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PREZ SEZ:

Here's a recap of Heavenly from my perspective. It started out wonderfully. 18 of us left from O'Hare and arrived to a ton of snow and a so-so weather forecast, although it was sunny and warm every day. (Our 19th, Andrew, flew out mid-week.) However, the good things can also be bad things. The snow was not fresh and we didn't get any new snow while we were there. I didn't see any of the bump runs open. And the sunny, warm days caused the snow to melt during the day and then freeze at night. So the skiing conditions could have been much better.

There were 2 injuries on the trip. Susan fell Tuesday and broke her tibia (leg) in 2 places. On Thursday Andrew broke his collar bone in 2 places. I attribute this primarily to the snow conditions. The club really shined through this though. Susan wants

me to pass on her thanks again for everything that everyone did for her, especially all the extra work it caused Bobbie to get an extra seat on the plane, oxygen on the plane, wheelchairs, etc. Paperwork after phone calls after more paperwork. I want to thank Terry and Fred for getting my boots out of the bus so that I didn't have to stay in ski boots all day when I left the area with Susan (for the hospital).

We had 3 joint dinners. A taco party on Tuesday night thanks to Bobbie and Karen and all their work. A spaghetti dinner hosted by Manny and his condo mates --- YUM! And our clean-out party on Friday had an abundance of delish food.

On Sunday we met at the mid-lodge at Heavenly to watch the Bears/Packers game with many a fan on both sides. A good number of us left for our condos during half-time though as a 16-ounce beer cost \$9.70. (I also lost \$50.00 on the slot machines but made \$10.00 off the game from Lowell.)

Even though there were problems on this trip, we still had an opportunity to meet again this year with members we haven't seen in a while. It's always great spending time together catching up on each other's lives.

If you're interested in running for a Board position, please contact me. The following positions are open this spring: Vice President, Social, Membership, Trips, and Cross-Country. Elections are at the April meeting.

Ray Lucas

PS – "Hi", Kim.

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KUDOS:

Special thanks to Debbie Clegg, Bobbie Davis, Lowell Davis, Terry Gannon, Jackie Homa, Ray Lucas, Lee Wirth, and Walt Zelenka for contributing articles for this issue of the ESC Newsletter. Don't forget to check out our Website at www.elmhurstskiclub.com. Stefanie has done a magnificent job in revamping the site and keeping it up to date. See the latest pictures from our latest trips and social events.

SOCIAL STUFF:

Chili Party at the Wirth's

Elmhurst Ski Club held their annual chili party again at the Wirth's. We had a good number of chilies, and they all were very delicious. Thanks for everyone who brought a chili or other foods especially the dessert. We all like our dessert! This party was well attended and everybody had a good time. I thank God for our good friends we have in the ski club and all these years we had fun on the slopes.

Lee

Christmas Party

Many Elmer's attended our annual Christmas Party of 2010 at the lovely home of Stefanie Hampton. Stefanie went out of her way to decorate the home with all the festivities. As usual the tree was gorgeous. The fireplace nativity scene (Brian thank you) always is beautiful and mesmerizing at the same time. We had a fantastic spread of food and desserts.

We had the annual Dirty Santa. Fun had by all. Unfortunately, I can't remember who received what but we still had fun with it.

Thank you to the club for the meat and everyone who prepared the appetizers and dishes to share.

Hope to see you next year 2011 to celebrate the coming year

Bobbie, Social

Cross Country Skiing

On February 12th, we had a great x-country outing.

The turnout for skiing was not great but all who went skiing had a fun time on great snow conditions.

Also it was a beautiful day.

Following skiing we went to the Homa's house for some food and drinks. More people came out to their house and we had a real nice time there. Rod and Joy came out, also Ray Lucas and Jon Clegg.

Thanks to Joy and Jackie for the good food.

Thanks again to Larry and Jackie for having us over.

Your X-country leader, Walt Zelenka

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2011 ESC Spring Banquet

Sunday, April 17

ROBERTO'S RISTORANT & PIZZERIA
483 SPRING ROAD
ELMHURST, IL
PHONE: 630-279-8474
Time: 6:00PM Open Bar
Dinner: 6:30PM

Reply on or before **APRIL 8TH** by sending a check for \$25.00 per person to treasurer Bob Savini – 11925 S. Wolf Drive, Plainfield, IL 60585 or contact Bobbie Davis 630-605-1634 for more information

Menu includes: Fresh bread, coffee, tea, soda, Espresso or Cappuccino

Appetizer

Fresh mozzarella, sliced tomatoes, roasted peppers and stuffed mushrooms

Salad

Mixed greens salad

Pasta

**Pasta Pirfalle alla Dolce Vita in a Parmigiano cream sauce and
Pasta Orrechiette in marina sauce**

Main Course

Chicken Saltimboca in white wine sauce

Vegetable

Broccoli

Dessert

Tiramisu or Cannoli



YOUR UPCOMING ESC 2011 SOCIAL EVENTS

April 17th

Spring Banquet (Sun.)

Contact: Bobbie Davis 630-910-1424 (home)
630-605-1634 (cell)

June 4th

Bike Ride at Waterfall Glen (Sat.)

Contact: Bobbie Davis 630-910-1424 (home)
630-605-1634 (cell)

July 15th and 16th

Lake Shelbyville (Fri. & Sat.)

Contact: Debbie Clegg 630-621-5411 (cell)
630-530-1107 (home)

July 30th

Bowling (Sat.)

Contact: Bobbie Davis 630-910-1424 (home)
630-605 1634 (cell)

September 10th

Bike Ride & Bar-B-Q (Sat.)

Contact: Stefanie Hampton 630-629-2818

October 15th

Chili Party (Sat.)

Contact: Lee Wirth 630-985-5923

December 11th

Christmas Party (Sun.)

Contact: Stefanie Hampton 630-629-2818

More Details For All Events Will Be Provided Prior To The Event. Join The Fun. KEEP THIS CALENDAR!!!!!!!!!!

COMMENTS ON LAKE TAHOE 2011



LAKE TAHOE 2011

WOW ----- WHERE DOES ONE EVEN START

This trip was the most exciting that I have ever been on. I know it's been two years since I have skied with the Elmer's and they let me know it. I missed 2010 at Beaver Creek and 2009 at Breckenridge. One never realizes how much you miss the beautiful mountains until you go back and encompass the beauty of our great Country. I am very grateful for the opportunity to still ski. Even though I am still the amateur skier, I truly love every minute of the day!!!!

First I want to thank all Lake Tahoe Elmer's for the generous gift. The trip was successful because of "Everyone Of You". I can't thank you enough for your generosity. I never expect to receive anything, as I love assisting on the trips. However, I do admit this trip was the extreme!!!! Love you all for everything you do and did to assist with the challenges of this trip. With that said "I hope to never have this experience again".

We started out Saturday, Jan. 22nd to begin our flight to Lake Tahoe. We flew directly into Reno and boarded the bus to Heavenly. We made our annual stop for 30 minutes to pick up something to eat and drink until we continued onward. There were many stores close in the area to do our weekly grocery shopping. We were scheduled to meet our Wine and Cheese party at 5PM. Even with the delay on getting to the resort in a timely fashion, Ashley from Heavenly and Logan from Lakeland were able to wait before leaving for their next appointment. I did apologize from our club that we were late. We still have some Elmer's that are learning how to tell time!!!! Even with the late departure, our bus driver was very courteous. Everything went great. Check in at Lakeland was pretty smooth. The porters picked up all luggage along with our groceries and delivered them timely to each condo. Then we could all run over to the Wine and Cheese party where Pat and Karen had been waiting there with the ladies for awhile.

Sunday and Monday were great days at Heavenly. Unfortunately, Susan was extremely ill on Sunday night and Monday so didn't get to ski. Heavenly snow was good and so were the runs. Didn't like the fact that once you got off the gondola you had to hike up hill about 200' or so to get to the lift to start skiing. The area needs to look at that. On top of it they close the access to the lifts so now you have to walk completely around to enter the lift area. Once you got up everything was gorgeous and great for everyone. We met for lunch on Sunday and watched the Bears get destroyed by the Packers. Lester didn't ski Sunday as he decided to try snowshoeing around the Lakeland area then watch the game.

Monday the second day at Heavenly. The area was in need of snow as the runs were somewhat icy. Lots of the area closed off for the Pat, Karen and Craig's of the world who enjoy that tree skiing. .

Tuesday skied Kirkwood. The snow was good but could be better. Weather was very warm and snow got slushy in afternoon. Unfortunately this is when Susan had her accident and broke her leg. Thanks to Sue for staying with Susan while Fred skied down to let us know what is going on. Then Ray and Lowell went to assist Sue and Susan. Thanks to Fred and Terry who stayed with me at the clinic to grab skis and boots from Ray and Susan so they could get to the hospital quickly. Needless to say we missed lunch with the group. Hats off to the bus driver from Amador for bringing the bus to us to load all the ski equipment for all of us. With that Fred, Terry and I were then able to shuttle over to have a drink. And a drink we had! Needless to say that ended the ski day for a few of us. The rest of the club really enjoyed Kirkwood. Bus trip wasn't bad and we were able to leave our personal stuff on the bus. Seemed like a lot of walking to get to the lifts. Even with the shuttle it drops you off near the bottom and you hike up (as usual). We truly enjoyed skiing Kirkwood. Especially the back area, scenery just breathtaking. . We enjoyed great tacos that evening. Thanks to Susan for preparing everything before her injury. My thanks to Karen for coming through that evening to help get everything set up for our club taco party.

Wednesday - off day for most. Some went gambling. Others enjoyed a boat ride or just relaxed and enjoyed the scenery.

Thursday went to Sierra. Sierra was very interesting for us. While on the bus we found out we were not the only contracted persons therefore, we could not leave our personal stuff on the bus like we could on Tuesday, because the bus would be leaving and not the same bus coming back. The bus drivers were both very accommodating for us regardless. With that we had to find lockers to put our shoes and boots in for \$6.00 or \$7.00 a locker. For that cost many shared a few lockers. The lift was a distance to walk from the lodge area. With all that the skiing was great. The snow was good for most of the day. Then got slushy later in afternoon do to warm weather. Andrew one of our new members fell and broke his collarbone. Unfortunately there is nothing that can be done for this injury. Just a sling and away you go. Everyone still had a great time. Then we left the area to enjoy our spaghetti dinner at the condo. Yes, Manny managed another fantastic meal for the whole group. Thank you Karen for all your assistance in making this a special evening for all. Everything was spectacular.

Friday we were back at Heavenly. Great snow and everyone had a great day. By now we knew the routine at Heavenly and advised people to pack lunch. It's very expensive. We do want to thank Heavenly for the lunch vouchers which were enjoyed by all. Even with vouchers you still had to pay for a few dollars because everything is so costly. We had our clean out party at Stefanie's condo. Plenty of pasta and taco meat for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to everyone for your participation. It was very thoughtful of the club to celebrate Lisa and my birthday with wonderful brownies and a candle. Craig didn't agree with us celebrating my birthday again. I can't help having one every year. However, your in luck Craig because next year if we merge with CMSC trip to Steamboat it will be in Feb. / March 2012 so we may have other birthdays to celebrate for a change.

Saturday back on the bus. Here's where it gets ugly. The guys at Lakeland Village came to pick up our luggage at the condo which was greatly appreciated. The shuttle picked up Susan for us and drove us to the bus area at 9AM. The Amador bus didn't arrive to almost 9:40AM. Apparently a lack of communication. I had called Amador on Tuesday when Susan hurt herself to request a handicap accessible bus. They said they would do their best. I rec'd a call from Allison on Friday night from Amador confirming with me they have a handicap bus coming. While waiting for the bus Sat. morning I called Amador several times. Each time telling me the bus is minutes away. The reason the bus is late is because they had to call someone in Sat. morning to install the disability access on bus. Needless to say I was furious when the bus arrived 40 minutes late to find out there was no handicap access because it wasn't available. With this the Lakeland Village bus waited with us the entire time. Bus driver Lori took a lot of flack from her office for holding up the shuttle. But what was I to do with Susan and the rest of the crew waiting around. I had to keep Susan off her feet. So our experience with Amador was both good and bad. The Saturday bus driver did sincerely apologize and I realize it wasn't his fault. But he got the brunt of my anger. Thanks again to our Elmer's for your patience and support during this ordeal.

We arrived at the airport to find out they only have wheel chairs. No extra special chairs to accommodate an injured leg. We then created our own by utilizing Susan's walker and made our own brace with luggage as well. So we could get her to the plane area. What a freaking nightmare and Susan was a trooper. Now we get her to the plane and the chair to transfer Susan and the chair doesn't have leg access either. Susan had to buy a second ticket to guarantee her a seat to rest her leg on and we booked Ray's seat as the third seat so we could guarantee Susan 3 seats in a row to rest for the 3 1/2 hour tour. Ray then was able to move to a spare seat available once we took off. However the airline wouldn't work with us unless we purchased extra seats which is what irritated me. They had the space and we were a group why couldn't they accommodate us? Even after Winters confirmed the airline and I tried to get confirmation. We didn't have a problem buying one seat but why would we have to buy two extra seats. There is plenty more to the saga of this trip with AA and the airports. I think you got the just of it!!!!

Regardless we enjoyed our trip to Heavenly area resort. Lakeland Village was fantastic to us and would recommend them to anyone. I think next year we should consider flying Southwest because of cost of luggage.

To all Elmer's thank you again for a spectacular trip!

Bobbie - Social

I finally got Bobbie to follow me and we ran into Karen and Pat, Craig, Manny and Betty, and we did a Black run together. I knew she could do it. She's been sandbagging us.

I have another story. We all stopped and met for lunch. Talking with Fred we found out he lost his glove under the lift while trying to drink his Jagermeister. Of course, the run under the lift was icy and had a few small moguls, so I organized a search and rescue party. Karen, Pat, me, Craig, and Manny. The idea was, we would go in the run from the side one at time and hopefully one of us would be able to grab it. I led the group down and Karen was the first in, and being the great skier she is, was able to retrieve it without anyone else going in. Another job well done.

Lowell Davis

I had a great time in Lake Tahoe skiing. It was different from any skiing that I have done out west. The temperature got up to 50 degrees and sunny every day. The snow wasn't great, but it was skiable and did beat Wilmot. I enjoyed Heavenly, loved Kirkwood, and was somewhat disappointed in Sierra. The lodging was great and the view of the lake was stunning...

Thank you Jackie for putting together a great trip.

Thank you Bobbie for being a great leader in spite of all of the extra work due to the injuries.

Without Jackie and Bobbie, this trip would not have happened.

Terry Gannon

Elmhurst Ski Club enjoyed another wonderful ski trip in the mountains near Lake Tahoe. Looking down on the bright deep blue lake from the mountains was just a spectacular view. We skied Heavenly three days, Kirkwood and Sierra each one day. The weather was extremely warm and sunny every day. We enjoyed the fifty degree weather, but we didn't enjoy all the ice. It was very dangerous to ski in all areas except the runs that were groomed. Because of the warm weather, I didn't wear my long under wear and my fleeces. It was spring skiing in January. I didn't even wear my gloves the last three days.

Unfortunately, we had some tragedy on this trip with Susan breaking her leg-tibia in two places and Andrew breaking his collar bone in two places. That sure put a damper on the trip. We all pitched in and got them help. The worst ordeal was getting Susan back to Chicago. She spent three days in the hospital. Getting her in and out of buses and the airplane was a delicate job. We now have some trained people in our club to do the job. It was a big job getting her through the airport, and security, filling out paper work, getting her on and off the plane, and finally getting her in the car to go home. Thanks team for all your help. I'm sure Ray and Susan appreciated all the help they received. Susan was a trooper through it all. We need to continue to pray for Susan's and Andrew's healings. They are not out of the woods yet.

I sure missed not having my buddy, Rod, on this trip. We have made ten straight years skiing together. That is a blessing. Hopefully, next year Rod will be with us.

It was pretty neat to ski in Nevada in the morning, and then ski in California in the afternoon at Heavenly. I loved skiing at Kirkwood. It was so open and vast and had higher attitude there. I enjoyed skiing the runs under chair four. Most of our club was skiing there on Tuesday morning. We had the whole mountain to ourselves and no line waiting. I skied with the fast and loose ladies. What I mean is we went fast down the slopes, and we laughed all the way back on the lifts. Stefanie and Sue kept me in the chase down the slopes. Well, Bob Savini topped my story of my getting caught with deer slugs in my back pack a couple of years in Denver going through security. What do you think of a guy trying to get through security with two pocket knives attached to his belt? An Elmhurst Ski Terrorist!!! Bob was unaware that he had the two knives. He checked his pockets and put everything in the tray. When he walked through the scanner, the alarm was set off. The guy found the knife on one side of his belt but not the other. So Bob had to pay about \$14.00 to send it back home. He won this one in a pistol contest. So the security guy made him go back to the other side. Then Bob discovered that he still had the other knife on the other side of his belt. So Lowell told him to throw it in his bag that hasn't gone through security. It went right through the security, and the guy didn't catch it. What is the moral of this story? Asked Lowell how to get out of trouble!!!

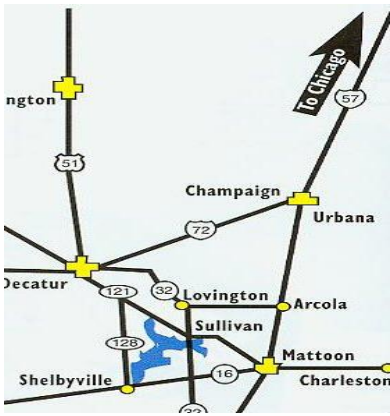
We had three wonderful dinners - taco, spaghetti, and left over's. Tacos were very good, and thanks for the good cooks. Manny and Karen made a good spaghetti dinner for all of us. Did Pat put his finger in the cooking? Of course all the left over's are better the second and third day.

I know we didn't have perfect conditions to ski with all the ice and no fresh snow. However, we had a great time, and this trip will always have some good and bad memories for some of us. Thanks to Jackie for all her work in planning this trip for us. Special thanks to Bobbie, for being the trip leader again. Someone has to watch out for Lowell and the rest of us. God bless all of you.

Lee Wirth

Lake Shelbyville

July 2011 Camping Trip
July 15th (Friday) thru July 16th (Saturday)

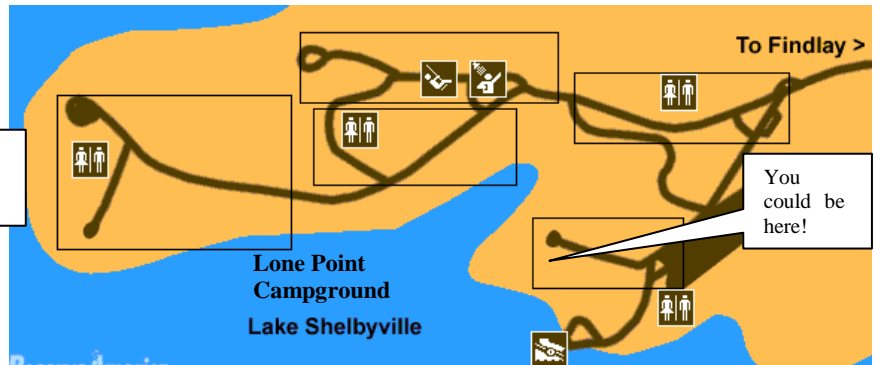
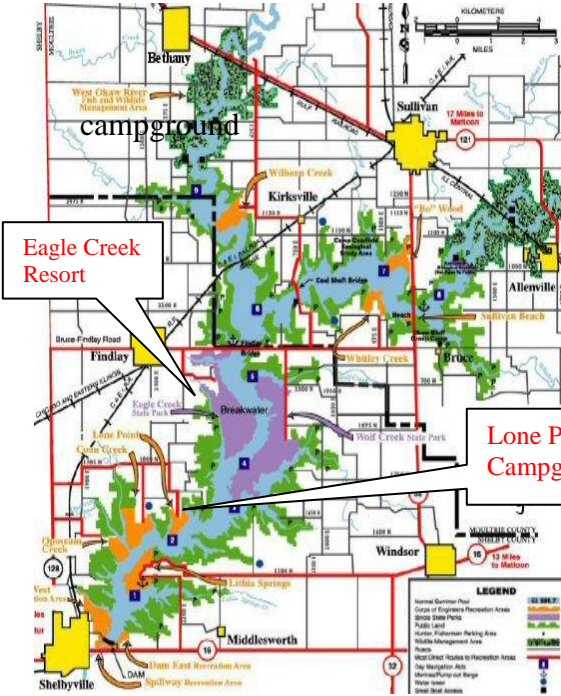


Lone Point Campground

I-57 south to Mattoon Rt. 16 west to Rt. 128 north - follow signs to

Eagle Creek Resort Hotel

Follow signs for Eagle Creek State Park



If you're interested in **CAMPING**, contact Debbie Clegg at 630- 621-5411(cell), or 630-530-1107(home), or email at Debbie@completecontrolsystem.com. Cost is \$32 for 2 nights. I have reserved the Walleye Group site #GC1 for Friday July 15th and July 16th. The group site only has 10 electric sites available. So get your check in soon!

Some people may extend their stay either before Friday the 15th or after Saturday the 16th. These extended days are up to the individual to book once you arrive at the campground. Hopefully no one else will have booked the group site before or after us.

For HOTEL accommodations go to www.lakeshelbyville.com, click on accommodations, scroll down to Hotels, then click on Eagle Creek Resort. Then follow the directions for reservations. Eagle Creek is the closest hotel to Lone Point Campground, probably less than 5 miles away. They are on the lake and have a marina.



ELMHURST SKI CLUB

2012 TRIP SURVEY

Please take a minute to fill this survey out with the info as accurately as possible. We do use these surveys as a guideline for our next season's ski trips.

Please return survey by either, e-mail (jackiehoma@comcast.net), or mail. **Jackie Homa, 107 S. Emerald Dr., McHenry, IL 60051**

The more that are returned the better we can plan our next season.

Thank you.

DAY TRIPS

Area

Please indicate where 1st choice:
2nd choice:
3rd choice:

Examples of areas:

Cascade Mtn., Portage, WI
Devils Head, WI
Chestnut Mtn., Galena, IL

Alpine Valley, WI
Sundown, Dubuque, IA
Granite Peak (Rib Mtn) Wausau, WI

Grand Geneva, WI
Wilmot, WI

WINDY CITY SKI AND SNOWBOARD DELUXE CHARTER BUS SERVICE

Windy City Ski is proud to be Chicago's only ski and snowboard bus service to the Midwest's best ski resorts. They offer numerous packages including Local Midwest single day ski trips to Cascade and Devil's Head. Also, Local Midwest weekend ski trips, and 5-7 day ski trips out west. Sleep on the bus ride up, watch movies on the bus ride home. You can ski and ride hard all day with no worries about driving home. Chicago Windy City Chartered Coach Service will take care of all the hassles! Three Pickup Locations are available.

Location One: Chicago Intersection of Division & Clark Location Two: Intersection of Fullerton & Sheffield
LOCATION THREE: SCHAUMBURG HOLIDAY INN {3405 Algonquin Rd, Rolling Meadows} On Saturday

Package Options: Base Package - \$89.00 Ski or Snowboard Rental - \$20.00 Group Lesson - \$10.00

All packages include morning and afternoon refreshments on the bus. You are also welcome to bring your own. Movies are played on the bus ride home. Bus Only Package Available {does not include Lift Ticket} - \$49.00

Would you be interested in going on this bus trip? _____ COMMENTS : _____

4 Day Western Trip

Would you attend? *Yes* or *No*. Stay at the area? *Yes* or *No*. Rental cars? *Yes* or *No*.

Would you prefer *Condo's* or *Hotel*? Remember for Condo's we try not to use the couch or roll-a-ways; however with our group sometimes it's unavoidable. One other solution would be to reduce the number of people in the condos. This however raises the per person cost. If condos were the option would you prefer the higher cost to insure bedding? *Yes* or *No*.

Listed below are some suggested areas. **Please indicate your top three choices.**

Crested Butte, CO	Taos, NM	Park City, UT	Jackson Hole, WY
Big Sky, MT	Copper Mtn, CO	Keystone, CO	Telluride, CO
Steamboat, CO	Winter Park, CO	Purgatory, CO	Breckenridge, CO
Killington, VT	Sugarbush, VT	Sunday River, Maine	Stowe, VT

WEEKLONG WESTERN TRIPS

For 2012, Chicago Week will be February 25 to March 3, 2012 at Steamboat, CO. Would you attend? *Yes* or *No*. Please note your choice. For other Western trips would you attend? Please indicate your choice. Stay at the area? *Yes* or *No*. Rental cars? *Yes* or *No*. Would you prefer *Condo's* or *Hotel*?

IMPORTANT QUESTION: Would you be willing to room away from an area (ie. about a 20 minute bus ride or so) in order to be able to ski at a great new area?

Listed below are some suggested areas. **Please indicate your top three choices.**

Crested Butte, CO	Taos, NM	Salt Lake City, UT	Jackson Hole, WY
Big Sky, MT	Copper Mtn, CO	Keystone, CO	Telluride, CO
Steamboat, CO	Winter Park, CO	Purgatory, CO	Breckenridge, CO
Aspen, CO	Vail, CO	Mammoth, CA	Sun Valley, ID
Banff, Canada	Lake Tahoe, CA	Big White, Canada	Sun Peaks, Canada
Mt. Hood, OR	Beaver Creek, CO	Grand Targhee, WY	Whistler, Canada

CMSC has trips to Europe in January every year; would you be interested in going? *Yes* or *No*.

Would you be interested in being a trip leader? *Yes* or *No*.

Would you be more inclined to be a trip leader if you were reimbursed somehow? *Yes* or *No*.

We typically sign-up with a travel agent for the 4 day and weeklong western trips. The agents, lodging properties, and the airlines are now asking for payments in September or before. Would you be able to make a deposit in August? *Yes* or *No*.

Please feel free to add comments to any of this questionnaire. Your comments are read and used to plan a successful ski season !

SUBMITTED BY (OPTIONAL): -----

COMMENTS:

