

International Trip 2018 Overview

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## The Summer edition



The OVSC website, while up and running, is still in the process of being fine-tuned.

We anticipate that it will be completed in the near future, and envision that all OVSC club trips will be posted. Of course, that means that we need your trip information! Please send to Keely Paul, [keelypaul2015@gmail.com](mailto:keelypaul2015@gmail.com).

The OVSC Summit in Louisville was this past weekend, and it couldn't have been more packed full of things to do. Bourbon and Bowties in Louisville. Who would have thought?!?

We partied at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Live, which just happened to be right outside the door from our hotel – convenient! The bicyclists had a lovely river touring ride thru the countryside of both Kentucky and Indiana, crossing the Ohio River north over Louisville's Pedestrian Bridge and then south over the new East End Bridge during their 28-mile Bridges ride Saturday morning in perfect weather.

Some trolley-toured the city for 75 minutes, riding past such favorites as Churchill Downs and Museum Row, while others did a walking tour.

And then the bourbon started to flow. There was a tour at the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, as well as a Jim Beam Urban Stillhouse tasting, also just across the street from the hotel.

There were educational seminars as well, the heart of the Summit. There

was a yoga demonstration, citing the benefits for skiers, boarders, and really, just about anyone. 16 brave souls were up on the floor, putting their bodies thru the positions. Check out the photos!

Trip training A to Z was presented by our very own Dan Hapner and Dan Dexter, as well as Sean McErlean from Holidayze Tours.

A Town Hall meeting followed, which brought forth some very interesting thoughts and ideas, which the OVSC is going to put into action.

Ahhh. Time to relax.

Cocktail Reception followed after a short break, just enough time for folks to change and put on their bowties! Even the tables had bowties on their centerpieces.

During dinner, (and the food was awesome!), the International/Summer trip, Sierra Nevada Spain, March 2018, with a post-extension to Barcelona was presented. See the flier on pages 7-8 for more information, and contact Dan Hapner, [rosehapner@aol.com](mailto:rosehapner@aol.com) for even more information.

After dinner, folks dispersed to parts unknown, but all had a good time according to their responses Sunday morning during breakfast.

While dining on biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit and other delicious items, we were given information on the 2 North American ski trips. Steamboat Springs in January, and Sun Valley in March. Both packages include round-trip airfare, 7 nights lodging, 5 days of lift tickets, ground transfers, welcome reception, lunch on the mountain, an apres ski party and a farewell dinner. See the flier on pages 5-6 for more information, and contact Bob LeValley, [rdlevalley@gmail.com](mailto:rdlevalley@gmail.com) for even more information.

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The Break-Out Sessions followed. At the President’s meeting, we discussed the decreasing membership and the lack of volunteers in the clubs willing to step up. I wish I had a magic wand that would instantly resolve those two issues. Other items were brought up as well, and some changes are in the future. Good discussion all around.

The North American meeting went into more detail via a Jeopardy! game format about the trips the OVSC is offering for 2018: Steamboat Springs and Sun Valley. April Bruder from Steamboat, Dana Flach from ski.com, Karl Winter from Winter Ski & Sport, and Kevin Bracken from Sun Valley served as judges and scorers, as well as providing additional insight about the trips. Prior to the start of the game Bob LeValley, your North American Trip Director, discussed strategy for 2019, wanting to coordinate the efforts of the clubs travel planning with the OVSC. He will be calling upon the club OVSC Reps, trip planners and presidents in search of ways the OVSC can assist with trip planning and coordination with OVSC trips.

Dan Hapner and Sean McErlean from Holiday Tours presented the International trip to Sierra Nevada, Spain in March, 2018. They also talked about the Summer 2018 Iceland trip as well as what destinations the clubs would be interested in for Dan to research. A Club Med trip, Andorra, Bulgaria, and an Australia/New Zealand trip were discussed. Mention was made by some that their club was unaware of the international trips, so Dan is asking, as am I, that all clubs at least place a mini “ad” of where the OVSC is headed in their newsletter. We are not in competition with your club trips, but on the chance that someone has the time and a bucket list of destinations, this is an golden opportunity.

The Racing team have set a tentative schedule, hoping Mother Nature cooperates like she didn’t last year! Starting the first weekend in January, the destinations are as follows: Mad River, Paoli Peaks, Snow Trails, Mad River. February weekends look like: Perfect North, Paoli Peaks, Snow Trails,

and Perfect North, and March is the Governor’s Cup in West Virginia. Hope they have better weather this year.

Those that participated in the Membership/Social/Websites session talked about the difficulty clubs are having in finding even one person to be the social chairperson, possibly giving incentives to run an event (vouchers, a years’ free membership) and that most clubs have social meetings on a regular basis. All clubs are experiencing a decline in membership from their current people to the younger generations. The thought was to focus on “recruiting” those in their 40’s rather than the 20-30 year-old crowd. Some use public volunteer events as an opportunity to market their club, as well as having business cards at the ready for quick distribution. Write your name on the back as the contact person, and you may win a free membership. Some clubs offer a free year membership to new members. It was pointed out that a lot of resources used such as newsletters and websites go unnoticed by someone looking for a ski trip or to play soccer, that we don’t connect with all the potential customers that are out there.

## Upcoming Events:

### 2017

#### Summer Trip:

August 22 – Sep 6

Galapagos & Machu Picchu

Contact Dan Hapner, [rosehapner@aol.com](mailto:rosehapner@aol.com)

### 2018

#### Winter Ski Trip: Steamboat, CO

January 27 – February 3

Contact Bob LeValley, [rdlevalley@gmail.com](mailto:rdlevalley@gmail.com)

#### Winter Ski Trip: Sun Valley, ID

March 3 – March

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#### International Ski Trip: Sierra Nevada, Spain

March 10 – 19

Contact Dan Hapner, [rosehapner@aol.com](mailto:rosehapner@aol.com)

The need to optimize search engine utilization was brought to the table.

The Vendor Show followed, and there was lots of buzz about upcoming trips, deals, new locations with a possible Club Med trip in our future. There was popcorn, candy and so much swag – pens, stickers, lip balm, goggle defogger wipes, bags. Did I mention deals? I hope your club is able to take advantage of what was offered

The Wrap-Up session concluded the weekends activities, and everyone present walked away with a door prize. Now I call that a good time.

## SPOTLIGHT:

### LEXINGTON SKI CLUB

The Lexington Ski Club was founded in 1975, and at its finest, had some 250 members. Now just 75 members strong, the membership meetings are the first Tuesday of the month, but not in June or July, at Rooster’s, a local sports bar, at no charge. They host a monthly Happy Hour at local pubs, are active on facebook and meetup and an annual

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social event in August is ‘Picnic with the Pops’, an outdoor concert with the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra. The club also boasts of having several active racers, including the national champion Dianna “Lady Di” Miller, as well as Olympians Andrzej and Ralph Miller.



Some photos from the weekend:



View from the Cocktail Reception Friday night

Bourbon tasters!



Yoga demonstration participants

OVSC Summit

I would like to personally thank the Louisville Ski Club for all their hard work they did on behalf of the OVSC in getting this Summit weekend put together in such a fine fashion. The Summit Committee, chaired by Dan and Laurie Dexter, did a great job, of which we are much appreciative. Kudos!

I would also like to thank our sponsors:

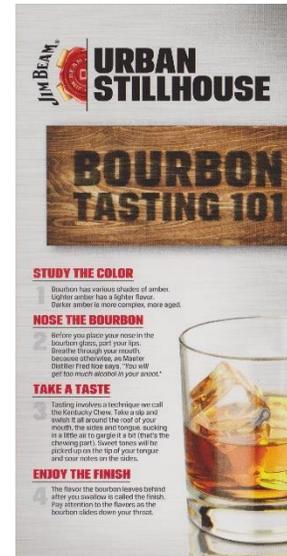
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- Big Sky Resort
- Canaan Valley Resort
- Holiday Valley Resort
- Jackson Hole Mountain Resort
- Perfect North Slopes
- Ski Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine Resorts
- Telluride Ski Resort
- Whitefish Mountain Resort
- Winter Park Resort



Gallapalooza G'Day Mate!



Bourbon Tree



Self-explanatory!



Some of the club’s Silent Auction baskets. We raised \$1111, a private donation raised that to \$1500. All went to Special Olympics – Thank you everybody!



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Still Wanted:  
News and events from your club to be “published” in the OVSC Newsletter.

Excerpts from your newsletter that you want the other 15 OVSC clubs to know about: ski trips, events and outings, club anniversaries. Photos from your trips and outings, with names, places, dates, etc.

Let me know, please.

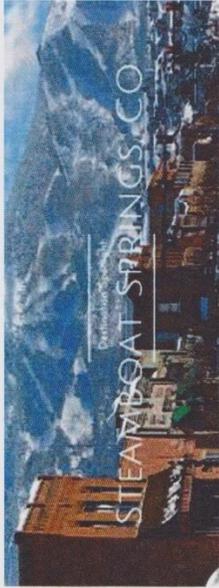
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# OHIO VALLEY SKI COUNCIL NORTH AMERICAN WESTERN SKI TRIPS 2018

[WWW.OVSC.ORG](http://WWW.OVSC.ORG)

**Steamboat Springs, Colorado**  
**January 27 – February 3, 2018**



**Sun Valley, Idaho**  
**March 3 – 10, 2018**



**Package Includes: 7 Nights Lodging- Roundtrip Airfare**  
**5 days of lift tickets- Airport Ground transfer- Welcome Reception –**  
**Lunch on the Mountain – Après Ski Party – Farewell Dinner**

**Ski Clubs of the Ohio Valley Ski Council:**

- Alpine - Cincinnati - Columbus - Corbeau - Dayton -
- Huntington - Kittyhawk - Lafayette – Lexington – Louisville -
- Newark - Ohio Valley – Sandusky - Skiers Ltd - Tri-State

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**Tour Operators for 2018 Trips:**

**Steamboat Springs** [www.ski.com](http://www.ski.com) **Dana** [dana.flach@ski.com](mailto:dana.flach@ski.com)

**Sun Valley** [www.winterskiandsport.com](http://www.winterskiandsport.com) **Karl** [skimogul@winterskiandsport.com](mailto:skimogul@winterskiandsport.com)

Contact Bob LeValley the OVSC North American Trips Director at [rdlevalley@gmail.com](mailto:rdlevalley@gmail.com) with interest or questions!

Activities to enjoy beside skiing or riding: Nordic Skiing, Sleigh Rides, Ice Skating, Snowshoeing, Snowmobiles, Take a day trip to Stanley, Shopping, Art Galleries, The Opera House, Day Spas, Mineral Springs, Para Gliding, Indoor Archery, Throwback Bowling, Winter Fly Fishing, a night on the town and more!

### Steamboat by the numbers

- Base Elevation 6,900
- Summit/Mt. Werner 10,568ft
- Vertical Rise – 3,668 ft
- 2,965 Acres with 165 Trials
- 14% beginner, 42% intermediate, 44% advanced
- Longest run 3 miles
- Mavericks Superpipe for the Freeriders dreams
- Annual Snow fall - 349 inches
- Lift System – Uphill Capacity 41,026 per hour
- Located 160 miles Northwest of Denver (3hr drive)
- 100 Bars and Restaurants
- 150 Natural Mineral Springs including Strawberry Park

### Sun Valley Fun Facts

- Inventions: Worlds First Chairlift, First Aluminum Ski Poles, Double-lens Goggle
- Largest Automated Snowmaking System in the world
- Receives Sunshine 300+ days a year
- Uphill Lift Capacity 29,717 per hour but only 2,900 skiers on average per day –no lift lines!
- “How to Marry a Millionaire” filmed here in 1953 with Marilyn Monroe, Betty Grable, & Lauren Bacall
- Skiable Area 2,154 acres – 121 Runs - Longest Run 3 miles – 36% easiest, 42% More Difficult, 20% most difficult, 2% expert only
- Summit Elevation: Bald Mountain 9,150’, Dollar Mountain 6,638’
- Swimming and Soaking in Two Glass-enclosed heated pools

Come join in on the fun and adventure!



# MARCH 10 – 19, 2018

## INCLUDING:

- Round Trip air from Dayton to Malaga.
- Transfers between Malaga and Granada by bus with English Speaking Assistant.
- 5 night's accommodations in Granada at the Hotel Carmen.
- Dinner for 4 nights at the Hotel Carmen.
- 3 days of transfers between Granada and Sierra Nevada.
- Breakfast Daily at the hotel in Granada.
- Welcome Orientation at hotels in Granada.
- Hospitality Desk nightly in hotels.
- Gala Party in Granada.
- Transfers between Granada and Melia Costa del Sol Hotel.
- 3 night's accommodations at the Melia Costa del Sol Hotel.
- Breakfast Buffet Daily at Melia Costa del Sol Hotel.
- Local Taxes
- Current Air Taxes and fuel charges.
- Passport Cases and Luggage Tags.



# BARCELONA EXTENSION: March 19 – 23, 2018

## INCLUDING:

- Second class rail from Malaga to Barcelona.
- Bus transfer from Barcelona Train station and return to Barcelona Airport.
- 4 night's accommodations at the 4 star Avenida Palace Hotel.
- Breakfast daily.
- 1/2 day city tour of Barcelona.
- Local taxes.
- Luggage van to transport 1 large suitcase per person from Hotel Melia Costa Del Sol to Avenida Palace.



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