



December, 2021

Flatirons Ski Club

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social Group
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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING / HOLIDAY GATHERING WILL BE
DECEMBER 2ND, 2021 VIA ZOOM**

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On December 2nd at 7:00 PM, we will gather and share the holiday spirit via Zoom!!!

We will start the meeting with approximately 20 minutes of announcements about the winter trips, snowshoeing, and other FSC activities. After the announcements, we will launch the holiday party with several fun activities.

The format of the holiday party will be similar to last year's holiday gathering. We will be using breakout rooms – 5 people in each room for approximately 15 to 20 minutes to engage in a fun planned Activity and visit for a short while. You will then be transferred back to the main room where you will be told of the next Activity, and then you will be sent to a new breakout room with 5 new companions. Activities may include talking about a family holiday tradition or playing a Zoom game. The details of the Activities are currently in the design phase.

Feel free to imbibe in your own favorite adult beverage and toast your companions as you would at a live party. Dress up or wear a party hat, if you like, or not – but do join us. The More the Merrier – we look forward to visiting with many members. If you have questions, please contact Elease M.

You will be receiving a Zoom invite to the Holiday Gathering.

Beth G., President



2021/2022 FSC MID-WEEK SKI SCHEDULE

Ed H. and Rich E.

MONDAY/TUESDAY (EPIC)

THURSDAY (IKON)

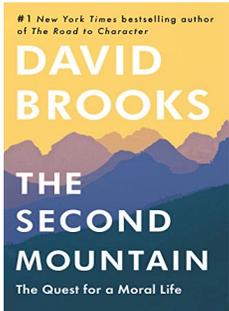
Dec 6 - Breckenridge	\$10*	Dec 2- Copper ***	\$10
Dec 13 – Keystone	\$10	Dec 9- WP/MJ	\$10
Dec 20 – Breckenridge	\$10	Dec 16- A-Basin	\$10
Dec 27- Keystone	\$10		
Jan 3- Breckenridge	\$10	Jan 6- Eldora 8:15 AM	\$5
Jan 10- Vail ** 7:00 AM	\$15	Jan 13- Copper	\$10
Jan 18- Keystone (Tues)	\$10	Jan 20- WP/MJ	\$10
Jan 24 - Breckenridge	\$10	Jan 27- Copper	\$10
Jan 31-Keystone	\$10		
		Feb 3- Eldora 8:15 AM	\$5
Feb 7 – Beaver Creek** 7:00 AM	\$15	Feb 10- WP/MJ	\$10
Feb 14– Breckenridge	\$10	Feb 17- Copper	\$10
Feb 22- Keystone (Tues)	\$10	Feb 24- WP/MJ	\$10
Feb 28- Breckenridge	\$10		
		March 3- Eldora 8:15 AM	\$5
March 7- Keystone	\$10	March 10- Copper	\$10
March 14 – Vail ** 7:30 AM	\$15	March 17- Copper 8:30 AM	\$10
March 21 – Breckenridge 8:30 AM	\$10	March 24- <i>WP/MJ</i> 8:30 AM	\$10
March 28- Keystone 8:30 AM	\$10	March 31- A-Basin 8:30 AM	\$10
April 4- Breckenridge 8:30 AM	\$10	April 7- Copper 8:30 AM	\$10
April 11- Keystone 8:30 AM	\$10	April 14- WP/MJ 8:30 AM	\$10
April 18- TBD	\$10	April 21- TBD	

* CARPOOL FEE PER PERSON (CASH) ** ADDITIONAL PARKING FEE (CASH)

*** RICH NOT AVAILABLE, CALL ED FOR QUESTIONS

Locations are subject to change based on weather/snow conditions. This schedule is only a suggestion, members can ski wherever they wish as we are not offering official carpool options. Occasionally, Ed and Rich may need an alternate leader when they are away on ski trips. This information will be in the monthly newsletter.

FSC December Book Club



DATE: December 13, 6:45 PM (note time change)

PLACE: via Zoom

LEADERS: Arnie M. and Linda L.

BOOK: Second Mountain: The Quest For A Moral Life by David Brooks

In *The Second Mountain*, David Brooks explores the four commitments that define a life of meaning and purpose: to a spouse and family, to a vocation, to a philosophy or faith, and to a community. Our personal fulfillment depends on how well we choose and execute these commitments. Brooks looks at a range of people who have lived joyous, committed lives, and who have embraced the necessity and beauty of dependence. He gathers their wisdom on how to choose a partner, how to pick a vocation, how to live out a philosophy, and how we can begin to integrate our commitments into one overriding purpose.

THURSDAY HIKERS

Fall hiking has been very colorful, but the weather is changing. Winter is on its way. We continue to meet on Thursdays at the Meadows Shopping Center. We will meet there at 8:45 AM and leave at 9:00 AM. People can car pool from the Shopping Center or they can drive by themselves to the trailhead. It is up to the individual and their comfort with carpooling. Meadow Shopping Center is at the southwest corner of Foothills Highway and Baseline. We usually park close to the 1st Bank and Remax Realty building. Just look for people standing by their cars.

The weather is changeable. Be prepared for all types of weather. We generally hike 3 to 6 miles in the winter. Be sure to bring yak tracks. Call Sue E. or Louisa Y. to let us know if you are planning to hike and to confirm that we will be hiking if the weather forecast is questionable. Call Dolores A. for information about the third Thursday hikes. If you are not on the hiking email lists call Dolores or Louisa to get on the list.

Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe

This year again we will be going cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on Tuesdays meeting behind North Boulder Park at 7th and Dellwood at 9:00 AM leaving at 9:15 AM. We will carpool if you are interested. We will start in January depending on snow conditions. Please let me know if you would like to join us.

Dorothy C.

3rd Thursday Hike - December 16th - St Vrain State Park

December is a busy time of year, let's do something close (Longmont), interesting, and relaxing. There are six miles of flat trails at the park, ponds, migratory birds, and the big attraction: **Bald Eagles**. Bring your binoculars! If the weather cooperates we can have an early lunch together at one of the picnic sites. Final details by email the week of the hike. Meet at Meadows Mall 8:45 AM to form car pools and share info, we will leave at 9:00 AM.

Dolores A.

Want to Sell Something?

Every month, members will now have the opportunity to sell something (ski equipment, etc.) by having their items listed in our FSC Club Newsletter. Submit your items via email to Monica A., in the body of your email or as an attachment (.doc or .docx). Submissions will need board approval. Monica will need to receive your information by the Wednesday before the monthly board meetings. Items will be posted in the newsletter sometime during the 4th week of the month. Items will appear in the newsletter only once, they will not roll over to the following month's newsletter.

Suggested Carpool Fee for FSC Overnight Trips

After a review of the fees that were suggested as reimbursements for FSC carpool drivers for our longer overnight ski trips, I have received input from trip leaders and have decided it is time to increase some of these suggested fees based on current prices for gasoline. The figures we have been using are from 2017 and gas prices have increased about 40 percent in Colorado since then... from \$2.50 per gallon, on average, to a current state average of \$3.50.

I have decided to include the mileage since some of these figures have changed due to changes in hotel locations (ie, from Glenwood Springs, which required daily car rides to Aspen, to Basalt, etc.), and perhaps due to route changes, with the mileage in some cases being somewhat surprising.

Here are the latest estimated round trip mileage figures based on departing from central Boulder (about Jay Rd and Spine) to the city/lodge of our destination for skiing:

Basalt — 390 mi.
Crested Butte — 490 mi. (over Monarch Pass)
Fraser — 165 mi.
Leadville — 230 mi.
Park City, UT — 950 mi.
Snow Mtn. Ranch — 195 mi.
Steamboat Springs — 335 mi.
South Fork/Wolf Creek Pass — 500 mi.

In 2017, the amounts charged were approximately 5 cents/mile. Increasing that by about 40 percent (gas price increase), we come up with 7 cents/mile. So, here are the suggested round trip carpool fees (rounded up) for the aforementioned trips: **Basalt — \$35***; **Crested Butte — \$45**; **Fraser — \$13**; **Leadville — \$20**; **Park City, UT — \$75**; **Snow Mountain Ranch — \$15**; **Steamboat Springs — \$30**; **Wolf Creek — \$45**.

*PLEASE be reminded that these are suggested fees and don't take into consideration any daily driving to the ski areas or restaurants from the hotels. Sandy M., our Aspen leader, suggests \$50 per person for people utilizing their carpool driver to get to and from Basalt to the Aspen ski areas/restaurants. Finally, pricing is ultimately up to the discretion of the driver and the type of vehicle the driver is using. Please take into consideration how many people will be driving together also. As you can see, there are too many variables to try to precisely figure out a simple master plan. If there is only one passenger, the driver and passenger will need to reach an agreement on what is fair. Importantly, discuss carpool fees prior to your trip departure, so there are no misunderstandings.

Happy skiing and commuting!

Donna C., Downhill Chair

2022 Flatirons Ski Trip Calendar

Dates	Destination	Lodging	# of Spaces	Nights	Lift Tix	Total Cost per Person	Deposit	Balance Due	Trip Leaders
Jan 21-24	Crested Butte, CO	Cristiana Guesthaus	26	3	EPIC	\$325*	\$50	12/2/21	Linda & Chris P.
Jan 31-Feb 3	Steamboat, CO	Steamboat Holiday Inn	58	3	IKON	\$260	\$75	12/1/21	Tom C.
Feb 7-10	Granby, CO	Snow Mtn Ranch	28	3	Misc.	\$170	\$40	12/15/21	Beth G.
Feb 14-18	Wolf Creek and Monarch	Quality Inn (South Fork) Baymont Hotel (Salida)	24	4 (2 nights per area)	Misc.	\$235	\$40	1/3/22	Louise G. (Wolf Cr.) Donna C. (Monarch)
Feb 22-26	Park City, Utah	Park City Peaks Hotel	24	4	IKON EPIC	\$470	\$100	2/3/22	Sandy M.
Mar 1-4	Fraser, CO	Fraser House	12	3	Misc.	\$150	\$25	1/6/22	Linda & Chris P.
Mar 7-10 or 11	Aspen, CO	Element Hotel, Basalt	40	3 or 4	IKON	\$345 or \$455	\$75 3N \$100 4N	2/3/22	Sandy M.
Mar 15-17	Leadville, CO	Columbine Inn	20	2	Misc.	\$160	\$30	2/3/22	Elease M.
Dec-Apr	Mid-Week Skiing Mon & Thurs				EPIC or IKON depends on ski area				Ed H., Mon. Rich E., Thurs

ATTN participants: Please be reminded that monies paid for a ski trip are generally non-refundable according to FSC Policies. If you must cancel, notify the trip leader promptly so a replacement can be found. According to policy, the replacing person directly reimburses the person who is cancelling. If a replacement is not found, your payment is non-refundable.

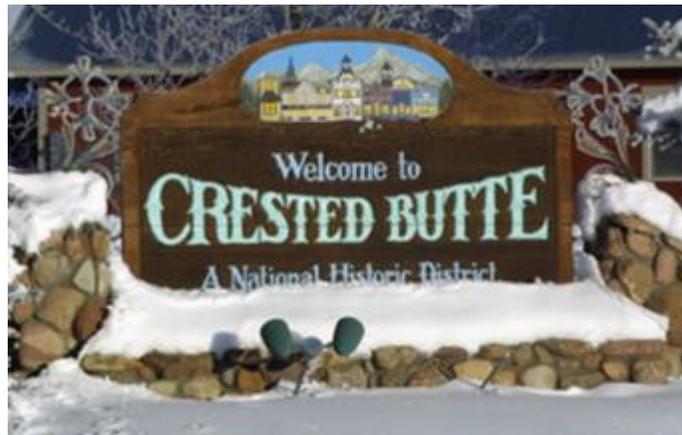
***There will be a \$120 surcharge for a single room (one person in a Queen room) for Crested Butte Trip.**

WINTER Skiing in CRESTED BUTTE

3 Nights Lodging at the CRISTIANA GUESTHAUS

Jan. 21st, 22nd & 23rd (leaving Jan. 24th AM)

THERE IS STILL ROOM ON THIS TRIP. CALL OR E-MAIL THE TRIP LEADERS TO DISCUSS AVAILABILITY



A reminder to members who have already paid a deposit – final payment of the balance of the trip cost is due to the trip leaders by mail on December 2, 2021. Please make checks payable to Flatirons Ski Club and **send them to Linda and Chris P. (home address). Put 2022 Winter Crested Butte in the memo line.** Do not send checks for this trip to the FSC P.O. Box. Please call or e-mail Linda and Chris with questions.

SNOW MOUNTAIN RANCH

YMCA OF THE ROCKIES

February 7 – 10, 2022

The accommodations include two reunion cabins with seven bedrooms, and each cabin will be limited to 14 participants. The trip fee includes use of the YMCA facilities, meals, and lodging. Snow Mountain Ranch offers cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, swimming, roller-skating, arts & crafts, 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. Trip attendees prepare the group meals at the cabins, and food is available to take for lunch.

For additional information, please contact Beth G. by cell or email.

FCS Ski Trip to Steamboat Springs

Good news for Flatirons Ski Club Steamboat trip participants - January 31 - February 3, 2022! The first phase of the \$135 million Master Plan Development for Steamboat Resort includes completion of the Golden Walk, an easy escalator ride from where the shuttle bus deposits us, down to Gondola Square, making the process of carrying skis to the lift much easier. We will get to applaud this improvement when the club visits Steamboat in January. Lifts start running November 27, so we should be able to enjoy good conditions for our trip. Fifty-eight members have mailed me their deposits of \$75 for our three night stay at the Holiday Inn (3190 Lincoln Avenue; Steamboat Springs).

The difference is \$185. I did indicate December 1, in the last update prior to the November meeting as the due date. I need to receive your checks anytime before 12/15 – thank you.

All rooms have mini fridges, microwaves, and coffee makers. The Holiday Inn has indoor and outdoor pools and hot tubs plus a fitness center. They will also provide us with a room for our happy hour gatherings. Breakfasts are not included. Rex's American Grill serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Members are free to make their own arrangements, or prepare food in their rooms. The Holiday Inn does have its own shuttle service to the mountain and downtown! There have been some inquiries for single rooms. The rate will be the full price of a room, or double the individual price, which is club policy. Rooms are scarce – some 400 have been eliminated from the Steamboat market since both the Steamboat Hotel and Lodge and the Fairfield Inn have been sold.

There have also been inquiries about staying less than three nights and getting a prorated price. The club can't accommodate that. If for whatever reason you decide to cancel, please do not expect a refund. You can find someone to take your place, and the club will also try, but as a general policy the club does not do refunds. As a reminder, please make your checks out to Flatirons Ski Club (FSC), and not Tom C.. Looking forward to seeing you on the runs and enjoying some of Steamboat's legendary powder.

Tom C., Trip Leader

Wolf Creek & Monarch Mountain February 14-18

There is still room availability! Please join us for the first *combined* Flatirons Ski Club trip to Wolf Creek Ski Area and Monarch Mountain in February 2022! Both of these smaller, more rustic southern Colorado areas, which are about 1.5 hours driving between each other, are known for ***great snow*** and modestly-priced downhill skiing compared to big resorts. We will be staying at newer hotels, the Quality Inn in South Fork for Wolf Creek skiing, and the Baymont by Wyndham in Salida for Monarch Mountain. Hotels are about a 20-30 minute ride to their respective ski areas.

Our two-night stay at each 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;
- * Business center and laundry facilities (Baymont).

Total cost per person for all 4 nights (double room occupancy) is \$235. Deposit is \$40. Please send all deposits and balance checks to Louise Geil. (See membership roster for her contact information)

There will be a social gathering with appetizers in the breakfast areas of both hotels. Bring a favorite appetizer to share. Paper products and non-alcoholic beverages provided. BYOB if desired.

The 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

The day price for skiing at Monarch:

Adults (18-61 yrs old): \$99
Seniors (62-68 yrs old): \$69
Super seniors (69 and older): Free with ID

Buying your tickets on-line at Monarch the day before (or earlier) will allow you to save 15-20% on the aforementioned price. You will be provided with an email receipt and instructions on-line allowing you to get a daily pass or RFID (Radio Frequency IDentification) card at the ski area. Bring ID with you!

Louise G. and Donna C., trip leaders

Back Again IN 2022: SKI UTAH

Stay in Park City

February 22-26, 2022

Lodging: Park City Peaks Hotel

2346 Park Ave, Park City, UT 84060

Phone: (435) 649-5000

Info: The hotel is in Park City approximately 40 min from SLC airport and 8 hours from Boulder.

YouTube https://youtu.be/Y3QutSm_myI

Web: www.parkcitypeaks.com

Price: \$470 per person Group airfare: Southwest – minimum 11 people (TBD), ground transfer (TBD)

Deposit: \$100 on 10/7/21 Balance: \$370 on 2/3/22

Contact: Sandy M.

Includes:

- 4 nights lodging (for a studio with 2 queen beds \ per room)
- No lift tickets – use your IKON pass at Deer Valley (30 min from PC), Solitude and Snowbird (40 min from PC), Brighton and Alta (50 min from PC), and the EPIC pass at Park City
- Welcome Party pizza and salad (BYOB)
- Hot breakfast each morning including bacon, sausage, eggs, waffles, fruit, yogurt
- Bus to ski areas and local bus to downtown Main St restaurants on hotel property
- Underground parking
- Onsite restaurant- Versante Hearth+ Bar
- Small in-room fridge, microwave in common area
- Hot tub, steam room, sauna, indoor/outdoor pool, fitness room



Frasier Ski Trip
3 Nights Lodging at the Fraser House
March 1st, 2nd and 3rd (leaving March 4th AM)



THIS TRIP IS CURRENTLY FULL – CONTACT THE TRIP LEADERS TO JOIN THE WAITING LIST

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

LEADVILLE SKI TRIP

Tuesday March 15th, Wednesday March 16th leaving March 17th

We are again staying at the Columbine Inn, 2019 N. Poplar, Leadville, CO. Their phone # is 719.486.5650. The cost is \$160 each sharing a double room for the 2 nights. Extra rooms can be added but will need to be occupied by 2 people. The breakfast room is at this time open for continental breakfast. We may be able to use this room for a potluck get together as in previous years. More information will be available closer to the time.

We ski at Ski Cooper located 10 miles from Leadville via US-24
Lift Ticket Prices: Free for 75 and Older, otherwise – 80.00 per day

“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 a roaring send off to our last Club Ski trip of the season!!

DEPOSIT: \$30 BALANCE: \$130 due Feb 3rd
Leader – Elease M.

P.S. You may wish to ski Copper Mountain on the way up or when returning on the 17th as it is only about 30 minutes from Leadville.

RETURNING TO Basalt in 2022

Aspen/Snowmass 2022

March 7-10 or 11, 2022

Lodging: Element Hotel by Westin in Basalt Colorado

499 Market St Basalt, CO 81621

Phone: (970) 340-4040

Location: The hotel is in Basalt approximately 30 minutes from Aspen/Snowmass and 3 ½ hours from Boulder.

Web: <http://www.elementbasaltaspen.com>

Price: \$345 per person for 3 nights OR \$455 per person for 4 nights

Deposit: \$100 (3 or 4 nights) on 10/7/21 Balance: \$245 (3 nights) or \$355 (4 nights) on 2/3/22

Lift tickets can be purchased for \$100+ per ticket. The hotel may be selling lift tickets this year. 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 (for a studio with 2 queen beds \ per room)
- Each room has a kitchenette
- Evening Reception Mon-Thur 5-6:30 pm complimentary beer, wine, soft drinks, cheese, olives, and bread
- Extravagant breakfast each morning
- Use of meeting room for club potluck on Monday night (TBD)
- Discounted ski rental including ski/boots/poles/bindings/helmets
- Bus to ski areas (may be an extra cost)
- Outdoor hot tub, indoor pool, fitness center, and fire pit
- Walk to grocery store, shops, and restaurants



FSC GENERAL POLICIES

FSC Board approved and updated as of August, 2021

Sign-up Procedures: FSC doesn't intend to profit from activities, but usually charges a fee to cover costs.

- 1.1 Your deposit holds your place on the activity.
- 1.2 Deposits and balances in general are non-refundable.
- 1.3 If an activity is full, your name will be added to the Wait List. Cancellations often occur.
- 1.4 If you must cancel, notify the Activity Leader promptly so a replacement can be found.
- 1.5 If you are replacing someone, you must reimburse that person for the fees he/she already paid.
- 1.6 If your balance is not paid by the Due Date, the Activity Leader will replace you with a person on the Wait List.
- 1.7 Pay separately for each activity, noting the activity name and date with the payment.
- 1.8 Make payments out to "Flatirons Ski Club" and give them to the Activity Leader.
- 1.9 Communicate any issues promptly to the Activity Leader.

Capability. When a person's capability is inadequate for the activity, it negatively impacts other participants.

- 2.1 For the group's safe enjoyment of a given activity, members and guests must participate only in those group activities (skiing, hiking etc.) that are well within their current endurance, ability and skill so as not to cause an incident.
- 2.2 An incident is defined as any accident or adverse disruption to the safety of the planned group activity, an increase in the group's time or cost to accomplish the planned activity, or undue imposition on the group or outside parties.
- 2.3 Recognizing that mistakes can occur and accidents can happen, repeated incidents caused by a participant's lack of capability may disqualify that member from group activities, and may result in use of FSC's Grievance procedure.

Guidelines for Conduct

- 3.1 During an activity, the Leader's decision on member participation is final.
- 3.2 Participants should be provided with a list of contact information for all participants, when possible, and should be aware that mobile devices might not have service in remote areas.
- 3.3 Group activities should be done with a minimum of two people in the case of rescue-patrolled areas, and with a minimum of four people in other cases (so one person can stay with the injured person and two others can go together for help).
- 3.4 If a group member becomes incapacitated, the group must care for him/her, because participation in the activity implies agreement to help out in case of trouble.
- 3.5 A group must not split up unless there is a clear plan for a regroup place and time.
- 3.6 Turn-around times should be determined so that return can be accomplished in a timely manner.
- 3.7 In case a group becomes separated, group members should wait at the first fork in the trail or at the base of an agreed-upon ski lift.
- 3.8 Individuals who voluntarily separate from their group are no longer considered participants in the group activity, and the group is relieved of responsibility for them.
- 3.9 Carrying communication devices (e.g., cell phones and walkie-talkies) is strongly encouraged for all members.

DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	(Nov 29) Hanukkah		1	2 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM General Mtg 7:00 PM	3 FAC	4
5	6	7 Snowshoe Cross Country 9:00 AM	8	9 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	10 FAC	11
12	13 Book Club 6:45 PM	14 Snowshoe Cross Country 9:00 AM	15	16 3 rd Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	17 FAC	18
19	20	21 Snowshoe Cross Country 9:00 AM Winter Solstice	22	23 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	24 FAC?	25 Christmas Day
26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	31 New Year's Eve	

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