

Tips & Tails 2025 **MARCH**

Year-round activities feature biking, kayaking, camping, monthly socials, volunteering, and more!

◆◆ 40++ YEARS ↑

● Skiers of All Abilities ↗

● Family Friendly →

[Membership App](#)

StarkCountySkiClub.org

Facebook.com/StarkCountySkiClub

Member of:
Cleveland Metro
Ski Council



“Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.” - Helen Keller

In Person Meetings are in Session!
March 18th Bogey's Pub and Grill
1211 39th St NE, Canton, OH 44714
Social 6p, Meeting 7p

SCSC Trip Sign-Up Policy

If you are not a current paid-up member at the time of your SCSC trip application filing; the trip application will be held for a minimum of 30 days before processing. The SCSC trip application processing will only begin after the SCSC membership application with payment is received and processed. Membership must remain current throughout the ski season or travel period.

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CSMC Update Links

CMSC Sitzmark: <https://skicleveland.com/publications/>

CMSC Meeting Minutes go to: <https://skicleveland.com/cmssc-meeting-minutes/>

CMSC Trips: [Ski Trips – scroll down to see list – Ski Cleveland Metro Ski Council](#)

SCSC/CVSSC Members Discount at The Ski Shack!

Hours of Operation: Mon-Tues, Fri-Sat
11a-5p

The Ski Shack
265 N. Freedom
Alliance, OH 44601
330-821-1220



10% off any merchandise/ any
time for SCSC/CVSSC members.

SHAPED SKI PACKAGES FROM \$350.00
(Skis and Bindings)

SNOWBOARD PACKAGES FROM \$350.00
(Board and Bindings)

SNOWBLADES (with Bindings) \$380.00

SKIS: Dynastar-Volki-Blizzard-Elan
BINDINGS: Marker-Look-Tyrolia

“Last month we talked about protecting your noggin, so this month we want to protect your peepers. There are now goggles that are light sensitive or photochromatic so they change with varying light conditions. There are also goggles that come with two lenses; one for sunny conditions and a light one for cloudy days. The frames and lenses are magnetic so they're easy to change , Joyce “

Membership Privacy Note:

As part of the SCSC membership, we do not share personal membership information with anyone without their permission. If any of our members have a personal event happen (illness, injury, etc.) and a family member, partner, or spouse wishes to inform the membership, you may contact any officer. The SCSC will only allow information held by the club to be released upon the written permission (digital format accepted) this includes but is not exclusive to email addresses, home address, phone number, etc. **Membership period June 1st— May 31st**

View from the Top– Jason S.

Hello March skiers and riders,

We have had a phenomenal season so far, and we do have one last trip—a self-drive to Camelback. A lot of folks are carpooling and joining forces to make the trek. Hopefully, Punxsutawney Phil's prognostication was correct and there is just enough winter left to cover the trip.

The season is quickly coming to a close, and soon spring will be upon us. In ski club world, that means elections. I have officially reached my term limit as President, so it's time for some new blood to step up! We have openings for President and Vice President. If you would like to throw your hat into the ring for either of these positions, or for Secretary or Treasurer, please feel free to nominate yourself.

Also, we need nominations for the Trip Committee. The only position on TC that does not need to be filled is TC Chair.

Lastly, for those whose season is at an end or soon will be, don't forget summer ski care:

- Apply summer wax, especially to the edges.
- Put dryer sheets in your boots to keep out pests.
- Pull the boot liners out for a few days to let them fully dry.

If you plan on washing your outerwear, use Nikwax wash to maintain water resistance. If I didn't get to ski with you this season, hopefully, I can catch a few runs with you next season!

-Jason S.

VP Report & Merchandise– Gail V.

Vice Pres.

Nominations for club positions are needed for March. The person nominated must be aware and willing to accept the position.

I am skiing with our group at Mammoth Mt, and what a great choice for a trip destination. We have had sunshine, spring skiing temps, and tons of beautiful photo options.

Merchandise

Merchandise - keep looking at those winter sales for items you might like embroidered.

-Gail V.

Treasurer & AVI Updates– Donna B.



Stay tuned for additional details—plans are still in the works! If you'd like to be on the AVI Volunteer List, please reach out.

dnbranci@gmail.com

-Donna B.



A word from the Trip Committee... Matt S.

Sadly, we are nearing the end of this ski season but, we still have several trips scheduled. Details for each may be found in the trip flyers included in this newsletter.

We had a small but enthusiastic group travel to Lake Placid in New York. Our accommodations at High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid were very nice. The staff was very accommodating. The rooms were well-appointed and comfortable. We were served a hot breakfast every morning in our own private dining room. A nice hot tub was our gathering place after a great day of skiing. A number of nice eating and drinking establishments were within easy walking distance. There was a shuttle stop right across the street from where we were minutes away from the slopes of White Face Mountain. Several members learned more about Olympic history at the Olympic Museum. Conditions were great. We had a little bit of everything: a warm day, a cold day, a bluebird day, and a powder day. About half of the group made a trek down to Gore Mountain. All in all, a great time was had by all who made the trip. Everything went off without a hitch under the guidance of our trip leader, Rich Ramsey.

As you read this article, 29 members of the club are shredding it at Mammoth Mountain in California. We are enjoying slopeside accommodations at Juniper Springs resort. We are starting the trip with a welcome reception and breakfast, where Mammoth hosts will give us an orientation and answer any questions we may have. Following the reception, we will be given a mountain tour so we can better get our bearings to navigate this massive resort. Each participant will receive a complimentary \$100 resort credit that may be used to purchase food, drinks, gear, rentals, lessons, or souvenirs. A side trip to June Mountain may be in the offing for some members of the group.

Our last scheduled trip of this ski season will be our weekend trip to Camelback, led by Mike Lockhart. We still have a few openings so, join the group for one last outing! Camelback is an IKON resort so, we encourage anyone with an IKON pass to join us. In addition to skiing, Camelback offers some off-mountain diversions, such as an indoor water park. Some members of the group may choose to make a trip to nearby Blue Mountain, which is also an IKON resort.

Looking ahead to October, we have an exciting opportunity to travel to an all-inclusive Caribbean resort at Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic. This trip will be led by Kelly and Mike Lockhart. We will be staying in two 7BR villas. Each bedroom has its own bathroom. We will have access to private beaches, 9 pools, and 30 restaurants. Breakfast will be prepared in our villas each day. We will enjoy a private BBQ for the group. This will be a relaxing respite, in contrast to the rigors of a ski trip. Instead of lugging skis and boots, I'm packing swim gear and a tooth brush. This trip was filling up fast but, there may still be limited availability.

Due to the response that we got from those who participated in our fall wine tour, we are tentatively planning a similar trip later this year.

Our 2026 Holiday Valley/Kissing Bridge trip is scheduled January 14-16, 2026. Save the date!

Our western ski trip in the next ski season will be to Heavenly, March 21-28, 2026. Save the date. Heavenly is an EPIC resort. We are still working out the details for our eastern trip, which will also be an EPIC resort.

Please take the time to recognize those who have worked so hard to put trips together for your enjoyment. Please let them know that you appreciate their efforts. I certainly do! Some are elected members of the Trip Committee; some have made contributions as volunteer members: John Masalko, Drew Gonyias, Mike and Kelly Lockhart, Rich Ramsey, Jesse Boron, and Roberta Graham.

AS ALWAYS, TRIP INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

If you would like help signing up for trip insurance, you may contact Bill Fry for assistance. His email address is: watagency@gmail.com

Thanks,
Matt

Trip Recap Report

Lake Placid/Whiteface Gore

On Saturday February 1st most of the 14 Stark County Ski Club participants made their way toward north eastern New York, stopping in various locations for an overnight stay. Six members of the group stopped in Malone NY for a pre-trip ski day at Titus Mountain, a couple traveled in from Vermont and everyone met at the High Peaks Resort on Sunday afternoon for check-in. After familiarizing ourselves with the hotel, we engaged in activities such as board games in the lobby, swimming pool/hot tub , dining out, shopping, etc. Monday morning, we headed out via shuttle and/or car to Whiteface Mountain and after a minor lift ticket hiccup was resolved, we enjoyed a fantastic day of skiing. Tuesday, most enjoyed Whiteface again with a few staying in town (Lake Placid) to check out the shops and Olympic attractions. On Wednesday, 6 skiers made the journey down to Gore Mountain and enjoyed a fantastic bluebird day on groomed runs. The bluebird conditions were equally as good at Whiteface Mountain. On Thursday, all 14 trip participants skied Whiteface Mountain (including our only "non skier", who took a lesson that morning and skied some green runs with the group in the afternoon). After a great week of skiing, friends, comradery , laughs and more we all packed up Friday morning and headed west back to Ohio. We had a couple falls, a million laughs, no injuries and a fantastic time in Lake Placid, NY

Rich Ramsey



Talking Tech– Alyssa G.

Hard to believe March has arrived already! How dare the grass start peeking through the snow! With summer fast approaching, the Trip Committee is hard at work planning exciting new destinations—whether it’s carving fresh lines on the slopes, savoring diverse vintages of vino, or cruising all-inclusively on golf carts.

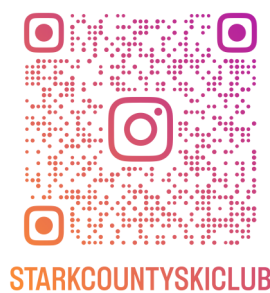
Tech Update: Sharing Photos the Right Way

To ensure high-quality images, **please avoid sending photos via text** due to pixelation issues between Apple (iOS) and Android (OS) devices. Instead, we encourage members to use **GroupMe** for submitting and instantly sharing trip photos for social media. Remember to be **mindful and respectful**—not everyone may want their photo posted. Additionally, if you’re sharing pictures of youth participants, please be aware that these may be used on our social media pages and website.

Speaking of our online presence, **we need a new Web-Master!** Bill Bail is looking for someone to take on this role, If interested, please reach out to [Bill Bail](#).

“In Wordpress you build individual pages. Each page when published becomes a link on the website. The page can contain text, graphics, pictures or links to other pages on the same webserver or anywhere on the internet. On our website, we have a main home page, different pages that list ski trips, social functions, club documents and forms for membership and trip applications. The job now is to keep the pages updated with current information and create new pages or links to new documents that are uploaded. That usually occurs along with the new newsletter. So the busy time is at the end of the month when the newsletter and documents are uploaded to the website. The other busy time is uploading and building new application forms for ski trips.”

- Bill B.



Pedal, Paths, Paddles & Putts Tour

Here’s a sneak peek at our upcoming summer activity schedule:

Pedal: The **biking schedule** is in the works and will be ready by **April**, managed by [Roberta Graham](#).

Paths: Sometimes, a quick **1–5 mile hike** is all we need to reset. Stay tuned for pop-up trail days at our local parks.

Paddles: We’re ironing out a few *knots*, but rest assured, we’ve got some **fin-tastic** adventures coming! The biggest *splash* on the calendar so far is the [Madhatter Canoe & Kayak Race on April 19th](#)—registration is required, so check the flyer below for details. And stay tuned for a special event later this year that promises to be a *glowing* success!

River Sweep & Cleanup (May 17 | 10 AM–3 PM): We need both **paddlers and walkers** to help clear a **1.5-mile stretch of the Tuscarawas River**. Let’s make some *waves* for a cleaner environment! So sign up [HERE!](#)

Putts: Get ready to *tee up* for the **Metro Cup on July 27th!** Art has lined up an event that will be *above par*—so don’t *fore-get* to stay tuned for details.

Mohican Weekend (July 18–20): Mark your calendars for our **Annual Mohican Weekend!** Whether you want to **bike, kayak, or simply disconnect** from the rest of the world, this weekend has something for everyone. (Just don’t forget to snap a few photos before you go off-grid!)

With so much in store, it’s shaping up to be an unforgettable season. Let’s make it count!

Socials & More— Janet S.

Hello ski club friends!

Our January social was held at Hoodletown Brewery. This Saturday afternoon social was well attended. 30 club members made the trip to Dover. We had our own seating area upstairs. One of the owners joined us to give us a brief history of the brewery and an explanation of how they came up with the name. She also accepted a \$250 donation from the club for Hoodletown's master brewer, whose house was lost in a fire.

The February social at Loby's on Hills & Dales was also well attended. The 27 members in attendance were able to mingle nicely in the seating area that Loby's provided and enjoyed a nice selection of food and drinks.

Our March social will be at Erie Street Pub, 2700 Erie St. South in Massillon, Thursday March 13 at 5:30 PM. We have our own reserved seating area located to the right of the bar as you enter the pub. On Thursdays, ESP has 2 specials: 1/2 rack of ribs with two sides for \$14.99 and a 5-6-7 appetizer menu. They have over a dozen appetizers ranging in price from \$5 to \$7. They are well known for their pizza and they have a full menu and bar.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Saturday April 26, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (euchre tournament starts at 7:00 PM)

Cost: \$8 per person (\$5 to cover facility rental, \$3 Euchre players will pay an additional \$3 per player to cover prize money)

What to bring: a small dish to share and whatever you would like to drink. We have access to a full kitchen. If you're not participating in the euchre tournament, feel free to bring any other games you'd like to play.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED! We will have 24 spots available for euchre. Please RSVP to janetstear@yahoo.com or text 330-340-4105

Emerald Estates Clubhouse
9634 Agate, Massillon, OH 44646

Thanks,
Janet



Save
the
Date

**CLUB
SOCIAL**

**MAR
13 | 5:30P**

**2700 ERIE ST. SOUTH,
MASSILLON**



**2025 SCSC
CAMPING @
MOHICAN STATE
PARK**

**JULY 18-20
COST PER
SITE TBD**

**NO CAMPSITES FOR CAMPERS
PLENTY FOR TENTS**

**STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION FROM
ROBERTA GRAHAM**



**SAVE THE DATE!!
Cleveland Metro Ski Council presents:
"The Outing"
Four Person Golf Scramble**

Date and time: July 27, 2025, on Sunday at 2PM
Place: Mayfair County Club, 2225 Raber Road, Uniontown Ohio
Price: TBD
Price Includes: 18 holes of Golf, lunch before golf, dinner, prizes, and great fun.
Format: Four-person scramble composed of four people.
Rules to follow in the application.

**Come for the fun and be a part of "The Outing"
Formerly The Metro Cup**



2025 Stark County Ski Club Trip List

For SCSC local trips, fill out an “**On-line Trip Application & Read Trip Agreement**” and follow the appropriate payment process, or mail check to the Trip Leaders address listed. The trip application form is available by clicking on the designated trip’s Application Link. **Checks to be written to: Stark County Ski Club.**
Secure your spot with the designated trip leader, deposits hold your spot(s)!

Mammoth Mountain

FULL

Members’ Cost: \$1539+ Lift Tickets Fly

Dates: February 22— Wednesday March 1

[Trip Application](#)

Trip leader: Matt Stear

Email: SCSC.tripchair@gmail.com

Phone: (330) 316-2874

Address: 2235 Oak Tree Dr NW. Dover Ohio 44622

Camelback/ Blue Mountain

Members’ Cost: \$335 **Lift not Included** Self Drive

Dates: March 8– March 11

[Trip Application](#)

Trip leader: Mike Lockhart

Email: marinelock@gmail.com

Phone: 330-704.0360

Address: 1151 Melscheimer Rd. SW., East Sparta OH 44626

Puerto Plata

Members’ Cost: \$1750-1900 **Limited Spots Remaining**

Dates: October 19-25, 2025

[Trip Application](#)

Trip leader: Kelly Lockhart

Email: Adagio268@gmail.com

Address: 1151 Melscheimer Rd. SW., East Sparta OH 44626



Ellicottville NY

Members’ Cost: TBD

Bus: TBD

Multi-Day Wednesday January 14-16, 2026

Trip leader: TBD



Potential 2026 Trips

Tahoe (Heavenly, Kirkwood, Northstar) —> Epic Pass

Optional trip insurance is **HIGHLY** recommended– contact trip leader for details.



Self Drive 2025

PRICE: \$335.00



Two Night Stay

Saturday March 8, 2025– Monday March 10, 2025

Trip Includes:

Hotel for two nights; Indoor Water Park option
Lift ticket price if you do not have Ikon pass is below

[Resort Lodging](#)

An additional night can be purchased at your own discretion

Lift ticket:group rate of

Lift ticket: group rate of \$65.00 per person! Equipment Rental: group rate of \$55.00 per person!

WEEKEND (Non-Holiday)	Price
Lift 8 hour	\$68.00
Lift 8 hour + Rental (includes helmet)	\$102.00
Lift night (4pm-9pm)	\$41.00
Lift night + Rental (includes helmet)	\$76.00
Lessons Add-on	\$50.00

Blue Mountain lift ticket prices if you do not have an Ikon Pass

TRIP LEADER:
Mike Lockhart
1151 Melscheimer Rd. SW,
East Sparta, OH 44626
Phone: 330-704-0360
E-mail:
marinelock@gmail.com
Deposit of \$100 due to hold room final payment due Jan.8 2025

[Trip Application](#)



Optional trip insurance is HIGHLY recommended

LIFESTYLES HOLIDAY RESORTS PUERTO PLATA

OCTOBER 19-25, 2025

*ONLY 14 ROOMS AVAILABLE, SO THIS
WILL SELL OUT QUICK!*

DUE TO CHANGES IN AIRLINE
POLICIES, REGISTRATION
DUE **MARCH 1, 2025** TO GET
THIS PRICE. AFTER MARCH 1,
FINAL COST WILL BE BASED
ON AIRFARE.



\$1750.00 Per Person & Includes

- 7 Bedroom Villas
- Double Occupancy Bedroom with Private Bath (Rooms have King size beds, so roommates would need to share bed.)
- All Inclusive: Breakfast cooked in Villa, one private BBQ for the group, all food and drinks,
- Airport Transfers, Golf Carts to Share
- Private Beaches, 9 pools, 30 restaurants

\$1900.00 for Single Occupancy

Trip Application

Trip Leader:

Kelly Lockhart

1151 Melscheimer Rd SW

East Sparta, OH 44626

adagio268@gmail.com



PAYMENT SCHEDULE

**\$250 DEPOSIT UPON
REGISTRATION**

\$500 JUNE 10

\$500 AUGUST 10

REMAINDER SEPTEMBER 10

LAKE METROPARKS Madhatters Canoe & Kayak Race



Presented by
 **Ken Ganley**
 SUBARU WICKLIFFE

Saturday, April 19, 2025
Boats depart 9 to 10 am
NO SAME-DAY REGISTRATION

NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 13 at midnight

Race begins at Ashtabula County Metroparks' Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark and ends at Lake Metroparks' Hidden Valley Park in Madison. Race course is 8.5 miles.

CANOE & KAYAK RACE ENTRY FEE

\$25/person (service fee applies)

ON-LINE REGISTRATION ONLY. VISIT LAKEMETROPARKS.COM AND CLICK ON THE RACE LINK.

Packet pickup available on Friday, April 18, 3 to 7 pm in the Environmental Learning Center at Jordan Creek Park, 7250 Alexander Rd., Concord Twp. 44077. Race day packet pickup also available at Harpersfield Covered Bridge beginning at 7:30 am.

For more information, contact Brian Davidson at 440-256-2118 x4110 or bdavidson@lakemetroparks.com.

MADDEST HAT CONTEST

Are you mad? (All racers qualify!) Design a hat (or some sort of river-worthy headgear) and wear it April 19. The "maddest hat" wins a prize! The more creative, the better— just go crazy! Hats must be worn during the race and fit under bridges (clearance approx. 140 ft.).

For race day conditions and information, call the SPORTS HOTLINE: 440-256-2118 x4178

Registration ends at midnight on April 13.

- No pro or ICF boats
- Ages 10 & older, younger than 18 with an adult
- No riders not paddling in race. Maximum two people per boat.
- Prior experience is mandatory.
- Life jackets must be worn at all times or racer will be disqualified. No inflatable life jackets. No Type II life jackets.
- All canoes and kayaks must be registered with the state of Ohio as ODNR Parks & Watercraft may inspect boats.
- Lake Metroparks reserves the right to cancel, postpone or alter the race for the safety of all racers and spectators.
- Grand River Canoe Livery: 440-813-0413 & 800-ME-CANOE, Raccoon Run Livery: 440-990-0420
- Race directors reserve the right to combine or eliminate classes.
- Shuttle provided to and from start to finish lines; runs 7:30 am to 2:30 pm (or race completion). Racers only—no transportation for boats.
- Awards will be made available for pick up at the Lake Metroparks Environmental Learning Center starting Monday, April 21. First, second and third in each category will be awarded.

PLEASURE CANOE

- Pleasure (all canoes, non-racing type)
- Over & Under (one participant is age 15 or younger, the other participant is at least 18 years older than the first.)
- Coed
- Master (age 40 and older; 10 second handicap will be deducted for every year over 40)

KAYAK CLASSES

- Women's Solo Kayak (all kayaks):
 Ages 29 & younger Ages 40 to 49 Ages 60 & older
 Ages 30 to 39 Ages 50 to 59
- Men's Down River Kayak longer than 14 ft.:
 Ages 34 & younger Ages 35 & older
- Men's Kayak 14 ft. & shorter:
 Ages 29 & younger Ages 40 to 49 Ages 60 & older
 Ages 30 to 39 Ages 50 to 59
- Double Kayak (All)
- Non-conforming class*
 *(Race for time only, no awards)



Race results posted at:
GCXCRacing.com

LAKEMETROPARKS.COM

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CVSSC Trip Invite- Hiking Overnight

CVSSC Presents ~ Drive Yourself

"Hike the Hills at Hocking Hills State Park"



Friday May 2 to Sunday, May 4, 2025
Member Price: \$360*

Price Includes:

- 2-night lodging at [Hocking Hills Lodge and Conference Center](#).
- The price is per person based on double occupancy.
- Breakfast is included both mornings, but all other meals will be at your own expense.

*Member early sign-up price: \$350 (before Feb. 2, 2025)

*Non-member price: \$370

Make checks payable to Cuyahoga Valley Ski and Social Club. Mail payment and signed trip agreement to the trip leader no later than **February 26, 2025**

Trip Leader:

Joan Leidy
1633 Halifax Way SE
North Canton, OH 44709

Phone: 330-904-7379
Email: jleidy@comcast.net

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

"Please go to our website at www.cvssc.org for a copy of the trip application. The trip application can be found at the end of our January Newsletter".