

Next Year's Trips

This ski season is finished, and we are working on trips for next year. Bids have come in and we are accepting deposits for most trips. Here's a preview:

Pittsburgh Ski Club: Pittsburgh has trips to Vail – Dec 5 -12, Banff - Jan. 23-30; Big Sky - Feb. 20-27, and Telluride – March 20-27. Check the Pittsburgh Ski Club web site at www.pittsburghskiclub.org for additional information.

ESC West Trip: Mark Signorino is organizing a trip to Big White and Silver Star in British Columbia. There will be ski in/ski out accommodations and two ski areas to explore. Check the www.erieskiclub.com web site for the latest news. The trip is scheduled for mid-March with a price tag of around \$1250.00 dbl. occ.

Meadville Ski Club West Trip: Walt Prest has finally been able to lock in Sun Peaks and Revelstoke, British Columbia for March 13th to 21st, areas that have eluded us for the past several years. Cost is \$1395.00 per person, but another excellent trip is promised. This trip is accepting deposits now. See the attached flyer.

WPSC European Trip: Mike Dziubkowski has completed work on a trip to Cortina, Italy for the same March 13 to 21 time frame. Cost of \$1695 per person includes breakfast and dinner, but not lift tickets. A two day side trip to Venice is a possibility at \$189.00 per person. This trip is accepting deposits now. See the attached flyer.

WPSC East Trip: Walt has finished assembling the annual WPSC bus trip to Mt. Snow starting to run from January 31st to February 5 (actually arriving home on the morning of Feb. 6th). Last year's cost was \$63.00 per person and we had **72** folks in two buses. Amazingly, cost this year is slightly lower at \$618.00 per person – not bad for five days of skiing (Monday at Okemo and Tuesday through Friday at Mt. Snow), 5 nights lodging, arrival party with adult beverages and great snacks, 4 dinners (including a lobster or steak dinner) and 5 breakfasts, après ski party on Thursday as well as a farewell party Thursday evening, transportation, and fun, fun, fun. This trip is selling right now. See attached flyer.

Shenango Valley Ski Club West Trip: Shenango Valley expects to join the Cleveland Metro council trip to Aspen, scheduled for Feb. 6-12 with a cost of about \$1159.00. Check their website at www.merlink.org for the latest information.

Comments: It's expected to be another tough year for ski areas. Airlines have reduced the number of flights and are continuing to charge for everything from baggage to snacks, making air travel as inconvenient as possible for the passengers.

Lots of folks out of work and 401k plans way down – although not doing as badly as they were.

If you can afford it, there's nothing like a week of skiing to wipe out the cobwebs and worries of the day. A week on the mountains can do wonders for attitudes and needs to be thought of as a reinvigoration of the spirit – something that might be necessary to keep your spirits high and allow you to face the daily problems on your return home.

Hope to see you on one of our trips!

Walt