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# THE SITZMARK NEWS

sitz-märk: An impression left in the snow by the backward fall of a skier.

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***Have an idea for an event, or a special club adventure?***

***Contact us at [Social@Sitzmark.org](mailto:Social@Sitzmark.org)***

We can help you plan and schedule the activity, and get the word out to our membership:

[social@sitzmark.org](mailto:social@sitzmark.org)

## Door County Camping— On the beach at Ephraim



Next Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday October 20, 7PM, in the Harwood Room of the Midway Hotel,  
1005 South Moorland Rd, Brookfield

## THOUGHTS OF THE MONTH FROM DAWN

We had our first taste of cold weather this week, winter will soon be here, which means ski trips and winter activities. We are still looking for volunteers to run events or help out at our monthly meetings. If you are interested let me know.

Our next club meeting is October 9<sup>th</sup> we will have information on upcoming activities and a wide variety of ski trips.

This is just a sampling of the activities we have coming up:

- Fire Pit Party / October Birthday Bash October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Warren Miller Movie at the Pabst Theater October 25<sup>th</sup>
- TGR Movie at the Retzer Nature Center November 14<sup>th</sup>
- Ski Show/Warren Miller Movie at Schwabenhof November 21<sup>st</sup>

We have had numerous successful summer activities with our weekly biking, golfing and volleyball. Meet me at's. Two great camping events to the Peninsula State Park and Black River State Forest, Apostle Island Kayak and Swim, Badger Game Bus Trip and lastly the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village Touring Trip with close to 30 people. Thank you to our trip leaders who volunteered to organize and run these events.



### CELEBRATIONS

The Sitzmark Ski Club is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year and we are looking for ideas on how to celebrate. If you have suggestions please email the board at: [board@sitzmark.org](mailto:board@sitzmark.org) or call me at 414-315-5100.

Looking forward to seeing you at some events this winter!

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## Social Events / Meet-Me-Ats

### Fire Pit Party / October Birthday Bash Hosted by Susie Mann and Cheryl Marx—262-365-8555

Saturday, October 17th from 4:00PM to ???  
6761 Druid Lake Road  
Hartford, WI 53027

Two types of chili, deserts, box wine and alcohol, plus drink mixers and juice will be provided. Please bring something to pass—snacks, appetizers, salads, corn bread, etc, plus the beverages(s) of your choice. NO additional sweets, please!



### Tuesday Night is Ice Skating....

Come and Join in The Fun with US as we go AROUND & AROUND on the BIG OVAL. Meet us at the Pettit National Ice Center (500 South 84th St) every Tuesday for open skate from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The 1/4 mile track is also open for walking/running. There is a small fee (\$7 to skate, \$4 to run/walk). Skate rentals are also available (\$3).

Look for the SITZMARK Sign.....Hope to see you there!  
R. George Vogt [skiered@att.net](mailto:skiered@att.net)



### Warren Miller Movie at the Historic Pabst Theater

Saturday, October 24  
Doors Open 7PM / Show 8PM at **The Pabst Theater**

Don't miss **Warren Miller** Entertainment's newest film, **Chasing Shadows**. Warren Miller once said, "A pair of skis are the ultimate transportation to freedom." For #66, we bring you an exploration into what it means to be inspired.

As skiers and snowboarders we've all chased it: a feeling, a memory, a storm, a turn — we've been chasing it our whole lives and we'll keep chasing it a lifetime more. Check out [warrenmiller.com](http://warrenmiller.com) for additional details. Get tickets here: <http://www.pabsttheater.org/show/warrenmiller2015>

### Teton Gravity Research Films "Paradise Waits" at the Retzer Nature Center

Saturday November 14 Doors open 6:30 pm, Show 7:00 pm

S14 W28167 Madison St  
Waukesha, WI 53188  
(262) 896-8007

From the award-winning filmmaking crew that brought you 2014's *Almost Ablaze*, comes the story of one weird winter and the people who celebrate it..\$10 in advance, or \$12 at the door.

<http://www.tetongravity.com/films/paradise-waits/tour/waukesha-wi-premiere-of-paradise-waits>



## Northern Trips Preview!

### Granite Peak - Rib Mountain

Outside of Wausau WI - Leave Friday evening, February 5th and return early Sunday evening, February 7th.

The cost of \$295 includes weekend lift ticket motor coach, double bedroom and breakfast at the re-modeled Quality Inn which is a mile from the ski hill. Frequent courtesy coach brings you back to the hotel should you need it.

The past 10 years have seen a TON of improvements at Granite Peak. A total of 74 runs are spread over the face of this 700 foot mountain. There are acres of wide-open beginner runs. Mile-long intermediate cruising runs. Three mogul runs, five terrain parks with dozens of hits, jumps, rails and other terrain features. Super-steep expert chutes and tree skiing glades. Terrain for all abilities. You can ski for days and still be discovering new runs!

[www.skigranitepeak.com](http://www.skigranitepeak.com)



### Marquette Mountain

Outside of Marquette MI - Leave Thursday morning December 31st and return Saturday evening January 2nd. The cost covers motor coach, double bedroom at the Ramada Inn in downtown Marquette so you can enjoy New Year's Eve and the traditional ball drop.

You can choose from either a 2 or 3 day lift ticket making the total trip cost \$297 or \$330, respectively.

[www.marquettemountain.com](http://www.marquettemountain.com)

### Indianhead / Blackjack Price yet to be determined.

CMSC's St. Paddy's Weekend at Indianhead/Blackjack, Fri-Sun, March 18-20, 2016. This year instead of Winter Carnival, CMSC is participating in Indianhead's Music Fest weekend. Includes bus, hotel, meals, lifts, and entertainment. Limited hotel and bus space available.





## Door County Peninsula State Park Camping Trip Report!

The Sitzmark Ski Club descended on Peninsula State Park August 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> for our annual camping trip we enjoyed great weather, virtually no mosquitos and many activities that make Door County such a special place like hiking, biking, boating, dining and shopping. This year's highlights and special memories included:

- Friday night fish fry at Sister Bay Bowl, who serves some of the best fish in Door County (fried, baked or broiled), their perch dinner is awesome! Followed by Door County Cherry margaritas at Fred and Fuzzy's to watch an amazing sunset from one of the best vantage points on the peninsula.
- Bonfires nightly with wine and treats including a new offering this year, Campfire Cones! Ice cream cones filled with candy, fruit and marshmallows, wrapped in foil and then heated over the fire until they are oozy gooey. They were a hit!
- Visits, by many of our campers, to Rich and Mary Ann Best on Rock Island where they were serving as lighthouse docents for the week. These trips added more adventure than needed when storms blew in and halted ferry service and the fog around the island reduced visibility for those kayaking to visit. Oh well, just more great stories to tell!
- A potluck breakfast on Saturday morning complete with mimosas was enjoyed by all who participated. A huge variety of delicious options were offered. A Door County gift bag was awarded to Joy Zuerner for the best potluck contribution, her pecan cinnamon coffee cake!
- A visit to Wilson's Ice Cream in Ephraim via kayak and boat was enjoyed by many of our campers on Saturday. This effort was rewarded with ice cream cones for all who made the trip. Wilson's has great ice cream with flavors like Door County Cherry and Carmel cashew explosion there was something for everyone. Plus, every cone has a jelly bean in the bottom J



Later Saturday, Party Island was set up in Nicolet Bay and lots of lounging, sun worshipping, swimming, consumption of adult beverages and comradery in and around Party Island was enjoyed until the sun had almost set.

I really enjoyed the opportunity to try stand up paddle boarding for the first time which I have always wanted to do (thanks Nick!). Also, Sunday night I really enjoyed getting to know Carol and Mark from Illinois (since we were the only 3 left at the campground!). We actually had a blast!

Door County camping is a must do summer trip. If you have never been, you should join us next year! The date is already set, July 21 – 25, 2016, so mark your calendars!



## Apostle Island Kayak Trip Report

This year's kayak trip was at the Apostle Islands again for the second year in a row by popular demand. Actually, we had two trips for the price of one. Trip one began a little early with a few of us driving to Bayfield for the 2.1 mile swim race from Bayfield to Madeline Island. The weather couldn't have been better and more importantly, the water temperature was a steamy 64 degrees. All the swimmers, Mary Anne B, Pam K and Suellen C, completed the 2 miles with times of 1:07, 1:09 and 1:27 respectively. After the race, most stayed on the island to bike, beach bum and later, dance at Tom's Burned Down Bar; a favorite of the veterans in the group. The rest of the group joined us the next day. We had a total 14 kayakers with 6 being first timers and Terri B traveling all the way from California! Our two guides from Living Adventure were Shane and Hannah. Hannah, who actually guided one of our past trips as a rookie guide, was now our lead guide. Shane was now the rookie guide. Both did a great job taking care of us.

Day 1, everyone made it through the safety course, especially the dreaded wet exit training, again appreciating the steamy 64 degree water. We then paddled to Oak Island anticipating seeing our old friends the bears in the thimbleberry patch group site....but to our pleasure, they didn't greet us. We stayed at this site for 2 nights and on day 2 we did a day paddle back to Frog Bay to hike a new Indian natural area that just opened to the public. In the evening, we relaxed by illegally jumping off the 6 foot high pier and watching a beautiful sunset were some of the other activities on Oak Island.

Day 3 we packed-up and headed to Sand Island, a 12 mile paddle. Along the way, we stopped at Raspberry Island to take a break and visit the lighthouse. We landed on a beautiful sand beach where we had lunch, swam and found an amazing piece of driftwood on the beach. Actually, it was a whole tree with huge flat root system intact. The wind gods were with us and gave us calm water to paddle to Sand Island and explore the amazing sand stone caves. Some actually swam, yes, swam through the caves, while most enjoyed staying dry and paddled through some of the prettiest caves in the Apostles. It's always a treat to be able to actually get into the caves!

Some of the other sites, we were lucky enough to see were Eagles flying just over our heads, spectacular driftwood, the clean and clear water of Superior and it's incredibly colorful rocks. Our newbie paddlers are no longer virgins in the great lake they call "Gitche Gumee".

See you next summer!





## Apostle Island Kayak Trip Report





## Western Ski Trips



### VAIL COLORADO WEEKEND Happy 22nd Year!

**December 9, 2015 (Wednesday) to December 13, 2015 (Sunday)**

Cost\*: \$897 Approx with a 3 day ticket  
\$945 Approx with a 4 day ticket

**Trip deadline and final payment due: October 9, 2015**

**\*Pricing for land only and no lifts also available (see online sign up on the Sitzmark.org website for details). Price is subject to fuel surcharges. Insurance is available and recommended.**

**Trip Leader: Marc Pettit 414-588-5949 or ski007@earthlink.net**

#### **Includes:**

- ♦ Round trip air from Milwaukee to Denver on Southwest Airlines
- ♦ Round trip bus transportation from Denver to Vail (2 hours)
- ♦ Four nights lodging at the **Landmark West & Enzian** Condos (6 per condo)
- ♦ Welcome Party & 1 lunch voucher
- ♦ Amenities include a fully equipped kitchen and fireplace and Outdoor heated pool and 3 hot tubs
- ♦ 3 or 4 day lift ticket (4<sup>th</sup> day, ski on Sunday)
- ♦ Hot tub parties with beer & mudslides!

**[www.vail.snow.com](http://www.vail.snow.com)**

Coveted as one of the largest ski resorts in the world with more than 5,200 acres of skiable terrain, seven legendary Back Bowls spanning seven miles, and the most groomed terrain on the planet, Vail has been an extraordinary winter vacation destination for passionate skiers and snowboarders for more than 50 years. . The vacation experience is exceptional, from the Vail Ski & Snowboard School to events, activities and festivals, shops and spas, abundant culinary experiences and luxurious accommodations. Coupled with the vision inherent in the spirit of Vail's founders, and a modern day commitment to excellence in all aspects of guest service and operations, Vail is a mountain resort like nothing on earth.

Vail Mountain is accessed by three base areas: Lionshead, Vail Village, and Golden Peak. Lionshead is home to the Eagle Bahn Gondola and Born Free Express Lift (#8). Mountain access out of Vail Village is via Vail's new state of the art Gondola One. Golden Peak is home to the Riva Bahn Express Lift (#6), accessing the terrain park, the race course, and Northwoods Express Lift (#11), and the race course. Also located at Golden Peak is the new Gopher Hill Lift (#12), servicing the beginner learning area and Vail's youngest Ski School guests. **New for 2015 Vail Mountain** has several major projects underway, including replacing Avanti Express (Chair 2) with a new, high-speed, six-pack lift.

The Front Side of Vail is home to the most groomed terrain on the planet. Wide, long runs such as Riva Ridge, Born Free, Simba, Lodgepole, and Bear Tree are popular. The Legendary Back Bowls offer wide open skiing and amazing views. Start by exploring Sun Up and Sun Down Bowls, and work your way back to China and Teacup Bowls. China Bowl offers the only groomed blue runs in the Back Bowls [easily accessed via the Sourdough Express Lift (#14) on the Front Side]. If you are feeling adventurous, make your way all the way out to Siberia Bowl and the surface T-Bar style Mongolia Lift (#22) to access the far reaches of Inner and Outer Mongolia Bowls!



## SCHWEITZER, IDAHO



January 21, 2016 (Thursday) – January 26,  
2016 (Tuesday)

**Cost\*: \$1,200 approx**  
(Final payment and trip deadline  
November 17, 2015)



**\*See online sign up on the Sitzmark.org website for details. Price is subject to fuel surcharges. Insurance is available and recommended.**

**Trip Leader: Dave Wherry - 414-530-2212 or wherryd@aol.com**

### Includes:

- ♦ Round trip air from Milwaukee to Spokane
- ♦ Round trip bus transportation from Spokane, WA to Schweitzer (1 hour 30 minutes)
- ♦ 4 nights lodging at Selkirk Lodge - slopeside (2 per room)
- ♦ Daily hot buffet breakfast
- ♦ Access to outdoor heated pool & three hot tubs with stunning mountain views
- ♦ 4 day lift ticket
- ♦ Parties

**[www.schweitzer.com](http://www.schweitzer.com)**

Stand at the top and stare at three mountain ranges, Canada and three states. You'll be swept away by the surrounding views from the summit of Schweitzer. Schweitzer is small, peaceful, there are no crowds, it is delightfully unpretentious, and the resort has a nice local feel to it. Ski Magazine has voted Schweitzer as "the best kept secret in North America."



**Acreage:** 2900 skiable acres, 92 trails plus open bowl skiing. **Terrain:** 10% Beginner, 40% Intermediate, 35% Advanced, 15% Expert. **Longest Continuous Groomed Run:** 2 miles - Little Blue Ridge Run. **Vertical Drop:** 2,400 feet. **Top Elevation:** 6,400 feet. **Average Annual Snowfall:** 300 inches. **Cross Country Trails:** 32 kilometers maintained daily. **Terrain Parks:** 3 including Stomping Grounds, Southside Progression Park and the Terrain Garden. **Lifts:** One high-speed six-pack named Stella; Two high-speed quads; one triple chairlift; three double chairlifts; 1 T-Bar; 1 conveyor lift. **Twilight Skiing:** The Basin Express and Musical Chairs from 3 to 7 pm. For twilight skiing dates, visit the Twilight Skiing page. **Tubing:** Hermit's Hollow tubing center offers two chutes and one tow. **History:** Schweitzer first opened in 1963.



# WINTER PARK COLORADO, 75th Year

February 13, 2016 (Saturday) – February 20, 2016 (Saturday)

Cost\*: \$875 Approx

(Final payment and trip deadline December 8, 2015)

**Ride the California Zephyr through amazing mountain passes and tunnels to Fraser, Co for a week of winter fun in the mountains.**

\*Pricing will be available for land only—no lifts, and a limited number of Superliner Roomettes (one way or round trip), **\*See online sign up on the [Sitzmark.org](http://Sitzmark.org) website for details. Price is subject to fuel surcharges. Insurance is available and recommended.**

**Trip Leaders: Tom Gale & Mike Mueller**

**Includes:**

- ♦ Round trip Milwaukee to Fraser CO via Amtrak train, no baggage fees
- ♦ Depart Milwaukee at 11:00A on Sat, Feb 13. Arrives Fraser, CO at 10:07A on Sun, Feb 14
- ♦ Depart Fraser, CO at 3:50P on Fri, Feb 19. Arrives Milwaukee at 6:45P on Sat, Feb 20
- ♦ Round trip transportation from Fraser to Winter Park via hotel shuttle
- ♦ 5 nights lodging at the Zephyr Mountain Lodge (6 per condo) 110' from the Zephyr Express lift
- ♦ Amenities include outdoor hot tubs, gas fireplace, kitchen, fitness room and ski lockers Free local shuttle, on site shops, restaurants, pub and other amenities
- ♦ 4 day lift ticket

**Air option on Southwest Airlines**

With a 75-year history, Winter Park Resort is Colorado's longest continually operated ski resort that features the Seven Territories across 3,081 acres of award-winning terrain. It has 143 designated trails and 1,212 acres of off-piste terrain, including Vasquez Cirque and glade skiing. 25 lifts, including 7 high speed lifts. Whether the moguls of Mary Jane or the blanket of irresistible powder at Parsenn Bowl and Vasquez Cirque, Winter Park has something for everyone from beginner to advanced. Winter Park Mountain has a trail classification of 28%/21%/51% (beginner/intermediate/advanced and expert).

[www.skiwinterpark.com](http://www.skiwinterpark.com)





# ASPEN, COLORADO



**April 2, 2016 (Saturday) to April 9, 2016 (Saturday)**

**Cost\*: \$1,175 approx**

(Final payment and trip deadline February 2, 2016)

**\*See online sign up on the Sitzmark.org website for details. Price is subject to fuel surcharges. Insurance is available and recommended.**

**Trip Leaders: Mark & Dawn Harris 414-315-5100 or 414-254-1406 or  
dpetermann@yahoo.com or harris\_53051@yahoo.com**

## Includes:

- ♦ Round trip air from Milwaukee to Denver
- ♦ Round trip bus transportation from Denver to Aspen
- ♦ Seven nights lodging at The Gant Condos (2B/2B)
- ♦ Complimentary in-town transportation, 2 heated outdoor swimming pools & 3 jetted hot tubs
- ♦ Welcome Reception
- ♦ 5 day interchangeable lift ticket

[www.aspensnowmass.com](http://www.aspensnowmass.com)



Anyplace else this would be four separate vacations. Snowmass, Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk – with more than 5,300 acres of terrain and boundless dining and nightlife, there are more than enough reasons to plan a ski trip to the most exciting winter escape in the world. Four mountains, one lift ticket – experience The Power of Four.

A consistently well-ranked family ski vacation destination, The resort is a favorite ski resort for skiers and snowboarders of all levels and terrain preferences. Snowmass' impressive 3,000-plus acres offers terrain ranging from wide-open groomers to playful glades and gullies to steep, backcountry-like runs. If you or your family members or friends have never skied or snowboarded before, Snowmass is an excellent choice for your first ski vacation. The resort boasts an award-winning ski school for kids and adults alike.

Advanced to expert skiing is the name of the game on Aspen Mountain, or Ajax, and Aspen Highlands. In fact, Aspen Mountain doesn't have any green runs on it, so beginner skiers or snowboarders will want to avoid the mountain. Aspen Mountain has nearly 3,000-plus vertical feet every run via the Silver Queen Gondola. From high-speed, steep groomers to challenging mogul runs to technical tree runs, Aspen has terrain options for every type of advanced to expert skiers and snowboarders. Intermediate skiers have some unique gully cruisers to zip down.

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## *October 2015*

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