

International Trip 2018 Overview

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The OVSC website construction phase is completed! We are still trying to recover the racing portion.

We envision that all OVSC club trips will be posted. Of course, that means that we need your trip information! Please send to Vicki Adams, vladams@yahoo.com.

NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION

"Our mission is to strengthen councils, with industry participation, so they may better serve member clubs through communication, education and benefits, and to influence issues relevant to snowsports."

The National Ski Council Federation was formally established in 1999. It consists of the largest 29 ski councils in the United States and boasts a total membership of approximately 300,000 snowsports enthusiasts.

The National Ski Council Federation brings ski council presidents from across the nation and representatives from ski resorts, tour operators and service providers together yearly to discuss items of mutual interest. A chief topic of these meetings is club and council trips.

You, as an OVSC club member, are also a NSCF member. What does this get you, you might ask? Well, there are a

lot of benefits, from A to Z, available to you that might be worth a peek. Go to their website, skifederation.org, sign up to be a member, and go exploring! See page 4, Instructions on how to gain access to the National Ski Federation website if you haven't already registered.

Travel Insurance

Why should you consider it:

- You're getting older
- More prone to injury or illness
- Have aging parents
- Weather delays
- Covers lost, delayed or damaged luggage
- Your flight has been cancelled
- Need emergency prescriptions refilled (when luggage lost or delayed)
- Passport and wallet stolen
- In an accident
- If you must unexpectedly cancel the trip due to illness, injury or death to traveler, traveling companion or immediate family member

- Single supplement refund – if your traveling companion suddenly has to cancel a trip due to illness, injury or death, travel insurance will reimburse you for the single supplement that you may be required to pay

Flight insurance: this is the most expensive insurance you can buy, and probably the least necessary.

Trip cancellation and interruption insurance: If you suddenly get sick or injured, or an immediate family member gets sick or injured or passes away before your trip departure, or if a terror attack occurs within 30 days of your arrival to a city/town that is on your itinerary, or if you have to work unexpectedly, provided your vacation was already approved, you're not left high and dry. You're covered.

Health care insurance: When traveling outside the USA, most people think they are covered by their USA health care provider. In many cases, you are, but you must contact your health care provider and ask them if you are when traveling outside the USA. (Medicare does not cover you outside the USA, but your supplemental plan may.) Medical evacuation, which is always included in a travel insurance plan no matter how basic the plan is, is rarely included in your USA health care.

A foreign hospital will admit you without caring about coverage, but they won't let you leave until you pay.

Baggage insurance: Necessary if you're flying overseas, as liability is limited to approximately \$9.07 per pound for checked baggage and \$400 per passenger for unchecked baggage. That's not much. That being said, ALWAYS carry all of your prescription medication on your person. Even if you won't be using it until alter date. Never pack valuables in a suitcase because they will not be covered by travel insurance – money, eye glasses, contact lenses, credit cards. You cannot 100% guarantee that your luggage will get to your destination with you.

Flying within the US, and think you don't have a need for coverage? Think

again. As of 2007, the airlines liability for lost or damaged luggage was increased to \$3,000 per passenger. That sounds like enough, right? There are exclusions. And depreciation. And it's not per bag, it's per incident, and depreciated value.

There is a little known insurance provision that the airlines aren't going to tell you about. Not a one advertises this provision, even though it is available to every passenger. **Excess valuation.** Ask the agent for this little known option – it provides up to \$5,000 additional coverage, at a rate of about \$1 per \$100 in value. If you purchase this, you will be asked to describe the contents of the bag. It's well worth it if the airline does lose your bags.

Non-refundable insurance: If you buy that non-refundable airline ticket and then can't use it and don't want to be hit with the minimum \$100 change fee. This runs about \$13 per \$100 of coverage, an expensive premium, but still worth it if you really think you might have to change your trip once you purchased the ticket.

The OVSC recommends Travel Protectors travel insurance for personal and club trips, as they are brokers and search out the best prices among many travel insurance companies. They will also provide group rates for trips if 10 or more people sign-up per trip. The agent to contact is Myra Altschuler, myra@travelprotectors.com, 1-703-443-9055.



SPOTLIGHT:

The Ohio Valley Ski Club is based out of Southeastern Ohio which includes the cities of Belpre, Ohio, Marietta, Ohio and Parkersburg, WV, on the border of Ohio and WV, and sit on the beautiful

Ohio River. We email a monthly newsletter to our members and other interested skiers, which you can sign up for at: www.OhioValleySkiClub.com We also have a facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/OhioValleySkiClub/> and a facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/203042133115511/>

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Parkersburg Country Club. You are all welcome to join us at any meeting. The board meets at 6:30, social hour is from 7-8, and general meeting at 8 pm, ending the meeting with a 50/50 raffle and other prize drawings. Everyone gets one free ticket for attendance and more for every ski club logo items you wear. Bill Quickel, our Parliamentarian always shops for interesting prizes from kitchen gadgets to lawn chairs and portable grills – he usually finds great bargains at a QVC warehouse nearby.

Our November meeting is “Resort Night”. We invite area resorts to set up tables and speak to current and potential members. At this meeting, we have free appetizers and beverages and a silent auction. It's our annual effort to attract more members – we encourage members to bring a friend.

We are known for two major trips. One western trip, usually in late February or early March, and one to Holiday Valley in late January. The Holiday Valley trip runs Sunday – Tuesday and kids 17 & under ski free. It's a great way to get young families involved in the club. We always build in a welcoming pizza party & dinner.

This year our club is going to Panorama Ski Resort in British Columbia, Canada on March 3-10, 2018. The trip with airfare from Pittsburgh is \$1,395 and includes 7 nights lodging and 5 days lift tickets. We still have room, so if you would like to go, check out our website for details: OhioValleySkiClub.com or call Nancy Miller @ 740-525-8124.

When we aren't skiing, we plan monthly outings. We ziplined in Hocking Hills in June, and rode the bike trail from Athens to Nelsonville in July. Upcoming events are a picnic on

Fall 2017

Blennerhassett Island and a cookout at a member's house.

If you spot a group of skiers on or off the slopes and they are wearing bright green bandanas, that's probably us! Be sure to join us for a run!



Upcoming Events:

2017

OVSC Board Meeting

November 19

Contact Juli Brace, julibrace1@hotmail.com

2018

Winter Ski Trip: Steamboat, CO

January 27 – February 3

Contact Bob LeValley, rdlevalley@gmail.com

Winter Ski Trip: Sun Valley, ID

March 3 – March

Contact Bob LeValley, rdlevalley@gmail.com

International Ski Trip: Sierra Nevada, Spain

March 10 – 19

Contact Dan Hapner, rosehapner@aol.com

OVSC 2018 SUMMIT: Dayton, OH

June 15 – 17

Get the updates from your OVSC Club rep, or contact Dan Hapner, rosehapner@aol.com

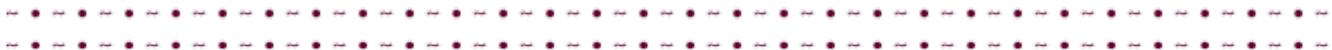


Instructions on how to gain access to the National Ski Federation website:

1. Go to www.skifederation.org
2. Look in the Upper Right corner of the home page for "Club Members Login/Register" and click on it.
3. You are now on the Login & Registration Page
4. If you already have previously registered:
 1. Find the "Existing Members Login" area on the right side of the page and enter your user name and password. Check the "Remember Me" box and then click the "Login" button. Going forward you should always already be logged in to the system if you remember to check the "remember me" box. To verify click on the "Club Members Login/Register" link in the upper right of the home page. When you get to the Login & Register page you should see "Logout" in the "Existing Members Login" area. This means you are already logged into the site and can access anything.
5. If you have NOT already registered:
 1. Fill in the registration form (left side of page) completely. Do not leave any fields blank. When you reply "Yes" to the "Are you a Ski Club or Ski Council Member" two additional fields will open. The first will be for you to select your ski council from the drop down list. Then the second additional field will open for you to select your club from the drop down list. Then click the "Submit" button.
 2. You will then receive an email with your new user name and that you will receive a follow up email once an administrator approves your id. That follow up email will have your password. You can change your password at any time. Please give the administrators time to review and approve your registration request. It can take up to 48 hours, but it is usually quicker.

OVSC BOARD AND TRIP DIRECTORS:

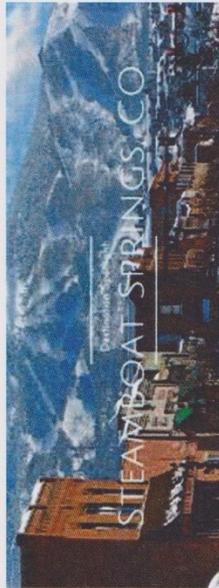
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OHIO VALLEY SKI COUNCIL NORTH AMERICAN WESTERN SKI TRIPS 2018

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Steamboat Springs, Colorado
January 27 – February 3, 2018



Sun Valley, Idaho
March 3 – 10, 2018



Package Includes: 7 Nights Lodging- Roundtrip Airfare
5 days of lift tickets- Airport Ground transfer- Welcome Reception –
Lunch on the Mountain – Après Ski Party – Farewell Dinner

Ski Clubs of the Ohio Valley Ski Council:

- Alpine - Cincinnati - Columbus - Corbeau - Dayton -
- Huntington - Kittyhawk - Lafayette – Lexington – Louisville -
- Newark - Ohio Valley – Sandusky - Skiers Ltd - Tri-State

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Tour Operators for 2018 Trips:

Steamboat Springs www.ski.com **Dana** dana.flach@ski.com

Sun Valley www.winterskiandsport.com **Karl** skimogul@winterskiandsport.com



Contact Bob LeValley the OVSC North American Trips Director at rdlevalley@gmail.com with interest or questions!

Activities to enjoy beside skiing or riding: Nordic Skiing, Sleigh Rides, Ice Skating, Snowshoeing, Snowmobiles, Take a day trip to Stanley, Shopping, Art Galleries, The Opera House, Day Spas, Mineral Springs, Para Gliding, Indoor Archery, Throwback Bowling, Winter Fly Fishing, a night on the town and more!

Steamboat by the numbers

- Base Elevation 6,900
- Summit/Mt. Werner 10,568ft
- Vertical Rise – 3,668 ft
- 2,965 Acres with 165 Trials
- 14% beginner, 42% intermediate, 44% advanced
- Longest run 3 miles
- Mavericks Superpipe for the Freeriders dreams
- Annual Snow fall - 349 inches
- Lift System – Uphill Capacity 41,026 per hour
- Located 160 miles Northwest of Denver (3hr drive)
- 100 Bars and Restaurants
- 150 Natural Mineral Springs including Strawberry Park

Sun Valley Fun Facts

- Inventions: Worlds First Chairlift, First Aluminum Ski Poles, Double-lens Goggle
- Largest Automated Snowmaking System in the world
- Receives Sunshine 300+ days a year
- Uphill Lift Capacity 29,717 per hour but only 2,900 skiers on average per day –no lift lines!
- “How to Marry a Millionaire” filmed here in 1953 with Marilyn Monroe, Betty Grable, & Lauren Bacall
- Skiable Area 2,154 acres – 121 Runs - Longest Run 3 miles – 36% easiest, 42% More Difficult, 20% most difficult, 2% expert only
- Summit Elevation: Bald Mountain 9,150’, Dollar Mountain 6,638’
- Swimming and Soaking in Two Glass-enclosed heated pools

Come join in on the fun and adventure!



MARCH 10 – 19, 2018

INCLUDING:

- Round Trip air from Dayton to Malaga.
- Transfers between Malaga and Granada by bus with English Speaking Assistant.
- 5 night's accommodations in Granada at the Hotel Carmen.
- Dinner for 4 nights at the Hotel Carmen.
- 3 days of transfers between Granada and Sierra Nevada.
- Breakfast Daily at the hotel in Granada.
- Welcome Orientation at hotels in Granada.
- Hospitality Desk nightly in hotels.
- Gala Party in Granada.
- Transfers between Granada and Melia Costa del Sol Hotel.
- 3 night's accommodations at the Melia Costa del Sol Hotel.
- Breakfast Buffet Daily at Melia Costa del Sol Hotel.
- Local Taxes
- Current Air Taxes and fuel charges.
- Passport Cases and Luggage Tags.



BARCELONA EXTENSION: March 19 – 23, 2018

INCLUDING:

- Second class rail from Malaga to Barcelona.
- Bus transfer from Barcelona Train station and return to Barcelona Airport.
- 4 night's accommodations at the 4 star Avenida Palace Hotel.
- Breakfast daily.
- 1/2 day city tour of Barcelona.
- Local taxes.
- Luggage van to transport 1 large suitcase per person from Hotel Melia Costa Del Sol to Avenida Palace.



LOTS MORE SUCH AS DAY TOURS TO:
CORDOBA, SEVILLE, GIBRALTAR & TANGIERS, MOROCCO
TRIP LEADER DAN HAPNER (rosehapner@aol.com)
PRICE: SPAIN \$2195 BARCELONA \$795

