

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter June 2025

(Friday Night SNO)

For a summer social gathering, how would all of the membership like to spend an evening at the Canterbury Hill Winery in Holts Summit on Friday eve, June 20th? It's Dueling Pianos night at the winery, the 2nd of 3 scheduled. The flyer says there's a \$10 cover charge, but I've been to 2 of these and have not had to pay any cover, yet.... We can simply grab a table and converse, enjoy the music, discuss things listed below, or whatever. BUT, gotta get there early for these nights. I could reserve a table if there's enough interest here. Call me or text me if you've thinking of joining in on this Friday night event in a week.

ASPEN / SNOWMASS Dec 14 – 19, 2025

Save the dates: These are the dates this year for this annual trip that originated in 2005 and has had very good comments over the years. This is the 21st time there, but covid 19 wiped out the 2020 year. 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 stay with a 3 day lift ticket included, soon, as well as a flyer. We already get lodging at a much-below-the-norm pricing. Rental info on ski equipment is at Four Mountain Sports, just to the west of our condo hotel. Note that there's a code needed for this group rental of equipment. For Saturday night, Dec 13th, we'll have the similar room reservations at Starlight Lodge for those interested, and not included in the trip pricing. Captain Ron, trip captain one more time, as long as 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 somewhat included in the cost. It's been a group effort on food and drink. 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.

NIANGUA RIVER SUMMER FLOAT Mon-Tues, July 21 & 22, 2025

And, it's back yet 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 20). 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. First day float is back to the campground, with the second day for floating away to a pick up spot. July 21 & 22 are the planned floating dates, with a bus ride back to the camp site on the 2nd day, a Tuesday, and usually by 1 or 2pm. 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. The Topeka folks will be 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. Ron Lueck 573-881-8861 rlueck@socket.net

SPLENDORS OF EGYPT TRIP, Sept 2025

You'll need to decide and act fast for this one: It's a trip to Egypt with air fare included, offered thru the St. Louis Ski Club. Registration was to be by March 1. And reservations have now been extended to June 15. See that attached flyer for info and the video's site.

FSA 2026 @ STEAMOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO Jan 24 – 29

The current plan for next January's FSA ski event is to visit Steamboat again 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 the 24th to the 29th, 2026, and the other clubs have much more planned than we do. Lodging at Steamboat deals only with week long bookings, and has become a longer trip - hence, a more expensive than that of our previous 4-day trips. Each club has to make their own lodging plans. Plan to be a \$1500 to \$1900 total trip cost. And we would need someone to operate this trip as 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 this 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, Omaha or Topeka, to go. When info becomes available, you are urged to see just what their trips are costing and how much is included in their pricings. Just check their various websites, most of which can be viewed thru our own website of <http://columbiajeffcityskiandboard.org/> by clicking on "links". Here's a hint: most of their trips are not announced just yet.