

The Ski Boonie

Summer Newsletter

2017

Group;

If you're up to a week-day float (actually a two-day float trip & two-night camping), this year it's the combo trip on the Niangua River with Topeka Ski Club again. It's planned for a Monday-Tuesday float on July 10 & 11. The NRO was looked at for cabins & camping, but due to cost, we're back at Maggard's Primitive Camping and floating from the Hwy 64 bridge to the campground on Monday morning. Then on Tuesday, after some packing, we'll float away from Maggard's camping area to a destination for a transport back to camp. It's a shorter 2nd day float, usually done by 2 or 3pm. There's actually about a dozen electric hook-ups available at the campground. Shower & restroom building, standard picnic tables, grills at the campsites. This is an annual float w/ Topeka and usually draws about a dozen or so on one of the more enjoyable float rivers in MO – water temps are just right, as is the current in this trout stream, and with a weekday deal there's not any rowdy crowds – 'cept us.

Next meeting; 2nd Monday in Sept at 6pm at a place yet to be determined.

ASPEN/SNOWMASS 2017 (next December 10 thru 15)

Trip #13 to Aspen / Snowmass for next season is set for December 10th thru the 14th. Saturday night's lodging on Dec 9th is to be on your own at Starlight Lodge in Glenwood Springs with a gathering later at the nearby Glenwood Canyon Brew Pub. Flyer is already posted to the website [www.http://columbiajeffcityskiandboard.org](http://columbiajeffcityskiandboard.org) . Now booked for 36 extroverted folks. \$696 will get you a 5-nite stay & a 3-day lift ticket, plus a welcome party 1st nite & a steak dinner on the final nite.

CRESTED BUTTE 2018 (next January 24 to 28)

For something away from the FSA crowd, we are trying a different approach to the annual ski time for the last week in January: a four nite stay at The Plaza in Mt. Crested Butte Resort with the Topeka Ski Club. Bussing out with them will be an option, as another Arrow Lines coach is being booked for January 24 thru the 28th (leaving on the Tuesday afternoon Jan 23 and returning early Monday morning of Jan 29). Booked for 24 along with Topeka's 42, we've reserved 11 of the 3br condo units at their 6 story building. Same place we stayed about two CB trip destinations ago in 2012. This one will fill up, with what I've been talking about & to whom. Call it the "anti FSA trip" this season... Flyer to be forthcoming.

SNOWMASS 2018 (next January 31 to February 4)

This is the controversial FSA trip to Snowmass for next season because of its higher cost. Lodging can be with any one of the other 6 clubs attending, but Columbia Ski Club will not have a presence or race team. If you wish to attend with the other 300 that will be going, I will make that happen thru our reciprocal agreements with one of the other 2 clubs in Missouri, with St. Louis Ski Club being the likely club. Just let me know your desires. If you're really really gung ho on skiing for 2 weeks with a bit of stamina, the two locations are only about 25 miles apart – you animals could ski the Butte, then hike over the pass (closed in winter) to the Snowmass area and continue your winter fun – if you don't get lost along the way..... It's about 6 hrs around by driving.

WINTER PARK 2018 (week of next March 25 to 31)

This one's in the planning stages for KCSC and will be a bus trip intending to stay at The Vintage Hotel, but could be at the Winter Park Mountain Lodge and this time with the Kansas City group. We are invited and thru the FSA reciprocal arrangements. An AmTrak option is certainly in the cards for anyone from Mid-Mo wanting to attend. We've taken the train 3 times now over the past 6 years for one of these spring break March trips.

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