



"Ski News"

July 2020

Message from VP Trips

Hey Austin Skiers!

Are you ready for an **AWESOME** ski trip line-up for **2021**? Well you should be. We have a great trip line up returning to some of Austin Skiers' annual favorites along with some resorts we haven't been to in a while, including Taos, NM & Copper Mountain! The Taos trip is actually two trips in one - a 4-day and 7-day trip. We will have one Trip Chair managing both trips. In the meantime, you can check the home page for the locations and dates for the trips

Still considering being a Trip Chair this year? Contact me ASAP!

We have an amazing Trip line-up, Volunteers to be Trip Chairs, however some members have asked, "What will happen if I sign up for a trip and it gets cancelled because of this virus?" Here are the present Austin Skiers plans:

1. All plans are subject to change. The conditions are changing practically daily, and it is impossible to project what we will be dealing with come January. Austin Skiers will continue to evaluate conditions and make changes necessary to

minimize costs and risks to members.

2. Presently every trip has different cancellation deadlines, requirements, risks, and costs. These will be listed in the sign-up documents for each trip. Members will know the risks and potential costs before signing up. Some costs may not be refundable if a trip is cancelled, and these will be clear.

3. Austin Skiers has negotiated the most favorable trip contracts practical. Contract deadlines will be monitored closely. If it appears that a trip will not have enough participants to justify the costs to the club and trip participants, then the trip will be cancelled before additional penalties accrue.

4. All the trip contracts have “force majeure” clauses; if a government requirement makes the trip impossible, say, for example, Canada closes its borders at the time of the Lake Louise trip, then all refundable money will be returned. The risk arises that a tour operator’s subcontractor (like a bus company or a resort) lacks the ability to refund amounts prepaid, and the tour operator chooses to withhold that part of the refund. In that case, the participants are out of luck for that part unless they bought trip insurance. Most airlines are different; they will not refund prepaid tickets, but instead will give a travel credit good for a one year.

5. Participants may want to further minimize risks by purchasing trip insurance. As we know, of course, there’s no such thing as a free lunch. The insurers charge for the privilege. Usually the policy terms are that the trip must be fully paid for and the insurance bought within a few days of signing up. Austin Skiers has researched getting this coverage as a group, but the costs and conditions were not favorable.

All these policies, will be communicated to you before sign up, and will be discussed at the Trip Presentation meeting, in the meantime if you have any general question/comments, feel free to send me an email

I hope to see you at the trip presentation meeting, on **August 16**, 2020 at the [Balcones Country Club](#). [If anything changes with respect to large gatherings we will keep you informed.](#)

Thanks for your continued support of Austin Skiers and Think Snow!



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Trip Line up for 2021
(subject to change)

<u>Pass</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Lodging</u>
EPIC	Beaver Creek	Jan 9 – 16	The Charter
IKON	Snowmass*	Jan 16 – 23	Top Of the Village
IKON	Taos Long	Jan 23 – 30	Snakedance
IKON	Taos Short	Jan 23 – 27	Snakedance
EPIC	Telluride	Feb 6 – 13	Bear Creek Lodge
IKON	Copper Mtn	Feb 15 – 19	Silver Level Condo
EPIC	Heavenly	Feb 20 – 27	Lake Tahoe Resort Suites
IKON	Snowbird	Feb 27-Mar 6	Cliff Lodge
IKON	Lake Louise*	Mar 13 – 20	Chateau Lake Louise

*Texas Ski Council Trip



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Please take time to review our [trip policies](#), which include cancellation information.

We encourage our members going on our trips to consider trip insurance for those unexpected emergencies before or during your trip. **Here is a link for more information on [Trip Insurance](#).**

SAVE THE DATES

- * **Trip Presentation Meeting: August 16**
(Details to follow)
- * **Post Trip Party: Postponed**



Lara Pavanelli, VP Programs: Programs@austinskiers.org

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic all Happy Hours and Activities have been cancelled through July. We will advise everyone of a new schedule once it is deemed safe to do so.



Mary L. Goetschel (ML), VP Special Activities Activities@austinskiers.org



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The Texas Ski Council is a member of the National Ski Council Federation. Which means Austin Skiers are members and have some great benefits. Please check them out and register at [National Ski Council Federation](#).



UPDATE: [Sun & Ski Sports](#) has **re-opened** their store for walk-in traffic.

When thinking of shopping for ski gear this season, remember to shop [Sun & Ski Sports](#). Please **let their staff know** Austin Skiers enjoy a **15% discount off regular-priced** items in the store. This discount cannot be combined with other offers.

Check out their ski/snowboard bundles - goggles, ski poles, boot bags and snow apparel! Follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and other social media sites listed on their website.



Jackie Bayly, Director: Director@austinskiers.org

Passing of a Long-Time Austin Skier

The Austin Skiers received notice on June 15 of the passing of a long-time member Tom Umlauf. Tom was a member for 28 years. Tom was a friend and many of us over the years have skied & traveled overseas with him. The following was the notice posted on the clubs Facebook (FB) page by Mary Umlauf – his sister-in-law. The link below will take you to our FB where you can see the posting, which includes a picture of Tom & his brother Arthur skiing in Snowmass this past February.

“We are sad to report that Tom Umlauf passed away today at 12:30 pm. He was not alone. He was with his children, Carla and Ian Umlauf as well as his brother Arthur, Mary Umlauf and Simon Umlauf. Due to the pandemic, a memorial will be scheduled at a later date, most likely in late August at the Umlauf Sculpture Garden in Austin Texas. Here is the link to Tom's [obituary](#). Photo — [Tom and Arthur](#) having a great time in Snowmass Colorado with the Austin Skiers in February 2020.”

Message from the Membership/Communications Chair

Gary's tidbits...

Austin Skiers "active" membership stands at **470**. We appreciate your membership & participation in Austin Skiers - it is why we exist.

June 1 to May 31 is the membership year for Austin Skiers and we want to thank those of you who have already [Renewed](#) your **annual membership!** The vast majority (90%) pay on-line because of convenience, but you may still send me a check to P.O. Box 200516, Austin, TX 78720. **Membership renewal** pricing remains **unchanged** at **\$40 for Singles** and **\$55 for Families** (up to 6).

Also, as you are [renewing](#) your [membership](#) please double-check your [contact information](#) is correct - address, phone # & email. On occasion we may need to physically mail you something or call - so please take a quick glance. We appreciate it!

The club introduced an app for both the **iPhone** and **Android** fall of 2018. Some of you may not know about it, but check it out. It's one of the easiest ways to keep up with the Austin Skiers It provides you information on trips you've been to in the past and what you've signed up for. It will provide you access to the Members Directory that includes the email and phone number if you need to contact another

member. Click on this link for [iPhone](#) or [Android](#). Once installed use your username/password as though you were logging into the website.

We are still working on finalizing a few remaining contracts for a Great line-up of ski venues for next season. Please consider serving as either a Trip Chair **or** Assistant Trip Chair in 2021. Contact Elisabeth Poigin Trips@austinskiers.org for further details. The training will be held sometime this summer.

For those of you that have recovered from **COVID-19** or know someone who has and developed the antibodies from the virus, please consider donating your **convalescent plasma** through "[We Are Blood](#)," which is the local blood bank for the Travis County Medical Society. They are in **desperate** need for donations! They have an [online form](#) you can submit your information to see if you qualify. If so, the total amount of time at their facility will take you 1-1/2 to 2 hours. They have **three** locations around the Austin area.

According to a recent news segment on one of the local Austin stations, they've had about 400 inquiries and 150 donations of **convalescent plasma** from patients who've recovered from the virus. It has gone to some 300 patients who are sick with COVID-19. If you've recovered and meet the qualifications to donate please consider doing so - **it may save a life!!**

We look forward to providing another **GREAT** year of **ski, non-ski** trips, special activities and other social opportunities for you and your family to enjoy!

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