

# The Ski Boonie

**Columbia Ski Club Newsletter    December 2024**

## **Monday Night SNO**

Did all of you notice that there was no ski club meeting in November? So, we'll be gathering together in Dec on this Monday prior to heading out to Aspen. Once again, we'll be at Park, the restaurant at Discovery Ridge along the west side of US hwy 63. Address is at 4380 Nocona Parkway. Just go to the Discovery Ridge exit ramp and go North on the west outer road. You can't miss the restaurant (a meeting can should take place at 7). Grab a seat at the long table in the northeast part of the place, since it seats 16, with 3 more tables along the window for our use. Go in the front door and turn right and another right, and grab a chair at the table by the fireplace. This will be a good time to make those last-week plans for car or van pooling across Kansas and out to Glenwood Springs.

## **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://columbiajeffcityskiandboard.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](mailto: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.

## **ASPEN / SNOWMASS    Dec 15 – 20, 2024**

NOTE: We now have 25 on board for this 19th annual Aspen trip. Actually, the 20th, but covid 19 wiped out the 2020 year. I had released the last of the two studio units we had reserved but luckily, was able to get one back at the same rate. So, see the revised attached rooming list to see what I've laid out for this group. AND, see the rental info on ski equipment rentals at Four Mountain Sports, just to the west of our condo hotel. Note that the code for this group, if you're renting skis and equipment, is "Columbia\_2425".

This trip has been set up for five nights at the Hotel on the dates noted above at Aspen Square Condominiums, with some of us staying the Sat evening before at Glenwood Springs' Starlight Lodge. I've filled the rooming request (now 4 studios, 3 two br condos, and that three br condo), and that plan is attached. Now, on the preceding

Saturday night of Dec 14th, here's what I've got for reservations at Starlight Lodge in Glenwood Springs on the north side of I-70. See below for your name to have been included to stay there. Note that this Saturday night lodging is not included in the trip pricing.

Staying at Starlight Lodge for at least, Saturday evening Dec 14th (and some may get in earlier in the week):

Ron Lueck  
Steve Hemmann  
Mihail Popescu  
Mike Cusack  
Nancy Anne  
Cindy Deegan  
Steve & Sue Magnus  
Jim & Nicki Duzan  
Frank Atkinson  
Raj Mukhi  
Dan Rath  
Matt Krippel  
Jim Parks  
Denny deJong

Now, Chuck Boylan; I'll need to know about the plan in place there. Same with Ron Acker. e-mail or text me. Jim Henley and Ross Trittler are not planning on this stop, correct on all of these? Let me know the changes to be made, as I have to notify Andrew at Starlight Lodge this week. Call or text 573-881-8861 or respond to this e-mail. I currently count 16 in this group for Sat nite's stay at this very reasonable lodge facility.

There's plenty of places to dine and imbibe close by this quaint Lodge, and if you wish to go to the Hot Springs, it's close by also. Iron Mountain Hot Tubs is a short drive away on the other side of the Interstate. For Sunday afternoon, a lot of us meet up at Topsy Trout in Old Town Basalt for some football watching and food – drinks too - before heading up the final 10 miles to Aspen Square. Rooms are usually ready by 4pm or even earlier.

To see the condos, or to view one of the many web cams, go to <https://www.aspensquarehotel.com> and preview the rooms, heated pool, a workout room (if needed), hot tubs & courtyard. These condos are a mere 64 steps to the gondola and across Durant Ave. from our units. Sunday evening is the town event of the lighting of a tree with Christmas carols by youth groups over at the Little Nell, across the street from our lodging at 5pm. Free hot chocolate and cookies available, and drinks available at the bar. I'll get something of a welcome party on Monday evening. A group dinner is in the plans for the final nite there – and (this time) is included in the cost. On the other 2 nights, we'll likely have some group dinner arrangements, with maybe, a trip to the Hickory House BBQ joint on the main hwy coming into Aspen. Last

year, THAT night's gathering was a pleasant surprise with a liquor rep furnishing rounds! Here's to hoping that would happen again....

### **FSA 2025 @ TELLURIDE, COLORADO**

The current plan for next January's FSA ski event is to return to Telluride for a week-long trip. You'll need to tag on with one of the other 8 clubs, as we don't have a plan to attend. The lodging at Telluride deals only with week long bookings, so this one now becomes a longer trip - hence, a more expensive trip, too. This trip has some 4 or 5 deadlines to meet in January, with deposit and full payment commitments. Check the other club's websites, which most can be opened thru our own website of <http://columbiajeffcityskiandboard.org/> by simply clicking on "links".

### **RED RIVER, NEW MEXICO w/Topeka Ski Club Feb 19 – 23, 2025**

The Topeka Ski Club has invited us to join in a 5-nite stay at the Red River ski area in Northern New Mexico next February . NOTE: you're a bit late for getting the really low priced lift tickets (\$225 for 3 days). This ski mountain is just north of the Taos, NM area. You can see the flyer, the dates of Feb 19 to 23, and the lodging set up is for 25 people. It's a VRBO 9br house, w/8 baths. The attractive item is there's free skiing for 70 year-old folks (of which a lot of us are currently in that age range). Rentals are \$30 per day at the slope (much cheaper than Colorado sites). Now, it's a get-yourself-out-there type of trip, so you'll have to drive out. This offer has been extended to Columbia/Jeff City Ski Club to join with Topeka Ski Club, so contact Eric Wenrich of Topeka at 785-215-8215 [ericwenrich@live.com](mailto:ericwenrich@live.com) .

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