

Flatirons Ski Club

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social Group



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December 2024

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 4TH, 7 PM AT
THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BOULDER
5001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, BOULDER, CO 80303**

ANNUAL FSC HOLIDAY PARTY

**UNITY CHURCH, 2855 FOLSOM
SATURDAY DECEMBER, 14, 2024**



The party will begin at 5:30 p.m. There is a fee of \$12.00 per person. Please send this as soon as possible to Flatirons Ski Club, P.O. Box 6120, Boulder, CO 80306. Reservations must be received by December 4th.

Volunteers are needed to cook a ham or turkey. Please let Tina know if you are willing to do this. The \$12 fee will be waived for each of our cooks. The club will reimburse you for the cost of a ham or turkey from a local grocery store.

Members are asked to bring side dishes to share. We also need a selection of appetizers to begin the party! Feel free to bring your own wine if you wish. Soft drinks and coffee/tea will be available.

Side dish suggestions are sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, any type of vegetable dish, or stuffing. It would be helpful if one person could contribute a gluten free stuffing as we have some gluten free members. Of course, you can bring a dish of your choice that would go well with the turkey or ham. **The club will provide pies and ice cream for dessert.**

We will again enjoy the **piano music by Marty DeSantis and flute music by Dave Diener.**

We will need help with setting up all of the tables and chairs at 11:00 a.m. on the morning of the 14th. Please let us know if you can help.

You are all so much appreciated for making this a wonderful event.

Please Miller and Tina Ramp, Social Co-Chairs

Message from the President

At the October Board meeting, your Board of Directors dealt with some thorny issues, and we made some revisions to the Policies. They all relate to overnight trips. If some meals are included in an overnight trip, the leader has calculated the cost into the total that the participants pay. Sometimes, members make alternate accommodations reservations, but they wish to participate in the communal meals. If the leader has space and sufficient provisions, the visitors may be accommodated, but they need to defray a share of the food cost. We believe it is beneficial to promote the social aspects of Club activities, but registrants should not be required to pay for visitor meals. Alternatively housed individuals should make arrangements in advance and expect to pay for the main dish and bring a potluck contribution if appropriate.

It has long been an unwritten policy that the Club does not pay for alcoholic beverages, but now it is formal. On our overnight outings, there are frequently Happy Hours. Sometimes the trip leader provides wine or beer, but it is a gift to those who wish to partake, not paid for by Club funds. Participants should expect to provide their own wine or beer, enough to share if they are so moved.

Another issue is bringing pets on the trips. While many of us do, not everyone loves pets and some are severely allergic. They certainly change the tenor of an overnight trip. Considering health and liability issues, the Board unanimously decided to prohibit pets on overnight trips.

In addition, let me remind you that there are Health Guidelines. The Board looked at them again in October and decided to keep them as they are. We all need to keep each other safe and healthy, so if you come down with something, in spite of recommended inoculations, you should not knowingly expose the rest of your companions. Stay home if it's before you need to leave for a given trip, and, if it

happens during the trip, isolate and/or go back home. We don't want anyone to get sick, but, if you do, keep your germs to yourself.

Of the many things for which I am grateful for this holiday season, prominent among them are the members of the Flatirons Ski Club. It is a wonderful circle of friends who willingly help each other out and show care and respect. We have something unique in this Club, and now is a good time to express appreciation for that.

Gratefully,

Louisa Young, President

Membership Renewal

Thank you to all members who have renewed. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so. On December 1st I will begin culling the roster. Thank you so much!

Linda Giandinoto, Membership

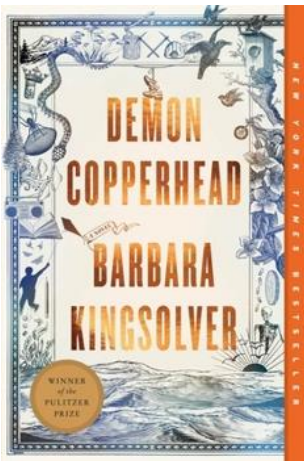
December 4th FSC General Meeting Program



Our speaker for the Dec. 4 meeting is Nina Keilson, from the Crystal Ski Shop in Boulder. She will describe what to look for when shopping for new downhill skis and include some information on cross-country skis and snowshoes as well. Nina will also take questions on ski-boots.

FSC Book Club

- DATE:** December 9, 5:00 PM
- HOST & Leader:** Linda LaGanga's home – see FSC roster for address
- BOOK:** "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver



Description: Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, *Demon Copperhead* is the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. Relayed in his own unsparing voice, Demon braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Through all of it, he reckons with his own invisibility in a popular culture where even the superheroes have abandoned rural people in favor of cities. In transposing a Victorian epic novel by Charles Dickens to the contemporary American South, Barbara Kingsolver enlists

Dickens' anger and compassion, and above all, his faith in the transformative powers of a good story. *Demon Copperhead* speaks for a new generation of lost boys, and all those born into beautiful, cursed places they can't imagine leaving behind.

Thursday Hikes December 2024

Welcome to Ruth Durst, our new co-leader. Please help me welcome her with great appreciation for her contribution. We meet at the Meadows Shopping Center parking lot in the northeast area, near the office building. For the winter we are changing our meeting time to 8:45 and plan to leave promptly at 9. Look for people standing by their cars. The Meadows is on the southwest quadrant of the corner of Baseline and Foothills Parkway. It's an option to drive yourself and meet at the trailhead but let us know your plan. Pay attention to the forecast and bring layers of clothing plus water and snacks. We are often out all day and stop for a picnic lunch along the way. We welcome newcomers.

A reminder goes out on Sunday or Monday to an email list maintained by Louisa. Be sure to get yourself on that list for current information as we go along. We reserve the

ability to change without notice if the weather or other factors so motivate us. Here is the plan for the coming month.

December 5 – North Sky, newly completed and opened, goes from base of Hogback Ridge to Joder Ranch, 3.5 miles each way or 7 miles roundtrip without significant elevation change.

December 12 – Lion’s Lair is a route up Mt. Sanitas. It begins from a trailhead on Mapleton/Sunshine Canyon. It’s about 5 ½ miles round trip with 1228 ft. elevation change. Parking is very limited, so it’s important to carpool.

December 19 – Shanahan Ridge is about 4 miles roundtrip with about 900 ft of elevation change. It’s a balloon trail with a loop and a stem. The trailhead is off of Lehigh.

December 26 – Flatirons Vista to Dowdy Draw and back is about 4 miles roundtrip, relatively flat most of the way. The trailhead is on Highway 93 south of Boulder. Bring house guests. The views are spectacular.

Leaders: Louisa Young and Ruth Durst

Heads-up: January we will be starting to snowshoe on Tuesdays!

Mark your calendars. If you are interested, please send me an email if you are new.

Dorothy Cohen, Coordinator

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

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

Safety – Learn how to respond to emergency situations

Friend of the FSC, Kelly McDevitt, an RN and director of Bryan Mountain Ski Patrol, is teaching a number of sessions consisting of two classes on first aid, CPR, and using a defibrillator to revive unresponsive victims. The FSC board recommends that all leaders of outdoor outings take the basic session mentioned above. You don't have to be a trip leader to do the class. The 1st class is online and takes about 3 hours. The 2nd is in person in Boulder and takes about 4 hours. There is a fee of about \$23 which is well worth it. I have done the online session and will do the live session next week. Here is a link to it. If interested please email me and Kelly at Kelly.mcdevitt@uchealth.org.

<https://shopcpr.heart.org/heartsaver-first-aid-cpr-aed-online>

Hygiene Tips

With lots of trips, Christmas parties, potlucks and communal meals coming up, a reminder to please wash your hands before handling food and serving yourself. I see people blowing their noses while in food lines and staying in line. Please wash your hands again!

Trip leaders and event coordinators, please provide multiple containers of hand sanitizer.

Covid is still around and so is flu. Nobody wants to get sick. If you think you have Covid please get tested and stay home if you have a contagious disease.

Thank you!

Arnie Mullen, Safety Chair

2024/25 FSC MID-WEEK SKI SCHEDULE

Monday: Ed Hanson	Thursday: Arnie Mullen	11/19/2024
H: 303-993-4445, C: 303-902-3709	C: 303-859-2549	
Email: ewhfg@cs.com	Email: arniemullen@netscape.net	

MONDAY/TUESDAY (EPIC)			WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY (IKON)		
Date	Area	Carpool Fee	Date	Area	Carpool Fee
2-Dec	Breckenridge	\$10	5-Dec	Copper	\$10
9-Dec	Beaver Creek + 7:00am	\$15*	12-Dec	WP/MJ	\$10
16-Dec	Breckenridge	\$10	19-Dec	A-Basin	\$10
23-Dec	Keystone	\$10	26-Dec	TBD	\$10
30-Dec	Breckenridge	\$10	2-Jan	Eldora 8:15am	\$5
6-Jan	Vail 7:00am	\$15*	9-Jan	WP/MJ	\$10
13-Jan	Keystone	\$10	15-Jan	Copper (Wednesday)	\$10
21-Jan	Breckenridge (Tuesday)	\$10	23-Jan	WP/MJ	\$10
27-Jan	Keystone	\$10	30-Jan	Eldora 8:15	\$5
3-Feb	Breckenridge	\$10	6-Feb	WP/MJ	\$10
10-Feb	Beaver Creek 7:00am	\$15*	12-Feb	Copper (Wednesday)	\$10
18-Feb	Breckenridge (Tuesday)	\$10	20-Feb	Eldora 8:15am	\$5
24-Feb	Keystone	\$10	27-Feb	WP/MJ	\$10
3-Mar	Keystone	\$10	6-Mar	WP/MJ	\$10
10-Mar	Vail 7:00am	\$15*	12-Mar	Copper (Wednesday)	\$10
17-Mar	Breckenridge	\$10	20-Mar	WP/MJ	\$10
24-Mar	Keystone	\$10	27-Mar	A-Basin	\$10
31-Mar	Breckenridge	\$10	2-Apr	Copper (Wednesday)	\$10
7-Apr	TBD		10-Apr	WP/MJ	\$10
14-Apr	TBD		17-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. We can also meet skiers at agreed upon times in the Wooly Mammoth lot in Golden.
- 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.
- The club's prevailing health guidelines apply to all activities.
- 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.

Overnight ski trips are filling up. If you are interested, please contact the trip leader directly for availability.

2025 FSC Ski Trip Calendar

IMPORTANT Note that total costs shown below are for double occupancy.

Dates	Destination	Lodging	# of Spaces	Nights	Lift Tix	Total Cost Per Person	Deposit	Balance Due	Trip Leaders
Jan 14-17	Crested Butte	Cristiana Guesthaus	23	3	Epic	\$352 (\$468 single)	\$50	12/4/24	Linda & Chris Paris
Jan 20-23	Steamboat	Homewood Suites	40	3	Ikon	\$475	\$150	12/14/24	Tom Cannon
Jan 28-30	Snowy Range	Old Corral Hotel	18	2	Misc	\$135	\$35	12/4/24	Janne Cookman
Feb 3-6	Snow Mtn Ranch	YMCA of the Rockies	28	3	Ikon	\$160	\$40	12/4/24	Beth Gaffney
Feb 10-13	Vail/Beaver Creek	Comfort Inn Avon	20	3	Epic	\$395	\$100	12/14/24	Susan McGannon & Sue Bolton
Feb 18-21	Monarch Mtn (& Wolf Creek)	Baymont (Salida)	20	3	M: 69+ ski free WC: Misc	\$175 (\$335 single)	\$40	1/8/25	Donna Cooper & Louise Geil
Feb 25-28	Fraser/Winter Park	Fraser House Alpine Center	18	3	Ikon	\$120	\$25	1/8/25	Louisa Young
March 3-7	Aspen/Snowmass	Comfort Inn/Suites Carbondale	40	3 or 4	Ikon+	\$310/ \$410	\$100	1/8/25	Richard Varey
March 11-13	Leadville/Ski Cooper	Columbine Inn	42	2	Misc	\$195	\$50	1/8/25	Ed Gostling

Suggested Carpool Fees for FSC Overnight Ski Trips 2025

We did not think it appropriate to change the suggested carpool fees for this season's FSC overnight ski trips. These fees were loosely based on gas prices at \$3.50/gallon and a suggested carpool fee of 7 cents/mile, but keep in mind that driving costs have been driven up by inflation, and winter driving can stress both car and driver! They are guidelines only, and subject to change.

Notes:

- The carpool fees above do not include daily driving to the ski areas or restaurants from the lodging. These need to be figured out separately.

Destination	Round Trip Mileage (from Central Boulder)	Suggested Carpool Fee (7cts/mile)
Crested Butte (Cristiana)	480	\$35
Steamboat	325	\$25
Monarch (Salida)	310	\$25
Snow Mtn Ranch & Fraser	175	\$15
Snowy Range (Centennial)	320	\$25
Aspen (Carbondale)	355	\$30
Ski Cooper (Leadville)	215	\$20

- Take into consideration the number of people who are in the car.
- Pricing is ultimately at the discretion of the driver and the type of vehicle in use.
- To avoid misunderstandings, discuss carpool fees prior to your trip departure.

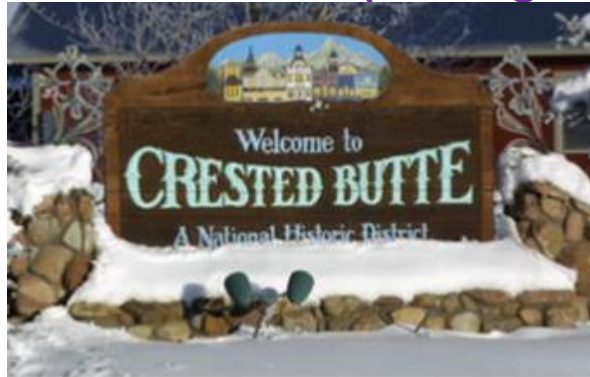
Enjoy the season!

Richard Varey, Downhill & Nordic Ski Chair

Calling all Ski Loveland Lovers

Nan Keehner invites members with a Loveland ski pass to join the meet-up email group she manages. There's no fixed schedule, but anyone can send an email looking for rides or riders or just to let others know they will be there on a certain day. If anyone is interested in being on the list, they should send email to nankeehner@yahoo.com and put "FSC Loveland" in the subject line.

WINTER Skiing in CRESTED BUTTE
3 Nights Lodging at the CRISTIANA GUESTHAUS
Jan. 14th, 15th & 16th (leaving Jan. 17th AM)



Note: This trip has availability for king and single occupancy queen rooms only. All of the double occupancy Queen + Double places have been filled. Unfilled rooms will be returned to the Cristiana after December 4 and sign-ups will be closed except to replace cancellations. You may join the Waiting list – no deposit is required. Email the trip leaders to sign up or add your name to the Waiting List. If you join the Waiting List, please keep the trip dates open on your schedule.

The following trip description is an update from the September 2024 newsletter.

You can't do better than Crested Butte this winter, whether you are looking to downhill or cross-country skiing. Crested Butte is the place for you! CB is a cross-country skier's dream, with miles of groomed trails in town and many others in the vicinity. Crested Butte Mountain Resort (Mount Crested Butte) is a premier downhill resort that specializes in intermediate terrain with plentiful expert and easy terrain. Please join us for a great time in a great ski town. We will be staying in Crested Butte town at the Cristiana Guesthaus for 3 midweek nights January 14, 15, & 16 (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) with check out on Friday the 17th, 2025. The trip cost includes an ample daily continental breakfast with homemade breakfast breads, mixed fresh fruit, juices (including fresh squeezed orange juice), granola and yogurt, HB eggs and oatmeal each morning. Lunches and dinners are on your own. There are no cross-country trail passes or downhill lift tickets included in the trip cost. The Nordic Center day pass is free for those 70+ and reduced for those 65-69. Lift tickets at Mt. Crested Butte are on the Epic Pass for downhill skiers. If you do not have that pass, you can still come – there are online discounts through Mt. Crested Butte to avoid the full ticket window price and FSC members have shared buddy passes.

Cost: **\$352.00 per person double occupancy.** Single people wishing to room with someone else must find her/his own roommate - **\$468.00 single occupancy (Queen)**

Payment/Deadline: Non-refundable \$50 deposit per person due now. Final payment is due December 4th either at the meeting or by mail to the Paris'.

Checks: Make deposit and final payment checks out to the **Flatirons Ski Club.** Please write **2025 Winter Crested Butte** in the note line.

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

STEAMBOAT

January 20 - 23, 2025



This will be the third time the club gets to enjoy the comforts of the Homewood Suites by Hilton in Steamboat Springs. The club has reserved twenty rooms, each with two queen beds for the nights of January 20 - 23, 2025. That is check-in Monday and check-out on Thursday the 23rd. Each room has a small fridge, and microwave. The cost is the same as last time - \$475 per person!

This is the nicest and closest accommodation to any ski resort the club has for this ski season. The free city run shuttle stops out the front door and across the street from the hotel. It runs three times an hour and drops you off where all the buses stop and near the escalators.

Homewood Suites provides a free hot breakfast. They also have an indoor pool and hot tub and a fitness center. The club typically has a happy hour every evening and a potluck feast on the first night.

The total cost of \$475 per person or \$325 if you paid the deposit, is due December 1. Please remember to get your payment on a timely basis, or you may lose your spot! Please consider your trip leaders. It is no fun chasing down tardy payments.

If you have any questions, you can contact the hotel directly or Tom Cannon, the trip leader.

Tom Cannon - FSC Steamboat Trip Leader

Snowy Range January 28 to 30 2025 (2 Nights)



Update: There is an opening for a male skier to share a room with another male.

The Snowy Range Ski Area is beautifully nestled within the scenic Medicine Bow National Forest in southeast Wyoming. There is 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 \$135 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 & Grill, very handy for dinner or breakfast.

There are usually few people skiing mid-week at Snowy Range and it's a nice change of pace. Another really great thing is the price of the midweek day ticket (18-69 yrs) is only \$54 (weekday online purchase) and everyone 70+ is free! So please join us as we ski Snowy Range Ski Area, Wyoming, 2025.

The total cost of \$135 per person or \$100 if you paid the deposit is due on 12/04/24.

Please make checks payable to Flatirons Ski Club, put Snowy Range on the memo line.

For additional information, please contact

Janne Cookman, Trip Leader

SNOW MOUNTAIN RANCH YMCA OF THE ROCKIES February 3 – 6, 2025



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 accommodation includes 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.

The total cost of \$160 per person or \$120 if you paid the deposit is due at the FSC General Meeting on 12/04/24 or by mail to me by that date. Please make checks payable to Flatirons Ski Club, put Snow Mountain Ranch in the memo line.

For additional information, please contact

Beth Gaffney, Trip Leader

New Trip!
Vail/Beaver Creek
Monday to Thursday - February 10 to 13, 2025



The Vail/ Beaver Creek ski trip Feb. 10-13 is full. Three additional rooms were added to accommodate everyone who registered and paid the deposit. We have 13 rooms and 26 people signed up for the trip.

If you're interested and want to join us, please contact Sue Bolton to be put on the wait list.

A great opportunity to enjoy a huge choice of trails on your doorstep in Vail, Colorado's largest ski area, and Beaver Creek. The base villages have a European vibe, with good cafes and restaurants.

The Club has ten double occupancy rooms reserved for three nights at the Comfort Suites in Avon. Shuttle outside right in front of the reception building to Beaver Creek and connection available to Vail from the stop at the base of Beaver Creek. Vail shuttle drops at Lion's Head or main village. Also, extras include free parking, outdoor hot tub, microwave and refrigerator, and a hot breakfast in the lobby each morning as well as cookies and soup provided in the afternoon. The gathering room for club potluck is reserved for Monday night. A Club group dinner is planned for Tuesday night.

The total cost of \$395 per person or \$295 if you paid the deposit is due on 12/14/24.

Please make checks payable to Flatirons Ski Club, put Vail/Beaver Creek in the memo line.

Send checks and trip form to Sue Bolton (address in club roster).

Susan McGannon & Sue Bolton, Trip Leaders

Monarch Mountain & Wolf Creek

February 18 to 21, 2025

Please join us for our fourth combined Flatirons Ski Club trip to Monarch and Wolf Creek from February 18 to 21, 2025. We will have a three-night stay at The Baymont by Wyndham in Salida. You can travel to the ski area of your choice, Monarch Mountain, or Wolf Creek. Salida has many lovely restaurants to choose from for our dining pleasure. The drive to Monarch is less than 30 minutes up Highway 50 on Monarch Pass. Wolf Creek Ski area is two hours, mostly on a flat stretch of Highway 285. You can opt for either area depending upon snow conditions, and your driving preferences.

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, and ironing board;
- * Indoor swimming pool and hot tub; and
- * Business center and laundry facilities.

The total cost per person for all three nights (double room occupancy) is \$175 (\$135 if you paid the deposit) and is due at the January 8th FSC meeting. If you cannot attend the FSC meeting, mail the check to Louise Geil by that date. Single occupancy is \$335 for 3 nights.

Cross-Country Skiers Note: There are 7 cross-country ski areas on Monarch Pass: Fosses Creek; Middle Fork Creek to Lost Wonder Hut; Waterdog Lakes, etc. Also, Browns Creek (midway between Salida and Buena Vista) is a flat easy area to navigate. Contact cross-country ski shops in Salida for more information.

A social gathering with appetizers will be held each night (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). Please bring your favorite appetizer to share. Paper products and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. BYOB if desired.

Day price for skiing at Monarch:

Adults (18-61 yrs old): \$69 Tues, Wed, Thurs; higher pricing Fri - Sun.

Seniors (62-68 yrs old): \$59 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 your license verifying age!

Day price for skiing at Wolf Creek:

Adults (18-64 yrs old): \$91; Seniors (65-79 yrs old): \$60

80 yrs old and older: Free with ID

Donna Cooper and Louise Geil, Trip Leaders

Fraser/Winter Park Trip Feb 25 to 28, 2025



For many years, the Ski Club has sponsored a trip to the Fraser House, which is located north of Tabernash. It's a large home, able to accommodate 18 people. Some are bunk beds. It's a beautiful setting in a subdivision.

Downhillers can easily reach Winter Park, Mary Jane or Granby Ranch. Those who prefer Nordic skiing or snowshoeing have many choices: Snow Mountain Ranch, Devil's Thumb, Colorado Experimental Forest, or the west side of Rocky Mountain National Park, among other options. No lift tickets or passes are included in the price.

Protein main dishes will be provided on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and breakfasts will be available on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Makings for a sandwich and fruit lunch will also be provided. Participants are expected to bring 3 side dishes, salads or dessert (one for each dinner).

The total cost is \$120 per person!
\$25 holds your spot, with the balance due 1/8/25.

Make checks payable to Flatirons Ski Club and send them to me.

Louisa Young, Trip leader

SKI ASPEN/SNOWMASS 2025

March 3-6 or 7, 2025

This trip is back in 2025, offering great skiing at Aspen, Aspen Highlands, Snowmass, and Buttermilk. We will be lodging at the same hotel in Carbondale as last year.

Lodging: Comfort Inn & Suites
920 Cowen Dr
Carbondale CO 81623
Phone: (970) 963-8880

Location: The hotel is in Carbondale, approximately 36 minutes (28 mi) from Aspen/Snowmass and 3 1/2 hours from Boulder.

Web: <https://www.choicehotels.com/colorado/carbondale/comfort-inn-hotels/co116>

Ski lift tickets are available online. The IKON Pass is good at all areas as follows: **IKON Base Plus Pass** for 5 days, IKON Pass (full) for 7 days. You must reserve your days in advance with IKON online - it's free. The IKON Base Pass is not valid here, so you must buy the add-on before it goes off-sale in December.

Includes:

- 3 nights OR 4 nights 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
- Drive/carpool to ski areas
- Outdoor fire pit, indoor hot tub & pool
- City Market, shops and restaurants nearby

The total cost is \$310 per person for 3 nights OR \$410 per person for 4 nights. If you already paid the deposit, the balance is \$210 (3 nights) or \$310 (4 nights). The balance is due at the general meeting Wed 1/8/25 or mailed to me by 1/8/25 at the latest.

Please make checks payable to Flatirons Ski Club and put Aspen/Snowmass and 3 or 4 nights in the memo line. Mail check and completed trip form to me (address in roster).

Richard Varey, Trip Leader, Downhill & Nordic Ski Chair

Leadville Ski Trip March 11 to 13, 2025



Attention: This trip is full for those sharing a double queen room. Add your name to the waiting list since most years there are unplanned cancellations. Single queen rooms are also available. Trip Balance is due January 1.

Welcome! Please join us on the year's final "mid-week" ski trip during the snowiest month of the year. This year we will be staying at the Columbine Inn & Suites located in Leadville. The town is on Hwy 91, a half hour past Copper Mountain ski area and ski Cooper is 9 miles, 12 minutes from lodge to slopes.

I have negotiated access to their breakfast room for our Happy Hour for both evenings.

Ski Cooper is different, in all the right ways! Soft all-natural snow, terrain variety for everyone, laid-back atmosphere, family-friendly vibe, great food & drinks, and reasonable prices. The FSC club has few lifts: you can see, be seen or change FSC groups all day. Very social! We meet for lunch at the only lodge on picnic benches at 12:30 PM. Powder days happen every year, we do fresh tracks till late afternoon. It is very different from "Mega areas" to which you have been.

Cross Country: There are three well-liked areas within 15 minutes of lodge.

Lift Tickets: Ski Cooper is not on EPIC pass or IKON pass. Free for 75+ age. Loveland pass includes 3 free days here. The window price (TBD) was \$90 last year.

Location Connections: some members ski on arrival or departure days at the following areas: *Copper, A-Basin, Keystone, Vail or Beaver Creek*

Double Queen: Deposit \$ 50; Balance: \$145 is due January 1st.

Single Queen: Deposit \$100; Balance: \$240 is due January 1st.

Payments are at FSC meetings, make checks to *Flatirons Ski Club* and given to:

Ed Gostling, Trip Leader

December 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 FSC General Meeting 7:00 PM	5 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	6 FAC 4:00 PM	7
8	9 Book Club 6:45 PM	10	11	12 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	13 FAC 4:00 PM	14 Annual FSC Holiday Party
15	16	17 January Newsletter submittals due	18	19 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	20 FAC 4:00 PM	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Hanukkah & Kwanzaa start	26 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	27 FAC 4:00 PM	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

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