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* Watch the forum and email for upcoming impromptu meetings, biking and kayaking events!

BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is **June 16**.
Members and non-members are welcome.
Time and location of the next board Meeting can be obtained from **Ruth Van Tol**

EISC INFORMATION:

For more information about the EISC contact:
members@eastiowaskiclub.com
Annual Membership fees: 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 **July Skiddoo** is **June 25**.
Contact **Mary Jean Blaisdell**.
EISC Financials are available on request.

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President's Message

With Memorial Day behind us, we are into the official start of summer and all of the activities that go with it: picnics, hikes, biking, kayaking, golfing, camping, swimming, fishing, baseball games, patio parties, gardening, family vacations, outdoor concerts, farmer's markets, and festivals. So much to do and often that time disappears so quickly. And the really good news is that the previous Covid restrictions seem to be disappearing as fast as things were shutting down last March!

Spring seemed to be much cooler and far more windy than usual. Last year, my first bike ride was on March 20 and by this time I had accumulated a good number of miles. Not so this year! Wind often exceeded 10 mph early in the morning and then gained speed throughout the day.

Temperatures have been pretty low which doesn't make for desirable conditions to get out and ride. Maybe now that summer is here more miles can be ridden.



It was great to have another good-sized group of members who attended the May 15 meeting. The board had sensed the pent up feelings of folks wanting to "get out and go" after the April meeting and had gotten details for an October trip to Las Vegas along with a bus trip to a number of the National Parks. We had an "interest" sign-up sheet at the May meeting that generated enough interest for the board to make this happen. See the related article and plan on coming to the May 5th picnic to sign up for this trip and the ski trips that were announced at the April meeting.

Be Well!

Ruth Van Tol

Birthdays-June: Kim Betts (1st)

Family News - We extend our sympathy to **Dave Mahlke**. His sister, Marti Grayson passed away [May 16](#) at her home in Dallas, TX.

FUTURE EVENTS

Annual Picnic at Meadowlark - Sat June 5

A full slate of summer events was announced again at the May Wildcat Bluff Park meeting. So let's kick-off those events with the annual Picnic. Plus, we will be rolling out our three year plans for all our trips. With Covid vaccines well underway, it's great to be able to get back into seeing folks again. Hope to see many of you at the picnic.

Our first "big" summer event will be at **Meadowlark Pavilion in Wanatee Park (formerly Squaw Creek Park), Marion** on Saturday June 5. Games and conversation start at 3 pm. We have the pavilion reserved until 10:00 p.m. It's a good reason to get out that fun car and drive to the Park. Bring your outdoor games.



EISC will provide the beverages (beer, wine, pop, water) and table settings. Bring your potluck food items to share. We will have Langhoff's grill for anyone that wants to grill out.

Watch for sign-ups and make plans for the summer events – such as, biking, golfing, kayaking and more. And we will start selling our winter ski trips too. A lot more fun things are happening for EISC so come and find out what's being planned for our future trips

Hope to see you there.

~article by **Marty Stimson**; photo from 2018 EISC Spring Picnic

Bike the Raccoon River Valley Trail - June 11-13



Let's hope everyone is ready for the EISC bicycle ride on the Raccoon River Valley Trail the weekend of June 11th-13th! This 2 day outing on the RRVT replaces the annual Cedar Falls area ride that **Wendall and Jane Sents** host. Fortunately, Wendall and Jane volunteered to be the EISC camping trip leaders for the RRVT ride. Wendall says he has a few electrical hook up spaces left of the loop of 12 campsites he reserved in the Saylorville camping area for the evenings of the bike ride, June 11th and 12th. These are large camp sites with plenty of room. Please contact Wendall if you would like to go camping for that weekend – his email is

wsents@gmail.com and cell # is 319-231-8072. The Saylorville campsite is about 20 miles from the Perry trailhead and is a fun place to camp even if you don't want to go on the bicycle ride. The EISC is using the Perry trailhead as a base for the RRVT ride.

We are out of EISC-held rooms at the historic Hotel Pattee, which is across the street from the trail head. Some members went onto the hotel's website and reserved one of the cool, themed rooms. <https://www.hotelpattee.com>. The historic property has 40 individually decorated and themed guest rooms, but may be full by now. The Hotel offers complimentary secure bicycle storage. They have a bike repair station, a tire pump in front of the hotel and some basic bike tools to fix a flat. Some members made their own motel reservations at a Super 8 motel in town at a more budget friendly rate. The RRVT is a flat looping trail that travels through miles of scenic Iowa farmland and towns west and north of the Des Moines area. Most members will ride between the towns of Waukee and Perry, the 2 main trailheads and a popular stretch of the trail. You can ride any direction and return to your starting point. As on all EISC bicycle rides, everyone rides their own speed & can ride as much as you want. The trail keeps the railroad theme with the signs and old depots turned into trailheads in many of the towns.

On that Friday afternoon of June 11th a number of members plan to ride the High Trestle Bridge Trail on their way in. Starting at the Woodward trailhead - it is only a few miles from the Perry. A short ride to the bridge or into Madrid or Sheldahl, where there are some fun places to stop and rest...which sounds like a fine idea to me. The maps are available on the website for the RRVT trail at <https://raccoonrivervalleytrail.org/> and one of the better High Trestle Bridge trail websites is <https://www.traveliowa.com/trails/high-trestle-trail/28/>. We hope for a big crowd to join us on this bicycle / camping trip - the EISC Raccoon River Valley Trail Ride weekend. Wendall really hopes for more people who would like a campsite in the loop he reserved at the Saylorville Reservoir.
~article by **Steve Cummings**; clipart from public domain.

Takes to the River - July 17

We are looking forward to having everyone join us this year for a gathering at our place [Saturday, July 17th](#). Anyone interested in kayaking should plan to join us on the farm between 1 and 1:30 to shuttle to our starting point in Cascade. It's a 2-3 hour float that will end at the farm

[Saturday](#) evening about 5:30-6:00 we plan on grilling some of our home raised Angus burgers, along w/ french fries and Jim's famous homemade onion rings!



We invite all of you to join us! Bring a dish to share and your own beverages and eating utensils! After supper we'll get a bonfire going and share some stories!

It will be a good time, so if you don't have anything on your calendar that weekend, come on up and explore our neck of the woods!

Hope to see all of you on the [17th of July](#). If you don't wish to kayak, bring a chair and your drink of choice and visit with friends under the big oaks.

The farm is located about 2 miles east of town off the Cascade/Bellevue Rd.
Our address is:
3985 245th St.
Cascade IA 52033

If you have questions please feel free to give me a call
Kathy Takes 563-599-2819

~article by **Kathy Takes**; photo from EISC 2019 TTTR Event

2021 EISC Golf Outing - Saturday, July 24th



The annual EISC Golf Tournament will be held at Wildcat Golf Course in Shellsburg on the morning of Saturday, July 24th. This is a four person best shot with non-cash prizes. We'll have a shotgun start at 9:00am and the cost will be \$47 for 18 holes of golf, cart and a meal following. **(Please plan to arrive by 8:30)** This event is open to non-ski club members so feel free to invite friends and family!!

Please, each person register for this event on the club's website online, including non-members. You can register multiple people at a time. You/they may send a check to the PO Box by selecting "Pay Later" and save the club the fees, or you may pay with a credit card at the end of the registration. (People not belonging to the ski club may also pay online, but they will be charged a \$2 convenience fee.) Send checks to PO Box #843 Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843 **The deadline for registering and paying for the event is Friday, July 9th so make sure your check is sent in.** You can organize your own teams, or sign up as an individual and we'll pair you up with others.

So come on out and join in the fun exploring the mysteries of golf!! And remember, as actor Leslie Nielsen once said, "The reason they call it "golf" is that all the other four-letter words were used up."

If there are any questions, feel free to contact us! Hope to see you at Wildcat!!

Kathy Healy
319-560-7930

Nancy Thorkildson
319-521-4080

Sarah Wittnebel
319-294-1527

~article by **Kathy Healey**; photo from 2018 EISC golf event

Maquoketa River Float - July 31

On July 31, we will float the Maquoketa River. The float will start at Monticello Canoe Rental's office, just below the Mon-Maq Dam in Monticello, and will end at Pictured Rocks Park. They offer rentals for canoes, kayaks, and Inner Tubes. The float is approximately 8 miles and usually takes between 3-5 hours to paddle by canoe or kayak. These times will vary depending on the water levels and number of stops we make during the float.

- 17 ft metal canoe rental is \$40
- 10 ft kayak rental is \$25 (regular or sit on top - you must specify at time of reservation which type you want)
- Cooler tube rentals are \$15 – to put your beverage cooler on.



If you want to use your own kayak or canoe, you drive directly to the launch site at 21430 River Road, Monticello, and unload your boat no later than 9:30 am. Go to the window and pay \$10 per person. You then follow a shuttle vehicle to the take out point where you leave your vehicle, and then ride back to the starting point in the shuttle vehicle. If there are more than six, we will likely get a reduced cost and MCR would like to know a day or two in advance as to how many that might be. So please email me and let me know you're going, and that you're taking your own boat, so I can let them know.

All military members (past & present) will receive a discounted rate with proof of military ID. All rentals are paid in full in advance. 319-465-3697. You can cancel 48 hours before your scheduled float (July 31) for a full refund. After this, no refunds. Check their website for

FULL DETAILS: <https://www.monticellocanoerental.com/> If you want to go on this trip, you need to call Monticello Canoe Rental 319-465-3697 and reserve/pay for your canoe/kayak on your credit card. Tell them you are with the EISC group and will be taking the shuttle ride at 10 am. There is no limit on how many of us can sign up, just keep in mind, MCR has a limit on how many people can go out, so the longer you wait to reserve, the less likely you are to get a canoe/kayak. **Then email me (Cathy) at dickster41@gmail.com and let me know you are going so I know who to wait for at the shuttle lot.**

We will need to arrive at their rural shuttle lot first, at 12521 – 190th St., Monticello, IA 52310 (out a bit past Camp Courageous) and we will all need to be there by 10 am. We leave our cars in a big, grassy lot, then they bus us with all of our stuff to the starting point, where we finalize our reservation, sign a waiver, etc. Then we grab our canoes/kayaks on the beach and set off for the float. I have done this float several times over the years, and I like to bring a small cooler with drinks and a sandwich, and I also bring a dry bag to put snacks, cell phone, car keys, etc. in. Most of the sit-on-top kayaks have at least one bungee cord to put a very small cooler under, or a dry bag, or whatever. I don't remember if the sit-in kayaks have any type of bungee cord. You can always call MCR and ask them. 319-465-3697. Trip chair: **Cathy Dick** dickster41@gmail.com, 319-538-6896

~article by **Cathy Dick**; photo from public domain

Corn Roast 2021 – Saturday, Aug 14th – 2:00PM

The annual Corn Roast will be hosted by **Sally Williams** at her farm near the Eastern Iowa Airport. Get ready to have an afternoon/evening of festivities and feasting. Activities will start at 2:00 pm with bean bag toss, croquet, etc. The grill will be fired up around 5 pm. For those who like to camp, you're welcome to bring a camper or a tent. So bring a dish to pass, a meat to grill, your favorite lawn chair, any yard games you want to play, and a friend or two. We will provide plates, utensils, sweet corn, pop, beer, wine, bottled water, and grill. Cost is \$5.00 which covers the beverages, sweet corn, and Kybo. Trips go on sale in June but if trips are not sold out you can sign up or get on waiting list. This event is open to members and non-members. How to find it: 5305 Walford Rd, Fairfax, Iowa. From I-380 turn west on Wright Brothers Blvd, turn south at the first road past the airport (Cherry Valley Rd), then turn right (Westbound) and proceed 1/4 mile, watch for the farm on the left with the EISC signs, see you there!

~article by **Sally Williams**; Photo from 2017 Corn Roast event.

2017 Corn Roast



Canyonlands Trip - October 4-12

EISC Canyonlands Tour – 9 days / 8 nights / Oct. 4 – 12, 2021

\$2009 per person full package price - double occupancy rooms

First payment:	At sign up \$1,000
Second payment:	August 1st \$1,009
Cancellation Date:	June 5th
Trip Chair:	Marty Stimson (until we can find other chairs) 319-389-4156

A new trip everyone has been waiting for.... Come join 26 of your fellow ski club friends to explore the captivating Canyonlands of the southwest and experience spellbinding landscapes on this unforgettable National Parks tour! We depart Cedar Rapids on October 4th for Las Vegas and spend two nights before loading on our bus the morning of October 6th.



Highlights of this National Parks tour are your visits to the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon National Park, and Zion National Park. You will be staying inside Grand Canyon National Park, giving you the opportunity to see a stunning sunset over the canyon. If you miss the sunset, sunrise is also spectacular! In Bryce Canyon National Park, you'll be amazed at the bright red, yellow, and pink pillars called "hoodoos." Enjoy the beauty and peace offered at Zion National Park—with its massive canyon walls ascending toward the blue sky. Rushing streams over millions of years have carved these steep canyons and stone towers that will mesmerize you. You'll have plenty of time here to explore the park, join a park ranger, or take a leisurely hike.

You will visit Monument Valley, one of the world's most photographed places with its pinnacles of rock surrounded by mesas, buttes, shrubs, trees, and windblown sand. Have your camera ready for some spectacular shots during your 4-wheel-drive tour of mystical Monument Valley and its massive formations. At Navajo National Monument, visit the visitor center and view artifacts of the villages that date from 1250 to 1300 AD built by the prehistoric Puebloan Ancestors. You'll also visit Glen Canyon Dam—the country's second-highest concrete-arch dam—which holds back Lake Powell, the country's second-largest man-made lake. Finally, you'll visit Snow Canyon State Park, a park featuring soaring sandstone cliffs.

DAY 1 and 2 LAS VEGAS

Sahara Las Vegas - 2535 Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, United States

Welcome to exciting Las Vegas, also known as "Sin City!" You'll have the evening and following day to tour the city on your own. As time gets closer, we will see about setting up an organized tour for the next day if we can. Our Tour Director will be on hand late the afternoon of day 2 to answer any questions.

DAY 3 LAS VEGAS–WILLIAMS–GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Yavapai Lodge West – Grand Canyon National Park Lodge

Cross the desert and the old Mojave gold-strike country, passing through Williams on historic Route 66, and Kaibab National Forest, to arrive in the Grand Canyon by mid-afternoon. Marvel at one of the Natural Wonders of the World as you experience breathtaking views of Grand Canyon National Park.

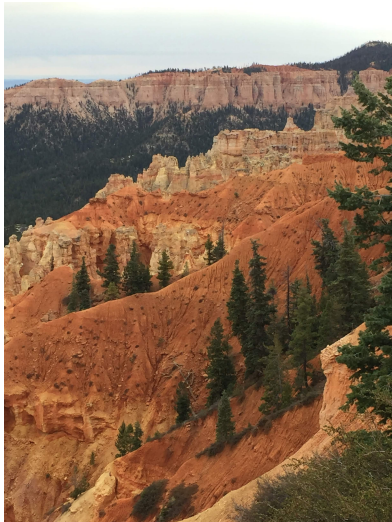
DAY 4 GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK–NAVAJO NATIONAL MONUMENT–KAYENTA

Kayenta Monument Valley Inn – US Hwy 160 Hwy 160 & 163 Kayenta

If you miss the sunset over the canyon, sunrise is just as impressive! For a once-in-a-lifetime experience, take our optional flightseeing excursion over the heart of the Grand Canyon for incomparable views of flame-colored walls plunging 6,093 feet into the Colorado River. Later today, Navajo National Monument. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the monument was established to preserve three cliff dwellings of villages built by prehistoric Ancestral Puebloans that date from 1250 to 1300 AD. At the visitor center, view artifacts and one or all three of the films available. This evening, join the optional Navajo cookout for dinner, surrounded by the red-rock canyons of Monument Valley.

DAY 5 KAYENTA–MONUMENT VALLEY–LAKE POWELL–PAGE

La Quinta Inn & Suites Lake Powell – Page, AZ



To experience the American West immortalized on the silver screen, journey across the Navajo Nation to Monument Valley. Situated on the Arizona/Utah border, the valley's scenic desert vistas and iconic buttes have appeared in countless classic Western films. See the massive formations on a memorable 4-wheel-drive tour guided by a Navajo guide. Afterward, visit the Glen Canyon Dam, holding back the waters of the Colorado River in Lake Powell, the country's second-largest man-made lake. This afternoon, consider an optional Antelope Canyon cruise, which takes you onto the lake and into the tight, winding canyons.

DAY 6 PAGE–BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Best Western Plus Ruby's Inn – Highway U-63 26 South Main, Bryce

Our optional early morning flight provides another unique perspective of Lake Powell. This beautiful sightseeing flight also includes Glen Canyon Dam, Wahweap Marina, Tower Butte, and Rainbow Bridge, the largest natural arch on Earth. Then, travel into Utah along the Grand Staircase to Bryce Canyon National Park. Bryce is famous for its unique geology

as erosion has created bizarre shapes, including slot canyons, windows, fins, and spires called “hoodoos.” Tinted with numerous colors, these rocks create a wondrous landscape.

DAY 7 BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK–ZION NATIONAL PARK–ST. GEORGE

Best Western Plus Abbey Inn & Suites – 1129 S Bluff St, St George

“Zion” is an ancient Hebrew word meaning a place of refuge or sanctuary. Once a refuge for Mormon pioneers, Zion National Park’s striking landscapes of steep canyons and stone towers carved out by rushing streams over millions of years will mesmerize you. There is plenty of time to explore the park: take the park shuttle, see the Visitor Center and the museum, take a leisurely hike, bird watch, or join a park ranger to learn more about the animals, geology, plants, and human history. Upon arrival in St. George, enjoy an orientation tour of the most important Mormon community in southern Utah.

DAY 8 ST. GEORGE–SNOW CANYON STATE PARK–LAS VEGAS

Sahara Las Vegas - 2535 Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas

The journey continues to Snow Canyon State Park, featuring a canyon carved from the red and white Navajo sandstone in the Red Mountains of Utah. Then, a stop at Las Vegas McCarran International Airport for those with homebound flights. Please schedule flights after 3 pm. The trip ends at your Las Vegas hotel for those guests with extra nights.

DAY 9: RETURN HOME TO CEDAR RAPIDS

As you sign up, please work to arrange your roommate ahead of time. This will help the trip chairs in setting up room assignments. **We also need trip chairs for this trip.**

Please let Marty Stimson know if you are interested. Email: marty@eastiowaskiclub.com or 319-389-4156

~article by **Marty Stimson**; photos from **Ruth Van Tol**



2021 CMSC Annual Picnic



COME OUT FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT
ENJOY THE FOOD
STAY FOR THE CAMPING



AUGUST 28TH

FREE CAMPING ON THE 27TH & 28TH

Gates open at Noon
Food at 2:30pm (BYOB)
Games
Ski jumping at 4:00pm
Bonfire

Entertainment all day!
by the



DJ Smooth Crew
SMOOTHCREW.COM

Norge Ski Club
Fox River Grove
100 Ski Hill Rd.



EVENT LEADER: PAT CLARK
PATRICKSRI@GMAIL.COM
REGISTER ONLINE AT SKICMSC.COM



"Sailing Maine on the Angelique" - Aug 29-Sep 5, 2021

Trip Chairs: *Brian & Tammy Keller*

There is nothing like flying along the water under full sail with no engine sounds, just the wind in the sails and the slap of waves. That's what several of your fellow members will be experiencing as we sail around the islands off the shores of Maine on the tall ship '**Angelique**'. Built in 1980, this majestic windjammer is a 95 foot, Cruise Ketch-type ship, resembling an English fishing trawler from the late 1800s. The trip will be Sunday, August 29 through Sunday, September 5, 2021.



The vacation begins with a night dockside in picturesque Camden Harbor staying at a hotel on the harbor. The next morning, a hearty breakfast is served on board and Angelique leaves her berth in Camden's inner harbor with the first tide. Sailing for 5 nights/days on the Windjammer with the last day in the tall ship regatta of the **Camden Windjammer Festival**.

Each day is a new landfall, with a few possible stops: the beach of an uninhabited island where we spend an evening eating lobster around a campfire, an island village with a few crafts studios and an ice cream stand, EB White's boathouse where he wrote his books. In addition, an island clambake is a staple feature of almost all Windjammer cruises. Enjoy long summer evenings with a glorious sunset.

Shore stops are not the main events. Relaxation and fun is what sailing on the Angelique is all about. Have you ever been on a ship where the passengers are allowed and encouraged to jump overboard! A fantastic way to start the day while anchored in a cove or off an island, you get the opportunity to go for a swim. Just jump into the ocean and swim. Later are chances to explore islands while anchored and get some good exercise and take some photos of the area. While on board, learn anything you want to know about sailing, and much more. Everyone is encouraged to interact with the crew. Ask the captain for a chance to steer the ship. Discuss recipes with the cook...all things are welcomed and fun.

Check out the ship on their website at <https://www.sailangelique.com/welcome-aboard/> . Here is an interesting web site on why you need to sail: <https://nothingbutnewengland.com/windjammer-sailing-why-you-need-to-sail-different/> We are full with three people on the waiting list.

Brian Keller 319-213-0309 **Tammy Keller** 319-651-6514

~article by **Brian Keller**; photo courtesy of Sail Windjammer

Breckenridge, CO - Feb 5-12, 2022

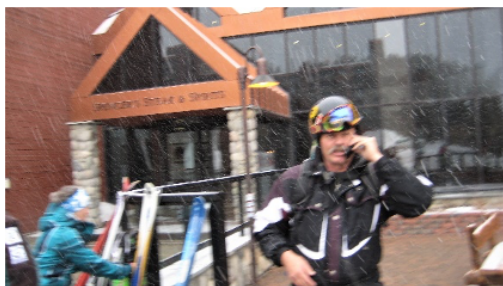
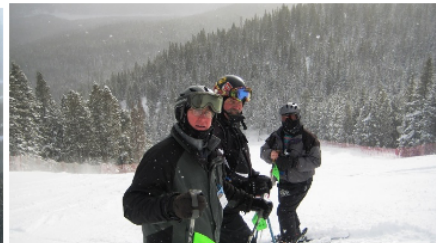
Breckenridge Trip Cost: \$700 Land Only – \$350 sign up / \$350 Sept. 18 / cancellation date Oct. 16 / use Epic Local Pass, Epic Summit Pass or Epic Day Passes - instead of lift tickets

The first major EISC West trip of the 2022 season is Back to Breckenridge! The EISC is very fortunate to have Trip Leaders **Kathy Takes** and **Steve Simmen** volunteer to guide us on this great ski adventure. Breckenridge is a popular ski and vacation destination for the club and we have room for 32 members (8 2br/2bth suites) staying at the Beaver Run resort. This ski in/ski out resort complex is located on the mountain at Peak 9. On the last trip to Breck the EISC was able to handle all aspects of the trip (lodging, transportation, lifts) – this year will require member input. Vail resorts has

priced lift tickets excessively high in order to sell Epic passes. The EISC has decided not to include lift tickets and refer our members to either the Epic Day Pass, Epic Base or Summit Pass or the Epic Local pass options. The differences are described in the Ski Pass article in this newsletter. We have realize that most members prefer to drive to Summit County resorts rather than fly to Colorado, so this will be a drive yourself trip as well. Flights are available to Denver for members who prefer to fly and book their own flights. Arranging an Epic Mountain Shuttle to the resort for around \$56 per person each way is an option on the Epic pass website.

With more than 2,908 acres of skiing terrain for all levels, Breckenridge is one of the most popular ski resorts in Colorado. Beginner skiers can comfortably learn to ski at the base of Peak 8 and 9, while intermediates have their pick of groomed runs at Breckenridge, as well as intermediate bowls from the new Peak 6 terrain. Expert skiers can ski challenging lines off of the summit or Peak. With 5 peaks, 187 trails, 2,908 acres and the highest lift-served terrain, Breck has something for everyone. The Vertical Drop is 3,398 ft.; the Elevation (Summit) is 12,998 ft. and Elevation (Base) is 9,600 ft. There are 187 trails and the longest trail is 4 O'clock at 3.5 miles. The altitude is sometimes a challenge for our members at Breck. We have learned it is better to stay hydrated with lots of water rather than beer at this altitude.

2013 Breckenridge pictures



The Beaver Run Resort is one of Breckenridge's most popular ski-in/ski-out properties. It offers a variety of amenities including an indoor/outdoor heated pool, a second outdoor pool, nine outdoor hot tubs, an exercise room, video arcade, retail stores, mini market/deli, bars and restaurants, ski and snowboard rental shops and complimentary in-town shuttle. Parking is restricted during the winter to 1 vehicle per bedroom at a \$20 per day fee.

The Breckenridge trip will go on sale at the Spring Picnic meeting on June 5th.

The Breckenridge Trip Cost is:

\$700 Land Only – \$350 sign up / \$350 Sept. 18 / Epic Local Pass, Epic Summit Pass or Epic Day Passes - instead of lift tickets.

EISC members will have to order the Epic passes online. **The EISC recommends using the SKI.com link <https://epicikon.events.ski.com/> to buy your pass as SKI.com offers a credit of \$30 on all Epic (except the Epic Day) Passes, when used on one of the EISC trips.** All Epic Passes are currently selling at 20% less than last year. Options & costs in the Ski Pass article are in this newsletter. Be sure and sign up early for what is sure to be a fantastic EISC skiing adventure.

Please thank Kathy and Steve for volunteering to be Trip Leaders again this year following our pandemic year. Without our Trip Leader volunteers the EISC would be unable to offer these fun ski trips. If anyone would like to be a Trip Leader on a future EISC trip, please contact a Board member or sign up on the trip survey sheets. Hope to see at the EISC picnic and at Breckenridge!

Trip Leaders: **Kathy Takes** and **Steve Simmen**

~article and photos provided by **Steve Cummings**; clipart from 2013 Breckenridge trip.



Zermatt, UT Ski Trip - March 5-12, 2022

Zermatt Trip Cost:

\$920 Land Only: \$460 sign up - \$460 Sept. 18

\$1369 Land/Air \$456 sign up - \$456 Sept. 18 - \$456 Oct. 16 – American Airlines – CID to PHX to SLC round trip. **Cancellation date Oct. 29.**

Zermatt, Utah is the 2nd EISC major West trip of the 2022 season. The EISC is very happy to have **Chip and Diane Scholl** as the club's volunteer Trip Leaders for the Zermatt Utah Adventure trip! Diane and Chip are experienced trip leaders and will do an excellent job. The Zermatt Resort & Spa is a luxury 4 star, 4 diamond full service resort in the village of Midway, located in the scenic Heber Valley. This is a special European-styled ski trip for 28 fortunate EISC members.

The Swiss-inspired architecture surrounded by 10,000 foot mountain peaks is located on the back side of Deer Valley resort. We will enjoy the indoor-outdoor pool and hot-tubs, wellness center, full service spa, fitness center, 2 restaurants, pub, Swiss bakery and other great amenities.

The skiing can include Deer Valley, Park City and 1 day at the Sundance ski area. The Ski Resort Distance from Zermatt is Deer Valley - 11 minutes; Park City - 20 minutes; Sundance - 25 minutes. There is a complimentary shuttle service to Deer Valley, Park City, Midway and Heber Valley and to Sundance for groups. Lift tickets are not included, but are available for this trip. The Epic Local Pass includes Park City resort, however most skiers won't want to miss an opportunity to ski Deer Valley and visit the legendary Sundance village and ski resort.

The EISC members will be staying at the 2 br / 2 bth luxury villas in the middle of the Swiss-styled village. Max Jensen is the property sales manager and is a high energy host, who takes a great interest in making sure all works well for her guests. Max stressed to us that Zermatt has great variety for skiers and non-ski adventurers as well. Besides the skiing, there is the Geo-thermal Homestead Crater, a large mound of mineral deposits containing a once-gushing hot spring. The clear blue waters are the perfect place to soak and float after a ski day. It is located across the street from Zermatt - this is

Park City / Deer Valley trip in 2016



a fantastic group activity. Snow shoeing and XC skiing is available at Soldier Hollow Nordic Center, Wasatch State Park and Sundance's Nordic Center. Rental is available for snow shoes or XC skis at Wasatch State Park and Soldier's Hollow. There is a snow tubing track - much more information on the area will be coming.

Nearby Midway is an historic village with a country feel. Visiting the shops and restaurants will be a fun experience for our members. The day trip to Sundance is for everyone. Sundance has many activities from cheese and candle making to working with silver to having a beer in the Owl Bar where part of "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" was shot. It is a rare opportunity to ski this remote resort. "Sundance is an arts community, a recreational community, a community of people who appreciate the beauty of nature and feel the responsibility to preserve it." - Robert Redford – former Owner & Founder. This is sure to be a great EISC adventure trip.

The Zermatt trip will go on sale at the June 5th EISC Spring Picnic and is priced at \$919 Land Only / \$1369 Land/Air – American Airlines – CID to PHX to SLC round trip. Look for Diane and Chip to sign up early for this exciting EISC adventure.

Many thanks all of the club's volunteer Trip Leaders. The EISC is fortunate to have skilled members willing to help run our ski trips. If anyone would like to be a Trip Leader on a future EISC trip, please contact a Board member or sign up on the trip survey sheets. Hope to see you at the EISC Spring Picnic and on the Zermatt, Utah trip!

Trip Leaders: **Chip and Diane Scholl**

~article and photos provided by **Steve Cummings**

May SKI.com Epic and Ikon pass deals

EISC Members, SKI.com is still offering deals on Epic and Ikon passes. If you are planning to go on the EISC ski trips, the Epic pass may offer the best options. We announced the 2 West trips for 2022. Feb 5-12 the EISC will be in **Breckenridge, CO**. The Epic Local, Epic Summit or Epic Day passes will work at Breckenridge at a much lower cost than lift tickets. Mar 5-12 the EISC will be at Zermatt, Utah – a Swiss village in the Heber Valley. There are free daily shuttles to Deer Valley, Sundance and **Park City**. The Epic Local or Epic Day passes will work at Park City. If you are going on both club trips or one club trip and another trip to an Epic resort, the Epic Local Pass or Epic Day passes are a good decision. If you are only going on one club trip, you may want to consider Epic Day passes for the days you want to ski. All Epic passes are on sale 20% lower than last season. If the Epic Local or Base passes are purchased using the SKI.com link below and used on an EISC trip, there will be an additional \$30 credit from SKI.com.



The cost of the **EPIC Local Pass is \$583**. It is unlimited skiing at 26 destinations including **Breckenridge**, Keystone & Crested Butte / Holiday blackout day skiing at **Park City**, (not during the EISC trip), Heavenly, Northstar, Kirkwood / 10 days w/ holiday blackout date skiing at Vail, Beaver Creek, Whistler Blackcomb, among others.

The cost of the **Summit Value pass is \$471**. It is unlimited skiing at Keystone and holiday blackout date skiing at **Breckenridge** only. The Epic Day passes offers restricted and unrestricted access to most Epic resorts – the restricted access would not affect the EISC trips. The cost of the restricted Epic Day pass is Epic 1-Day Restricted Pass **Adult: \$87** / Epic 2-Day Restricted Pass **Adult: \$171** / Epic 3-Day Restricted Pass **Adult: \$249** / Epic 4-Day Restricted Pass **Adult: \$323** / Epic 5-Day Restricted Pass **Adult: \$392**.

Please read the pass details and all restrictions carefully before purchasing any type of pass.

The SKI.com link makes it pretty easy to buy any of the Epic passes. It is much less than daily lift tickets and a better deal for our members for this year. Please see your Trip Leader if you need any assistance. <https://epicikon.events.ski.com/>

For cost comparison – the group lift ticket prices at **Breckenridge** are priced so high the club decided not to offer them. Epic is incentivizing people to buy the Epic passes.

Group lift ticket prices are below:

4 day \$556

5 day \$660

6 day \$750

No senior lift tickets at **Breckenridge**. Plus 4% lift ticket tax.

The restricted Epic Day passes work best if you are not buying the Epic Local or Summit passes. If you are planning on going on both trips or doing any additional skiing the Epic Local pass may make the most sense.

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YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT...

EISC Club Meeting - May 15

May 15th we had our second in-person club meeting at Wildcat Bluff county Park in Benton county. Located along the Cedar River, this is a great little park with hiking trails, camping and disc golf. Ruth even saw a guy make a hole in one playing disc golf. The weather was a little cool with a bit of rain, but we had a large shelter roof over our heads. We had 56 members attend a wonderful evening, sharing memories and learning about many upcoming trips and activities for the summer, fall and winter.

Many members brought lots of goodies to eat that we all enjoyed. It sure was nice to see that things are loosening up and allowing us to meet together again like the old days. I hope to see many of you all at upcoming events.

PS: I also have the NEW Logo EISC Flags for sale \$5.00 each call or email me for info and I will get them to you.

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Buchanan House Winery

A group of 18 club members and 1 guest drove an eclectic mix of cars to the Buchanan House winery on Saturday May 22nd. Some headed straight there while others met at club member Christel Fowler's house and then proceeded to the winery. The huge brick house at the winery is very impressive and it's located in a beautiful setting of rolling hills. They had a wide selection of wines and also offered beer for sale. After enjoying beverages at the winery, most of the group headed back to Christel's house for more beverages, snacks and a campfire. The wind calmed down and the sun came out and it was a stunning evening. The winery has entertainment and events all summer including movies on the lawn – check out their website.

~article by **David Meyer**; Photos provided by **David Meyer & Ruth Van Tol**

