

Flatirons Ski Club



October 2026

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social Group

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

Message from the President

Fall is in the air! To celebrate, the Flatirons Ski Club (FSC) just held its Fall Picnic at LaVerne M. Johnson Park in Lyons. I hope you were among those who attended. A lot of work goes on months in advance to put these member events together—from securing a suitable location and planning the menu, to buying the food, cooking, and organizing volunteers. As usual, Tina and Bruce Ramp, our Board's Social Chairs, put together a successful event. Members generously contributed savory side dishes and a dessert bar that surpassed anything offered by fancy hotels. All leftover food was donated to the Boulder Homeless Shelter.

Our Fall Picnic kicks off at the start of the winter season. General membership meetings restart on October 7th at our usual location.

Marianne Bachman, our Newsletter Chair, has included comprehensive information in this October issue regarding our winter ski trips and how to sign up and pay for them. Please make sure you read those instructions carefully and keep them on hand. Richard Varey has done a great job securing 10 trips for this winter and has compiled a clear document stating the sign-up process and expectations.

Also, remember to renew your membership and sign the new waiver. I hope to see you on October 7th!

Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to thank our Board Members for their excellent work, which makes FSC function admirably. Without them, enjoying life through coming together and engaging in healthy, fun activities would not be possible.

Thanks, **Juan Contreras, President**

FSC Social Events

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fall Membership Picnic. Everyone appeared to have a good time with good food and good company.

Save the date for our Holiday Party at Unity Church in Boulder on December 12th. More information Will be in the November newsletter.

FSC Social Chairs: Tina and Bruce Ramp

Annual FSC Membership Renewal and Waiver Signing

Thank you to all members who have renewed their membership. Please send waiver and check to:

**Flatirons Ski Club
PO Box 6120
Boulder, CO 80306**

Dues are \$30 for single and \$50 for couple membership. You may also renew at General Meeting on Oct 7.

Linda Giandinoto, Membership Chair

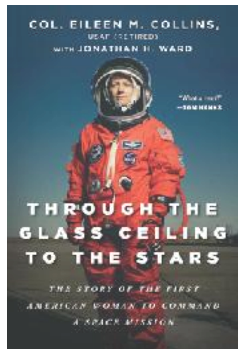
FSC Book Club

If you are interested in joining the FSC Book Club, please contact Amy Varey to be added to our distribution list. Please be sure to RSVP to her meeting reminder email to reserve a seat.

Date:	Monday, October 12th, 2026
Time:	7:00 pm
Discussion Leader and Host:	Amy Lem Varey
Location:	Boulder Rural Fire Rescue 6230 Lookout Road Gunbarrel

Book: **“Through the Glass Ceiling to the Stars”**
by Eileen M. Collins and Jonathan H. Ward

Description:



Eileen Collins was an aviation pioneer her entire career, from her crowning achievements as the first woman to command an American space mission as well as the first to pilot the space shuttle to her early years as one of the Air Force's first female pilots. She was in the first class of women to earn pilot's wings at Vance Air Force Base and was their first female instructor pilot. She was only the second woman pilot admitted to the Air Force's elite Test Pilot Program at Edwards Air Force Base. NASA had such confidence in her skills as a leader and pilot that she was entrusted to command the first shuttle mission after

the Columbia disaster, returning the US to spaceflight after a two-year hiatus. Since retiring from the Air Force and NASA, she has served on numerous corporate boards and is an inspirational speaker about space exploration and leadership. It is a story not only of achievement and overcoming obstacles but of profound personal transformation. The shy, quiet child of an alcoholic father and struggling single mother, who grew up in modest circumstances and was an unremarkable student, she had few prospects when she graduated from high school, but she changed her life to pursue her secret dream of becoming an astronaut. She shares her leadership and life lessons throughout the book with the aim of inspiring and passing on her legacy to a new generation.

**Amy Lem Varey,
Book Club Leader**

Thursday Hikes October 2026



If you're a new FSC member and would like to join our hikes, please email me, Leonard Gehring (see FSC roster).

Similarly, if you would like me to remove your name from the list, email me, and I will take care of it.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ❖ Hike Meeting Time for carpooling is now 8:45 a.m. at The Meadows.
- ❖ Due to unpredictable weather, hikes are tailored to each week's weather forecast and details of the selected hike are sent out in a Sunday email.

FSC Fall Bicycle Ride

Tuesday September 29 to Thursday October 1, 2026



The routes have been scouted and we will be doing parts or all of the Garden of the Gods, Manitou Springs, the Greenway, areas around the Broadmoor Hotel and Old Colorado City. There are some significant hill climbs in these areas but the cycling is great.

Eight double-queen rooms have been reserved at a 15 percent discount at the Buffalo Lodge, a renovated 1920's lodge that

specializes in bicycle tourism. The lodge is clean, funky, and an all-around delight with a continental breakfast.

Please make your own reservations by calling 719-634-2851 and letting the hotel know you are part of Richard Patnoe's bike group. They have rooms with kitchenettes and other amenities. In addition, send a \$25 NONREFUNDABLE check made out to the Flatirons Ski Club to Richard Patnoe, see FSC roster. **This will secure your place on this adventuresome event.**

By the way, they have a bluegrass concert weekend beginning on Friday afternoon, October 2, for those who wish to stay over.

Richard Patnoe, Trip Leader

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.

Annual Avalanche Ranch Trip

Sunday October 4 to Wednesday October 7, 2026



Once again, the club has reserved cabins at Avalanche Ranch near Redstone for what we hope will be the peak of Colorado's spectacular fall colors. Whether you enjoy hiking, biking, soaking in the ranch's 24/7 natural hot spring pools, or simply relaxing, this is a wonderful opportunity to experience the beauty of autumn in the mountains.

Avalanche Ranch is also close enough to Aspen for a day trip to visit the free art museum, stroll through the John Denver Peace Park, or explore the town.

The trip begins on Sunday afternoon, October 4, and we will check out by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 7. **The cost for this three-night getaway is just \$275 per person.**

To reserve your spot, please mail a check payable to FSC to the trip leader, Tom Cannon. His mailing address is listed in the FSC roster. There was an enthusiastic response to the advance notice, so please send your check soon to secure your reservation.

Each evening, we will gather for a happy hour. Everyone is invited to bring a favorite snack and beverage to share. Dinner on the first night will feature both meat and vegetarian chili, and chicken will be served on the second night. Members are also asked to contribute a side dish, salad, or dessert. A sign-up sheet will be available. As always, there's usually plenty of delicious leftovers for a festive feast on the third evening!

If you have any questions, please contact the trip leader.

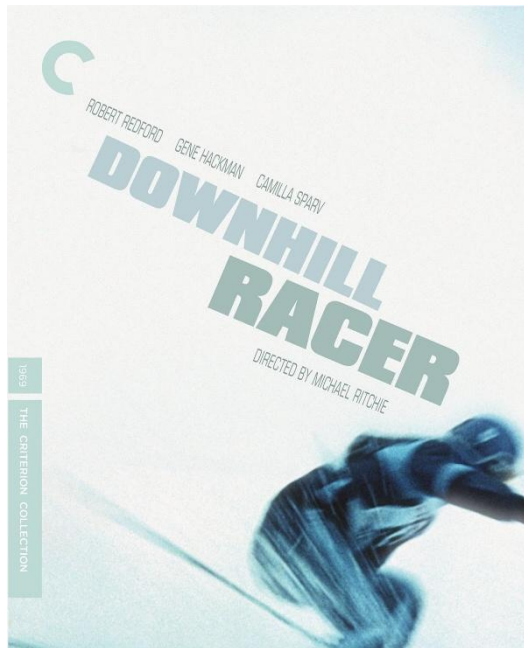
Tom Cannon, Trip Leader

FSC Publicity Resources

Want to see our club activities soon after they occur, or post your photos yourself? We have a Facebook group for that! From your Facebook account, click on “Groups,” then “Discover,” and search for “Flatirons Ski Club.” Click on the group, then click “Join.” After you’ve joined, you can see club posts in your regular Facebook feed or click on “Your groups” to find the group, then view and respond to what’s there or add your own photos of club activities.

For help, contact Linda LaGanga, Publicity Chair, on email, phone, or at our October meeting.

Movie afternoon with desserts & decaf!



Join Janet & Bob Evans for another movie afternoon! Continuing our wintry themes, we'll watch **Downhill Racer** starring Robert Redford as a fiercely ambitious Olympic skier. This 1969 movie is widely celebrated as the best sports film ever made. We'll enjoy yummy-licious desserts plus chocolates, nuts and decaf coffee (tea also available).

We'll screen the movie at Boulder Rural Fire Protection (where the ski club book group meets) at [6230 Lookout Road](#) in Gunbarrel, Boulder. Hope you can join us! Mail Janet Evans your **checks payable to Flatirons Ski Club**.

Cost: \$8, limit 20 people

Date: Tuesday November 17, 2026

Time: 1-4pm

Location: Boulder Rural Fire Protection at [6230 Lookout Road](#) in Gunbarrel, Boulder

2027 FSC Ski Trip Calendar

IMPORTANT Total costs shown below are for double occupancy, except as noted

Dates	Destination	Lodging	# of Spaces	Nights	Lift Tix	Total Cost Per	Depo sit	Balance Due	Trip Leaders
Jan 12-15	Crested Butte	Cristiana Guesthaus	23	3	Epic	\$396 (\$512 single)	\$50	12/2/26	Linda & Chris Paris
Jan 18-21	Steamboat	Homewood Suites	40	3	Ikon	\$450 (est)	\$150	12/2/26	Tom Cannon
Jan 26-29	Fraser/ Winter Park	Fraser House Alpine Center	17	3	Ikon	\$145	\$25	1/6/27	Louisa Young
Feb 2-4	Snowy Range, WY	Old Corral Hotel	18	2	Ikon 70+ free	\$150	\$35	12/2/26	Janne Cookman
Feb 9-12	Monarch Mountain	Hampton Inn (Salida)	20	3	Misc	\$155 (\$305 single)	\$40	1/6/27	Donna Cooper
Feb 16-19	Vail/Beaver Creek	Comfort Inn Avon	28	3	Epic	\$400	\$100	12/2/26	Susan McGann on & Sue
Feb 22-25	Snow Mt Ranch	YMCA of the Rockies	28	3	Misc	\$175	\$40	1/6/27	Beth Gaffney
March 1-5	Aspen/ Snowmass	Comfort Inn Carbondale	40	4	Ikon Full (Base Snowm ass	\$360	\$100	1/6/27	Richard Varey
March 9-11	Leadville/ Ski Cooper	Columbine Inn	40	2	Misc	\$215 (\$350 single)	\$50	1/6/27	Ed Gostling
March 22-26	Telluride	Mountainside Inn	25	4	Epic Full	\$525	\$150	1/6/27	Joe Golden

Sign-up at the general meeting, Wednesday October 7th

Details on mid-week skiing (Epic Mondays & Ikon Thursdays) will be announced in November's newsletter.

October 2026: Instructions for 2027 Overnight Ski Trip Sign-Ups

This October newsletter has detailed write-ups on 10 wonderful ski trips, and the ski calendar summarizes important details. In addition, trip leaders attending the October general meeting will be invited to present their trips.

The sign-up process is basically the same as last season. Signing up for a ski trip requires completing the new sign-up form and writing a check **made out to Flatirons Ski Club** for each trip you would like to go on. For example, if you want to sign up for 4 trips, you will need to complete 4 sign-up forms and write 4 checks. **If you choose to pay online (see below) you will need to submit the sign-up form, and must make separate electronic payments for each trip, if signing up for more than one, and not just one combined payment.**

If you attend the October meeting, you can bring completed sign-up forms and checks to the meeting. If you do not come to the October meeting or so prefer, you can mail your completed sign-up forms and checks to the trip coordinators. You can find their mailing addresses on the latest roster. **Remember:** make checks payable to the Flatirons Ski Club and include the name of the trip in the memo line.

If you are disabled and need a room on the first floor, please notify the trip leader on the sign-up form. Those with a handicap Placard have precedence.

Our trips are often oversubscribed. So that everyone has an equal chance of getting a spot, we are asking trip leaders to wait until October 14th before processing the forms and checks, rather than giving priority to those who handed their forms/checks in at the meeting or whose mail arrived earlier.

If there are more applications than spots, then at their discretion, trip coordinators can add rooms, if possible, to accommodate everyone who has applied. If everyone cannot be accommodated, trip coordinators will use a lottery system to determine who is accepted and who is put on the waitlist. If you just **want** to be on the waitlist, please indicate that clearly on your sign-up form.

As the sign-up process is not a first-come-first-served race on the night, and wishing to avoid a free-for-all, your Board respectfully requests that you wait until the leaders have presented their trips, when we will start. You are also welcome to have a proxy hand in your deposit.

Online Payment Option: Members wishing to pay online can do so with PayPal or Venmo. The club's account details are as follows:

PayPal: mrptravel6@gmail.com

Venmo: Flatirons Ski Club @FSC50

You should pay the deposit, balance or total amount for each trip separately, and note the trip name. **Please inform your trip leader**, so accounts can be easily reconciled, checking this on the trip sign-up form. Failure to do so puts your getting on the trip at risk, as the system can NOT notify leaders automatically. Using this payment method before the October 7th general meeting will not confer any priority.

Important Information:

- You need to be an active FSC member to sign up for ski trips. This includes signing the waiver when you join or renew annually and returning it to Linda Giandinoto, the Membership Chair, at least 2 weeks before your trip.
- **Monies paid for a ski trip (including both deposits and balances) once accepted are generally non-refundable.** If you must cancel, notify the trip coordinator promptly so a replacement can be found. The replacing person directly reimburses the person who is canceling. If a replacement cannot be found, your payment is non-refundable.
- If balances are not paid by the due date, places cannot be guaranteed.
- Members should follow the club's current health guidelines.
- **Please use the NEW trip sign-up forms below**

Richard Varey, Downhill & Nordic Ski Chair

FSC WINTER SKI TRIP 2027 SIGN-UP FORM:

To be submitted to trip leader for all members, including online payers.

TRIP _____

MEMBER NAME(S) _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE (_____) _____

DEPOSIT \$ _____ BY: ____ CHECK ____ CASH ____ ONLINE: PayPal, VENMO

ROOMMATE PREFERENCE(S) _____

DISABILITY: ____ PLACARD HOLDER YES/NO

MY/OUR WINTER SPORTS (check all that apply):

____ DOWNHILL SKIING (D) ____ BLACK ____ BLUE ____ GREEN
____ CROSS COUNTRY (X)
____ SNOWSHOEING (S)

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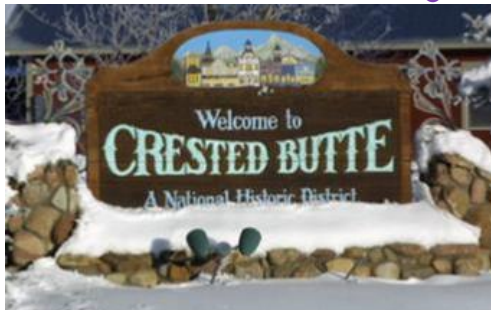
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____ CROSS COUNTRY (X)
____ SNOWSHOEING (S)

WINTER Skiing in CRESTED BUTTE

3 Nights Lodging at the CRISTIANA GUESTHAUS

Jan. 12th, 13th & 14th (leaving Jan. 15th AM)



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 over 50 K (30 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 12, 13, & 14** (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) with check out on Friday the 15th, 2027.

The trip cost includes an ample morning continental breakfast each day 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.

There are five rooms which can accommodate single persons with a non-related roommate (a total of 10). If you are interested in a room with a roommate (Single+Double room), seek and arrange for your own roommate, as the trip leaders are not assigning roommates. If you don't have an idea, contact the trip leaders so we can give suggestions and make known that you are looking for one. We ask that roommates talk over between themselves and formally agree to room together.

To be a participant in the trip, you must sign up with the trip leaders as part of the FSC ski trip sign-up process that begins October 7. Those staying anywhere else than the Cristiana must pay a \$20.00 Participant's Fee to receive trip communications and attend any trip activities (including Happy Hour). That fee does not include breakfast, or any amenity privileges at the Cristiana.

Cost: **\$396.00 per person double occupancy.** Single people wishing to room with someone else must find her/his own roommate.

\$512.00 single occupancy (Queen)

Payment/Deadline: **Non-refundable \$50 deposit per person** due after the October membership ski trip meeting until October 16.

Note that inquiries and checks will not be processed until October 17 – the trip leaders will not be available during that period.

Checks: **Final payment is due December 2nd** either at the meeting or by mail to the Paris'. Make deposit and final payment checks out to the **Flatirons Ski Club**. Please write **2027 Winter Crested Butte** in the note line.

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

STEAMBOAT

January 18 - 21, 2027



The club will be staying again at the very nice Homewood Suites by Hilton for our Steamboat Trip this January 18 - 21. We check in on Monday and leave Thursday morning. All of the rooms are very spacious with two queen beds and have complete kitchens. Members can prepare their own meals, if they so choose. The hotel does provide a nice hot breakfast every morning including different protein choices. The free public shuttle bus that runs three times an hour up to the base of the Steamboat ski area stops just out the front door and across the street. There is no need to walk on icy sidewalks. The bus also runs downtown for those who want to shop or eat dinner. This is the nicest hotel and closest to the ski lifts that the club has for the ski season. This gives us a good chance of getting some fresh tracks. Steamboat is a big resort and it has something for all kinds of skiers from green runs to steep double blacks and lots of tree skiing. Come and enjoy another fun FSC trip! The hotel also provides a fitness center for those who need more exercise and a nice indoor hot tub and pool that feels really good after a day of enjoying Steamboat's legendary champagne powder - no guarantees for snow conditions. We can use their breakfast room for our happy hour and potluck the first night.

The cost this year for the three nights per person is \$450 per person (double occupancy). Sign-ups begin at the October 7 general meeting. Please have a check made out to **Flatirons Ski Club** for the \$150 deposit. The balance of \$ 300 is due 12/2/26. See you at the meeting.

Tom Cannon, Trip Leader

Fraser Trip January 26-29, 2026



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 17 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 \$145 per person!

\$25 holds your spot, with the balance due 1/6/27.

Louisa Young, Trip Leader

Snowy Range, WY

February 2 – 4, 2027 (2 nights)



Snowy Range Ski Area lies within Medicine Bow National Forest in the beautiful Snowy Range mountains of southeast Wyoming, 35 miles west of Laramie. It offers downhill runs serving all abilities of alpine skiers as well as groomed trails for cross country skiing. Outside the boundaries of Snowy Range Ski Area but close-by, cross-country skiers and

snowshoers will find dozens of miles of state-maintained trails within Medicine Bow National Forest. Another reason to come; getting to Snowy Range Ski Area is just a 2 1/2 hour drive from Boulder with no mountain passes or tunnels to navigate.

We will stay in Centennial WY at The Old Corral Hotel ([2750 Hwy 130/Snowy Range Scenic Byway](#)), which has a “rustic yet modern” charm and is just 4 miles from the ski area. The trip fee of \$150 is based on a double occupancy room (2 queen beds, shower/tub, mini-fridge) and includes “Happy Hour” snacks at the Bear Bottom Bar & Grill, a 3-minute walk from our hotel. The Old Corral has a common/breakfast area with microwave ovens, toasters, coffee makers, etc. Bear Bottom and Mountain View Historic Hotel & Cafe are dine-out breakfast options.

There are usually few people skiing mid-week at Snowy Range and it’s a nice change of pace from I-70 traffic, crowded slopes and distant x-country and snow-shoeing options. Another really great thing is the price of the adult (18-69 yrs) midweek day ticket: just \$54 (online purchase) and skiers 70+ ski for free! 26/27 Ikon pass holders 69 and under have 2 free Snowy Range ski days. Please join us as we ski Snowy Range Ski Area, Wyoming this 2026 season.

Janne Cookman, Trip Leader

Monarch Mountain

Feb. 9-12, 2027

Please join us for our sixth annual Flatirons Ski Club trip to Monarch Mountain from February 9 to February 12, 2027! This year, our three-night stay in Salida will be at the Hampton Inn by Hilton, 785 E. Highway 50. It offers nicer amenities at a great price! *Please note that the hotel driveway is on its west side and drive straight down the driveway and behind the hotel for the lobby entrance.* The drive to Monarch is less than 30 minutes up Highway 50 on Monarch Pass. If you like, you can also travel to the Wolf Creek Ski area, which is about two hours away, mostly on a flat stretch of Highway 285.

Our stay at the Hampton Inn will include:

- * Spacious rooms with two queen beds;
- * Continental breakfast + (with eggs, meat);
- * Rooms also include big-screen TV, desk/chair, *mini-fridge, micro-wave*, coffee/tea maker, hair dryers, ironing board;
- * Indoor swimming pool, hot-tub, exercise room and business center.

Total cost per person for all three nights (double room) is \$155. Deposit is \$40 and due at the FSC Wednesday, October 7th meeting. The balance of \$115 (double room) is due at the January 6, 2027, FSC meeting. If you cannot attend FSC meetings, mail checks and signup form to Donna Cooper. Final payment is due by January 13, 2027. Single occupancy is \$305 for 3 nights with \$40 deposit and \$265 balance.

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

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): \$119 Mon-Fri.

Seniors (62-68 yrs old): \$89 Mon-Fri.

With a current season pass at another ski area, weekday tickets are \$69.

Super seniors (69 and older): \$25 season pass with ID.

There is a \$5 charge for RFID card unless you have your ID card from last year. So bring your ID card, if you have it, and your license verifying age.

Donna Cooper, Trip Leader

Vail/Beaver Creek - February 16-19, 2027



Third time is a Charm!

Don't think the Vail/Beaver Creek trip is for downhill skiers only. This trip is now a multi-sport adventure! Last year we found out that there are many available places for both snowshoers and cross-country skiers. Both can enjoy the Vail Nordic Center, located on the Vail Golf Course, or the Beaver Creek Nordic Center, next to Strawberry Park Express Chairlift at the resort. Other areas include Maloit Park in Minturn and Meadow Mountain in the White River National Forest.

Downhill skiers, come and enjoy a huge choice of trails at your doorstep in Vail, Colorado's largest ski area. Beaver Creek offers many runs from beginner to expert. In addition, who can resist warm chocolate chip cookies served up at the base at 3:00 every afternoon?

The club has reserved ten double occupancy rooms with refrigerators and microwaves. This is where we stayed last year, at the Comfort Inn, in Avon. The hotel has new ownership and may get a new name by February. We will keep you posted if that happens. There is an amazing large outdoor hot tub in the courtyard, free hot breakfast, and FREE parking for all registered guests.

There is a shuttle that stops directly in front of the hotel, and takes you right to Beaver Creek, or you can transfer to a shuttle bound for Vail. A club potluck will take place on Tuesday night, and our team dinner will be on Wednesday at Bob's Sports Bar, one block from the hotel.

Cost is \$400 for three nights.

Deposit of \$100 is due at October meeting.

Balance of \$300 will be due on December 1st, 2026.

Sue Bolton and Susan McGannon, Trip Leaders

SNOW MOUNTAIN RANCH YMCA OF THE ROCKIES February 22 – 25, 2027



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. Cross country skiing also is available at Devil's Thumb and other sites nearby to Snow Mountain Ranch.

Downhill skiing is located nearby at Winter Park, Mary Jane, and Granby 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: \$175 per person

Payments: (\$50 on 10/7/26 and \$125 by 1/6/27)

For additional information, please contact:

Beth Gaffney, Trip Leader

SKI ASPEN/SNOWMASS 2027

March 1-5, 2027



This popular trip is back in 2027, offering great skiing at Aspen, Aspen Highlands, Snowmass, and Buttermilk. We will be lodging at the same hotel.

Comfort Inn & Suites
920 Cowen Dr
Carbondale CO 81623

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

Web:

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

Cost: \$360 per person for 4 nights.

Payments: \$100 deposit on 10/7/26 (or 10/15/26 by mail) and balance \$260 at the general meeting Wed 1/6/27 (or same date by mail).

Alternative option: 3 nights Mar 2-5 only for \$275, with \$100 deposit, and a balance of \$175. Must notify leader on sign-up.

Ski lift tickets available online. **For this season the full IKON Pass is required to ski in all areas. However, if you want to ski Snowmass ONLY, the IKON Base Pass is all you need.**

Includes:

- 3 nights OR 4 nights (please specify) 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 and happy hours
- Drive/carpool to ski areas
- Outdoor fire pit, indoor hot tub & pool
- City Market, shops and restaurants nearby
- Hotel has 2 floors, NO elevator.

Please make checks payable to Flatirons Ski Club and **put Aspen/Snowmass and 3 or 4 nights in the memo line.** Send checks to Richard Varey (address in roster).

Richard Varey, Trip Leader, Downhill & Nordic Ski Chair

Leadville Ski Trip

March 9 to 11, 2027

Welcome Downhill and Cross-Country Skiers! Please join us on the year's "mid-week" ski trip during the snowiest month of the year. This year we will be staying again at the Columbine Inn & Suites located in Leadville. This old town is on Hwy 91, a half hour past the Copper Mountain ski area.

Clean double queen rooms with fridge, private bath. We have access to their breakfast room for our happy hour for both evenings. The breakfast room and lobby have a microwave. Breakfast is minimal as classic continental always is.

Cross-Country Skiers

There are 3 X-Country areas within 20 minutes of our lodge. The farthest of the three is in the parking lot of Ski Cooper and is a complete resort.

Downhill 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 uses a 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. Powder days happen every year, we do fresh tracks till late afternoon. It is very different from "Mega areas" to which you have been to. Let's go "*Retro Areas*"! Drive 9 miles, 12 minutes from lodge to slopes.

Lift Tickets: Cooper is not on EPIC pass nor IKON pass. For age 75+ is \$10, 69-74 is \$25 (season pass) which is a better deal than a day pass. Loveland pass belongs to Powder Alliance which includes 3 free days at Ski Cooper.

Location Connections: Copper, A-Basin, Keystone, Vail or Beaver Creek.

Cost: Shared double queen is \$215, single queen is \$350. **Deposit:** \$50 is due November 4th - **Balance:** \$165 or \$300 respectively is due January 6th. Payers using Venmo or PayPal MUST SEND FSC TRIP FORM TO TRIP LEADER! Checks are payable to *Flatirons Ski Club* and mail them with trip form to:

Ed Gostling, Volunteer Leadville Trip Leader

Telluride Mountainside Inn

March 22-26, 2027

We have reached a “critical mass” of eager Telluride skiers, and our trip will be the last mid-week ski trip of the season. We will be staying at the Mountainside Inn, which is ski-in/ski-out, one block from the lift. Most of us will be staying in kitchenette-rooms, with double-burner stoves, microwave and mini-fridge. Telluride is one of the most spectacular scenic ski-resorts in the U.S. (30 of the 52 Colorado 14ers are in that part of Colorado!). There are plenty of groomed Nordic trails around and west of the town and at the base of the ski-area (for more info, contact the Telluride Nordic Center). Important Note: due to the limited free parking (and high gas costs), carpooling is strongly encouraged (3-4 per car). Lodging costs will be \$525 pp/dbl occupancy. Telluride is on the Full Epic Pass or you can buy the EPIC Day Pass (4 days) online for \$460, or the Trip Leader Joe Golden can help you get discounted lift tickets for \$160/day. Meals will be on your own, but we will have Happy Hours on the first two evenings in the large central condo. There are plenty of good restaurants within a short walk to the town and on the mountain.

Sign-up form and initial deposit of \$150 pp is due at the October General meeting on October 7, and the balance of \$375 is due at the January 6, 2027, meeting.

FSC members who have any questions about this trip should contact:
Joe Golden, Trip Leader

2026 FSC Summer/Fall Calendar		
Date/s	Description of Activity	Leaders/Organizers
5-3 to 5-8-2026	Annual Moab Trip	Ruth Durst & Janne Cookman
5-12-2026	Denver Art Museum	Tom Canon & Dorothy Cohen
5-27-2026	Rafting on the Poudre River	Dorothy Cohen
6-3-2026	Rocky Mountain Raptor Facility	Dorothy Cohen
6-13-2026	Annual FSC Spring Fling at Louisville Community Park	Tina & Bruce Ramp
7-7 to 7-10-2026	Summer Wildflowers in Crested Butte	Chris & Linda Paris
8-10 to 8-12-2026	Uncle Bud's Hut Trip Cancelled	Louisa Young
9-12-2026	Annual FSC Membership Picnic at the Lavern M. Johnson Park, Lyons	Tina & Bruce Ramp
9-29 to 10-1-2026	Fall FSC Bicycle Ride	Richard Patnoe
10-4 to 10-7-2026	Annual Avalanche Ranch Trip	Tom Canon
11-07-2026	Movie afternoon w/desserts & decaf	Janet & Bob Evans
12-12-2026	FSC Holiday Party	Tina & Bruce Ramp

October 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				¹ Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	² FAC 4:00 PM	³
⁴ Annual	⁵ Avalanche	⁶ Ranch	⁷ FSC General Meeting 7:00 PM Trip	⁸ Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	⁹ FAC 4:00 PM	¹⁰
¹¹	¹² Book Club Meeting Indigenous People's Day	¹³	¹⁴	¹⁵ Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	¹⁶ FAC 4:00 PM	¹⁷
¹⁸	¹⁹	²⁰ November Newsletter submittals due	²¹	²² Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	²³ FAC 4:00 PM	²⁴
²⁵	²⁶	²⁷	²⁸	²⁹ Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	³⁰ FAC 4:00 PM	³¹ HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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