

# The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter

July 2021

## NO SKIER'S NIGHT OUT SET FOR SUMMER – yet....

Not much to report on our Tuesday meeting from [May 25](#): needed more input (still). I'm reluctantly late on getting info out, so read on and tell me your plans on any of the following events. If I do much more poorly as a Ski club organizer, maybe, just maybe I can get replaced!!!! Brenda has commented on hosting some sort of gathering, so maybe that'll come to pass.

## JULY FLOAT TRIP ON THE NIANGUA RIVER [July 12 - 13](#)

The Niangua River 2-day float trip w/Topeka Ski Club is still on target, starting with a July 11 campout on Sunday evening. The standard 2 day float comes out of Bennett Springs State Park on Monday morning, and we'll float back to camp at Maggard's Corkery Campground. The current plan is for primitive camping in a group setting on Sunday and Monday nights. There are several electric hook-ups available. [Monday July 12](#) & [Tuesday](#) the 13th are the float days, with a bus ride back to the camp site on the 2nd day, a [Tuesday](#). If the river is too congested from downed trees below Maggard's, we may be repeating the first day's float (just an option thrown in). Camping available too, at the State Park or make arrangements at the area's Sand Spring Motel, or if you do not like the camping idea, the Park has available cabins for [Sunday](#) & [Monday](#) nights. **Call me asap if you're planning on this float, and in a canoe or kayak** and I'll get your spot in there w/the Topeka Ski Club's planning dept. We've got about 5 on board that I know of at this time. It's a fun float and a short 2 hour drive from Columbia to Bennett Springs. There's usually around a dozen folks taking part in this enjoyable float on one of Missouri's best float steams.

Again: **Feedback needed immediately on July 11-12-13 Niangua float trip!**

## AUGUST FLOAT TRIP ON THE ELK RIVER 2nd or 3rd weekend of August

The Elk River float trip w/KC Ski Club is to be determined, but we are invited. It's set for an 8-room cabin at Shady Beach, starting with a [Friday](#) evening gathering. There's a group dining area, and all pitch in for breakfast. Rooms are fairly basic, with bringing your own sleeping bag or sheets. The cabins have a/c – a plus in August! It's a [Saturday](#) morning departure, and the float is usually back to the Shady Beach resort. Just let me know if there's any interest here. Price is typically around \$120 or so, and includes a catered bbq meal on [Saturday](#) evening following the float. KCSC is still determining which August weekend to have this semi-annual float.

### ASPEN / SNOWMASS Dec 12 – 17, 2021

As of this time, the area of Aspen is completely open for “back to business”. There’s about 13 or so who have committed to attend this 16th annual Aspen/Snowmass trip, set again for the 2nd week of December, after taking last year off, due to the pandemic. Three 2br condos, a 3br condo and 5 studio units have been reserved. This trip covers 5 nights at Aspen Square Condominium Hotel, starting on a Sunday afternoon, and with a 3-day lift ticket included. I’m looking at the pricing to be in the \$800 range, and to be finalized soon. Saturday night Dec 11th is the first nite in the mountains at Glenwood Springs for most of us and is part of this trip’s planning - but not included in the pricing. Reservations are made for about a dozen at Starlight Lodge on the north side of I-70 in downtown Glenwood Springs. Then it’s a short walk over to the Canyon Brew Pub or Juicy Lucy’s Steakhouse, both across from the AmTrak Station, and on 7th Street & just a few blocks to the southeast across the I-70 walking bridge. Committing to this trip can wait till after Labor Day, with a payment due at that time. Rooming will be set by late November. As always, lift ticket arrangements will need to be secured by Thanksgiving week.

To see the condos, go to <https://www.aspensquarehotel.com> and preview the rooms, pool, workout room (as if needed), hot tubs & courtyard. These condos are a mere 64 steps to the gondola from our units! A 4th day lift ticket can be purchased for an additional cost in advance. Ask about a 5-day, if desired and that can be arranged, if interested. We just may get back to having a welcome party on one of the earlier nights, hosted by the hotel, and a full dinner with plans under way for the final nite there – both are included in the cost. On the other 2 nights, we’ll likely have some group dinner or a trip to the BBQ joint on the main hwy into Aspen. Captain Ron, trip captain once more. [573-881-8861](tel:573-881-8861)

### FSA 2022 TELLURIDE TRIP

The current plan for next January’s FSA ski event is back to Telluride, with the same officers in place for FSA, with the exception of Secretary (now Kelli Kinnamon of OKC taking the place of Mary Lou Herring). The dates are the third week of January, from a Sat the 22nd to the morning of Wednesday the 26th, 2022. I’ve not made rooming arrangements, due to no one wishing to commit this early, especially when it’s 95 degrees outside! If I don’t get the \$500 non-refundable payment in soon, all of this could be a moot point, since ski vacation rentals are scarce and at a premium, nationwide. Sooo, I need to know if there’s interest in attending.

Note: sleeper bus options have been discontinued *everywhere* nationwide, due to safety issues. Sooo, this is set to be a daytime ride out each way in a regular coach once again w/Topeka Ski Club. Tentative plan is to leave Topeka around 4:30 in the morning to get into Telluride at a decent time for a meal & nite’s sleep in a real bed. Same deal on leaving on Wednesday morning, for a day drive back. Now, flying into Telluride is an option (and an exciting landing/takeoff – just look at the airport on Google Earth!). If you should so choose to drive out, it’s an exciting trip over the peaks. Train ride option to Grand Junction and then – some 90 miles as the crow flies – using roads that are far & few between. Rental cars are scarce at this writing & are something like 350 to 500 a day, but that’ll change up when rental companies get more inventory - whenever those computer chips come in.

Call it a Telluride redo. But unless I receive some sort of feedback on attending this FSA event, I'm still delaying any booking of a condo unit.

**Please convey your intentions on attending FSA in January @ Telluride to me asap, please.**

All: If you're included in the dues paying roster, you have an automatic \$3000 policy toward Accidental Death & Dismemberment with American Income Life Insurance. Those having paid up their memberships, are included totally free and at no cost to the members! IF you should feel like listening to the agent, just by talking with her virtually, there's additional discounts to be added to your policy such as vision, dental, and chiropractic options. These benefits are also at no cost to you. BUT A PAID MEMBERSHIP in the club is the simple requirement. We've had this insurance since 2009, but it was suspended in 2016. No worries – those having paid in Sept are good for this.

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