

Lone Star Skiers and Adventure ClubVol. XXXVIssue 3March 2017

## Message from the President.

#### Hi fellow Lone Star Skiers & Adventure Club members,

This past year has been an exciting year: membership is at almost 300 members with several new and returning members, most of the many trips we are offering are sold out, we've had and are still having lots of fun and unusual activities, and our happy hours are always great.

In order to keep this momentum going and continue to have a vibrant and exciting club, we need our members to step up and take active roles in running it. Remember, this is a member-owned and operated club, and it cannot survive without each and every one of you doing your part!

In March, we will once again elect your new board of directors!! All we need is you!

If you've ever said, "I wonder why they don't do \_\_\_\_," or "I wish we would travel to \_\_\_\_\_," or even "We should be doing \_\_\_\_\_\_ differently," you should serve on our board. We need young and fresh ideas to keep our club current with today's times and providing events/trips that appeal to EVERY member. We need your creativity, your innovation, your knowledge!

#### We need you!

Please consider serving on your board of directors. No member is too young, too new, or too inexperienced. But every member has the ability to contribute fresh ideas on how we can operate more smoothly and more efficiently, and offer the most fun to our members.

Good at publishing and creating an online newsletter? Contact me - you don't even have to write the articles. Have a great understanding of website management? Contact me! Love to plan fun activities with the help of others? Contact me. Have some great ideas on how to market the club? Contact me. Good at managing others and/or have some great organizational ideas? Contact me!

Give me a call at 972-333-6365 or email me at dennisparnold@verizon.net

Your President

Dennis Arnold

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## MARCH HAPPY HOUR, ELECTIONS, & QUARTERLY MEETING

**Proposed Bylaw Change** 

Meeting starts at 6:30

TUESDAY, March 14 - 5:30-8:00 P.M.

Queen of Sheba

14875 Inwood Rd Addison, TX. 75001

LSS CLUB OFFICERS	Birthdays👸	
<b>President:</b> 972-333-6365	Dillidays	
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VP Activities:	April Birthdays	
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	Welcome New Members	
Treasurer: Mike McKimens mmckimens@yahoo.com	Bea Meehan John Parent	
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	News From the Board	
Director/Webmaster: 858-344-3195 Denis Lanigan denny.lanigan@gmail.com	Next Board Meeting: March 27, 6:30 PM Picasso's Pizza & Grill 18160 Dallas Parkway, Dallas	
<b>Director/Non-Ski Trips:</b> 972-489-2817	Come Join us	
Debbie Rima debbierima@yahoo.com	Links to our Sponsors & Friends	
Director/Activities: 469-408-0448 Debbie Greenslade debbiegreenslade@gmail.com	Sun & Ski Meełvp Facebook Meet Up	
Executive Director: 972-978-0658	Lone Star Home Page	
John Fry johnfry2@gmail.com	Membership Application	

Advertising info Contact:	March Events	April Events	May Events
David Hensley - VP Publications superdaveskis@yahoo.com	<ul> <li>8 Happy Hour, Elections, &amp; Quarterly Meeting: Queen of Sheba</li> <li>11 Tango Tab's: Feed the City</li> </ul>	<ul><li>11 Happy Hour TBA</li><li>29 Denton Jazz Festival</li></ul>	<b>11</b> Happy Hour TBA
Cluiser Rates:Business Card\$ 100/YrThird Page\$ 150/Yr	25 70's Themed Party		
See below for Add'l info.	<b>31-4/2</b> Natchez		

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## Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club 2017-2018 Trip Schedule



<b>Trip Name/Destination</b>	Trip Director	Trip Information	Trip Price	
LSS Natchez, MS.	Carol Zahn	2days/ 2 Nights	Price:	
Mar. 31- Apr.2	carolzahn@verizon.net	Lodging: Natchez Grand Hotel	Partial :\$300/\$270*	
		Trip is currently waitlisted; contact		
		trip director for availability		
LSS Key West	Candis Hines	4Days/ 3 Nights	Price:	
May 5-8, 2017	Candisms@hotmail.com	Lodging: Doubletree Resort	Land Only: \$552/\$497*	
Key West		Trip has <u>Male</u> pillow available;		
		contact trip director		
LSS Durango Whitewater	Debbie Rima	4 days/ 3 nights	Price: All Partial:	
Rafting	debbierima@yahoo.com	Lodging: Siesta Motel	No raft/rail \$226/\$204*,	
June 8-11, 2017		Optional Zipline	Class 3 \$418/\$376*,	
			Class 3/ 4 or 4/5 \$502/\$452*	
Port Royal Resort	Katherine Nelson	4 days/ 3 nights	Price:	
Port Aransas, TX	katherine.nelson@verizon.net	Lodging: Port Royal Resort	Partial: \$336/\$302*	
September 14-17, 2017				
LSS Iceland	Debbie Greenslade	9 Days/ 8 Nights	Price:	
October 7-15, 2017	debbigreenslade@gmail.com	Hotels: Alda, Kea	Land Only: \$3560/\$3260*	
Iceland	972-489-2817	Trip is currently waitlisted;		
New Zealand	Susan Riewe	10 Days/ 9 Nights	Price:	
Oct. 24- Nov. 2, 2018	msg4smr@att.net	Hotels: Queenstown Hotel, Milford	Land Only: \$4450	
	972-989-7969	Lodge, Mt. Cook Lodgings		

\* Discount Price for early registration, see trip for details on discount

**Partial:** Includes Lodging & Activities Land Only: Includes Transfers, Lodging & Activities **Package**: (includes air from DFW, transfers, lodging & all activities) **Full:** Includes Air, Transfers, Lodging & Activities Please review the Lone Star Skiers Trip Policy found at www.lonestarski.org under Board/Rules and Policies For additional information please contact LSS VP of Trips

## **Announcing New Activities And Trips**

**Tango Tab** 

New Zealand is in the works for October 2018, wow details are here. See this Newsletter.

See info below

**Info Coming soon:** 

Holiday Party December 2, 2017

## Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club Wants You!

Yes it's time for y'all to start thinking about being a officer in the club. So the <u>'HELP WANTED'</u> Sign will soon be out. Remember the Club is managed by volunteers, so please consider stepping up and volunteer.

### **BEER V. WINE SMACKDOWN**

If you didn't know that Mestinguett Cava tasted better with Deice de Bourgogne than Salty Lady, you really should have been at the Beer v. Wine & Cheese Smackdown. And did you know that Rugby Ale tasted better with Bianco Sardo than Chateau D'Arlay Rouge? Or Back Country Breakfast Stout works just as well with Stilton as Exeo "Letras Minisculas"? We felt so educated but we also thoroughly enjoyed tasting each wine with our cheese, then each beer with that same cheese and voting our choice. The wine won that night, but it was a close call! We were thrilled to have such a fun crowd there for the evening, including visitors Jill and Kathy. Hope you ladies will join us again for future events!



## **ONE HOUR TO ESCAPE!!!**

On Saturday, February 18, 2 teams from Lone Star Ski & Adventure Club met at ONE HOUR TO ESCAPE in Lewisville.



We divided up randomly into 2 teams and promptly named the teams, Winners and Champions. Unfortunately the winners lost and the Champions won!!! We had a great time figuring out the clues. We were in the SPY vs SPY rooms (identical). Both of the Lone Star teams solved the escape plan before time was up. In this room, only 50% of teams solve the problem!

After wearing our brains out(it was difficult!!!), we retired to Hard 8 BBQ in The Colony for some great food and live music.







### TangoTab's FEED THE CITY: Sandwich Making Event (Dallas)

Help make sandwiches/snacks to feed the homeless. We deliver these sandwiches to the Soupmobile, which takes the food out to the homeless

Saturday, March 11 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Gordon Biersch Brewery 8060 Park Lane Ste 125, Dallas, TX Let me know you're coming

#### PLEASE PARK IN THE PARKING GARAGES

We'll grab lunch after the event.

• PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE SECTION FOR ALL OF THE INFORMATION FOR THE EVENT...

TangoTab is a mobile app that gives you the opportunity to check-in at Restaurants and claim free dining deals. Every time a you use TangoTab at a participating restaurant, TangoTab feeds a person in-need in your community. Like our motto says, "When You Eat, They Eat."

Download the TangoTab app for easy and quick check-in at the event > <u>Download.TangoTab.com</u>

Here's all the info you need for Saturday, March 11!

Please arrive between 8:30am and 8:45am. We will begin promptly at 9am.

Who Can Attend: Anyone that can make a sandwich - no kids who have to be tended to. We have had kids there as young as 3yo.

How to Dress: Pull hair back so it doesn't hang in your face or wear ball cap, wear anything you can get bleach spots on.

#### \*\*\* WHAT TO BRING \*\*\*

You can bring any of the items in any combination, but this is what we recommend... For approximately \$16 at Aldi, you can get....
3 Packs of Meat (please try to make this turkey, chicken or ham)
3 packs (16 slice) cheese

• 4 Loaves of bread - try to find a loaf that has 20 slices (not including the ends)

• 1 Mustard - plain yellow

• 2 bags of baby carrots

• 1 bag of raisins

• 1 (100 ct.) of Sandwich Bags (make sure they zip)

PLEASE TRY TO BRING AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF MEAT, CHEESE & BREAD ...

Example: If you bring enough slices of cheese for 72 sandwiches, bring enough meat and bread for 72 sandwiches. Here is a breakdown of all the items....

> Sliced sandwich bread Sliced Meat — DO NOT bring the kind from the deli. If you have questions please ask. Sliced cheese - Please do not bring spicy cheese Baby Carrots - Do not bring whole carrots that need to be cut Raisins - A big bag of Sunmaid Raisins would be great. Sandwich Bags that zip Plain yellow mustard

AT THE END OF THE DAY WE WANT TO PRODUCE QUALITY OVER QUANTITY. Please focus on the product you are buying and not just the amount.

If you can't make the event, please consider donating items from the list above for it!

## **Proposed BY-Law Change**

As you are probably aware, the fiscal year for Lone Star Skiers & Adventure Club runs from June 1 through May 31. Per our Bylaws, our membership renewals begin on June 1 of each year, and membership is required in order to be able to sign up for or pay for a trip as well as many activities.

Because of the numerous ski and non-ski trips that we are now running throughout our year, your Board of Directors realizes it would be easier and less confusing for current and new members to have membership expiration dates that occur one (1) calendar year from the date of new membership or renewal of existing membership.

As an example, as our Bylaws are currently stated, a new member joining our club on February 15, 2017 would be required to renew his/her membership again on June 1, 2017. What your Board is proposing with a calendar year expiration date is that, as an example, a new member joining the club on February 15, 2017 would be required to renew his/her membership on or before February 15, 2018.

For all of you who are current members before March 1, 2017, if the Bylaw change is approved, your current membership will expire on May 31, 2017. Then, your next membership expiration date will occur one calendar year from the date you renew your membership. So, if you renew your membership on June 1, 2017, your membership will expire on June 1, 2018. Please note that you must have a current membership to sign up for trips and certain activities, and you must be current to make payments on existing trips for which you are signed up.

This change to a calendar year membership requires a change to our Bylaws which must be approved by a quorum of our membership. We will be presenting this Bylaw change at our quarterly meeting on March 14, 2017 at Queen of Sheba, 14875 Inwood Rd., Addison, at 6:30 pm. We ask that you attend this meeting, voice your concerns or approval, and vote accordingly.

Our Bylaws require you to attend the March 14, 2017 meeting to vote, but if you have thoughts you wish expressed or read at the meeting, or if you have any questions about the proposed Bylaw change, please contact your President, Dennis Arnold, at <u>dennisarnold1@verizon.net</u>.

If approved, we realize the transition may be a bit confusing for a short period of time, but your Board members stand ready and willing to help you understand your expiration/renewal dates.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

CURRENT BYLAW:

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP SECTION 1. QUALIFICATIONS:

A. NEW MEMBERS: A new member is someone who has not previously held membership or someone who renews after June 30.

B. RENEWALS: To renew, a member in good standing must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Submit a completed membership application with required dues no later than May 31.

BY-LAWS OF LONE STAR SKIERS 4 Adopted: May 8, 1984 Revised: April 15, 2011

SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS:

C. ABANDONMENT: Memberships not renewed by July 31 shall be considered abandoned, at which time it shall be offered to the next eligible person(s) on the waiting list.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

**SECTION 1. QUALIFICATIONS:** 

A. NEW MEMBERS: A new member is someone who has not previously held membership.

B. RENEWALS: To renew, a member in good standing must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Submit required membership dues on or before the expiration date of his/her most recent membership.

2. Expiration date shall be one (1) calendar year date from the prior renewal date or join date (i.e., a member joins/renews on March 15, 2017, the expiration date will be March 15, 2018).

BY-LAWS OF LONE STAR SKIERS 4 Adopted: May 8, 1984

Revised: March 14, 2017

SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS:

C. ABANDONMENT: In the event of a waitlist for membership, memberships not renewed within sixty (60) days from the expiration date of the member's most recent membership shall be considered abandoned, at which time the membership shall be offered to the next eligible person(s) on the waiting list, if applicable.

Please plan on voting on this proposed Bylaw change at our meeting on March 14, 2017 at Queen of Sheba, 14875 Inwood Rd., Addison, at 6:30 pm. Thank you!

### THAT 70S SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER PARTY

Saturday, March 25 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. Limited to 60 people

#### \$35/member; \$45/guest of member

(includes barbecue, alcohol, beer and wine, shuffle board, billiards, 70s dance lessons, a DJ, dancing those fun 70s dances to that outrageously cool music, a contest to see who can correctly name the most members from their 70s picture, an air guitar contest, trivia, a hoola hoop contest, and much more)

Jane and Tommy Baer's house Address will be provided to attendees before the event.

Dust off your baby blue best leisure suit, tease up the hair, get out the shoulder pads, don the minis, the clogs, the elevator shoes, and get ready to flash back to the past!!

Send a picture of you from the 70s to debbierima@yahoo.com. We'll be posting a billboard of pictures so you can see how many you can guess.



## Texas Ski Council Bid Fest

April 7-9, 2017

DRURY PLAZA 105 S. Saint Mary's San Antonio, TX 78205 1-800-325-0720 (210)270-7799

LIVE MUSIC, DINNER AND DANCING SATURDAY NIGHT

Texas Ski Council Delegates, Texas Ski Club members, Ski Resort Representatives, Vendors and Guests from around the world, come join us for 2017 Ski Bid Fest held by popular demand once again in Historic and fun filled San Antonio, Texas! The Historic Drury Plaza has been restored from the previous Alamo Bank Building. It features stunning architecture, comfortable rooms and suites, a rooftop pool and Drury's famous free extras, there's little missing from this hotel equation. Best of all, their riverside doors offer direct access to the beautiful San Antonio River Walk.

Hotel Reservations may be made as follows:

\*Individual reservations can be made by reserving online, go to the link below and entering Group number of 2275758. <u>https://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2275758</u>

\*Reservations may also be made by calling 1-800-325-0720 and refer to the Group number of 2275758.

Parking & amenities:

Valet Parking is discounted to \$16.00 per car per night. Self Parking is available off site. Includes their "Hot Quickstart Breakfast" and the "5:30 Kickback" with free hot food & adult beverages.

#### Event Registration:

#### Texas Ski Council Delegates & Members

Use this link: <u>https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07edeca2hg329c356a&oseq=&c=&ch</u>

#### Vendors

Use this link: <u>http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?</u> oeidk=a07edecddn5127439aa&llr=z6xftylab&showPage=true

#### **TSCYF Top Golf Fundraiser**

TSC Delegates, Guests & Vendors

TOP GOLF Fundraiser Benefiting TSC Youth Foundation

Friday 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Join TSC and industry friends while enjoying the Top Golf experience (golfer or not!)! Compete, for those so inclined, or just RELAX and try out "entertainment golf"! No clubs needed! Price includes Top Golf membership and "golfing". Transportation available in the hotel lobby at 12:00pm (Noon). Cost is \$50 with all profits going to the TSC Youth Foundation. Alcohol and food available for purchase. All profits from this event will go to TSC Youth Foundation. If you did not register with your Bid Meeting registration, you can register for Top Golf Fund raising event only by going to:

http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07edecgj371ef6389d&llr=z6xftylab&showPage=true

Not familiar with Top Golf --- check it out by going tohttp://topgolf.com/us/san-antonio/ This event provides the opportunity for mixing and mingling between TSC club members and ski industry representatives who will beparticipating in the Bid Meeting and Saturday's Ski Show. Event is open to all Ski Industry Reps and members of TSC Clubs.

Use this link to register for Top Golf: http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07edecgj371ef6389d&llr=z6xftylab&showPage=true

#### PLEASE NOTE THE TSC HAS MADE CHANGES IN FORMAT FOR THE 2017 BID MEETING

#### TENATIVE TIMELINE for 2017 BID MEETING WEEKEND

Friday, April 7, 2017
1:00PM-5:00PM-- TSC Youth Foundation Fundraiser
5:30PM-7:00PM-- Drury Happy Hour 2ndfloor
5:30PM-9:00PM-- Registration on 4thfloor outside of ballroom
7:30PM-8:30PM-- Welcome of Delegates and Bid Presentations
8:30PM-10:00PM Welcome Reception for all attendees

Saturday, April 8, 2017 8:00 – 1:00pm Welcome of Delegates and Bid Presentations 1:00PM Pick up boxed lunches -- delegates will go to clubs' caucuses and vendors will set up ski show 2:15pm-3:45PM Bid discussions and decisions on TSC trips 3:45PM Announcements of TSC Trips 4:00PM-6:00PM Ski Show 6:00PM Private Reception Honoring Platinum Sponsors (select delegates attend) 7:00PM – 11PM Denim & Diamonds Dinner Dance 7:00PM-8:00PM Dinner served 7:00PM-9:00PM Silent Auction 8:00PM-8:30PM TSC announcements 8:30PM-11PM Dancing 9:45PM Auction Pick up—must have payment at that time or auction item will go to next highest bidder. Will take cash, checks or credit card for auction items

Sunday, April 9, 2017 8:00 – 11:00am TSC General Meeting for Delegates and Club Members



Link to TSC Newsletter http://www.texas-ski.org/insidetsc/news/16/TSC Newsletter '16-'17 Volume 2.pdf

## **DENTON ARTS & JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Saturday, April 29 Free!!!

Denton's Quakertown Park and Facilities 321 East McKinney Denton, Texas 76201 (Corner of McKinney and Bell)



#### 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Times are flexible - come when you can!

#### Let us know you're coming!

We'll be there about 2 p.m., and set up a spot in the Wells Fargo and Budweiser Jazz Stage Area. Look for the Lone Star Skiers & Adventure Club banner. Bring something to sit on. You can bring your own food/beverages but there will also be plenty of booths with food and drinks everywhere.

They do ask that you not bring pets or coolers into this area because of the crowds expected. You could probably carry a small cooler but nothing on wheels. This is the stage where the headliner bands will be playing.

There are several stages throughout the area with a variety of music. We can use our area as a base where you can leave your chairs, blankets, etc. and meander around. Music begins at various times in the different staging areas. There are also lots of arts and craft booths.

For a schedule of events, go <u>here.</u> For a map, go <u>here.</u>

If you have questions, contact Debbie Rima at debbierima@yahoo.com.

#### Paula Lanigan Consulting, Independent Health Insurance Agent

Your resource to make sense of Medicare benefits and available options when new to Medicare, or during the annual open enrollment in October through December 7 when you can review your current program or make changes. Specialize in...

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  - o Aetna
  - o Humana
  - United/AARP
  - Omaha Insurance Company (Mutual of Omaha)
- Assist with ancillary products like dental and vision options

With over 25 years health insurance industry experience, view my LinkedIn profile at <u>https://www.linkedin.com/pub/paula-lanigan/18/1a9/677</u>

Let me help you make sense of Medicare and the options available to you.

Contact Paula at 619-206-3433 or paula.k.lanigan@gmail.com for more information.



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## What Happens at the Bird...

Is supposed to stay at the Bird! Snowbird that is! But Lone Star Ski and Adventure Club members had such a good time, we decided to share a bit of it with you.

Arriving at Salt Lake City airport on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, Canyon Transport immediately whisked us away to our destination. That is after a grocery stop in which Joe and I picked up some goodies for the Club party and everyone got supplies for the week.

The drive to the resort was breath-taking. Our driver James showed us where they had had an avalanche the week before. Dropping us off with the Valet, our bags were taken upstairs and we checked in.

The rooms were spacious, comfortable and clean. Plenty of room for two people and their stuff. Our Welcome Party at El Chante included a Welcome from Snowbird staff with some prizes for trivia answers. The restaurant provided a nice spread and one drink of choice was included.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were sunny, warm and beautiful ski days. Many members took advantage of the Free Mountain Tour and explored Snowbird's varied runs and areas. I personally LOVED the ski ramp through the mountain to reach Mineral Basin. The 600' tunnel rocks with music and shows many pictures of Snowbird in the beginning, older ski and tunneling equipment. It is quite a sight to view and I was glad I went through it a couple times.

We had a most enjoyable and tasty Club dinner at the Wildflower restaurant on Tuesday night. The servers were super, the wine flowed and the meal left all of us ready for bed! Throughout the weeThe Tram Club, Rendevous, Mid-Gad, the Summit, the Forklift all offered excellent selections and again, the staff was wonderful. Attentive and friendly, they made you feel welcome. Seven of us enjoyed a marvelous steak dinner at the Steak Pit on Wed.

The snow moved in on Thursday and provided a bit of powder to play in. Me? I opted for a relaxing massage treatment at the Spa. Closing out our week – the club partied to a successful trip on Thursday in the Trip Director's room complete with Wine, Beer, snacks and dark chocolate.

Friday the majority of the club headed back to Dallas. But 5 of us – just had to go check out Powder Mountain in nearby Odgen. Pow Mow, as it is called, is Pow WOW! A variety of runs, degrees of difficulty, tree and powder skiing and not much of a crowd made the skiing here amazing! Toss in 4-7 inches of fresh powder on Sat and it was a perfect way to end a perfect week.



Experience this sunset every evening as you sip a cool beverage at



**BEAUTIFUL KEY WEST, FLORIDA!** 

May 5-8, 2017 - 4 days, 3 nights

\$552\*\* per person

(\$100 deposit; 50% 1/30/17; balance 2/28/17).

Only 24 spots available!

Trip has <u>Male</u> pillow available; contact trip director

Contact: Candis Hines at candisms@hotmail.com

Lodging is at the beautiful Doubletree Resort by Hilton Grand Key - Key West

Price includes 4 days/3 nights at the Doubletree Resort; American breakfast daily; complimentary shuttle to and from airport; complimentary shuttle to and from town between 8 a.m. and 11:20 p.m.; complimentary shuttle to and from Smathers Beach with free beach chairs and a beach club; club gatherings; free wi fi; all taxes and resort fees!

Air is not included but flights are available directly to Key West from DFW. We'll be watching for specials.

No need to rent a car!

Additional \$89 package includes snorkeling the reef, parasailing, kayaking, and/or jet skiing for 3.5 hours



#### A STEP BACK IN TIME

The crown jewel of Southwest Mississippi, Natchez is a grand city steeped in

rich history that is unquestionably second to none.

Natchez has embraced and preserved the influences of Native American, European, Southern, and African American cultures, all of which have given her a timeless and unique blend of charm, grace, romance, mystery, and adventure.

Friday, March 31 - Sunday, April 2 \$300 regular

Con Con

Trip is currently waitlisted; Contact Trip Director for Availability.

This trip is currently waitlisted. If you would like to get on the waitlist in case there is a cancellation, sign up and select the waitlist option. You will pay \$100 deposit; when and if someone drops off, the waitlist will clear in the order of sign up. If you decide you no longer wish to be on the waitlist or do not clear, you will be refunded the full \$100.00. (half of trip due 12/26/16; balance due 2/28/17).

Questions? Contact Carol Zahn at carolzahn@verizon.net

Let's explore the intoxicating and majestic allure that has made Natchez one of the most exciting and fascinating cities in the world! We'll be doing a little of it all - tours of antebellum homes, canoeing the Mississippi (optional), visiting ancient Indian burial mounds, enjoying some spectacular gardens, listening to blues in historic honkey-tonks, savoring a dinner created by renowned chef Regina Charboneau in a beautiful historic home, perhaps attending an authentic



Southern ball (optional), guided historic cemetery tour and if you like, even partaking in some gambling at the local casino (optional).

On Friday, March 31, we'll drive to Natchez (a 6 hour drive from Dallas).

We'll organize carpools for those interested.

There is a unique (optional) opportunity to canoe the Mississippi River that afternoon at 2 p.m. on a 4-hour canoe trip. Become one with the Mississippi's nature as our guide entertains us with tales of the area and points out interesting local animals and foliage. This adventure is highly recommended in many travel guides and is a different and special way to see the river. These are multi-person canoes so this event works for all levels of experience and ability. This is optional and not included in the price of the trip.

Those not canoeing may want to stop at Monmouth to tour their beautiful gardens with magnolias, crepe myrtles, cedar trees and an abundance of colorful seasonal flowers. No cost to tour the gardens; \$15 to tour the home (optional).

We'll all meet up at the hotel and head out for dinner and check out some historical and fun bars to listen to some Blues and Jazz. Others may want to head to the casino.

Saturday morning, we'll begin our tours by walking, biking or driving to our first home, Rosalie, sitting high in a Mississippi River Bluff. After a tour of that home, we'll head over to Stanton Hall, a palatial Greek Revival style home.

After lunch, we'll visit Longwood, an octagonal 30,000 sq. ft., 6 story, never finished mansion.

We'll then hop in our cars and drive down the Natchez Trace Parkway for a special tour of Brandon Hall, open for tours only during the Pilgrimage. Then we'll run right up the road to see the Emerald Mound burial grounds, the second largest Mississippian Period ceremonial mound in the U.S.

Saturday evening, we'll enjoy a gourmet dinner with wine at historic Twin Oaks (where we are also welcome to tour). Renowned chef and author Regina Charboneau will be preparing our dinner.

If you are interested, you are also invited to an authentic Southern ball. The Save the Hall Ball hopes to gather donors and old friends at a black tie party with great food, open bar and a dance band like the traditional Natchez pilgrimage balls. A great party on the grounds of Stanton Hall is a wonderful way to remind us of the beauty and importance of these historic buildings.

This date of this years Save the Hall Ball is Saturday, April 1, 2017.

I can arrange for the purchase of tickets if this is of interest to you.

Sunday, we'll visit the historic Natchez City Cemetery for an unforgettable and entertaining guided tour of this "must see" cemetery **before heading back to Dallas.** 

Price includes: Guided tours of 5 Antebellum homes Gourmet dinner with wine at Twin Oaks (tip included) 2 nights at the beautiful Natchez Grand Hotel Guided cemetery tour Parking at hotel Breakfast daily Wi fi at hotel

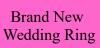


## **February Happy Hour**



















## Durango Whitewater Rafting

#### Thursday, June 8 - Sunday, June 11, 2017



<u>Class III/IV or Class IV/V Rafting and Rail</u> Registration on or Before March 5, 2017... \$452\* Registration on or After March 5, 2017... \$502

Leisurely 2 Hour Class III Raft and Rail Registration on or Before March 5, 2017 ... \$376\* Registration on or After March 5, 2017 ... \$418

<u>No Raft/No Rail - Room, Activities Only</u> Registration on or Before March 5, 2017... \$204\* Registration on or After March 5, 2017... \$226



Includes Three Nights Lodging, Rafting, a Scenic Ride on the Famous Durango/Silverton Railroad, Dinner One Evening, and Lone Star Activities

Lodging: Three nights (Thursday arrival; depart Sunday morning) at the **Siesta Motel**. Option to upgrade to room with Kitchenette for \$10 more - limited rooms available - first booked, first in.

Limited Rooms are available for Child Staying Free With Two Paying Adults

Contact Debbie Rima at debbierima@yahoo.com for more info

(Transportation to Durango not included, but we'll work on carpooling if interested)

\*To Qualify for the early sign up discount, you sign up on or before March 5 2017, pay a \$100 deposit, and meet all payment deadlines and minimums. If you fail to meet the published payment schedule, you will be charged the full amount.

Join us for a fun-filled full day of extreme Class IV and V white water rafting on the world class Silverton portion of the Upper Animas River, known for being one of the premier, heart-stopping, whitewater adventures (must be at least 16) (you must meet with guides Friday evening for 15 minute orientation raft trip to determine physical ability, maturity and performance of self-rescue swim). Price includes rafting, train ride, lunch, and thermal gear

**Or** opt for the full-day very exciting Class III and IV white water rafting on the Needleton section of the Upper Animas (still a thrill) (must be at least 14). Price includes rafting, train ride, lunch, and thermal gear

**Or** enjoy a much gentler 2 hour Class III rafting ride on the Lower Animas (great for families - child must be at least 30 lbs.), followed by transportation to Silverton and the train ride back to Durango (lunch not included).

All followed by a one-way train ride on the famous narrow gauge train ride from Silverton to Durango, considered "One of the World's Top Ten Most Exciting Train Rides." The scenery is incredible!

Your final option is to not raft at all and enjoy your day exploring Durango, ziplining or even riding the train up and back as the rest of us raft.

Friday morning, there will be an option to zipline through the mountains on a 2-hour or 3-hour spectacular ride!

Optional Zip Line - 8 a.m. Friday: 3 hour - 12 zipline - \$199 - 2 hour - 6 zipline - \$149

The Ponderosa Grande Canopy Tour (12 Spans or 6 Spans) offers the feeling of being on top of the world, yet is only 2 miles from downtown Durango. Massive timber towers are perched high in the Ponderosa Pines and offer majestic Colorado Mountain views in every direction. This is where your adventure awaits. It's safe and designed for the whole family yet fast, fun, and exhilarating. Imagine zipping through the sky on a network of cables suspended high above the forest floor. Come fly with us!

### **SUMMER MELTDOWN 2017**

September 14-17 4 days, 3 nights



Beautiful Port Royal Resort Port Aransas, Texas

2 bedroom pool view condos (sleeps 4) AND 3 bedroom ocean view condos (sleeps 6)

32 spots available

Price on or before June 12 - \$302\* Price after June 12 - \$336

Price includes lodging and club activities Does not include transportation to resort

Contact Katherine Nelson at katherine.nelson@verizon.net

\*To qualify for early discount, sign up for this trip on or before 6/12/17 and pay your \$100 deposit, then meet the established payment schedule (half of trip due 5/29/17; balance due 7/8/17). Failure to do so will bump you to the regular payment.

This beachfront Port Aransas Resort features the Largest Resort Pool in Texas also featuring a heated lap pool, water volleyball area, 3 hot tubs, swim up bar and grill, a children's splash pad and 4 water slides!

There is also a sand volleyball court, two tennis courts, and a basketball hoop.

Plus, we are right on the beach!!

The apartment sized condos at Port Royal Ocean Resort have living rooms, dining areas and a full kitchen – complete with silverware, pots and pans and a full size fridge. In addition, flat screen TVs and Free Wi-Fi is included in each condo. Full size washing and drying machines are available in every condo.

Port Royal Resort features complimentary yoga, zumba and sand castle lessons each week for on-site recreation. The Port Store, a convenience store on property, is available for sundry items, food and snacks, clothing and more!

Massages in-condo are available by appointment.

Restaurant 361 serves some of the best cuisine in Port Aransas such as fresh seafood for lunch and dinner and hamburgers for the kids.

### ICELAND - LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

Called one of the most beautiful places on earth!

Iceland, a Nordic island nation, is defined by its dramatic volcanic landscape of geysers, hot springs, waterfalls, glaciers and black-sand beaches. Though not part of the continental mainland, the country is considered Nordic European. The name of the country—Iceland—may not be that appropriate: although 10% of Iceland is covered by glaciers, it has a surprisingly mild climate and countless geothermal hot-spots and hot springs. Owing to the warming effect of the Atlantic Gulf Stream, Iceland enjoys a maritime temperate climate and the average temperature in winter is around 46°F for a high and 36°F for a low.

Iceland is a country of sharp contrasts. A place where fire and ice co-exist. A country where insular existence has spurred a rich and vibrant culture. Our tour will allow you to see it all: volcanoes, glaciers, geysers, waterfalls, fjords and so much more!

Enjoy Iceland with an intimate group of 28, traveling the country, seeing the best of the best that nature has to offer!

October 7-15, 2017

9 days, 8 nights

Trip has <u>Male</u> pillow available; contact trip director

The Northern Lights are best seen between late September to March, so we'll have a good chance to see them, and will do all we can to maximize that chance!



\$3,560.00 (\$3,260.00 if you sign up on or before June 19, 2017, pay your \$200 deposit, and meet all payment schedules) includes 8 nights lodging, all tours, entrance fees, and guides (except optional tours), 4 dinners, 1 lunch, daily breakfast



NOTE: This does not include air which will be quoted when air is available for quote. We should have more information on this in October or November 2016



\$200.00 Deposit to Hold Your Spot Half payment due 5/15/17 Balance due 6/10/17

> Only 28 Spots Available We cannot add any more!



Penalties for cancellation will be incurred after May 5, 2017 <u>Trip insurance is strongly recommended</u>

#### TRIP ITINERARY: See Web Page for details

**Optional tours:** 

Whale watching: Price is \$109.00 per person. Northern Lights by Boat: Price is \$125.00 per person.



## NEW ZEALAND KIWI ADVENTURE

October 24-November 2, 2018 10 fun-filled days and 9 nights

\$4,450 (land package only)



\$500 deposit gets you a spot. This deposit, and all payments, are non-refundable, but they are transferable to anyone filling your <u>spot.</u>

50% due 4/15/18 Balance due 8/15/18 Editor's Note: Total Rush! Been there done that.

Trip insurance is highly recommended. See below for a vendor of trip insurance many of us have used in the past.

Air not included but we'll be looking for specials for those wishing to fly as a group.

**NOTE:** The absolute most we can take on this trip is 28 people. There is no way to add more because these are small group tours which we will be doing in two groups of 14. If this is your trip, get signed up today!

Questions? Contact Susan Riewe at msg4smr@att.net

This laid back adventure for the Lone Star Skiers is the ultimate Kiwi experience where you'll walk, kayak, and jet boat in some of New Zealand's most iconic wilderness as well as relax in New Zealand's premier resort town.

Explore Queenstown • Sea kayak Milford Sound • Hike Key Summit • Hike Mt Aspiring National Park • Hike to Rob Roy Glacier • Wine Tour • Earnslaw Lake Cruise • Explore Arrowtown & Wakatipu Basin • Hike Aoraki Mt Cook

We are working on an optional pre-trip in Auckland and Rotorua, including a tour of the Waitomo Caves and Hobbiton Movie Set, and a Maori te Puia Hangi Dinner.

We are also working on a post-trip to Australia, including the Great Barrier Reef.

We'll let you know when we have more details.

#### TRIP ITINERARY: See Web Page for details

Here is an option for trip insurance. We encourage you to shop around. Trip Insurance

NOTE: YOU MUST PURCHASE "CANCEL FOR ANY REASON NSURANCE" <u>WITHIN 14 DAYS</u> <u>OF MAKING FIRST DEPOSIT</u>!! CONTACT AGENT (CLICK ON BUTTON FOR CONTACT INFORMATION) DIRECTLY FOR PRICING AND MORE INFORMATION ON THIS TYPE OF COVERAGE

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE STANDARD INSURANCE IS DATE WHEN FINAL TRIP PAYMENT IS DUE

# THIS WILL BE PURCHASED DIRECTLY FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY. CLICK ON TAB FOR APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Additional Pictures New Zealand





## **APRIL HAPPY HOUR**

TUESDAY, April March 11 - 5:30-8:00 P.M.

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**More Happy Hour** 

