

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter June 2024

FSA QUESTIONNAIRE

Watch for a short questionnaire to be forthcoming from FSA, once I get the thing is a form that I can forward to everyone on this list above. Questions were compiled from the June 9 summer meeting in KC, offered by various club reps, and is to help on future FSA planning.

ON THE WEBSITE

Notice a change of address on the membership application located on the website. To get most updates, view the website for the club at <http://columbiajeffcityskianboard.org/> . There's plenty of past ski trip pics for memories & viewing, plus the Aspen ski trip flyer, the club application, other FSA club's trips and general news. Please send any old pics from ski trips past to Bill Harris, our webmaster at his email of comoskiclub@gmail.com . If you've not visited this site, it's a trip down memory lane. You can get to the other 8 clubs in the FSA thru this site of ours, too.

NIANGUA RIVER SUMMER FLOAT Mon-Tues, July 22 & 23

And, it's back again for a two-day Mon & Tues float of the Niangua River, to the west of Lebanon, MO. This is a 2-day float trip in conjunction with the Topeka Ski Club, starting with a Sunday evening campout (July 21). The standard 2 day float comes out of Bennett Springs State Park on Monday morning, and we'll float back to our usual campsites at Maggard's Corkery Campground. The current plan is for primitive camping in a group setting on Sunday and Monday nights, and electric hook-ups are available. July 22 & 23 are now the revised planned floating dates, with a bus ride back to the camp site on the 2nd day, a Tuesday, and usually by 2pm or so. Camping is also available at the State Park or make arrangements at the area's Sand Spring Motel, or the State Park even has cabins available. Call me and I'll get your spot in the campgrounds w/Topeka's planning dept. There's usually around a dozen folks taking part in this enjoyable, easy float on one of Missouri's best float steams.

Jana and I are in for this one, with currently about 5 members of Topeka Ski Club. Their folks are bugging me to find out just how many may join in from Columbia Ski Club, so if you are thinking about this, please respond to me asap. Last year, storms washed out the 2nd day's float, after the Monday downpour, now a distant memory.... Can't happen two years in a row!

Ron Lueck 573-881-8861

ASPEN / SNOWMASS Dec 15 – 20, 2024

I've got this one set up for the dates noted above to Aspen Square once again. I made the standard rooming request, with those annual increased costs coming into play. I'll be getting a price for the five night atay with a 3 day lift ticket soon, as well as a flyer. We already get lodging at a much-below-the-norm pricing. For Saturday night, Dec 14th, we'll have the similar room reservations at Starlight Lodge, and not included in the trip pricing. Captain Ron, trip captain one more time, as long as once again, I don't get kicked off the planning on this. 573-881-8861

To see the condos, go to <https://www.aspensquarehotel.com> and preview the rooms, heated pool, a workout room (as if this is even needed), hot tubs & courtyard. These condos are a mere 64 steps to the gondola from our units! A group dinner is in the plans for the final nite there – and is included in the cost. On the other 2 nights, we'll likely have some group dinner arrangements, with at least a trip to the Hickory House BBQ joint on the main hwy coming into Aspen. Captain Ron, trip captain one more time. 573-881-8861.

Flatland Ski Association @ TELLURIDE JAN 25 – 30, 2025

The current plan for next January's FSA ski event is to return to Telluride for a week-long trip. Cost will be a bit on the steep than our standard 4 day ski trip. The dates are the last week of January, from a the 25th to the 30th, 2025, and the other clubs are much farther along on planning than we are. The lodging at Telluride deals only with week long bookings, so this one now becomes a longer trip - hence, a more expensive trip, too. Plan to be a \$1500 to \$1900 trip cost. Discussions promise to be forthcoming and plentiful on this event. As requested before, we will need a trip captain to present this, organize and run the thing, if we are to participate. Get in touch with me or Jim Henley, if you are interested in running an FSA trip for this Columbia/JeffCity Ski Club. This trip has 4 to 5 deadlines to meet with deposit and full payment commitments. As an offering, anyone interested in attending this event can always tag on with another FSA club, such as St. Louis, KC or Topeka, to go. You are urged to see just what their trips are costing and how much is included in their pricings. Just check their websites, of which most can be viewed thru out own website of <http://columbiajeffcityskiandboard.org/> by clicking on "links".

Ron Lueck – aka "Captain Ron"