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Activities

Dec 1-3	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Dec 16	Member Meeting KC Hall
Jan 7	Soup & Chili Cook-Off
Jan 9	Culinary @ El Bajio-555 Gateway Place SW
Jan 21-28	Snowmass/Aspen Ski Trip
Feb 10-12	Baraboo, WI Ski Trip
Feb 17	Member Meeting KC Hall
Feb 20-26	Copper Mountain Ski Trip
Mar 18	Member Meeting
April 15	Year End Review & Recognition Meeting
May 13-20	Niagara Falls Trip
Aug 20-29	Black Hills/Western National Parks Trip

BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is December 14th.

Members and non-members are welcome.

Time and location of the next board meeting can be obtained from **Steve Cummings**

EISC INFORMATION:

For more information about the EISC contact: members@eastiowaskiclub.com

Annual Membership: Single - \$30 | Household - \$60

MOVED/MOVING:

Send address change to:

East Iowa Ski Club, PO Box 843

Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843

DEADLINE:

The deadline for the January Skiddoo is December 30.

Contact **Cathy Dick**.

EISC Financials are available on request.

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President's Message



Greetings EISC members. We had a good time at the EISC November member meeting on the 18th. There was quite a bit of interest in the Trip Leader reviews of the upcoming ski and adventure trips. This was the first try at the member's playing cards & board games before the meeting. Everyone seemed to enjoy the games or maybe it was the two for one happy hour that ran until 6:00 pm.

The Snowmass/Aspen and Copper Mountain ski trips were both developing the rooming lists and were working on transportation and ski hauling plans. There is an opening for one on the Copper Mountain trip due to a cancellation. The Midwest Baraboo/Devil's Head ski trip is set up pretty well.

The meetings main attraction turned out to be the two upcoming adventure bus trips that Marty and Mike Coates presented. The late May Great Lakes/Mackinaw Island tour added Niagara Falls and Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame to the itinerary. The Black Hills/Yellowstone/Grand Tetons and Utah National Park tour details was very impressive. Sign-ups for both trips got off to good starts. Both are currently limited to 20 members. If you are interested in either trip, it would be a good idea to get on the lists. The recent snow on the ground has members talking about using the skier's forum to plan EISC days at Sundown Mountain in Dubuque and the club's X-C ski & snow shoe hiking schedule.

The meeting covered our need for some urgent volunteer opportunities in the club. Our club functions because of the positive volunteer spirit of our members. The first one is the open replacement newsletter editor position. The Skiddoo editor, Cathy Dick has to resign because of her demanding schedule.

This is an important and essential position. The newsletter is our principal form of communication and vital club. If you are able to help with being an editor, please contact a board member. There is ski or adventure trip credit compensation for this job.

The other volunteer opportunity is to serve on the EISC Board nominating committee. This committee finds candidates to replace retiring board members & serve a two-year term on the board and count votes at the February member meeting election. Please contact a board member if you are interested in serving on this committee.

The next member meeting is on Friday, Dec. 16 at the KC Hall on E Ave NE. Look forward to seeing you there at the December holiday meeting. Please remember to bring your favorite treat to share.

Thanks ~ Steve



December Birthdays

Karen Olivo & Robin Journot (2nd); Chris Kalmar (9th); Lisa Buckman (10th); Sheryl Leonard (12th); Chris Gott (13th); Bill Clark (14th); Dale Bohrer (17th); Mike Coates & Kari Wheeler (18th); Kathy Takes (22nd); Sue Young (23rd); Keven Lubben (25th); Lance Gustafson and Peter Wittnebel (27th); Mary Day & Nathan Hahn (30th).

EISC Administration Volunteer Opportunities

It is time for our annual EISC Board of Directors nominations. We know there is at least one opening on the upcoming board. Before we get to the nominations, we need at least two EISC members to volunteer to be on the nominating committee. The nominating committee works with a current board member to identify and invite members to run for the board. They run the election, count the ballots and announce the results. Please let any board member know if you are interested in serving on the nominating committee.

We need candidates for the board – we know we have one and possibly two openings for the board. If you would like to run for the board, please let the nominating committee (once named) or any current board member know and we will get you on the list.

Finally, we still need an editor for the Skiddoo newsletter.

Please let any board member know if you are interested in this position. Please note the detailed article below dedicated to finding a new editor, and let me know if you need more information on any of the other EISC volunteer opportunities.

~ article by **Steve Cummings**

Skiddoo Editor Needed

The EISC Board is searching for a Skiddoo Newsletter Editor to start immediately. The board would like to thank our outgoing newsletter editor, Cathy Dick for her dedication and hard work getting the newsletter put together each month over these past 14 months. Cathy has decided to resign because her demanding schedule has made it difficult to find time to work on the newsletter.

The board appreciates Cathy's efforts in putting out a first-rate newsletter. The Skiddoo newsletter is the main communication link to our members and the Editor is an important job.

The EISC Skiddoo Newsletter Editor works with the board and trip leaders assembling the articles and photographs every month. There is a basic template that needs to be updated with new articles each month. The content is always initially edited by the people writing the articles. The editor makes the decisions on the layout, photographs and content each month. The EISC Board's Skiddoo Editor job description reads:

- Responsible for editing and gathering articles for publications.
- Prepares final format for Board to proof at monthly Board meeting.
- Forward email version to Publicity/Communication, submit copy to webmaster.

This board support position is compensated with ski or adventure trip credit. If you are interested in volunteering to be the newsletter editor, please contact one of the board members. The Skiddoo Newsletter Editor is an essential position to the continued success of the club.

~ Thanks,
Steve Cummings

FUTURE EVENTS

International Culinary Restaurant Adventure

Taste of India was the destination for the November culinary experience. Several EISC members enjoyed a delicious meal and great conversations. We are taking the month of December off because we assume there will be many challenges in finding an open date.

We will pick back up on Monday, January 9th with a trip to El Bajio for some authentic Mexican food. Please rsvp to Lois Kabela-Coates at lois@easttowaskicclub.com by Sunday, January 8th if you would like to join us.

~ article by **Lois Kabela-Coates**

Salvation Army Bell Ringing | Dec 1-3, 2022



As you read this edition of the Skiddoo, some of your EISC friends are participating in the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing campaign. This is an annual fundraiser for the Salvation Army to help people in need during the holidays and throughout the year. Thank you to all who are participating in this event.

~ **Pat Boland**

2022-2023 Cross Country Ski and other Outdoor Activities

We have gotten a little taste of winter with some snowfall and low temperatures. For those of you who like to get out to cross country ski, hike or snowshoe we have a schedule of dates and locations of where to meet at 1:00 PM. Pat Boland has agreed to be the contact for this activity. If you are interested in going or have some questions you can call or text her at 319-310-3420.

December 3	Wickiup
December 10	Morgan Creek
December 17	Matsell Bridge
January 7	Wanatee
January 14	McBride Nature Center
January 21	Twin Pines
February 4	Morgan Creek
February 11	Ellis Park
February 18	Matsell Bridge
February 25	Wanatee
March 4	Wickiup
March 11	Morgan Creek
March 18	Matsell Bridge
March 25	Wanatee

We know that when there is a great snow fall getting out on the trails soon is important to many skiers. Please use the club's web site Forums to post your desire to get others to join you!

~ article by **Ruth Van Tol**

December Meeting and Game Night - Fri Dec 16

The December EISC meeting will be **Friday December 16** at the **Knights of Columbus Council 909 – 1620 E Ave NE, Cedar Rapids**. Come early (doors open at 5:30 pm) and bring your favorite card games and board games for some friendly competition. Otherwise, come at 7:00 pm, and our regular meeting will be at 8:00 pm. Sign up for trips and events and enjoy the evening with your EISC friends.

Be festive and wear your Christmas sweater – naughty or nice!! Dig out your best “ugly sweater” and wear it to this month's meeting.

Beverages will be available to purchase from the KC Hall. Bring your favorite Christmas treats and appetizers to share. Guests are encouraged and welcome.

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**

Snowmass/Aspen Trip | January 21 - 28, 2023



The East Iowa Ski Club Snowmass/Aspen ski trip, Jan 21 – 28, 2023 is almost ready to go. 24 EISC members are staying at the Top of the Village complex in four 3br/3bth ski-in/ski-out condos. The trip is full, but a wait List is still open. Rooming lists and transportation plans are being finalized.

Snowmass is one of the world's top ski resorts and the convenient, free shuttle service to the three other mountains Aspen, Aspen Highlands

and Buttermilk make this a one of the best ski locations. This trip was priced as a drive yourself/carpool trip like other Colorado destinations.

Some members are scheduling their own flights to the Aspen airport. The Trip Leader has additional details.

Kathy Takes and Kari Wheeler are the Trip Leaders & hosts the Snowmass / Aspen ski trip. At Snowmass we will be staying at the Top of the Village - the ultimate in ski-in ski-out condo lodging. Check-in on Jan. 21st is 4:00. A welcome wine and cheese party is being planned. The other three mountain resorts are accessible by the Roaring Fork Transit Authority (RFTA). This is a FREE and extensive bus service within Aspen villages until 2:00 a.m.

Please contact Kathy Takes for more information or to have your name added to the Wait List for the Snowmass Aspen ski trip. <https://www.aspensnowmass.com/> is the website to use for up-to-date information on the four resorts. We will look forward to seeing you in Snowmass!

~ Article by **Steve Cummings** | photo from stock

Baraboo, Wisconsin Trip | February 10-12, 2023

February 10 to 12, 2023 will be a weekend trip to Baraboo, WI. We will be staying at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center. A block of rooms is reserved until January 10 under East Iowa Ski Club. Rates are \$99 a night for a King room and \$89 per night for a room with two queens. Call the hotel directly at 608-356-6422 to make your reservations.

Lift ticket rates have now been set at Cascade and Devil's Head. Weekend rates are \$89 daily for an adult at Cascade. The rates at Devil's Head are \$50 a day if you are a Super Senior (66+), \$68 daily or \$121 for 2 days if you are a Senior (60-65), and \$78 daily or \$141 for a 2-day ticket for adults (13-60). Both locations REQUIRE tickets to be purchased IN ADVANCE ON-LINE.

~ article by **Ruth Van Tol**

Copper Mountain trip | February 20 - 26, 2023



The East Iowa Ski Club's Copper Mountain February 20 – 26th trip currently has one opening, due to a cancelation. Please hurry and sign up if you would like to join the Copper Mountain group.

Dale and Rhonda Bohrer will be leading this EISC ski adventure. There is room for 24 members of the EISC to stay in Mountain Plaza

complex in the Center Village. We have 6 condos, 2br/2bth in this walk-in/walk-out location - across the plaza from the lifts (3-minute walk). A rooming list is being created and transportation plans are being finalized.

The cost of the final spot on the Copper Mtn trip is \$1164 w/ condo & 5 of 6 days of lifts or \$750 w/ condo only.

This EISC trip is scheduled as a six-night, Monday through Sunday, Feb 20 – 26; drive yourself/carpool trip. We have the option to park at the resort early Monday (2/20/23), ski all day and check in later that afternoon. This should work out great for those who want to travel to the Denver area on Sunday, then drive into Copper Mountain early for skiing on Monday morning and avoid the weekend traffic. The club got special group pricing on the condos with this unusual schedule and five of six-day lift tickets.

Copper Mountain is a 2,507-acre resort that has an excellent variety of naturally differentiated terrain that gets more challenging from west to east, and high alpine adventure terrain—plus a free Snow-cat ride to maximize your time there. There are great, long groomers in both lower-intermediate and upper-intermediate ranges and better tree skiing than most people know. For those wanting to improve their skiing, Copper is one of the best resorts to learn to ski thanks to stellar learning programs. Copper's guests enjoy steps away lodging, apres ski entertainment, naturally divided terrain, exciting events and a welcoming, knowledgeable staff. See the Copper website at <https://www.coppercolorado.com/> for more information.

Copper Mountain is on the Ikon Pass. We are looking forward to joining you at Copper Mountain on our EISC ski adventure.

~ article by **Steve Cummings** | Copper Mountain photos courtesy of dreamstime.com

Niagara Falls by Motorcoach May 13-20, 2023

Total Trip Price | \$1,680 double occupancy

1st Payment | \$520 due at signup

2nd Payment | \$580 due January 7, 2023

3rd Payment | \$580 due March 18, 2023

Cancellation Date | January 7, 2023

Ski season is upon us but it's not too early to start planning next year's non ski trips. On May 13th, we load our Motor Coach from Cedar Rapids for a scenic tour up through Wisconsin, Michigan and into Canada on our way to Niagara Falls – with a variety of fun stops along the way. This trip includes our own private motor coach, hotel accommodations, breakfasts at each hotel stay, five dinner meals, and all ticket and entrance fees. A more detailed itinerary follows:

Day 1: we depart at 8:00 am from Cedar Rapids for our first travel day to Escanaba, Michigan. It's an easy 400-mile trip up through Madison and Green Bay so we will arrive in plenty of time to relax and have dinner. We might even find a local winery to tour.

Day 2: we're off for a short 2 ½ hour ride to Paradise, Michigan where we visit the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum. It's only an hour ride from there down to Mackinaw City. On our way we will stop at the Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie hoping to see one of the ships going through the locks. Then it's to our hotel and dinner in Mackinaw City

Day 3: we get on the Mackinac Island Ferry for a tour of Mackinac Island, and then back for a bus tour of Mackinaw City, and back to our same hotel and dinner.

Day 4: we're off to Dearborn and the Henry Ford Museum. We have a 4-hour bus ride so there is plenty of time to go through the museum before we head for our hotel and dinner for the night.

Day 5: is off to Niagara Falls through Canada. It's a 4-hour ride but it might be a little longer getting through Canada customs on our way. We will have time in the afternoon to explore some of the area before arriving at our hotel and dinner.

Day 6: will be touring more of the Niagara Falls sites, and then back to our hotel again.

Day 7: is an early morning for our ride to Cleveland to tour Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum before we find our hotel and dinner.

Day 8: we are on our way home. It's a longer day but we get home on a Saturday so those that are still working can rest up for the day before going back to work Monday.

Registrations for this trip started at the November meeting so we are off to a good start at making this trip a go.

We will need 20 people to make this trip work. You can send your deposit check to EISC at PO Box 843, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406, or register online. We set this trip up as double occupancy so please let us know your roommate choice when signing up.

We are still looking for a trip chair for this fun trip. You can reach out to **Marty Stimson** (319-389-4156) for any trip or chair questions.

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**

Out West-Black Hills and National Parks Trip - August 20-29, 2023

Total Trip Price | \$2,480 double occupancy

1st Payment | \$620 due at signup

2nd Payment | \$620 due February 17, 2023

3rd Payment | \$620 due April 15, 2023

4th Payment | \$620 due May 19, 2023

Cancellation Date | May 19th, 2023

This trip begins with a flight from Cedar Rapids to Rapid City, SD, where a motor coach, (driven by club favorite bus driver, Dale Scharping) will be waiting for us. We will begin the trip with a close up look of the Badlands NP and a short stop at famous Wall Drug. Day 2 will be spent exploring the Black Hills with stops at Custer State Park, Wind Cave NP, Crazy Horse and Mt Rushmore, and an overnight stay in Deadwood, SD known for its casinos, restaurants and museums. The next day we are headed to Cody, WY where we will take in the Buffalo Bill Museum, and the Cody Nighttime Rodeo, etc. Day 4 and 5 will be spent exploring and hiking in Yellowstone NP. The Day 5 overnight will be spent on an actual dude ranch, ideally located between Yellowstone NP and the Grand Tetons

NP. Day 6 will be spent exploring the Tetons with optional opportunities for river rafting and horseback riding. Following a night in Salt Lake City, we will spend the remainder of the trip exploring Capital Reef NP, Canyonlands NP and the Arches NP with three overnights in Moab, UT. On our final day, we will take in the Colorado National Monument before catching our flight back home from Grand Junction, CO.

The cost for this 9-night, 10-day trip is \$2480 and it includes: airfare, bus transportation, all lodging, eight breakfasts, five group dinners, the rodeo and all park admission fees. We will travel through five states and six national parks. The first deposit is \$620, followed by 3 additional payments of \$620, with a cancellation date of May 19th. There are 20 spots available for this trip.

If you have questions, contact the trip chair, Mike Coates at mcoates@mchsi.com. We hope you can join us!

~ article by **Lois Kabela-Coates**

YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT...

November Meeting, Annual Food Drive, and Game Night **Friday, Nov 18**

The November meeting started off early with our first "Game Night". The big games were Jenga and Rummikub and a lot of fun with the added treat of two-for-one's at the bar. The KC Hall does two-for-one's every evening until 6:00pm so we will have that for next month – if anyone needs a little more incentive to come early.

The November meeting is our annual food drive and we collected \$520 which was given to HACAP along with 15 pounds of food. Thank you to everyone who included HACAP on their Christmas giving list this year.

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**