

The Avalanche

Since 1954

Oklahoma City Ski Club

www.okcskiclub.org

December 2009

Hey, We are close!

What? Just two weeks before our 1st trip of the year? Well, this is good. Either you are going on this trip or waiting to get a report on the 1st feel of the snow. My, how does it go from Fall to Winter so quick? Mother Nature does what she does cause that is what she does! So, we will follow suit, so they say. Strap on the skis or snowboard and do what Mother Nature calls for.

Fall has been fun, racking leaves, still raking leaves, and bringing in plants for the winter. Got that done? Accept Winter, she is around the corner and ready to give us SNOW in the mountains. I love Oklahoma, where else can you bask in the sun one day and reach for the blankies the next day. Also here in our Okie state we can watch the weather channel and see the snow reports, snow in the mountains. Isn't it fun when we watch the local channel and the weather at 10:20 pm and see where the snow is falling in the mountains? At the end of each ski season I put away my ski gear, hoping I can find it all next season. Start pulling it out, getting it ready. Here we come!!!

If you have not joined the club yet this season, do! Our monthly membership meetings are fun and the folks are funner! *This next meeting on December 3rd, will be at the Fox and Hound on Memorial.* This will be a gift exchange, Dirty Santa. Bring your gifts, under \$10.00 and wrapped. Come on to the meeting and let's talk skiing and what ever else comes to mind. We will have info about the trips this season and also draw for the winner of a free ski trip. Hope to see you in December. Think SNOW!!!!!!!!!!!!

*Dolores Hopeman
President 2009/2010*



Skiers Night Out

December 9th
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Iron Starr Urban BBQ
3700 N Shartel Ave

Host: Patty Cason,
206-1781 or
pscason1@cox.net

Iron Starr Urban Barbeque offers moderate portions of meat served along some creative side dishes on nice plates in an upscale atmosphere. Come join us for an evening of drinks and or dinner....it's delicious!

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P. O. Box 54912
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*New meeting location for
December....Fox & Hound!*

Don't forget...

• Sign up a new members (someone who has not been a member for the past two year) and get \$25.00 off the ski trip of your choice.

• Dirty Santa, December 3rd at 6:30, Fox and Hound. 3031 West Memorial Rd. This will be December's General Meeting! Bring a small (under \$10) wrapped gift to participate.

• Check out our new web site: www.okcskiclub.org. We think you will like it!

• Join us on facebook! or Join us on meetup.com, a great way to connect with us.

Condolences

Patricia Nan Seabrook, 77, died peacefully at home Saturday morning, November 14, 2009, surrounded by her family. She is the wife of member Dick Seabrook and the grandmother of Erik Gumerson.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dick and Erik.

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Deadline: 10th of each month.
E-mail: info@okcskiclub.org

Yearly Membership dues: \$35 for Singles,
\$45 for Families and \$45 for Wildcard
Mailing of Avalanche, additional \$10 per year.

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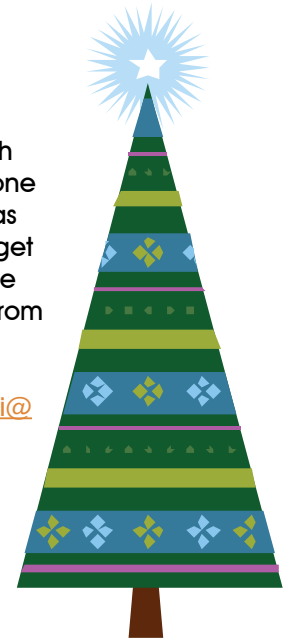
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Gift Ideas, 101

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will have passed and Christmas is just around the corner. Do you need some gift ideas? How about, a family trip to Crested Butte over spring break. That's March 17th – March 22. The skiing should be fabulous and it is one of the least crowded during that time. The club has lodging slope side so you do not have to shuttle to get to your lodging. The town is laid back and one of the best all around to visit and dine. A free shuttle runs from Crested Butte to town every half hour. I would love to have you on this trip. Please E-mail or call me for information. Think snow. Bette Wood E-mail woodcrei@yahoo.com. (405)288-6700.



Ski Keystone Pure. Simple. Pleasure.

With more than 3,000 vertical feet and 3,000 acres of bumps and bowls, glades and steeps, groomers and rollers to be experienced, there's something special for every skier and rider. Ever skied at sunset? Keystone is the only place in Summit County where you can watch the sunset while you cruise down some groomers. You can ski and ride until 9 p.m. on sunset ski evenings giving you the longest ski day in Colorado.

After a fun filled day of skiing, you can head for the tubing hill, the ice-skating rink or apres-skiing in one of two fun-filled villages. This is a must trip to go on for maximum fun and great skiing so contact Trip Captain Dave Dyer at 405-392-3163 or davedsp90@yahoo.com to sign up for the trip.

Pay those dues... On Line!

Finally, you can now pay your dues on line at www.okcskiclub.org! On the front page, scroll down to the bottom of the page and fill out the form, hit the submit button and follow the directions! It's easy and convenient.

Or if you must, you can fill out the membership application found in the this Avalanche, and send it in via US Snail Mail. Either way, you'll be glad you did! (And so will we!)

OKC Ski Club Trip Give Away 09-10

👉 Drawing December 3rd
at the OKC Ski Club meeting.

👉 Good for any bus trip
(lodging and transportation
only) during the 09-10 season.

👉 Can be transferred.

👉 Tickets are 5 for \$5.00.

Get your tickets from any Ski Club
officer and trip captains.

Meeting line up for the 2009-2010 ski season

Change is Good... you've seen it for several months and now the cats out of the bag! With our new ski season, we have new meeting locations. Take a look at the run down:

December 3rd, Fox & Hound, 3031 W. Memorial Rd...Dirty Santa

January 7th, Pearl's Crabtown, 303 E Sheridan Ave...Count down to FSA.

February 4th, Fox & Hound, 3031 W. Memorial Rd...Sweet for the Sweet contest.

March 4th, On the Border, 120 S Meridian Ave...The Mystery is over.

April 1st, Fox & Hound, 3031 W. Memorial Rd...Pool Tournament.

CHANGE is
GOOD
it's HERE!!!!



Welcome Members

The following people have paid their dues since the publication of our last Avalanche. A huge thank you for being so supportive and renewing your membership.

Chase Ellis
Ross Budd
Jesslynn Stull

A special welcome to the new members this month. We certainly hope you'll feel right at home and get to go on as many trips as you can!

Bill & Carissa Barnes
Terry Beck
Bryan & Laura Chouinard
Suanne Goodrich & Markham Thomas
Jeffery & Amber Jilek
Don Miller
Bill Siler
Martin & Lillian Thee

Wow! Great Chili's to taste.



Novembers meeting was our annual chili cook off and with a full house of over 50 people in attendance it made for a great evening of tasting and tasting. Eleven contestants showed up with their secret recipe chili and hoping to win one of the top three places. It was so hard to judge it took many return trips to dip up more of each one to get that taste that was the best. In the end it was *Stefanie Fields* that won 1st place and \$100 toward the trip of her choice. 2nd place went to *Crystal Caruthers* and 3rd place when to new member, *Jesslynn Stull*. Many thanks to all for voting and to all of the contestants bring their chili.

Dave Dyer,
VP of Operations.

15% Discount for all OKC Ski Club Members!

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HALLOWEEN party pics!

Vampires, goblins and good old fashion fun were to be found at the annual Halloween party. Check out this years party pics on the website in the gallery section. This year it was at the Harn Homestead barn which gave everyone lots of room to dance, party and show their favorite costume. There was over 100 people who showed up to enjoy the music by DJ Special K. His selection of music was liked by all and kept people dancing till the barn was closed.

The costume contest was a hit as there were so many entries it took awhile to get to the finals. The winner for the best mens costume was Randy Fields, "Master". The women's winner was Gayle Sturdivant, "Ring Master" and the couples winner was Danny and Melinda Parsons, "80's Rock and Pop." The Group winner was Tim, Jamie and Camille who were the "Black Eyed Peas and Fergie." Each of our winners were provided fablous prizes by Flipd. A goodlie bag was filled with items from the great store as well as coupons for services. Don't forget to check them out and tell them your from the OKC Ski Club (see ad on page 3). Everyone went home happy afterwards dreaming up what costume they would come up with for next year.

Special thanks to Stefanie Fields and Kelli Kinnamon who worked especially hard on the party!

Photos were provided by Jerry Day, then sized by our usual, but absent photographer, Bob Douglas. Tang Nuegen also provided many shots as well. All of them can be found on the website.



Take your pick! Can't go wrong with any of them!!

Trip #1

Top Ten Reasons to sign up for Crested Butte in December:

10. Free ski!! No lift ticket charges
9. Slopeside lodging
8. It's Kelli's birthday and I'm sure there will be a party
7. One of the best mountain towns in Colorado
6. Free ski
5. The trip is filling up fast (we're at 29)
4. Awesome trip captain
3. Early Christmas present to yourself
2. You don't have to drive
1. Did I mention free ski??

Filled!



Seriously, this is going to be an awesome trip. Crested Butte is a great town, a great mountain and even if the snow is less than perfect, there's plenty to do! We have mountain lodging within 100 yds of the West Wall Lift at the newly refurbished Wood Creek Condominiums and a shuttle stop straight into town where you'll find a grocery store, shops and plenty to eat!

Stefanie Fields, 627-3940

Trip #2

WOLF CREEK

Get in 3 days of early January skiing, with the Club providing transportation between the slopes and the hotel. If you're going on the FSA race trip at Winter Park, Wolf Creek is a great place to shake the dust off and get your race legs back.

After a great day on the slopes, soak away your aches and pains in the soothing hot springs waters of the Spa at Pagosa Springs, just across the street from our hotel. Hot tubs come in every temperature at the Spa. If you have never been to this Spa, it is well worth the experience. Just be sure and bring your flipflops, it makes hopping from tub to tub easier.



We'll stay in the Pagosa Springs Best Western, where two to a room will stay with two queen beds. Families will receive a discount with more than two to a room.

Complimentary continental breakfast is included in price of the lodging, and we'll have a wine and cheese tasting party on Saturday night.

Wolf Creek has a great variety of terrain for all skill levels, as well as some of the best tree skiing around. It's a great family mountain, plus it's perfect for both boarders and skiers. Always Great Snow! Call me, Chris Rose, 405-641-0119 or rose.chris@gmail.com. It only takes a \$50.00 deposit to reserve your spot!

Trip #3

Ski Winter Park!

We haven't been in years...and it's the Flatlands Ski Association trip. What a perfect combination! Come help our club finally BEAT TULSA! We can do it, but we need your help! The FSA trip includes



TWO free parties including food and BEER. There are plenty of planned activities to be enjoyed as well with other clubs.

Call or e-mail Kelli Kinnamon for more info. kdkinnamon@hotmail.com or 202-1708.

Trip #4

George Washington Would Have Loved Taos!

Fabulous skiing over President's Weekend, George would have been spitting splinters! Three full days of some of the best skiing in all of the Rockies without missing work. That Monday is the President's Day Holiday. The drive to Taos is the shortest so that makes for the longest ski days. The food on the mountain is the best! Don't miss Taos, Corn Woman is looking for you!



Randy Carter, 321-8859.

Take your pick! Can't go wrong with any of them!!

Trip #5

Keystone-It's all Here

Gather family, friends or go it alone to ski a premier ski resort at the peak of the ski season.

Keystone has it all and you don't have to stop when the sun goes down. Night skiing abounds with many runs lit for fun well into the night. Go back to the condo for a quick change and head for the nightlife which abounds. The trip begins February 24th and returning March 1. Cost is \$380 until Jan 10th or \$405 thereafter. Lift tickets for adults are \$180 for a 3 day and \$218 for a 4 day. Call me, Dave Dyer, Trip Captain, 392-3163



on request car service, bowling alley, movie theater, 2 hockey rinks, and live music nightly at Sun alley Lodge (50 yards). Also includes Sun Valley Resorts theme week access: NASTAR RACE and race awards party including beer, for FREE. Welcome Reception access- held Sunday 5:30 – 7 pm.

Package includes: Round trip airlines, Round trip charter Bus to get us from the airport to resort and back, 6 nights lodging – 2 and 3 bedroom apartments. 5 days skiing, all current taxes and surcharges.

Inclusive with air only \$1500.00, After Jan 1,2010 price jumps to \$1525.00.

Stan Solo, 405-751-3903 (Home) or 405-590-0565 (Cell). Or e-mail me at Stanleysherlock@sbcglobal.net

Trip #7

Are you dreaming of the perfect ski trip?

Make your dream's come true. Spend spring break in Crested Butte skiing or boarding Paradise!!! It's big, open and doesn't get as crowded as most of the resort during spring break. This trip is for skiers, snowboarders, or anyone that



wants to get away and spend some time in the mountains. School's are on break, so it's a great time to take the family on a ski trip.

Everyone's favorite historic ski town offers everything you could want after a day on the slopes, via a free shuttle into town as well as to the base of the mountain. The shuttle even stops at the grocery store!

Lodging is at the Woodcreek Condo's. They are located slope

side, just 100 yards from the west wall lift. You can walk to the slopes.

Crested Butte offers some great terrain for every level of skier and snowboarder, plus has an excellent ski/board school.

The trip leaves on March 17th and returns on March 22. Please call or E-mail Bette Wood (288-6700)/woodcrei@yahoo.com, to find out more about this trip. Would love to have you on the trip.

Trip #8

Mystery Trip

April 4th 2010! (I Think)
The greatest Mystery Trip you will ever go on. (For Sure)
Vail, Beaver Creek (Maybe)
Aspen, Snowmass (Could be)
Telluride (Possible)
Mountains (For Sure)



Well, that's about all I know! Not a lot!

I am the Captain, Dolores Hopeman (For Sure)

Secret, don't tell anyone. We are waiting for the best deal to come our way. These are all wonderful places to Ski and Snowboard. Spring skiing is fun. We never know, can be cold and tons of snow or warm and tons of snow or cold or warm and where's the snow? You know what? We still can have a great time. Friends and family just out enjoying the mountains and each other. This trip will happen! I need you to let me know if you have interest. A maybe or don't know is better than nothing! Be seeing you at the meetings and SNO's. Thank you! Call me if you prefer at 324-5325.

Dolores Hopeman, Trip Captain, Mystery Trip

Trip #6

SUN VALLEY- Voted # 1 Resort in the U.S.A.

OKC ski club first time there!
Trip Dates: March 7 / March 12, 2010

Leave OKC March 7 via United Airlines to Boise. Round trip Bus to Sun Valley and back to airport and then back to OKC on March 13, 2010

Accommodations are in the Deluxe Lodge Apartments, renovated and nice with great access to Sun Valley Lodge and



Resort Village. Includes free ski storage, 2 outdoor heated swimming pools with cocktail service, free shuttle service and

OKC SKI CLUB TRIP APPLICATION

Trip #: _____ To: _____ Departure Date: _____
Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone H: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
W: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____
Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Other family members on this trip:

1. _____ Age: _____ Relation: _____ 2. _____ Age: _____ Relation: _____
3. _____ Age: _____ Relation: _____ 4. _____ Age: _____ Relation: _____

I prefer to room with: _____

I am under 18 and my guardian on this trip is: _____

In case of an emergency notify: _____

Phone H: _____ W: _____ Cell: _____

Rental information: I want to rent skis or a snowboard (Check one if applicable)

Ski and Snowboard: Height: _____ Weight: _____ Shoe Size: _____

Snowboard only: Goofy (R foot forward) or Regular (L foot forward) Step in or Strap

Lesson information: I want to take lessons? _____ Beginner Intermediate or Other

I would classify myself as a Beginner Intermediate or Expert Skier. Check one.



I have read and understand the OKC Ski Club Trip Policies and agree to pay the OKC Ski Club any cancellation fee as outlined in the trip policy.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Notes:

Office Use only:

Amount paid: _____ Date: _____ Cash: _____ Check: _____

Credit Card: Visa or MC Name on card: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp Date: _____

Membership current? Yes No Wilcard Guest of: _____

Oklahoma City Ski Club Trip Policies

Approved by the Executive Committee May 2009

1. Club membership in Oklahoma City Ski Club is required for trip sign-up and participation. Membership dues are non-refundable and are not prorated.
2. Deposits and Reservations:
 - A. Bus Trips—Reservations for bus trips are made by sending a check for \$50.00 per person deposit along with a completed and signed Trip Application Card to the Trip Captain.
 - B. Air Trips—Reservations for Fly-in trips (airfare not included in price listed) are made by sending a check for \$50.00 per person deposit along with completed and signed Trip Application Card to the Trip Captain. Reservations for Fly-In trips (airfare included in cost) are made by sending a check for \$200.00 per person deposit along with completed Trip Application Card to the Trip Captain. Full Advance Ticket Purchase Plan is advisable to lock in prices. Club policy for cancellation will be the same for air trips as for bus trips as well as any and all cancellation fees charged by the airlines, which shall be the members' responsibility.
 - C. All checks made out to Oklahoma City Ski Club.
 - D. Cash, check, and Master Card/Visa will be accepted for trip payment and deposits.
3. Full payment for bus trips must be made 45 days prior to departure; full payment for air trips is 70 days prior to departure.
4. Reservations and bunk assignments are based on order of sign-up, paid in full have first priority.
5. All buses will be Non-Smoking.
6. CANCELLATIONS (Refunds for cancellation due to medical reasons will be considered by the Executive Committee, provided the request is submitted in writing within 10 days of trip departure. If remaining balance is received less than 30 days prior to departure your reservation is subject to forfeiture. Approved refunds will be made AFTER the trip returns.):
 - A. Bus Trip cancellation fee
 1. \$25.00 from sign-up to 45 days out.
 2. \$50.00 from 44 days to 30 days out.
 3. \$100.00 from 29 days to departure.
 - B. Fly Trip cancellation fee
 1. \$100.00 from sign-up to 45 days out
 2. \$150.00 from 44 days to 30 days out.
 3. \$250.00 from 29 days to departure.
7. If the Club finds it necessary to cancel a trip due to poor snow conditions or other conditions, there will be a minimal cancellation fee, based upon actual cost to the Club and prorated among passengers.
8. Waiting lists will be kept by Trip Captain for all full trips and will be on a first come, first served basis. A deposit check and completed Trip Application card will be held by the Trip Captain until member is notified and can be moved to the "Go" list. Thereafter all Club cancellation policies prevail.
9. No one-way or half fare passengers will be accepted. Full deposit is required for all.
10. No special arrangements or price concessions will be made for drive-ins until bus trip is full, unless approved by the executive committee.
11. Deposits can only be transferred from one trip to another if the Club cancels the trip or the Executive Committee approves the transfer. There is no transfer fee if the Club cancels the trip. If a deposit transfer is approved by the Executive Committee, there will be a transfer fee equal to ½ of the cancellation fee, as determined by the length of time until the trip.
 - A. Bus Trip transfer fee
 1. \$12.50 from sign-up to 45 days out.
 2. \$25.00 from 44 days to 30 days out.
 3. \$50.00 from 29 days out to departure.
 - B. Fly Trip transfer fee
 1. \$50.00 from sign-up to 45 days out.
 2. \$75.00 from 44 days to 30 days out.
 3. \$125.00 from 29 days out to departure.
12. No children under 3 accepted on trips. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a member parent or guardian. Children under 18 will be accepted on trips at Trip Captain's discretion.
13. Any check or credit card on which payment is stopped to avoid loss due to trip cancellation by a member will automatically result in loss of Club membership. Reinstatement will be only after the Club is reimbursed for monetary loss and by approval of Executive Committee.
14. There will be a \$15.00 charge for insufficient fund checks.
15. Those individuals causing property damage, at any Club function, or at the lodges, condos, or on buses, etc. shall bear full legal and financial responsibility for damages. If individual responsibility cannot be ascertained, cost of damages will be pro-rated among participants and/or trip passengers.
16. Group rates for lodging, lift tickets, ski school and rental equipment will be obtained when available and possible.
17. The Club, its directors, officers and trip captains, are not responsible and shall not be held liable for bodily injury, death, property damage, loss of personal property, delays or inconveniences sustained by any member or participant in any activity or on any trip arranged for in whole or in part by the Club. It is a condition of membership in the Club that any individual shall be deemed to have accepted as consideration this limitation of liability by joining the Club and/or attending such an activity.
18. Occasional delays in planned schedules due to weather or mechanical failure are inevitable and trip participants should plan their trips to allow for this possibility.
19. Any time the bus stops en route, passengers leaving the bus do so at their own risk.
20. The Club provides soft drinks, ice, water and cups on all buses as well as box suppers on designated trips home.
21. CODE OF ETHICS: Club members will conduct themselves in a mature manner at all times. Offensive conduct is NOT acceptable. It is considered a discredit to the Club and will not be tolerated. Possession or illegal usage of narcotics or all other controlled or illicit substances (possession by legally written prescription is excluded) are expressly forbidden on any Club trip or at any Club sponsored function. Trip Captains and/or Officers, who deem the offending participant to jeopardize the well being and safety of others, may remove the individual from further participation in activity or trip, such as, but not limited to, removal from the premises or from the bus. If offender does not comply with request, proper law enforcement officers will be called. Offending individual(s) will forfeit all monies paid and permanent loss of Club membership.
22. Trip Captain is final authority on and during trips.

Oklahoma City Ski Club Winter Trip Schedule 2009-2010

<i>Destination Dates Price</i>	<i>Ski Days</i>	<i>Lodging</i>	<i>Trip Captain Email</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Crested Butte 12/9-12/14 \$ 380.00 until October 25th or \$405.00 thereafter. * price includes lift tickets.	4	Woodcreek Condos	Stefanie Fields stefsbox@att.net	627-3940
Wolf Creek 1/15-1/19 \$ 347.00 until December 1st or \$372.00 thereafter. * 2 day Adult ticket is an additional \$90.00, 3 day \$133.00.	3	Best Western in Pagosa	Chris Rose rose.chris@gmail.com	641-0119
*Winter Park 1/27-2/1 \$ 507.00 until December 13th or \$532.00 thereafter. * 3 day Adult ticket is an additional \$150.00, 4 day \$192.00.	4	Vintage Hotel & Condos	Kelli Kinnamon kdkinnamon@hotmail.com	202-1708
Taos 2/12-2/16 \$316.00 until December 29th or \$341.00 thereafter. * 2 day Adult ticket is an additional \$110.00, 3 day \$165.00.	3	Kachina Lodge	Randy Carter ralcart@aol.com	321-8859
Keystone 2/24-3/1 \$380.00 until January 10th or \$405.00 thereafter. * 3 day Adult ticket is an additional \$180.00, 4 day \$218.00.	4	Forest Condos	David Dyer davedsp90@yahoo.com	392-3163
Sun Valley, Idaho 3/7-3/13 \$1500.00 until January 1st or \$1525.00 thereafter. * 6 nights lodging, 5 day lift ticket, airfare, and transfers included.	5	Deluxe Sun Valley Lodge Apts	Stan Solo stanleysherlock@sbcglobal.net	590-0565
Crested Butte 3/17-3/22 \$452.00 until January 31st or \$477.00 thereafter. * 3 day Adult ticket is an additional \$147.00, 4 day \$196.00.	4	Woodcreek Condos	Bette Wood woodcrei@yahoo.com	288-6700
TBD 4/7-4/12 We are holding off on announcing this trip. If interested, please let Dolores know!	4		Dolores Hopeman dollski@hotmail.com	324-5325

... Information ...

Membership in OKC Ski Club required.

All sleeper buses are non smoking.

All prices are subject to change.

Price includes: Round trip transportation, lodging, soft drinks, water, cups, ice and box supper for the trip home.

Child and Senior lift ticket prices available through trip captains.

*Winter Park: FSA Activity pass included in price for welcome party, races and awards dinner.



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