

SNOW PLOW SCRAPINGS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WILMINGTON SKI CLUB

FEBRUARY 2023

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President's Message

We are now well into our second trip of the season. Many of your friends are in Europe and, as I look at the webcams at St Anton, it's snowing. Our Copper Mt trip went off smoothly in early January. Those folks enjoyed stellar conditions, including an 11" powder day midweek.

Schweitzer is up next, leaving on February 11. So far, it's received over 180" of snow. So, all of you heading to Idaho should have a good time. Our last multi-day trip for the season will be in Banff in March where all the lifts for the Ski Big 3 mountains are running. I hope you're excited about these trips. Please be on the lookout for surveys after you have returned from your trip. Your feedback is invaluable.

On the local side, our joint trip with the KOP Ski Club to Elk had to be cancelled. But our February trips are still on and with snow coming in the next several days, the conditions should be good. We're hosting our first trip on February 3rd and the next one on February 24th. Sign up now.

We have already set our trips for winter of 2024. We'll be going to Whistler (January 20-27), Vail (February 3-10), Trentino and Milan, Italy (March 1-12) and Heavenly (March 16-23.) The North America resorts all take the Epic Pass. I bring this up because you may want to start studying your options for

purchasing the right version of an Epic Pass. Epic Passes become available in March or April for the following year. I've looked at the Epic options and there is an extensive list: Epic, Epic Local, Epic Day, Senior, Military, regional, etc. Just as your Club must plan early for our trips to get the best deals, you'll want to make some decisions as to where you'll think you'll ski in 2024 and which Epic Pass is right for you. I encourage you to go to [EpicPass.com](https://www.epicpass.com) and start looking.

There is a caveat to all this: we need trip leaders. Ours is a volunteer-driven Club. We need folks to lead our multi-day and day trips. Without trip leaders, we will not be able to run those events.

Speaking of volunteers, we need an Activities Coordinator. Remember this job doesn't mean you have to create the activities; you coordinate with members for timing and publicity. Please remember that all those Happy Hours and other events happen only because people volunteer their time. Please consider this role. If you'd like more information, please contact me.

See you on the slopes.

Chris

Chris Bassett
President, Wilmington Ski Club

Next Meeting:

Please note, this is a new location

Grotto Pizza
1819 Pennsylvania Ave
Wilmington, DE 19806

Wednesday, February 8, 2023
Social: 7 to 8 pm, Business: 8 to 9 pm

THIS IS AN IN-PERSON MEETING. PLEASE EXERCISE THE APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS: VACCINATION and/or MASKING.

2022-2023 Officer and Council Member Directory

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*Non-voting position

Next WSC Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 28, 7:30 pm via Video Conference

Council meetings are held via video conference on the fourth Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted in the *Snow Plow Scrapings*, on the website or by email. Meetings start at 7:30 pm and are open to all WSC members. Please contact a Council member for access information.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: Prospective members can pick up an application at the monthly club meeting or download a membership form from our website (www.wilmski.org) and mail to WSC, PO Box 4759, Wilmington, DE 19807 along with your check made out to WSC. Yearly Dues: \$40.00 (individual) or \$56.00 (family) membership.

MEETINGS: 8:00 PM (Social Hour at 7:00 pm) on the second Wednesday of each month. The meeting location will be announced in the *Snow Plow Scrapings*, on the website or by email. Check website (wilmski.org) for directions.

SNOW PLOW SCRAPINGS is the monthly newsletter of the Wilmington Ski Club. Please contact the Membership Committee about questions concerning the *Scrapings*. In order to have the *Snow Plow Scrapings* issued in a timely manner, submissions will generally not be accepted after the 20th of each month. All submissions are subject to WSC Council approval.

Wilmington Ski Club Upcoming Meeting



February Meeting

New Year – New Meeting Location

Wednesday, February 8

Social: 7:00 pm

Meeting: 8:00 pm

Bar and food available

Grotto Pizza

1819 Pennsylvania Ave

Wilmington, DE 19806

***Our new meeting location has a meeting room
for us, a bar and food***

More details on WSC Website <https://www.wilmski.org/meetings>

**This will be an in-person meeting. Please follow
COVID-19 safeguards: vaccination and/or masking.**

Delaware State Park Passes

WSC Group Rate

- **\$30 for an in-state or out-of-state sticker**
- **Includes 1 hour free boat rental and 10% off camping rates**
- **DE Seniors age 62+ should purchase their own separately from the parks (\$18)**
- **WSC will also get one free pavilion rental usage with sale of 50 passes**
- **Contact Pam Kiss for more information or to order:**
Pamela.j.kiss@gmail.com

<https://www.wilmski.org/activities>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, February 3, 2023

Elk Trip -

Leaves from Brandywine Town Center

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Ski Club Meeting at Grotto Pizza

Friday, February 24, 2023

Elk Trip -

Leaves from Brandywine Town Center

Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, 2023

Ocean to Bay Bike Tour

Upcoming club activities are shown on the WSC website under the tab for **Activities** (<https://www.wilmski.org/>) and under the tab for **Calendar** (<https://www.wilmski.org/calendar>)

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2023 Ski Trips Preview



Copper Mtn, CO - COMPLETED

<https://www.coppercolorado.com>

January 8- 13, 2023

Bob Jamieson/Clare Matis

<https://www.wilmski.org/copper-mountain-co-2023>

St. Anton/Arlberg - IN PROGRESS

<https://www.wilmski.org/st-anton-arlberg-2023>

January 27 - February 7, 2023

Anne Ceres/ Marianne Kennedy

SOLD OUT, Waiting List

Schweitzer, ID

<https://www.schweitzer.com>

February 11 -18, 2022

Kurt Tappe /Bob Cann

<https://www.wilmski.org/2023-trips>

SOLD OUT, Waiting List

Banff/Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada

<https://www.skilouise.com>

March 4 - 11, 2023

Michael Berninger/Suzanne Prestileo

<https://www.wilmski.org/banff-lake-louise-ab-2023>

SOLD OUT, Waiting List

Please note that the trip sign up forms are now posted to the website on each individual trip's information page.



Elk Mtn Day Trips

Friday, February 3, 2023

Friday, February 24, 2023



Elk Mountain Friday Day Ski Trips February 3rd and February 24th, 2023



Let's ski!



Base cost for each trip: \$130 for WSC or EPSC members

- Senior cost = \$120 for age 65+
- Non-members pay an extra \$10 (which goes towards their membership if joining)
- Includes bus, lift ticket, coffee and danish, and après ski subs, chips, water, wine/beer.
- Bus leaves Brandywine Town Center at 6am sharp!

Trip leader and co-leader: February 3rd

Pam Kiss/Clare Matis
Pamela.j.kiss@gmail.com
(302) 463-9256

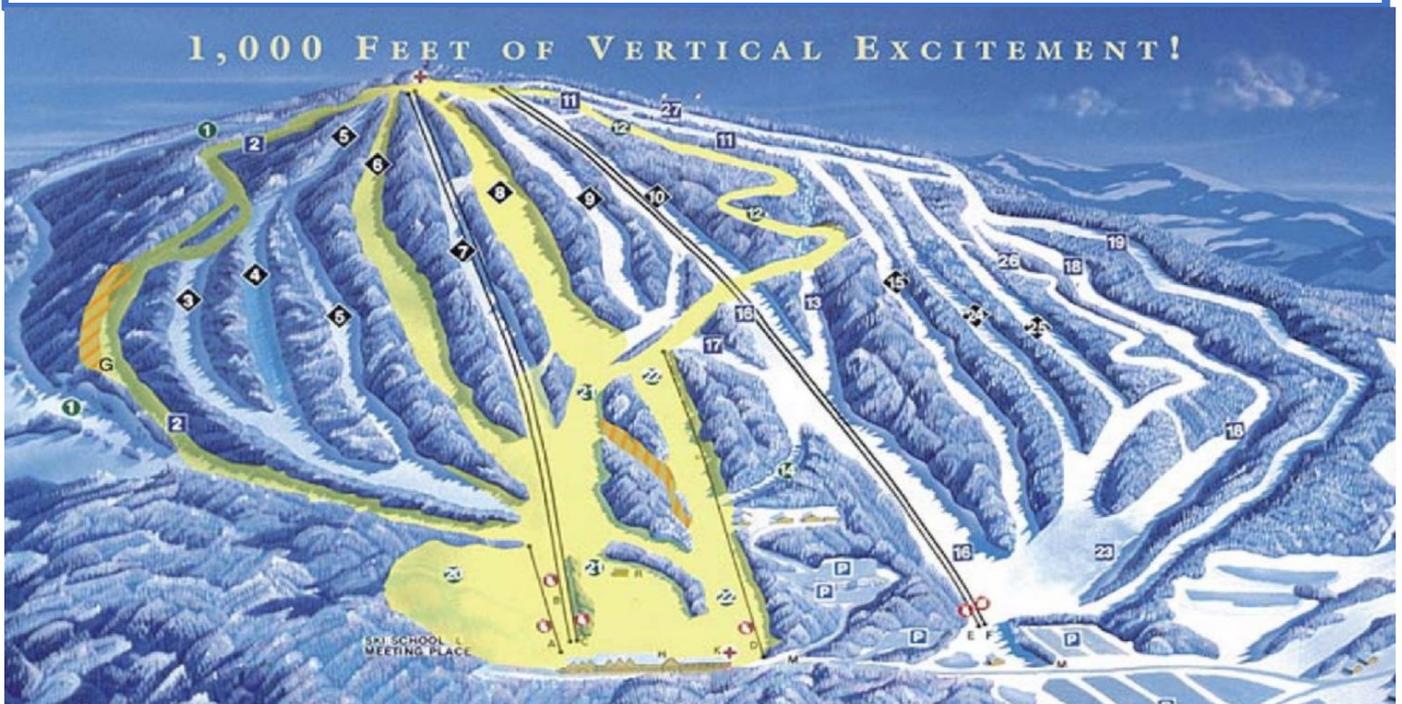
February 24th

Marianne Kennedy/Pam Kiss
mlkennedy@comcast.net
(302) 299-5877

Sign-up info:

- Forms available on-line at wilmski.org
- Complete form and send with full payment to: Pam Kiss
1013 Oriente Ave
Wilmington, DE. 19807
- Forms and payment must be received at least seven days prior to departure (January 27th for the February 3rd trip and February 17th for the February 24th trip).

Note: We cannot hold reservations unless full payment has been received. The standard trip policies for cancellation apply. See website for details.



<https://www.wilmski.org/day-trips-elk-2023>

2024 Ski Trips Preview

ANNOUNCING FUTURE WSC SKI TRIPS

<https://www.wilmski.org/2024-trips>

2024 WILL BE AN EPIC PASS YEAR

2024 EPIC Pass Sale Starts in March 2023 (plan to buy yours now)

Our club will run the following 2024 ski trips. WSC provides the trip, YOU provide the ski pass. If demand warrants, we may add a 4-5 day or long weekend trip. Sign-up procedures/rules will be reviewed/updated at our May meeting.

Whistler/Blackcomb

January 20-27 (with a possible 8th night in Vancouver)

Staying in the Delta Whistler Village Suites (1 and 2 bedroom; full kitchen)

Vail, CO

February 3-10

Staying at the Hilton Highline – Double Q/Q Rooms

Madonna di Campiglio (Trentino) and Milan, Italy

March 1-12 with 3 nights in Milan

Staying at the Sport Hotel Romantic Plaza and Milan Hilton (4*)

HEAVENLY/Lake Tahoe

March 16-23

Staying in the Harrah's Lake Tahoe Hotel, Premium King and Q/Q Rooms

The Ski Trips Committee is looking for volunteers to lead a couple of trips. If you are an experienced leader and enjoy organizing trip(s) please contact Kurt Tappe and Anne Ceres. Willingness to be a team-player is highly desired. If you would like to learn how to lead, you can start with an Elk or Blue Mountain daytrip and build from there. Training will be provided.



2023 EPSC Ski Trips



One of the benefits of being a member of the Wilmington Ski Club is the ability to join trips offered by other area organizations. Through our affiliation with the **Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council**, you can opt to travel to other ski/snowboard destinations in addition to the trips we offer. Visit EPSC website at <https://easternpaskicouncil.org/wp/>.

To link to member clubs' trips go to:
<https://easternpaskicouncil.org/wp/current-trips/>

Note that these trips are subject to the procedures of the sponsoring club.

For recently posted EPSC Winter 2023 trips, please visit the EPSC site through our website
<https://www.wilmski.org/epsc>.

**Note: Schweitzer trip is Full.
Accepting Wait-List Applications.**



Schweitzer

FEBRUARY 11-FEBRUARY 18, 2023

\$2400 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

2900 ACRES OF SKIING!

- 10 % ● BEGINNER
- 40 % ■ INTERMEDIATE
- 35 % ◆ ADVANCED
- 15 % ◆◆ EXPERT



Trip Includes

- Round trip airfare Philadelphia to Spokane on Delta
- Ground transportation: 2-hour ride to Selkirk Lodge at Schweitzer
- 7 nights lodging at Selkirk Lodge at Schweitzer (4000 feet; no altitude issues!)
 - 2-queen bed or 1-king bed rooms (let us know your preference)
 - Free daytime shuttle service to Sandpoint (taxi or Uber get you home from later outings)
 - Outdoor hot tub and pool
- Mid-week outing to Sandpoint for an evening of beer & wine-tasting, shopping, & group dinner
- 5-day lift ticket (optional 6th day \$89), or use your Ikon Pass (7 days), Ikon Base Pass or Base Pass Plus (5 days) to save \$460. 6th day can be purchased @ \$89 for Ikon Base pass holders.

Prices subject to change. **Payment Schedule:** 1st deposit of \$400 on June 1st
50% of total by September meeting, 100% by October meeting

The sign up form for this trip is on the WSC website for this trip.

ktappe@mac.com - (302) 290-4371

WILMINGTON SKI CLUB TRIP **Banff/Lake Louise, AB**

March 4-11, 2023

Banff/Lake Louise is an incredible western ski destination. Banff National Park is home to one of the longest ski seasons in North America and two world-class ski areas, which are all located within 45 minutes of the Town of Banff: Mount Norquay, Sunshine Village, and the Lake Louise Ski Resort. We will be staying at Moose Hotel & Suites, which is a new 4 star hotel property.

42 SPOTS AVAILABLE

TRIP INCLUDES:

- Air Transportation from PHL to Calgary
- Ground transportation to/from hotel
- 7 nights at Moose Hotel & Suites
- FULL Hot Buffet Breakfasts
- Welcome reception and ski resort briefing

PRICING:

- \$2,100 Double Occupancy*
- Single occ. add \$550
- \$615 - Land-only reduction
- 5 Day Skiing, Seniors +65 minus \$65
- 6th Day of Skiing plus \$65 (Seniors \$50)
- IKON pass users minus \$330 (minus \$265 age 65+)
- Trip sign-up will start June 01, 2022.
- Please make your checks out to: Wilmington Ski Club

**Flight cost estimated final payment may be adjusted.*

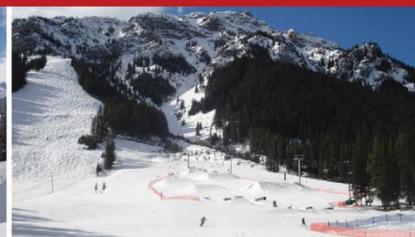
PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- **Initial payment:** \$650.00 (June 1st, 2022)
- **Second payment:** \$700.00 (August 30th, 2022)
- **Final Payment:** Balance (December 16th, 2022)

Note: Banff/Lake Louise trip a waiting list

Send to Michael Berninger at 2119 Swinnen Drive, Wilmington, DE 19810

Trip Go/Cancel decision date is November 1st, 2022. Trip insurance is highly encouraged.



WSC Trip Leaders

Leader: Michael Berninger • 302-275-1791

Co-Leader: Suzanne Prestileo • 302-234-7979

<https://www.wilmski.org/banff-lake-louise-ab-2023>



Independent Bike and Barge Tour Offered to Wilmington Ski Club September 6, 2023 to September 17, 2023

<https://www.wilmski.org/brusselsamsterdam>

**Post-trip extension \$445 per-person (double occupancy)
Subject to availability – Return September 19**

Anita O'Donnell with Cruise Planners has offered to put together a bike and barge tour beginning in Belgium ending up in Amsterdam in Holland. Currently, there are 11 cabins for 22 people; however, availability may change. VBT Bicycling Vacations (Williston, VT) is the vendor.

We are advertising this trip to Wilmington Ski Club members and guests. This is not an officially sanctioned trip from the WSC, so you won't be signing waivers of liability with WSC, and your arrangements for this trip will be made with VBT through Cruise Planners. Your tour leader is VBT, and they will take care of airfare, the trip details, and transfers for transportation if you select airfare with them. You will have two tour guides with VBT during the barge portion of the trip.

You have three options:

1. **AIR PACKAGE:** VBT books your international air from PHL; roundtrip transfers are included, 2 nights in a Bruges 4-star hotel; 1 night in an Amsterdam hotel at the end of the trip; see LAND ONLY for the remainder of the package description. The air package is **\$5645** from Philadelphia per person double occupancy. Quotes from most major airports are available (price will change based on Gateway) and you may extend your trip.
2. **OWN AIR:** You book your own air, but participate in the full 11-day vacation; this option is **\$4876** per person, double occupancy. Refer to LAND ONLY for the remainder of the vacation.
3. **LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** 7 nights aboard a private canal barge, 15 meals (7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners); 2 bilingual tour guides, support vehicle, bike and helmet, facilitated cultural experiences. Price is **\$4295** per person, double occupancy, no extensions allowed.

Deposit of \$500 per person is due before December 1; balance of trip (including air) is due May 5.
The air package is a good deal. When you purchase your own air, your purchase it immediately.

If you choose to purchase your own air, do not do so until you have been confirmed by VBT.

Independent Bike and Barge Tour Offered to Wilmington Ski Club

September 6, 2023 to September 17, 2023

<https://www.wilmski.org/brusselsamsterdam>

The Ski Club's Group space will be released on December 2 so space is subject to availability after then!

Please confirm the details with Anita. All payments will be via credit card through Cruise Planners. No cash or checks for this trip.

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS: <https://bit.ly/3FG7I34>

General Questions: Marie Maks (302) 545-2103

For questions on this Bike & Barge trip: Anita O'Donnell, Cruise Planners (302) 607-8216

PLEASE NOTE: When you visit the VBT website, you're going to ask "Why is the price less on the website?" It's the Gateway. They've priced it with the least expensive Gateway. Also, if you want to extend the trip and your roommate doesn't, you can pay the single supplement to extend your trip. Then, you'll have your own hotel room too. ALSO, we need your height and bike choice (step-over, step-through with slated top tube) at time of booking.

DISCLAIMER: *The **Wilmington Ski Club** is not a sponsor or administrator of this trip and is not responsible for the information provided by VBT or Cruise Planners, and shall not be liable for any outcomes of or claims arising out of this trip.*

Independent Bike and Barge Tour Offered to Wilmington Ski Club

September 6, 2023 to September 17, 2023

<https://www.wilmski.org/brusselsamsterdam>

Itinerary: Destination-- Brussels to Amsterdam:

Day 1 Sept 6, 2023 PHL-Brussels

Day 2 Sept 7, 2023 Arrive in Brussels; night in hotel

Day 3 Sept 8, 2023 Brussels; explore yourself for day

Day 4 Sept 9, 2023 Embark Brussels on barge and cruise to Ghent; choice of biking 11 mi; breakfast and dinner

Day 5 Sept 10, 2023 Tour Ghent and bicycle to Dendemonde; 18 mi a.m. 2 mi p.m.; breakfast and dinner

Day 6 Sept 11, 2023 Cycle to Antwerp 16 mi+ 8 mi+14 mi ; breakfast

Day 7 Sept 12, 2023 visit Antwerp and cruise to Tholen; breakfast and dinner

Day 8 Sept 13, 2023 Cycle Tholen to Willemstad; cruise to Dordrecht; 27 mi +1 mi; Breakfast, lunch

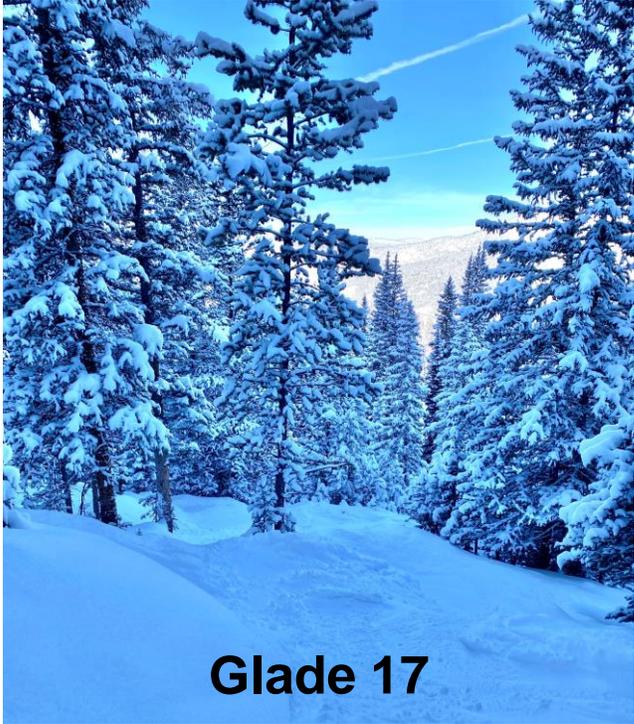
Day 9 Sept 14, 2023 Cruise to Alblasserdam/cycle to Kinderdijk/Schoonhoven/Vianen; 20 mi+16 mi; Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 10 Sept 15, 2023 Arrive in Amsterdam: Cruise and bike; 14 mi+8 mi; Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 11 Sept 16, 2023 Depart barge and explore Amsterdam; breakfast; stay in hotel

Day 12 Sept 17, 2023 Departure from Amsterdam after breakfast with transfers; arrival in PHL p.m.

Copper Mtn Trip - Pictures



Glade 17



No Glades in Sight



Group Picture



EPSC Recreation Racing



EPSC has released their race series schedule. These races are all open to WSC members.

These races are all NASTAR level races. The first race (Feb 5) and last race (Mar 12) are open to members of EPSC clubs only (WSC is an EPSC club). The other races are NASTAR races.

There are more details on the EPSC website

<https://easternpaskicouncil.org/wp/events/racing/2023/01/racing-information-for-this-season/>

EPSC Race, February 5th. Montage Mountain.

NASTAR (GS), Tuesday February 7th, Bear Creek Mountain Resort; 6:45pm – 8:45pm.

NASTAR (SL), Wednesday February 8th Bear Creek Mountain Resort; 6:45pm – 8:45pm.

NASTAR (GS) , Saturday February 11th, Shawnee Mountain; 10am – 2pm.

NASTAR (GS), Sunday February 12th, Montage Mountain Resort; 10am – Noon.

NASTAR (GS), Sunday February 12th, Montage Mountain Resort; 10am – Noon.

NASTAR (SL). Wednesday February 22th, Bear Creek Mountain Resort; 6:45pm – 8:45pm.

EPSC Race, March 12th, EPSC Council & Shaker Cups, Elk Mountain (Assuming winter holds on long enough for us!)

Annual Ocean to Bay Bike Tour



For all you cyclists out there, the Annual Ocean to Bay Bike Tour is being held this April 28-29. On Saturday the 29th, it's a loop ride of either 30, 50 or 100 miles from downtown Bethany, through the farmlands to the bay and back around to Bethany. <https://oceantobaybiketour.com/>

Some club members have already registered for the 30-mile ride on 4/29/23 under the team name of Pickled Skiers (some pickleball players are planning to ride too). **Lois Morris** is designated captain and if you register that way by 3/31/23, you save \$10. You are not limited to the 30-mile ride by registering as a team member. Feel free to opt for the 50- or 100-mile rides, if that's your sweet spot.

Registration includes the ride, refreshments at each of the 2 rest stops, a ticket for lunch and a commemorative shirt.

For more information, please contact Lois Morris at lcm2unow@gmail.com

This is not a ski club trip but rather just a heads up that the ride is available for anyone interested in participating.

***The Skier Responsibility Code
developed by the National Ski Areas
Association***

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY CODE

- 1** Always stay in control. You must be able to stop or avoid people or objects.
- 2** People ahead or downhill of you have the right-of-way. You must avoid them.
- 3** Stop only where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
- 4** Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
- 5** You must prevent runaway equipment.
- 6** Read and obey all signs, warnings and hazard markings.
- 7** Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
- 8** You must know how and be able to load, ride and unload lifts safely. If you need assistance, ask the lift attendant.
- 9** Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- 10** If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski area employee.

**Know and Obey the Code.
It's Your Responsibility.**

If you need help understanding the Code, please ask an employee.

EPSC and National Ski Council Federation NEWS



EPSC

The **Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council** website is a good resource for snowsports happenings in our area.

For more information, see:

<https://easternpaskicouncil.org/wp/home/>



National Ski Council Federation newsletters.

Catch up with happenings around the country with

<https://skifederation.org/>

LINKS

Trip Application.

This is the link to the WSC Forms Page on our website where you can access the various trip applications:

<http://www.wilmski.org/policies-and-forms/>

The link also takes you to WSC Trip cancellation policies and review is recommended for anyone who has signed up for a Wilmington Ski Club ski vacation.

Membership Application.

This is the link to the WSC membership information and application form:

<http://www.wilmski.org/membership/>



Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council and National Ski Council Federation

Use these links to find discounts and activities from the National Ski Council Federation and EPSC and other member clubs:

<https://skifederation.org/>

<http://www.wilmski.org/epsc>

THINK SNOW!