Late 1st Half-Week (Sat-Wed) Registration - \$325.00
- Late 2nd Half-Week (Tues-Sat) Registration - \$325.00

LODGING: NBS Summit discounted lodging is still available through the club for February 22 through March 1, 2025 only. Lodging will be available through Keystone directly for all other instances i.e. mid week, short stays or outside of the Saturday-to Saturday window. Anyone procuring lodging directly with Keystone Group Reservations at 855-948-0696, mention group code SKRNBS25 and group name KS 2025 NBS Summit. Yes, I can get lodging, but it will be based on availability only. There will be no lists or pool from which to select. If you plan on going to Summit 2025, contact me ASAP!

LIFT TICKETS: EPIC Passes go off sale on December 2, 2024. After this date, NBS discounted lift tickets will cost \$149 per day. Epic Day Passes for Keystone are currently \$98 per day. Purchase EPIC Passes on nbs.org.

CHIC Sneaker Ball!

Reimagining the Summit Gala!

Where formal meets fresh!

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Tickets are \$99 until November 30th. We have two tables reserved with only a few spaces available at the \$99 price. December 1st the price increases to \$125. Zelle your intentions!

Ground Transportation:

Both Epic Mountain Express and Summit Express offer ground transportation from Denver to Keystone at close to the same price.

Black Ski DC has eight seats left on a large bus leaving Denver at 1pm on the 2/22/25 and leaving Keystone at 12:30pm on 3/1/25 contact Frances Christmon at francesfdpc@aol.com.

Four Seasons West has five spaces available on a bus for \$100 round trip leaving Denver at 1:00pm on 2/22/25 and leaving Keystone at 11:00am on 3/1/25. Contact Greg Barmore at gbarmore06@yahoo.com.

Mother Nature is sending us a message, "Two-three feet of snow has blanketed the West twice and it's cold enough to make snow in the Midwest". Let's find some snow and get on it! ... Now where should I go?

Fundraiser

NBS
MidWestern Region
"First Tracks"

Get ready for Summit '25!
Dec. 13 - Dec. 18, 2024
Breckenridge, CO

Registration \$99 (required for discounts)
nbsmwr.istTracks@gmail.com

EPIC Pass Friendly

Hotel- from \$200/nt + taxes and fees (approx. 25%)
2-bedrm Condo- from: \$385/nt + taxes and fees
Gravity House - Ski in/Ski out
River Mountain Lodge - Ski in/ short walk out
Village at Breck - Ski in/short walk out
Discounted lessons, Ski/Ride, Meet, Greet..Repeat!!

Wilmot Mountain Resort, Wisconsin December 28, 2024

"Blessing of the Skiers!"

Let's Drive Up to Wilmot Mountain Resort--75 miles and ninety minutes north of Chicago. After the "Blessing of the Skiers" I can ski on twenty-five trails, snowboard/ride in three terrain parks, and tube on one of twenty-two lanes for one thousand feet. Wilmot is 100% snowmaking as soon as the temperature is cold enough! **Get your EPIC Pass before it goes off sale on December 2, 2024** for \$61 adult/\$32 child pass price. Regular lift tickets that day will be \$105 for adults, both child and senior will be \$100 for online purchase now. The Bubly Tube Park is \$59 for two hours of fun but sells out fast. Get that tube admission online!

New Year's Eve Train to Winter Park, Colorado December 31, 2024 - January 5, 2025 🚂 🏂

Let's start with the current Winter Park snow report: New snow today 4 inches with another 23-25 inches expected in the next three days. The season total to date is 76 inches and the base is 36 inches. Conditions: **POWDER!!!** The Winter Park side is open with 24 open trails, 9 open lifts and 198 skiable acres. Winter tubing and the scenic Gondola are available! **So by New Year's Eve!!! OH MY SNOW!!!! Ski conditions should be better than last year!!!!**

First let's be clear, this is an IKON Pass area not EPIC! **Ikon Passes are available through December 12, 2024.**

AMTRAK TRANSPORTATION: The California Zephyr departs Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at 2:00pm from Union Station arriving at Fraser/Winter Park at 10:48am Wednesday, January 1, 2025. The train will depart Fraser/Winter Park on Sunday, January 5 at 3:28pm and arrive in Chicago's Union Station Monday, January 6, 2025 at 2:39pm. Need to get home January 5th? Ride the train to Denver then take the airport shuttle train for a late flight home!

Amtrak group(8) rates for roundtrip coach seat tickets are \$165.25. The eight (8) roundtrip coach seat tickets must be purchased together. \$366.00 is the individual roundtrip coach seat price for this trip. The group rate pricing will change but not drastically if the group drops below eight.

LODGING: Beaver Village's 2-bedroom condominiums. The cost is \$475 per pillow or \$1900 per two bedroom unit. Please understand that current snow conditions may affect the availability and pricing of these units. But right now, \$640.75 plus transfers and incidentals is a very good price for a western ski trip where there will be snow on the mountain!!

Steamboat Mountain Resort or Crested Butte Mountain Resort! January 13-18, 2025

Yes, two different ski areas during the same week—Different but the Same! Both have snow but both use different pass/lift ticket systems! Decisions! Decisions!! Decisions!!!

Steamboat Mountain Resort- Colorado

Steamboat Daily Message excerpts for 11/28/24: "It's a powder day in the Boat! At Mid Mountain and the Summit, we've got 5 new inches of snow in the past 24 hours.

The Mid mountain base is 33 inches while the Summit base is 50 inches. We will be skiing on 11 lifts, 29 runs and 287.5 acres on Powder snow." **This is an IKON Pass area!**

Transportation: Fly into Denver or Steamboat directly. Ground transfers will be needed.

Lodging: Currently there is a 2 bedroom unit at the Phoenix Condos which are 250 yards from the lifts. Each pillow is \$725.00 or \$2900.00 for the unit. Once again, current snow conditions may affect the availability and pricing of these units.

LIFTS: Get your IKON pass before 12/12/24 otherwise adults pay between \$229 & \$255 at the lift ticket window!

Crested Butte Co.

Crested Butte is now open with over 30" in the last 48hrs! A variety of terrain 17 of 167 trails are open with a 50 inch base. Four of fifteen lifts are currently open.

This is an EPIC pass area.

Transportation: Southwest and other airlines fly into Montrose/Crested Butte. Transfers are estimated at \$50 from the Montrose airport. Or fly into Denver and take ground transfers to Crested Butte.

Lodging: At the Plaza unique for its condominium setting with hotel-style services, has two-bedroom condominiums 100 yards from main lift-- the Silver Queen. The Plaza also offers shuttle service and has two hot tubs; steam or sauna. .Due to construction, balconies may not be available. Condos pricing is \$485 per pillow or \$1900 per unit. Once again, current snow conditions may affect the availability and pricing of these units.

SWISS VALLEY SKI & SNOWBOARD AREA, JONES MICHIGAN -

Sunday, January 19, 2025 - ONE DAY TRIP!



\$125.00 package includes transportation, lift ticket, equipment rental (skis/snowboard, boots, poles, helmet), introductory lesson.

Swiss Valley Ski & Snowboard area has twelve runs, two quad chairs, one triple chair and four rope tows as well as two terrain parks for snowboarding. **Dining options** include **Café 225'** located in the Main Lodge. It offers a central seating area with "grab & go" eating selections. Outdoor seating is available on the deck. **The Chalet** features windows for a great view of the slopes, terrain park and area events. A deck is available for seating for those sunny afternoons with friends and fun. Live Music and/or a DJ is scheduled for your entertainment most weekends. There is also a **Fireplace Lounge**.

Not Skiing? \$40.00 - Transportation only.

Seven Springs Mountain Resort - Pennsylvania January 31-February 2, 2025

Located in Seven Springs, Pennsylvania, Seven Springs Mountain Resort has a base elevation of 2,240ft with a 750 ft vertical drop. The skiable terrain is 285 acres supported by ten lifts. It has thirty-three trails, and seven terrain parks and boasts 135-inch average snowfall. In addition to skiing and boarding, snow tubing is available.

Lodging: The club will be staying at the newly renovated Slopeside Main Lodge Hotel in two-queen bed hotel rooms located steps from the slopes and the many amenities within the Main Lodge. The Slopeside Hotel has eleven food and beverage outlets, including quick service dining, full-service dining, bars and Helen's fine dining. Lodge amenities include the Trillium Spa and Aslon, year-round indoor heated pool, seasonal outdoor pool, private hot tubs complimentary shuttle service throughout the resort, retail shops, and seasonal ski and snowboard shop. Perfectly appointed rooms include flat screen TVs, wireless internet, pillow top mattresses, USB/charging stations, in-room coffee makers, refrigerators in each room, iron and ironing boards. All rooms are non-smoking. A complimentary breakfast voucher is included with your package. All other meals are your responsibility currently.

Lift Tickets: There was a misprint in our flyer, lifts will not be a part of the Seven Springs package. **EPIC Passes cannot be purchased by groups, only individuals.** Therefore, if you are skiing at Seven Springs, you will need to purchase your own EPIC Day Passes before the December 2, 2024 deadline for the best prices.

Why?	Lift Ticket Price	Epic Day Pass	After Dec 2 nd
	Wilmot Mtn	\$61	\$105
	Seven Springs	\$61	\$115

Where can I purchase an EPIC Day Pass? See page one of this newsletter.

Indoor Activities: The Exhibition Hall Activity Pass is currently not available as the Hall itself is currently closed. The activities covered with the purchase of the Exhibition Hall Activity Pass(\$45.00) will now be available at ala carte pricing. These include miniature golf, corn hold, arcade games and bowling.

Seven Springs Packages and Pricing

Lodging <i>(2 Queen beds)</i>	Dbl occupancy	Triple occupancy	Quad occupancy
Transportation, lesson, rental	\$751	\$651	\$610
Transportation, rental	\$611	\$511	\$470
Transportation & Lodging ONLY!	\$501	\$401	\$360
Transportation—NO LODGING!	\$170	\$170	\$170

Payment Schedule:

December 18, 2024	Half of the trip cost is due.
December 31, 2024	Final Payment due.

Timber Ridge Ski Area - Skiing, Snowboarding, Tubing Saturday, February 15, 2025

Timber Ridge Ski Area is in Gobles, Michigan one hundred thirty-eight miles from Chicago. The area has a 250 ft. vertical drop and averages 80 inches of snow annually. There is one quad, one triple, and two double chair lifts. Four rope tows and two magic carpets/conveyor belts service also service the twenty trails at the Timber Ridge Ski Area. There are three terrain parks and one snow tubing area.

Timber Ridge does not offer a group package so pricing will al a carte.

	Lifts	Rental*	Lessons
Adults	\$62	\$40	\$40
Kids-(7-12)	\$52	\$40	\$40
Seniors (60+)	\$31	\$40	\$40

Children 6 and under ski FREE with paid Full Price Adult ticket.

Tubing: \$25 for 2 hours (online)
\$28 for 2 hours (in person)

Transportation: \$45.00

*All daily equipment rentals allow the use of skis and/or snowboards. Ski rental includes skis, boots and poles. Snowboard rental includes a snowboard and boots.

NBS Summit 2025 Keystone, Colorado February 22 thru March 1, 2025

Please refer to page 3 of this newsletter.

One last thing!

Daily Buffet Breakfast is available at Keystone Lodge Sunday-Friday-6:30am to 9:00am for \$35.00 a day. You must purchase all six days, Sunday-Friday or \$210.00 for the week.

Whitefish Mountain Resort - Whitefish, Montana

March 23-29, 2025—Opens Dec. 5, 2024!

Whitefish Mountain Resort is a skiing and snowboarding paradise with 111 named trails spanning roughly 3,000 acres of varied terrain on all aspects of Big Mountain. In addition to the groomed runs, there are four terrain parks, a skier/boardercross course and vast expanses of bowls and glades that make for world-renowned tree skiing. Partially located on the Flathead National Forest, the resort operates 11 chairlifts as well as a T-bar and a conveyor carpet belt for beginners. The mountain receives nearly 300 inches of snow in an average year. With a summit elevation of 6,817 feet and a base elevation of 4,464 feet, guests can descend a total of 2,353 vertical feet -nearly half a mile—down the south facing slopes. Although Whitefish doesn't open until December 5th, they have a 46inch settled base right now! **Ready to Visit?**

Transportation: Fly or take Amtrak, only 32 hours, into Kalispell, Montana—FCA. Flying is a bit pricey, \$659ish plus baggage fees. Sorry, not on Southwest's schedule. Amtrak's 32-hour ride on the Empire Builder is \$222.00 roundtrip. Of course, transfers will be needed at approximately \$50.

Lodging: Staying at the newly refurbished Kintla Lodge two bedroom condos which are a short walk to the lifts. The costs is \$850 per person/pillow for four people to a two-bedroom condo. Lodging prices were based on a group rate of twenty and once again, current snow conditions and group size may affect the availability and pricing of these units.

Lift tickets:

Ikon nor Epic are accepted at Whitefish but the lift ticket prices are phenomenal!

	1-day	4-day	5-day
Adult(19-64)	\$99	\$297/\$396	\$371/496
Senior(65-69)	\$85/94	\$272/\$340	\$340/\$425
Super Senior(70+)	\$36/\$40	\$130/\$144	\$162/180

Pertinent Trip Information:

Trip Leader Contacts:

Seven Springs – Aliciee Griffith-Page eagriffcmeski@gmail.com – 865-406-9982

One Day Trips – Bernard Barry bbarry@barrytechnologies.com- 773-266-6878text only!
or Aliciee Griffith-Page eagriffcmeski@gmail.com – 865-406-9982

Jetliner Trips – Pat Vaughn-Dossiea – pavd1948@sbcglobal.net - 773-848-7417

Guest Fees will be accessed for non-member participants!

Methods of payment and trip leader/club officer contact information is on the next page.

BUSINESS MANAGER – Larry Earls

The following are acceptable forms of payment for the Sno-Gophers Ski Club: cash, personal check, money order, Zelle, Pay Pal and credit card. There is a 4% service charge for PayPal and credit card payments. For credit card payments, contact the business manager.

Payment Instructions

Zelle

Zelle has been established using Sno-Gophersskiclub@att.net

1. Pay attention to the hyphen (-) between Sno and Gophers ex. “Sno-Gophers”.
2. Notice the double “ss” connecting Gophers and Ski “Gophersskiclub”.

Test with a \$1.00 to check the spelling.

Sno-Gophersskiclub@att.net

Please indicate what the payment is for in the space provided.

PayPal Instructions

PAYPAL SCREENS:

Send money

www.snogophersjet@att.net (Jetliner)

www.snogophersmidwest@att.net (Midwest)

Sno-Gophersskiclub@att.net

(HIT NEXT)

Screen will show the following for you to put in the amount being paid:

Sno-Gophers

www.snogophersjet@att.net

\$1.00 USD (sample)

What's this payment for?

Summit 2023 (sample)

Box - Recipient's Name

Put - Sno-Gophers Jetliner and USA should show on the next line

What's this payment for? Next Screen

Before payment will ask who is being paid:

Hit the box that shows- **Send to Friend**

Last Screen - choice of payment

The detail of what you typed in on other screens.

HIT - SEND PAYMENT NOW, and you will get a email confirmation. The Business Manager will be notified of payment and will share with the Jetliner Trip Chair.

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