

January 2023

Flatirons Ski Club

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social Group www.FlatironsSkiClub.com

NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4TH, 7PM AT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BOULDER 5001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, BOULDER 80303

Message from the President

Happy New Year! The Flatirons Ski Club has lots of fun activities planned for 2023. Day ski trips are underway, and overnight winter trips begin in January. Snowshoe hikes will be starting soon, and the regular hikes are continuing depending on the weather. The next FSC General Meeting is scheduled for January 4th, see Sue Evans' article for information about the speaker. The FSC Book Club is busy selecting the list of books for 2023, see Richard Patnoe's article for more information.

Dorothy Cohen is working on spring, winter, and fall trips. Contact Dorothy if you have ideas and/or would like to volunteer to help with a trip.

Thank you to all our volunteers! Thank you Mark Stangl and Ted Hine for assisting with the audiovisual and technology needs to ensure the success of the General Meetings and other gatherings. Thank you, Elease Miller and all of her volunteers, for a very successful Holiday Party.

Contact me if you would like to fill the Board Secretary position. Enjoy the winter season!

Beth Gaffney, President

JANUARY 4th MEETING PROGRAM THE WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY KEENSEBURG COLORADO

The Wild Animal Sanctuary is the oldest and largest sanctuary in the world dedicated to rescuing and providing for large carnivores. (Lions, and Tigers, and Bears – Oh My!). One of the recent tasks was to rescue eleven lions from the war in Ukraine. Our speaker will tell us about some of their rescues and about what it takes to care for the 650 animals that live at the Sanctuary.

Hope to see you there! Sue Evans

Great Food, a drink and live music made the Holiday Party so special!





2022/23 FSC MID-WEEK SKI SCHEDULE

Monday: Ed Hanson H: 303-993-4445, C: 303-902-3709 Thursday: Arnie Mullen C: 303-859-2549 Email: arniemullen@netscape.net

Email: ewhfgh@cs.com

MONDAY/TUESDAY (EPIC)

THURSDAY (IKON)

Date	Area	Carpool Fee	Date	Area	Carpool Fee
2-Jan	Breckenridge	\$10	5-Jan	Eldora 8:15am	\$5
9-Jan	Vail 7:00am	\$15*	12-Jan	WP/MJ	\$10
17-Jan	Keystone	\$10	19-Jan	Copper	\$10
23-Jan	Breckenridge	\$10	26-Jan	WP/MJ	\$10
30-Jan	Keystone	\$10			
			2-Feb	Eldora 8:15am	\$5
6-Feb	Breckenridge	\$10	9-Feb	WP/MJ	\$10
13-Feb	Beaver Creek 7:00am	\$15 *	16-Feb	Copper	\$10
21-Feb	Keystone (Tuesday)	\$10	23-Feb	Eldora 8:15am	\$5
27-Feb	Breckenridge	\$10			
			2-Mar	WP/MJ	\$10
6-Mar	Keystone	\$10	9-Mar	WP/MJ	\$10
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Mar	Vail 7:30am	\$15*	16-Mar	Copper 8:30am	\$10
20-					
Mar	Breckenridge 8:30am	\$10	23-Mar	WP/MJ 8:30am	\$10
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Mar	Keystone 8:30am	\$10	30-Mar	A-Basin 8:30am	\$10
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3-Apr	Breckenridge 8:30am	\$10	6-Apr	Copper 8:30am	\$10
10-Apr	TBD		13-Apr	WP/MJ 8:30am	\$10
17-Apr	TBD		20-Apr	TBD	

• An asterisk (*) indicates that there will be a parking fee in addition to the carpool fee.

• If you are not on Ed and/or Arnie's list of midweek skiers, please let them know of your interest.

• Unless otherwise noted, carpools depart at 7:30 from the Eldorado Park 'n' Ride on the northeast corner of Hwy 93 and Hwy 170 (sometimes called Marshall Rd). **Please arrive ten minutes early to ensure an on-time departure.** Let Ed or Arnie know if you are willing to drive.

• You must be vaccinated to participate in carpools.

• Ski destinations are suggestions only, and may change depending on weather, traffic, ski conditions, or carpool preferences.

• Occasionally, Ed and Arnie may need alternate leaders when they are away on ski trips.

• In March, when Daylight Savings Time starts, departure times are typically at 8:30 but may change if it's a powder day and a lot of traffic is anticipated.

• We typically wear green ribbons on our helmets so it's easy to find each other on the mountain. Let Ed or Arnie know if you need one.

2023 FSC Ski Trip Calendar (11/18/22)									
Dates	Destination	Lodging	# of Spaces	Nights	Lift Tix	Total Cost Per Person	Deposit	Balance Due	Trip Leaders
Jan 17-20	Crested Butte	Cristiana Guesthaus	23	3	Epic	\$320	\$50	12/1/22	Linda & Chris Paris
Jan 23-26	Steamboat #1	Holiday Inn	50	3	lkon	\$285	\$85	12/1/22	Tom Cannon
Jan 31- Feb 3	Monarch Mtn (& Wolf Creek)	Baymont (Salida)	16	3	M: 69+ ski free WC: Misc	\$215	\$40	12/8/22	Donna Cooper & Louise Geil
Feb 6-9	Fraser/ Winter Park #1	Snow Mtn Ranch	28	3	lkon	\$165	\$40	12/1/22	Beth Gaffney
Feb 14-16	Snowy Range	Old Corral Hotel	18	2	Misc	\$110 new lower price	\$35	12/15/22	Jan Knies
Feb 21-24	Steamboat #2	Homewood Suites by Hilton	30	3	lkon	\$385	\$100	1/5/23	Sandy Morris
Feb 28- March 3	Fraser/ Winter Park #2	Fraser House Alpine Center	10	3	lkon	\$160	\$25	1/5/23	Linda & Chris Paris
March 6- 10	Aspen	Comfort Inn/Suites (Carbondal e)	40	3 or 4	lkon+	\$345 / \$455	\$100	1/5/23	Sandy Morris
March 15- 17	Leadville/ Ski Cooper	Columbine Inn (Leadville)	30	2	Misc	\$165	\$30	2/3/23	Elease Miller

Total costs shown above are for double occupancy. Check with trip coordinators if interested in availability.

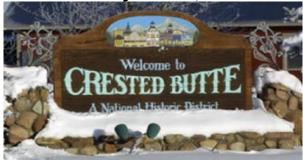
The procedure for signing up is described in the October newsletter. If you need help, contact Rosie, Downhill & Nordic Ski Chair, at rosie.piller@gmail.com.

Monies paid for a ski trip (including both deposits and balances) are generally non-refundable.

You must be vaccinated against COVID to attend overnight trips. This protocol may change due to COVID trends and hotspots.

If you have symptoms of any contagious disease (respiratory, gastrointestinal, or anything else) before the trip, do not attend. If you develop symptoms of any contagious disease during the trip, isolate and/or drive home as soon as possible.

WINTER Skiing in CRESTED BUTTE January 17-20, 2023



WINTER CRESTED BUTTE 3 Nights Lodging at the CRISTIANA GUESTHAUS Jan. 17th, 18th & 19th (leaving Jan. 20th AM) -Midweek Trip

THIS TRIP IS FULL. WE ARE ACCEPTING NAMES FOR THE WAIT LIST – PLEASE E-MAIL THE TRIP LEADERS. NO PAYMENT IS REQUIRED TO JOIN THE WAIT LIST.

Please refer to the October and November 2022 FSC newsletters for a description of this trip.

Steamboat I Trip January 23-26, 2023

By the time you are reading this, Steamboat will have opened for the season (11/23), and surely some of you have already been out on your skis and getting your legs ready for the slopes. The \$200 balance of the \$285 per person cost for three nights at the Holiday Inn Steamboat Springs was due December 1. Please make the checks out to the Flatirons Ski Club (FSC) and mail them to me – Tom Cannon.

I think everyone who went on the trip last year was happy with the accommodations. The rooms are comfortable and have thermostats, so you can adjust your desired temperature. The Holiday Inn has indoor and outdoor hot tubs, a pool, and a fitness center. We don't have slope side ski in - ski out, but out the front door express shuttle service to the gondola comes pretty close! We will have use of the Champagne Room for our nightly happy hour gatherings. Drinks are available from the full-service bar and discounted during their happy hours. Outside liquor is not permitted, though some members have been known to fill their Contigos with something other than Arnold Palmers. The Holiday Inn provides discount coupons for breakfast at their Rex's American Grill. They also serve lunch and dinner. All the rooms have microwaves if you want to make your own oatmeal or cook eggs. One member heats up his jumbo breakfast burrito.

In addition to world class skiing, and their legendary champagne powder, Steamboat has miles of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing to explore. The town of Steamboat has many choices for restaurants and there are enough stores to keep serious shoppers happy. You are welcome to join the trip and not ski, just relax. You can take the shuttle bus to town and enjoy the hot springs. There are still openings, so sign up, if you haven't or invite a friend. See you in Steamboat, if not before.

Do be prepared for winter driving - going over Rabbit Ears Pass can be treacherous in white out conditions. Snow tires are highly recommended, along with a full tank of gas, extra food and warm clothes.

Happy trails to everyone! Tom Cannon - Steamboat I Trip Coordinator

Monarch Mountain & Wolf Creek Jan. 31 - Feb. 3, 2023

Please join us for our second combined Flatirons Ski Club trip to Wolf Creek and Monarch Mountain. This year we will have a three-night stay at The Baymont by Wyndham in Salida and you can travel to the ski area of your choice, Monarch Mountain or Wolf Creek. The drive to Wolf Creek Ski area from our hotel is two hours, mostly on an easy stretch of Highway 285, while the drive to Monarch is 30 minutes mostly up Monarch Pass. We are hopeful that both areas will have great snow this year, but we can opt for either one depending upon conditions.

Our stay at The Baymont hotel will include:

- Spacious rooms with two comfortable queen beds;
- Continental breakfast + (with scrambled eggs);
- Room amenities include big-screen TV, desk/chair, mini-fridge, micro-wave, coffee/tea maker, hair dryers, ironing board;
- Indoor swimming pool and hot tub; and
- Business center and laundry facilities.

Total cost per person for all three nights (double room occupancy) is \$215. Deposit is \$40. Please send all deposit and balance checks to Louise Geil. (See membership roster for her contact information.)

There will be a social gathering with appetizers in the breakfast area each night (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). Please bring your favorite appetizer to share. Paper products and non-alcoholic beverages along with some snacks will be provided. BYOB if desired.

Day price for skiing at Wolf Creek:

General (13-64 yrs old): \$82 Seniors (65-79 yrs old): \$51 80 yrs old and older: Free with ID

Day price for skiing at Monarch:

Adults (18-61 yrs old): \$79 Tues, Wed, Thurs; higher pricing Fri - Sun. Seniors (62-68 yrs old): \$69 Tues, Wed, Thurs; higher pricing Fri-Sun Super seniors (69 and older): Free with ID

There is a \$5 charge at Monarch unless you have your ID card from last year. So bring your ID card, if you have it, and make sure you have your license verifying age!

Donna Cooper and Louise Geil, Trip Coordinators.

SNOW MOUNTAIN RANCH YMCA OF THE ROCKIES February 6 – 9, 2023

Snow Mountain Ranch in Fraser is a wonderful location for cross country skiing with miles of groomed trails. Snow Mountain Ranch offers snowshoeing, swimming, roller skating, arts & crafts, cross country skiing, and many other activities.

Downhill skiing is located nearby at Winter Park, Mary Jane, and Granby Ranch. Cross country skiing also is available at Devil's Thumb and other sites nearby to Snow Mountain Ranch.

The accommodations include two reunion cabins with seven bedrooms. The trip fee includes use of most of the YMCA facilities, meals, and lodging. Trip attendees prepare the group meals at the cabins, and food is available to take for lunch. The trip fee includes SMR trail pass, meals, and lodging.

If the two cabins are full and additional members want to join this trip, it may be possible to reserve lodge rooms for the overflow.

Cost: \$165 per person

Payments: (\$40 was due on 10/5/22 and \$125 on 12/01/22)

For additional information, please contact Beth Gaffney or beth.gaffney.boulder@gmail.com

Snowy Range 2023 February 14-16 (2 Nights)

Snowy Range Ski Area is beautifully nestled within the scenic Medicine Bow National Forest in southeast Wyoming. There's downhill skiing as well as many trails for cross country skiing. It's an easy drive with no mountain passes or tunnels to navigate and it's only about 2 1/2 hours from Boulder!

We will stay at the rustic and charming Old Corral Hotel which is in Centennial WY (2750 Hwy 130). The Old Corral Hotel is only 4 miles away from the ski area, which is really convenient. The trip fee of \$110 (decrease of \$20) per person is based on double occupancy, and it includes 2 queen size beds, with mini fridge (microwaves in common area). The Hotel is within a 5-minute walk to Mountain View Café or Bear Bottom Bar and Grill which is very handy for dinner or breakfast. The Steakhouse, adjacent the Hotel, will likely be open for Valentine's Day dinner as well.

There are usually few people skiing mid-week at Snowy Range and I must say it's a nice change of pace. Another really great thing is that the price of a day ticket (18-69 yrs) is only \$49 and everyone 70+ is free! So please join us as we ski Snowy Range Ski Area, Wyoming, 2023.

The payment of \$110 minus the \$35 (equals \$75) per person deposit was due by December 15th by mail to Jan Knies (see FSC membership roster). Be sure to make checks payable to Flatirons Ski Club. Please call or text me with any questions.

Jan Knies, Trip Coordinator





Steamboat Springs II Trip 2023

Enjoy 3 nights in Steamboat! Going great – need 1 Female!

February 21-24, 2023

- Hot and cold breakfast included
- Full kitchenette includes refrigerator/freezer, stove, microwave, kitchen utensils (plates and silverware)
- Local shuttle to ski area
- Indoor hot tub, fitness center, and indoor pool
- Potluck on Tuesday night

Cost: \$385 per person (double occupancy 2 Queen beds)

Payments: (\$100 was due on 10/5/22 and \$285 on 1/5/23)

Homewood Suites by Hilton

3600 S Lincoln Ave Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80487 Phone: 970-439-2800

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Sandy Morris, Trip Coordinator

Fraser Ski Trip 3 Nights Lodging at the Fraser House February 28, March 1st, and 2nd (leaving March 3rd AM) - Midweek

There is no better experience than spending the weekend in the cozy home atmosphere of the Frazer House with good friends. The Fraser Valley has an extensive variety of downhill and cross-country skiing opportunities close by. This trip is the perfect way to experience Winter Park/Mary Jane, Devil's Thumb Ranch, Grand Lake Nordic Center, or Snow Mountain Ranch, as well as many others, at the best time of the season.



THIS TRIP IS FULL AND HAS A ROBUST WAITING LIST. PLEASE E-MAIL THE TRIP LEADERS IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THAT WAIT LIST -NO PAYMENT IS REQUIRED.

Please refer to the October and November 2022 FSC newsletters for a description of this trip.

Balance of trip cost is due by Thursday, January 5, 2023.

Please call or e-mail Linda or Chris Paris with questions.

CARBONDALE LODGING IN 2023



Ski Aspen/Snowmass 2023 March 6-9 or 10, 2023 Lodging: Comfort Inn and Suites 920 Cowen Dr Carbondale, CO 81623 Phone: (970) 963-8880

Going great – need 1 Male and 1 Female!

Location: The hotel is in Carbondale approximately 36 minutes (28 mi) from Aspen/Snowmass and 3 ½ hours from Boulder (176 mi). Web: <u>https://www.choicehotels.com/colorado/carbondale/comfort-inn-hotels/co116</u>

Cost: \$345 per person for 3 nights OR \$455 per person for 4 nights Payments: \$100 (3 or 4 nights) was due on 10/5/22 and balance of \$245 (3 nights) or \$355 (4 nights) on 1/5/23 Buy discounted lift tickets online beginning in October. IKON pass is good at all areas for 5 or 7 days if you bought the **add-on**.

Includes:

- 3 nights OR optional 4th night lodging (2 queen beds per room)
- Each room has a microwave and refrigerator
- Breakfast bar each morning
- Use of meeting room for club potluck on Monday night
- Bus to ski areas but more convenient to drive to area or Basalt (may be an extra cost)
- Outdoor fire pit, indoor hot tub, and indoor pool
- Walk to grocery store, shops, and restaurants (about 1/2 mi)

Sandy Morris, Trip Coordinator

LEADVILLE SKI TRIP - 2023

Trip Coordinator: Elease Miller Dates: Wednesday March 15th, Thursday March 16th leaving 17th

We will again stay at the Columbine Inn, 2019 N. Poplar, Leadville. The cost is \$165 each sharing a double room for 2 nights. Single rooms are available at \$299 for 2 nights.

The breakfast room is open for continental breakfast, oatmeal, cereal, pastries, muffins and juice, coffee, and tea. We may be able to use the room for a potluck get together as in previous years. More information will be available closer to the time.

Most of us ski at Ski Cooper located 10 miles from Leadville vis US-24. Lift ticket Prices - 75 and over are free (includes some other areas) The ticket office is presently closed so I could not get day prices, probably until end October.

Ski Cooper is different, in all the right ways! Soft all-natural snow, terrain variety for everyone, down to earth laid-back atmosphere, family-friendly vibe, smiling faces, great food & drinks, and reasonable prices."

I look forward to seeing you there and giving another roaring send off to our last Club Ski trip of the season!!

DEPOSIT: \$30 check made out to Flatirons Ski Club and mailed to Trip Coordinator, Elease Miller, see FSC membership roster.

BALANCE DUE: \$165 check by FEB 3RD, 2023

FSC Book Club BOOK Selection for 2023

We will be selecting the eleven books to be read and discussed during 2023.

Please send your nominations (Author and Title only) to <u>rpatnoe@gmail.com</u> by January 1, 2023. The list of books nominated will then be distributed by January 5 and we will make our selections on January 9, 2023.

The **Best** nominations are for books that you have already read.

Thursday Hikes January 2023

Winter is here. So, come prepared for all kinds of weather. We meet at the Meadows Shopping Center at 8:45 on Thursdays. After forming carpools, we will leave at 9. Meadows Shopping is at the southwest corner of Foothills Highway and Baseline. We usually park close to the bank. Just look for people standing by their cars. Please come prepared with food, water, warm clothing, and anything else you may need including boot stabilizers/yak tracks for better footing.

Please call Sue Evans or Louisa Young if you have any questions.

3rd Thursday Hike – January 19th TBA

Winter hiking, be prepared. Weather decides. An email notice will be sent the Sunday before the 3rd Thursday. If you don't receive it sent me an email. Dolores <u>afainer@yahoo.com</u>

Tuesday Snow Shoeing

We will be starting snowshoeing in January. Let's start the New Year with some fun exercise. We will meet at 9 and leave at 9:15 at Iris and 28th St by old restaurant (empty building on southeast corner).

FSC Annual Moab Trip May 7 -12, 2023

Plan for Moab for next year. We will be requesting full payment at the March FSC General Meeting the cost for 5 nights will be \$135. If you will not be at meeting, make arrangements to get money to someone coming or contact Maggie Livingston or Dorothy Cohen.

Ouch no, no...Skier and Snowboarder Safety Reminder and Importance of Handwashing



I encourage everyone to pay attention to the club's directives on safety. The club's rules say for the safety of the group, members must participate only in activities that are well within their current physical capabilities, endurance, and skills. Otherwise, it can endanger and inconvenience the group. Also a few tips on staying safe on the slopes. There have been a few people in our club who have been hit by other skiers or snowboarders. I have had some near misses. I encourage everyone to be very vigilant about who is around them. I recommend when you stop on the slope, stay as far to the side as possible and stay visible from above. If you see snowboarders or other skiers approaching, I recommend letting them go ahead of you. If I get near another person on the slopes I call out "on your left" or "on your right" and I encourage others to do likewise. Keep in mind that a lot of people have been smoking marijuana, are listening to headphones, and are oblivious to others on the slopes. Also, supposedly everyone has read the skiers safety and responsibility act, but a lot of people don't pay attention to it and don't practice safe snow sports habits. Ski defensively!



Also......This is for everybody in gatherings that participate in potlucks, group meals, and buffets. With Covid and variants and other respiratory illnesses still making rounds, let's all be diligent about handwashing. Event coordinators, please provide hand sanitizer in areas where food is being prepared and served. If you sneeze or blow your nose or cough on your hands, please wash your hands again before handling food. If anyone sees someone failing to wash their hands in these circumstances, please let them know diplomatically that they are expected to do so.

Arnie Mullen, Safety Chair

Reminder: please make trip checks out to Flatirons Ski Club, not the trip coordinator; however, mail checks to the trip coordinators as identified in the announcements.

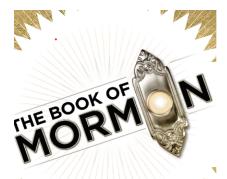
Thanks, Martha Parks

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

FAC has been an FSC tradition for many years. Everyone is welcome. We meet at Rincon Del Sol starting at 4:00 p.m. every Friday. Rincon Del Sol is on Arapahoe just west of the intersection of Folsom and Arapahoe. Hope to see you there.

Heads-up from one of our Cultural Ambassadors, Sandy Morris!

Please let her know if you would like tickets for the performances listed.



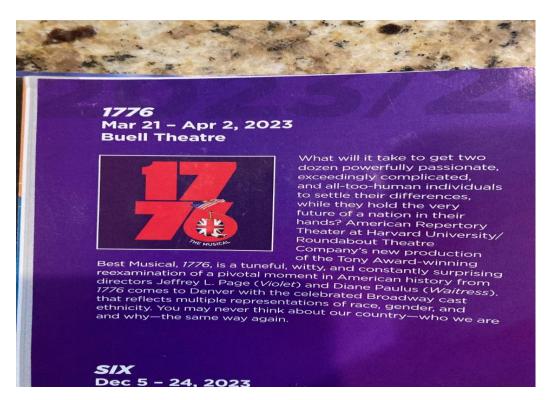
Book of Mormon Buell Theater June 22, 2023, at 2 pm. Cost \$40.50 (includes fees)

The Book of Mormon

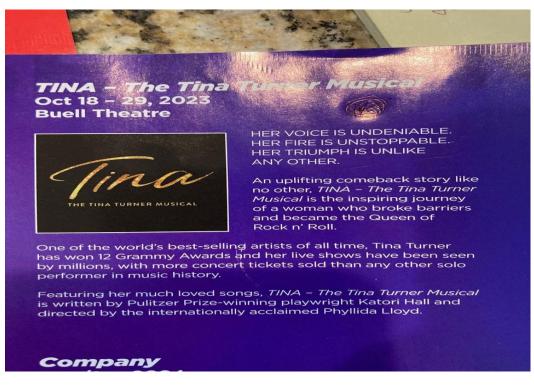
Broadway, Musical Jun 21 – Jul 2, 20<mark>2</mark> Buell Theatre

The New York Times calls it "the best musical of this century." The Washington Post says, "It is the kind of evening that restores your faith in musicals." And Entertainment Weekly says, "Grade A: the funniest musical of all time." Jimmy Fallon of The Tonight Show calls it "Genius. Brilliant. Phenomenal." It's THE BOOK OF MORMON, the nine-time Tony Award® winning Best Musical.

This outrageous musical comedy follows the adventures of a mismatched pair of missionaries, sent halfway across the world to spread the Good Word. With standing room only productions in London, on Broadway, and across North America, *THE BOOK OF MORMON* has truly become an international sensation. Contains explicit language.



Buell Theater Sunday April 2, 2023, at 2 pm. Cost \$40.50 (includes fees)



Buell Theater Thursday October 19, 2023, at 2 pm. Cost \$40.50 (includes fees)

January 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year	2	3 Snow Shoeing	4 General Meeting 7:00 PM	5 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	6 FAC 4:00 PM	7
8	9 Book Club 7:00 PM	10 Snow Shoeing	11	12 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	13 FAC 4:00 PM	14
15	16 MLK Holiday	17 Snow Shoeing <mark>Crested</mark> Butte	18 Cross Country	19 3 rd Thursday Hike 9:00 AM <mark>Downhill Skiing</mark>	20 FAC 4:00 PM <mark>Trip</mark>	21
22	23 <mark>Steamboat</mark> <mark>#1</mark>	24 Snow Shoeing Cross Country	25 Downhill Skiing	26 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM <mark>Trip</mark>	27 FAC 4:00 PM	28
29	30	31 Snow Shoeing <mark>Monarch &</mark>	1 <mark>Wolf Creek</mark>	2 <mark>Skiing</mark>	3 Trip	

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