

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter May 2018

Summer's here, the March rains have ceased, the cold start to April is history, so it must be time for some outdoor Missouri things, such as floats & ziplines. If there's to be a zipline tour this month, Mary Henley may have more planning info available later (or at the Monday gathering). Plan for a SNO (skiers night out, as stolen from Tulsa Ski Club's social planning) at Room 38 in Columbia at 38 N 8th Street. It's across from the Boone County Court House. Meet on the patio along Walnut anytime after 6pm, but get a table outside. And if anyone wasn't aware of it, Columbia has parking meter enforcement until 7pm. If you received a ticket, it was costly.

Float trips & other trips that we've got a standing invite to are as follows:

JUNE 24 – 26 FLOAT TRIP w/TOPEKA SKI CLUB ON THE NIANGUA

Topeka Ski Club has got this annual trip set up again for the June 24-25-26 Sunday night thru Tues afternoon camping trip and float on the Niangua River. We've been to Maggard's Corkery Campgrounds before, a camping spot at the halfway point along the float. It has showers, electric & water available at the sites, but most of us don't need the electric hook-ups. The Niangua River is always the right temp, usually the correct flow speed & clarity. If you're a trout fisherman, the stream has plenty & is stocked daily. Most don't fish, but don't let that stop ya. Group breakfasts, and usually some sort of group dinners over the campfire has become standard. No flyer from Topeka yet, but I've verified the dates. This is set during the first part of the week to avoid the crowds, and a pleasant respite. Just let RGL know if you plan to attend & I'll pass the info along to the proper folks in KS.

JULY 20 – 22 FLOAT TRIP w/KANSAS CITY SKI CLUB ON THE ELK

Kansas City Ski Club has brought back their July float trip by popular demand for Saturday July 21. Camping is available if you wish, but this trip is for those liking an air conditioned bunk house with warm showers, and a Saturday evening meal catered to ya. It's at Shady Beach off Hwy 59, in the southwest corner of Missouri on the Elk River's east side, about 8 miles from Oklahoma & 4 miles from Arkansas. Shady Beach is about 2.5 miles North of Noel, MO. This is a weekend float, so expect the crowds to be there too. There's rooming to be assigned in the 3 bunkhouses with likely group breakfasts set up within each of the 3 groups. On Friday evening, some will likely travel 2 miles back up the Hwy to a cave restaurant at Lanagan for dinner and/or drinks. You can sign up & pay on line thru the KCSC site.

"Voyage of the Glacier" in ALASKA thru ST. LOUIS SKI CLUB – Aug 29 to Sept 8, 2018

There's an invite from ST. LOUIS SKI CLUB to an exciting cruise with a trip to Glacier Bay & Denali National Parks. Your choice of a 7-day cruise or 10-day cruise & tour. A flyer with info on this is located on the website if you'll just click the flyers button. Offered thru Winter Ski & Sport & thru St. Louis Ski Club. It's stated that the \$100 deposit is totally refundable. So far, there's a

couple of members from Columbia on board – maybe me too. See the contact number to call on the flyer.

RWRWRW

Around a half dozen of us have got these mid-week evening bike rides set up, starting around 6pm and on various trails in and around Columbia-McBaine-Hartsburg-Rocheport trails. If you're of the biking persuasion, just get with Cindy Deegan, Karen Philp, Laura Santini, Jim or Christiani Quinn, or myself to get more info on 'em. These 10 to 12 miles rides always end with red wine at some picnic table. Act soon, cause these only happen in nice weather in May, June, & usually extending into July. And ok, if you really must know, it stands for: Ron's Wednesday rides with red wine.

IKON Pass

If you didn't get in before May for the IKON Pass, you haven't missed it – it'll just cost a bit more now. Sitzmark Travel is the local rep selling this. Details can be found at IkonPass.com. See our website of <http://columbiajeffcityskiandboard.org> for info on trips, membership apps, and pics from past trips, parties & floats. Thanks to those who've shared their photos.

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