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December 9th, Saturday evening 6:00 p.m. Snowseekers Member Holiday party at the Gurnee American Legion. Finger Foods with cash bar, Toys for Tots will be collected, and a \$15 gift exchange will take place.

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President

Hello Snowseekers ; We hope you are all enjoying the cooler weather and preparing for another ski season. Several slopes have opened on a limited basis at this time. We look forward to two well planned trips this season. Please let Stu know of your interest in either Devil's Head or Snowmass trips. Evelyn Adams has printed (later in this issue) our Christmas party information and a possible New Year's Eve get together.

Remember there is no January meeting as this can be a tricky time of year for travel. Our February meeting will be on the 13th at Wilmot with a social event. Snowseekers will help with the cost of your dinner. We also encourage skiing in the afternoon and evening, or just come out to socialize. Our gathering time will be about 6:00 p.m.

I have a Sing A-Long Messiah concert on Saturday, Dec. 16th, 7:00 p.m., at the Methodist church in downtown Waukegan. This is a wonderful opportunity to start the Holiday season, sing with many others, and enjoy the soloists with the orchestra.

Following this message you will find the Thank You donation letter from the Red Cross we received. This money was pictured on Facebook as going to school supplies for the children affected by the fires in Santa Rosa.

For those of you interested in ski racing please look at CMSC web site for their racing schedule which does include Wilmot.

Hope to see many of you at the Christmas party Saturday, Dec. 9th. There will be plenty of appetizers, sandwiches, treats, punch, and a cash bar. May you all enjoy the holiday season with safe passage and not too many added pounds.

Jan Billings, President, Snowseekers Ski Club



**American
Red Cross**

The American Red Cross
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Washington, DC 20006

Snowseekers Ski Club
Red Cross Supporter
1021 Wellington Ave
Libertyville, IL 60048-1253



Dear Red Cross Supporter,

Thank you. The American Red Cross is very grateful for your generous gift of \$500.00 on October 18, 2017 to CaliforniaWildfires.

A copy of your tax receipt information is below.

The humanitarian efforts of the Red Cross provide comfort and hope to so many during their times of need. Thank you for your commitment to this critically important work. Our mission depends on the support and compassion of donors like you.

Your questions and feedback are very important to us. Please feel free to contact us at redcross.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for standing with us.

Sincerely,

Gail McGovern
President and CEO, American Red Cross

Ski Master

Another ski season is here, time to make some turns. As skiers we really are lucky. Often when skiing out West, I think if non skiers only knew how much fun skiing is. Good thing we know, so let's get our season off to a great start. Dust off your skis, check your boots for fit and that buckles close properly. Go over helmet, goggles, jacket, gloves, etc, for fit and function. Maybe a wax and tune for your skis.

Locally at Wilmot this year, there are no new chairlifts. New safety bars were put on all chairlifts and their snow making should be really good. Hopefully we can have a consistent winter and ski December into March.

Ski Master
Ross

Membership

To date we have 22 family memberships and 14 single memberships.

Upcoming Birthdays:

December

3 Sunghi Moore

January

5 Stana Paic

8 Chelsea Snow
Molly Davis

19 Riley Howes

Remember, you must be a member of the Snowseekers Ski Club to participate in any of our ski trips or other activities. A new membership form must be completed each year by all members.

The membership form for May 2017 - April 2018 is available on our website: <http://www.snowseekers.org/>

Click on "[Documents and Forms](#)", **2017- 2018 Snowseekers Membership Application** and the form will come up. This is a "fillable" form. Please type in the requested information on the light blue lines before sending the form to your printer. After printing, please sign the form and send it to Mary Ellen with your membership dues (\$40 for family and \$30 for single). Mary Ellen's address is on the form. Be aware that the "fillable" form does not work if you are using the MS Edge browser to open the pdf. If you can, use a different browser like Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, or Mozilla Fox.

This form may also be printed as a blank form and completed manually if you prefer.

Mary Ellen Hodapp
Membership Chair

Social Chair

Hello Snowseekers,

Here is the information for our Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, December 9, from 6 to 9 PM at the American Legion at [749 Milwaukee Ave, Gurnee, IL](#). There will be a Cash Bar and our menu is hot and cold Hors-d'oeuvres and desserts. PLEASE RSVP to let me know if you're coming or not before December 5th to Evelyn at [\(847\)223-5265](tel:8472235265) (please leave a message and I'll return your call), or email evelynba2@att.net and I'll send you a reply. This is very important because we want to make sure we have plenty of goodies.

To participate in the Gift Exchange Game, bring a wrapped gift valued between \$10 and \$15. This game is always full of fun and laughter.

If you choose to bring an unwrapped gift for Toys For Tots there will be a place for it under the tree, and we'll make sure it gets to Toys For Tots.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon and seeing you too.

New Years Eve at Wilmot Mountain Ski Area in Wilmot, Wis.

This is a family friendly event throughout the afternoon and evening so join the fun: ski or snowboard; photo booth; face painting; and games. There will be live music from 8:30 to 12:30pm. Fireworks are at 10pm (lifts will close just prior to fireworks display.) Champagne toast at midnight.

We'll meet in the Lodge about 7:30. Look for the Snowseekers Banner.

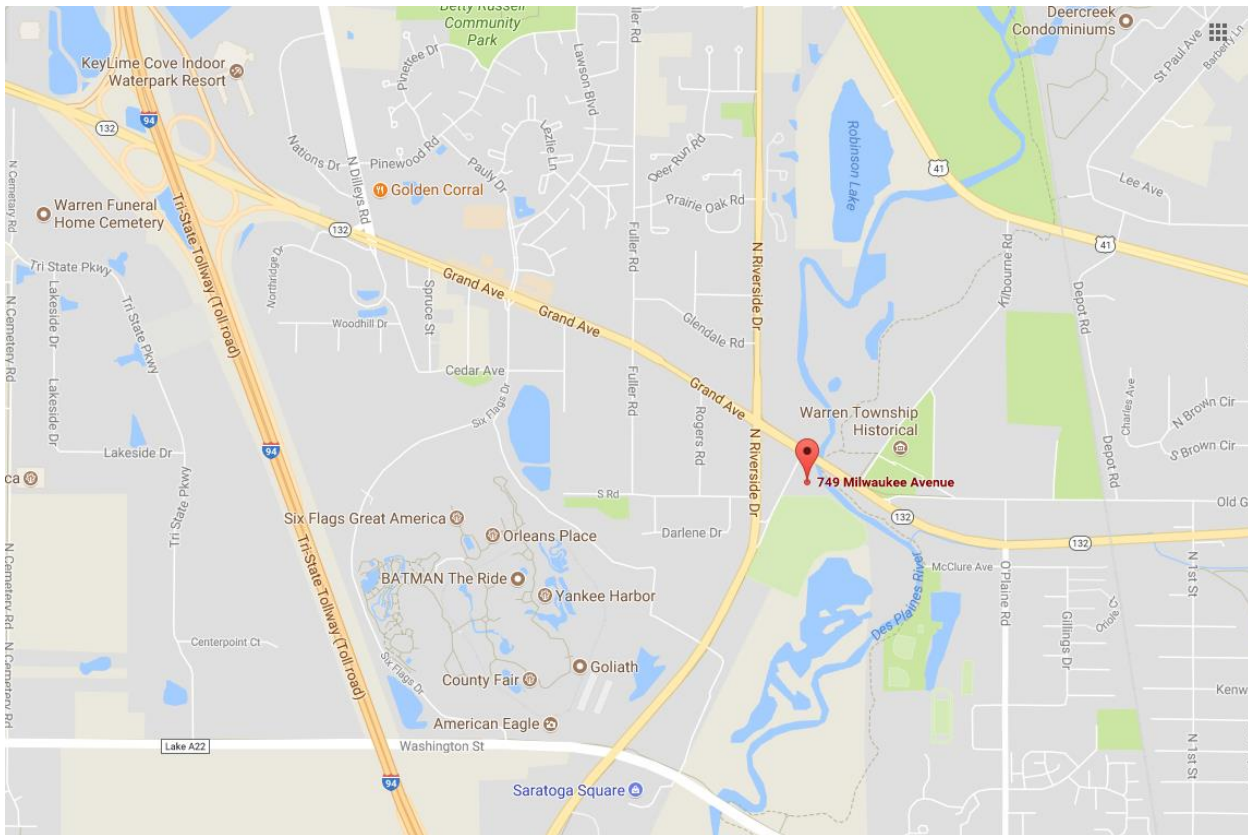
If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Hoping to see all your smiling faces.

Evelyn Adams

Social Chair

December 9th Christmas Party Location – Legion



From the Trip Coordinator:

Snowmass, Colorado Ski Trip
February 24--March 3, 2018

We now have 35 lodging spots filled for this trip. I am still looking for a single female, and I have a limited amount of lodging available until December 15, 2017. After December 15th there will be no more lodging available. Please let me know of any other interested people prior to December 15th.

The Snowmass, CO. trip includes round trip air and ground transportation to and from the ski resort, lodging, and a 5 day multi-ski area lift ticket. A discounted 6th day lift ticket is available if pre-ordered at least 45 days prior to the trip departure date.

If there is interest in travel interruption insurance I would like to hear from you. We need to follow the travel insurance contract regulations to be sure that any pre-existing health conditions are fully covered. Please contact me to let me know if you are interested in the travel insurance.

DEVIL'S HEAD RESORT, WI. *

January 5-7, 2018

October 10	\$100.00
<u>November 14</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total	\$250.00

* The costs shown above are for ages 13-65 (double occupancy). Please contact me for all other age category costs.

Reservations are still being accepted for the Devil's Head, WI Midwest "Learn to Ski Better" weekend. Two nights lodging, two full days of skiing, free beginner and intermediate lessons, and 5 meals are included in the price shown above. Equipment rentals are available for \$23.00 per day (including helmets).

Stu Howes, Trip Coordinator
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- Protection from the moment you step out your front door until you're safely back home again

Plan Benefits	
Underwritten by Transamerica Casualty Insurance Company	
Benefits	Coverage Per Person (up to limits below)
Trip Cancellation	100% of Insured trip cost (\$15,000 limit)
Trip Interruption	150% of Insured trip cost
Trip Delay	\$1,000
Missed Cruise Connection	\$1,000
Baggage & Personal Effects	\$1,500
Baggage Delay	\$250
Emergency Medical & Dental Expenses	\$25,000
Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation	\$150,000
Travel Assistance & Concierge Services†	Included
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Assistance, Consultation & Monitoring • Emergency Medical Payments • Prescription Assistance • 24 Hour Legal Assistance • Emergency Cash Transfer • Travel Document & Ticket Replacement • Information Services for Destination • Emergency Travel Arrangements 	

Plan Highlights

- First payer coverage, no deductibles¹
- Pre-existing exclusion waiver included through final payment
- Trip cancellation/interruption benefits include:
 - Sickness, injury or death²
 - Common carrier cancellations/delays
 - Terrorist act³
- Trip delay benefit - 5 hours or more
- Medical benefits coverage
- Baggage delay benefit - 12 hours or more
- Available for purchase within 24 months of departure date

Pre-Existing Exclusion Waiver

Pre-existing medical conditions are eligible for coverage when:

- Plan is purchased before or along with final trip payment
- The traveler is medically able to travel at the time of plan purchase

A pre-existing condition exists if a traveler and/or traveling companion has an illness or other condition within 60 days prior to policy effective date in which the condition:

- Required taking prescribed drugs or medication
- Received medical treatment or a recommendation for a diagnostic test, examination, or medical treatment

The 60 day look-back on pre-existing conditions only applies to those traveling.

¹Easy claims handling, less time and hassle to receive reimbursement for eligible losses from us first, with no deductibles. Funds may be recovered from your medical or other collectible insurance plans. ²Of you, a traveling companion, family member, domestic partner or business partner. ³Occuring within 30 days of the scheduled departure date for the covered trip in your departure city or in a city which is a scheduled destination. [†]Travel Assistance & Concierge Services are provided by the designated provider as listed in the Description of Coverage. Maximum trip length allowed is 120 days. Rates are subject to change. Plan rates are non-refundable after 10 day review period. This plan provides insurance coverage for a covered trip. The purchase of travel insurance is not required to purchase any other product or service from the travel retailer. You may already have coverage that provides similar benefits and you may wish to compare the terms of this coverage with your existing coverage. If you have questions about your current coverage, call your insurer or agent. The travel retailer is not qualified to answer questions about the benefits, exclusions or conditions of the travel insurance. For a summary of the plan details on coverages, benefits, limitations and exclusions of the insurance plan, please refer to the applicable Description of Coverage. Travel insurance is underwritten by Transamerica Casualty Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio; NAIC # 10952. Travelers CA Agency License #0D10209 1522025 TGAC-0816 08.16

Group 360 Choice Protection Plan by Travelex 2017/18 Ski Season

Trip Insurance Cost:

\$1 - \$500	\$50.00
\$501 - \$1000	\$75.00
\$1001 - \$1500	\$105.00
\$1501 - \$2000	\$137.00
\$2001 - \$3000	\$187.00

To sign up for Travelex 360 Group Choice Protection Plan, please fill out this form and mail with a check payable to Sports America Tours. To cover any pre-existing conditions, you must purchase prior to your final payment. If paying the trip in full at time of signup, you must purchase the same day to cover pre-existing conditions. You can purchase after making final payment but it will not cover any pre-existing conditions. We need one form per person. Fill out COMPLETELY. Group insurance may only be purchased 30 days or more prior to your trip departure.

-Full Name _____

-Phone No _____

-Email _____

-Club Name _____

-Destination/Resort _____

-Departure Date _____

-Return Date _____

-Date of Initial Trip Deposit _____

-Date Trip Insurance Purchased _____

-Ski Trip Cost _____

-Cost of Travel Insurance enclosed _____

Mailing Address: _____

For questions regarding coverage, please call Travelex Insurance Service at (800) 228-9792 and reference location number 05-1366. Mail payments to Sports America Tours, Inc., Attn: Leslie, 120 Stony Point Rd, Ste 245, Santa Rosa, CA 95401. Make check payable to Sports America Tours.

