

Lafayette Ski Club

The First Run

Lafayette Ski Club Plans Kick-Off Trip Sign Up Party

Well, it is official! The Lafayette Ski Club has made reservations and the Club is ready to start sign-ups for this coming ski season. The Board has looked over many proposals and used the results from our trip survey to carefully choose locations that would appeal to the widest portion of our members. Now it is time to get down to the business of signing up for the trips. We are planning to have another sign-up trip party similar to the one we had last season.

The trip sign-up party will be Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at our regular meeting place, Christo's New City Grill on Teal Road near U.S. 52 on the south side of Lafayette. The Kick-Off Party will start at 7:00 PM. The Club will provide appetizers for the evening. We encourage you to come in and enjoy the event.

This Kick-Off will be your first chance to sign up for the 2005 Ski Trips. We will have door prizes for those who sign up for the ski trips and there will also be **DISCOUNTS** on the trips available for those who sign up at the Kick-Off. Sign up early because spots can fill quickly.

So, now you know all about the Kick-Off Extravaganza but do you know where the club is going? If you have not already heard, we are heading off to two of the greatest ski areas in the world, all in one season. The first trip of the season will be in January and we are going to Aspen/Snowmass. (More specific information later in the newsletter on both trips.) The trip is scheduled for Thursday, January 13 and will return on Tuesday, January 18. The second

trip will be to Park City, Utah. This trip will coincide with the Purdue Spring Break and will depart Sunday, March 13. The group will return Thursday, March 17.

Don't miss this opportunity to be among the first to sign up for the 2005 Lafayette Ski Club Ski Trips. Sign up early and enjoy discounts on the trips as well. Come to the Kick-Off for the door prizes, the food, the friends, and the fun.

Kick-Off Extravaganza

Come to the LSC Trip Sign-Up Party
Wednesday, August 18, 2004
7:00 PM

Christo's New City Grill
3291 Teal Road
Lafayette, Indiana

Sign Up For The Trips
Sign Up Early, Trips Fill Up Fast

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Don't forget, Monthly Meetings are the First Wednesday of the month, September through May. Bring a friend!

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Aspen/Snowmass—Skiing Nirvana Is Just Around The Corner

Aspen has long been one of the greatest ski areas in the world. It is truly a Winter Wonderland that has "best of everything" - skiing, shopping, nightlife, dining, and outdoor activities for all ages - be they singles, couples, groups or families. You would be hard pressed to find any one destination which offers all that **Aspen** does. Tucked away in the picturesque Roaring Fork valley, the cozy town of **Aspen** holds an abundance of unusual shops, gourmet restaurants, galleries, coffee houses, all sorts of bars/pubs, nightlife, and variety of skiing terrain.

Aspen is one of the best-known ski resorts in the world. With over 4,500 acres of terrain spread over four mountains, it offers an expansive variety of skiing for all levels throughout a reliably great season of snow. And with consistently top-rated nightlife, both the exciting downtown of **Aspen** and the quieter resort area of **Snowmass** provide something for everyone after a long day out on the slopes.

Aspen is a real town, buzzing with life from over one hundred restaurants, bars, and nightclubs servicing the area. Charm and elegance exude from the Victorian architecture and cobblestone streets, where shoppers and leisurely strollers will find dozens of boutique stores and galleries to explore. Those interested in history will appreciate the many buildings in the area, such as the Ute Bank, which date back to **Aspen's** silver era in the 1800s. There is always plenty to see and do in **Aspen**—rarely will you find a dull moment here.

Aspen's four mountains are unique, each offering a terrain that is specific for certain levels of skiers. Aspen Mountain—also known as Ajax—is geared toward advanced skiers, with over 3,200 vertical feet on 700 skiable acres. Aspen Highlands is situated to the right of Ajax, and although it offers a respectable amount of beginner and intermediate terrain, it is also where the Olympic Medalists choose to hang out. Buttermilk is known for being a smaller, beginner-oriented mountain, but also happens to be home of the world's longest terrain park and of the 2005 ESPN Winter X Games VIII (January 24 - 27, 2005). Snowmass is easily the largest of the four, and has the greatest variety for all levels with more than 3000 acres of ski terrain.

Not to mention, it has some SPECTACULAR views. Only a short 13 mile drive or free shuttle bus ride away, the Snowmass complex with its own shopping mall, miles of ski runs, and restaurants will provide fun for all.

So what makes **Aspen** different from all the others? It's cozy, relaxed, and laid-back, yet rustically elegant. It has the ambiance of an old mining town, which it is, and sits at the base of giant Aspen Mountain in a gorgeous setting. For those who love the great outdoors, lots of other activities are available besides gliding downhill. Ice skating can be done on the rink next to Rubey park. Sleigh rides can be taken to the gourmet Pine Creek Cookhouse. The Krabloonik Kennel combines a dog sled ride with a delicious four course lunch. How about a hot-air balloon drift or a very adventurous paragliding lesson! Aspen also has miles and miles of cross-country ski and snowmobile trails. **Aspen** also has many dining choices for the budget conscious. Notably, the historic Red Onion, the oldest public house in town.

So now you know all about **Aspen/Snowmass**! Now let's get to the details about this fabulous trip that the LSC has planned. The Club has contracted with Winter Ski & Sport to bring you a five night, four day lift ticket vacation. The group will depart from Indy on Tuesday, January 13, 2005 at 9:25 AM and will arrive in Aspen at 12:15 PM after an 80 minute stop in Denver. The group will then be transported four miles to the town of **Aspen** and The Gant Condominiums. Lodging will be 2 bedroom/2 bathroom units located just three city blocks from the heart of **Aspen** and the Gondola. A nearby shuttle can whisk you away to Highlands, Buttermilk, and Snowmass for free. The Gant features 3 hot tubs, 2 heated pools, a sauna, exercise room, and ski storage. High Mountain Taxi will transport our group from the Aspen/Sardy Field to our accommodations.

We will also have a Wine and Cheese Reception during our stay and we are working on getting a representative from the Aspen Ski Company to come and speak to our group about everything **Aspen** has to offer. We are also trying to get the Concierge from The Gant to speak with us as well.

The five night **Aspen** trip will feature a four day lift ticket which will allow you to spend time at each of the four mountains or use your entire time at your favorite spot. The group will also

have an optional Pizza Party during our stay. As well, The Gant Concierge will be available to advise and assist you with other dining plans, outdoor excursions, shopping, spa visits, and overall suggestions about everything that **Aspen** has to offer. Let the Concierge make a reservation for a special evening you won't soon forget.

The **Aspen** trip is scheduled for 24 spots and we anticipate that this trip will fill up quickly. The five night excursion will allow you a chance to ski some of the most storied mountains in the world. The night life will allow you to find something to your liking. Dining in **Aspen** is unmatched compared to any other ski resort in North America and shopping in Aspen is second to none. Don't procrastinate, sign up for this trip this month.

The group will leave **Aspen** on Tuesday, January 18 the same way we came in. We'll take the shuttle back to Aspen Airport and depart at 10:40 AM for a 60 minute lay over in Denver before heading back to Indianapolis and a 4:45 PM arrival. This should leave most everyone plenty of time to get home and still able to return to work the next day and save a vacation day.

Don't wait, sign up at the Kick-Off Party on August 18, 2004. The price of the trip will be \$940.00. The trip is a bargain compared to what other Midwest clubs sold similar trips for last year. Don't miss this opportunity to visit this legendary ski town. Take advantage of early sign-up discounts. Find a friend and have them join you in this winter wonderland. Brian and Jenifer Olehy will be heading this trip. Call or email them for more information or any questions you might have. You can reach us at olehy@sugardog.com or (219) 474-9047

Aspen 2005 Trip Payment Schedule

Dates listed are Payment Due Dates

Initial Deposit—\$250 (August Payment)

September 7th—\$230

October 12th—\$230

November 9th—\$230

Standard Trip Policies will be in effect. Cancellation Date is November 10th.

Sign up by August 31st and save \$20.00

Lafayette Ski Club Website Sees Many Upgrades—(www.lafayetteskiclub.org)

If you haven't visited the Lafayette Ski Club website you need to do yourself a favor and check it out. Member Dave Dull has been upgrading the website for the last few months and he has been putting more and more useful information on the site.

In the future, we hope to use the website to communicate in a more timely fashion. Dave has been putting the most recent newsletter on the LSC site. In fact there is a good chance this newsletter will be on the site before you receive it in the mail.

In the coming months, we will use the web-

site to communicate information about our upcoming trips. Check frequently if you are signed up for a trip to get the latest information and for a reminder on the payment schedule.

Dave has also added a Calendar Section to the LSC site. This will allow us to keep everyone up to date on trips, activities, social events, and meetings. If you have something to add to the Calendar Section, please get the information to Dave Dull in a timely fashion.

The site also has a section for photographs from our membership. We can put pics

from our trips or other fun outings. This will let everyone see just how much fun it is to join the Lafayette Ski Club.

In the near future, Steve Kelley will be adding a Question & Answer Section to the site. In this section we will have questions that new members and new skiers might have. We will answer as many questions as possible to make them feel more comfortable when they first come to a meeting or first hit the slopes. Make it your homepage.

Special thanks to Dave Dull for all he has done with the site.

Gear-head Never Hits Slopes Without (every bit of) It!

Hello. My name is Jason. And I'm a gearaholic. It started out so innocently. Warm clothes. A pair of skis - any skis. Old boots. Then the downward spiral began.

It couldn't be just any parka. I needed a \$350 springtime jacket and a \$495 wintertime jacket. Soft-shell. Hard-shell. Spring gloves. Winter gloves. Helmet. Hydration pack. Wicking underwear. Before I even look down to see my skis, I'm \$1,500 into the game. Then came condition-specific skis: Carver skis. Powder skis. Bump skis. Telemark skis. Boom, another \$2,500.

Telemark boots. Knee pads. Sunny-day goggles. Flat-light goggles. All this gear allowed me to stretch time at my physical limits, and I became a better skier. Then I started hunting powder in the 99.9 percent of the Colorado mountains not enclosed in ski-area boundary ropes. I fell deeper into the consumer abyss. It got uglier.

Walkie-talkies. Digital camera. Cell phone. iPod. Power goo. Twenty dollar socks. Boot dryers. Boot heaters. Custom boot liners. Padded shorts. Special waxes. Ski tuning kit. Zinc oxide. A car top box to carry it all. Soon I was toting three bags of gear - with shock-absorbing wheels, of course - every time I hit the hills. I had to upsize my rig just to ferry my junk show. Where will it end? Every day there's a new piece of gear I'm told I absolutely must have. Buy it. Buy it now! And I do.

Gone are the days of tossing a little duffel in the car and heading to the mountains. Today, I've got a 100-point checklist similar to those used by Boeing pilots before takeoff. Bag 1? Check. Bag 2? Check. Wallet with credit card to replace things I forgot? Check.

I bury myself in gadgetry. I'm perpetually afflicted, says a buddy, with party pockets, bulging from every corner of my outfit. I need a

grocery cart just to unload for lunch. I'm the oil in the gears of the ski toy industry. The more I buy, the shorter the leash that connects me with the makers of my treasured trinkets.

But while laden, I'm comfortable. My feet have never loved me as much as they do now, ensconced in \$350 liners. I'm never cold. Or wet. I can ski all day in the worst conditions. I can go just about anywhere there's snow. Unless I forget something. Which I do. Often.

Sometimes, as I'm checking off my pre-departure manifest, I worry that I am polluting that simple schussing that first drew me to powdery peaks. I wonder if I've sullied the soul of skiing with a half-ton of stuff. Then I think, "Man, that snowboarding looks fun."

Excerpted from other articles.

LSC Looking For Some Members To Help In Leadership Positions

The Lafayette Ski Club has some leadership positions that need to be filled. Are you up to the challenge? Do you have skills and abilities that could help the club to grow and prosper? The Board is looking for members to step up and take the challenge to help develop and guide the future of the LSC.

We have several spots available in many different areas. For starters, we need people to work with the Finance Committee. They

will guide the financial future of the club. We could also use help in the Public Relations and Publicity department to let more people know about the LSC. The LSC is also in dire need of a Social Director to head up activities besides skiing. We have been lax in our social gatherings and the club could really use someone willing to plan and organize some activities for us to gather and mingle. The Racing Committee could also use some serious assistance from someone

who has an interest in racing and NASTAR. If speed is for you, get in touch with Steve or the Board and help get us racing again!

If you are able to donate a small amount of time and you're willing to do a little bit of organizing and planning for the good of the Lafayette Ski Club, then the LSC needs you. Get involved with the club and see where we can go. Contact Steve Kelley or a Board Member if you are interested.



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LSC Board Working To Update Constitution and By-Laws

The Lafayette Ski Club Board of Directors is working hard to update and modernize the current Constitution and By-Laws that are in effect. A great deal of time and effort has been put into updating policies that no longer apply or are detrimental to the operation of the club.

The changes that have been proposed are relatively small and will not effect the day to day operations of the Lafayette Ski Club.

One of the biggest changes that have been proposed is changing the name of the club. The By-Laws Committee has proposed changing the name from Lafayette

Ski Club to the Lafayette Ski and Snowboard Club. The change seems necessary as more and more winter sports enthusiasts take to the single plank platform to ascend down a slope. This change will allow the club to identify with a younger crowd who will be the future of Lafayette Ski Club.

Trip policies and cancellations are also being updated from the current rules. One change is adding a \$15 processing fee for anyone who signs up for a trip and then cancels out their spot for any reason.

The changes will also help to clarify some of the current rules and

regulations of the club. The new Constitution and By-Laws will protect the club by making clear rules that will need to be followed to help the club continue with it's current state of affairs and grow in the coming years.

The current Constitution and By-Laws requires that we publicize to the membership that potential changes have been proposed. The new Constitution and By-Laws should be available for review at the August 18 Kick-Off Party. In order to go into effect, the new rules will need a 2/3 approval vote of those members present at the September meeting. See the LSC website for more information.



Could this logo become a piece of club history? Will a new logo be needed to go with a new name??

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE AT:
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Lafayette Ski Club Heading to Park City, Utah

The second major trip of the 2005 season will be to Utah. The club will be traveling to the Park City Area during Purdue Spring Break. Frank Arnold will be leading this trip for the Club. The trip will depart from Indianapolis on Sunday, March 13th at 8:50 AM and take a short hop to O'Hare. The group will then be off to Salt Lake City and arrive at 12:30 PM.

The group will then be transported by Lewis Brothers Stage bus to the town of Park City. Accommodations will be at the Suncreek Condos in Park City. The location is close to groceries, liquor stores, shopping, and dining. Suncreek will have two bedroom plus loft and three bathrooms as well as some two bedroom and two bathroom units.

A short shuttle ride will take you to the Park City lifts. The shuttle can also take you to Deer Valley and The Canyons. Snowboarders beware though, Deer Valley does not allow snowboarding. We can work out an exchange if anyone goes and snowboards.

The four night trip will allow everyone to have three days of lift service on the mountains around Park City. The contract with Winter Ski & Sport provides us with one day at Park City, one day at Deer Valley and one day at The Canyons.

This fabulous trip will return you home on Thursday, March 17. The group will be transported back to Salt Lake City again in a large bus. The group will fly back to O'Hare from

Salt Lake at 1:00 PM and arrive at 4:47 PM. After a one hour lay over, the group will leave Chicago at 5:50 PM and return to Indy at 7:50 PM. Although this trip flies through Chicago, it is still cheaper for us to fly from Indy and no adjustments can be made because it will significantly increase the price of an individuals trip who wishes to cut one leg off of the journey.

This trip will provide LSC with a long over due opportunity to ski in the Wasatch Mountains. The trip is limited to 26 spots so don't wait to sign up and get an opportunity to ski where the world's best skied just two short years ago in the Olympics.

If this didn't get your heart rate up, let me tell you a little more about the Park City area. The reasons to ski Park City are as plentiful as the snow that blankets its ski resort- most notably, the fact that it is home to the Greatest Snow on Earth®. With a fun and plentiful après ski scene and phenomenal skiing, an amazing vacation awaits you at this charming, easy-to-reach ski resort.

Located 33 miles from Salt Lake City, Park City offers a varied terrain to suit skiers of all abilities. Eight deep powder bowls, three terrain parks, and innumerable steep chutes, gentle cruisers and mogul runs grace its 3,300 skiable acres- providing more than enough variety to keep your whole group entertained. And, in the rare case that Mother Nature slacks in producing the area's infamously

perfect powder, the resort has a state-of-the-art snowmaking system that guarantees a fabulous skiing experience.

Don't miss this opportunity to ski in Utah! Sign up at your first opportunity at the Kick-Off Spectacular. Be sure to take advantage of the early sign-up discounts. Get your family, friends, and neighbors to come along with you. Wax your skis, put on your boots, strap on your board, and find your winter parka! Join the Lafayette Ski Club on a great trip to Park City! This trip is budget priced at only \$790.00. Contact Frank Arnold at frank@ghbraille.com.

Park City 2005 Payment Schedule

Dates listed are Payment Due Dates

Initial Deposit—\$ 200

September 7th—\$150

October 12th—\$150

November 9th—\$150

December 11th—\$140

**Standard Trip Policies will be in effect.
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