

Roanoke Skier

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROANOKE SKI CLUB
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Dates to Remember!



September 2nd – First Ski Club
Membership Meeting – 6:30pm..

September 11th – Band Night at
Valhalla.

September 12th – New River Trail
Cruising; 20 miles.

September 22nd – Happy Hour at
Pizza Pasta Pit, Roanoke – 5:30 pm

President's Message President's Message

Hello Ski Club Friends!

Your response to the long distance trips has been fantastic as several are close to selling out. Remember, after the first membership meeting we start offering the trips to other groups and ski clubs. We need to fill these trips as we have deposit obligations that have to be met. There is space available on almost all the trips. So, if you are still thinking about going on a trip, get your deposit in now. I would like to thank Chris Nuckols again for a fine job as Trip Director and he will have more on trips in his section.

Mark your calendars for the first membership meeting of the Season on Wednesday, September 2, at Hidden Valley Country

Club. Membership meetings are always fun, with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar starting at 6:30 PM. Meet your new Board of Directors and our trip leaders will discuss details of their trips and answer any questions you may have.

See you at Hidden Valley!

Gene Collier, RSC President

Activities Activities

September Roanoke Ski Club Activities

Friday, September 11 - Band Night at Valhalla

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Bring your picnic dinner and enjoy live music, dancing and a view with friends!

Saturday, September 12 – Cruising on the New River Trail! Approximate 20 Mile Day Bike Ride (other options to fish, canoe, kayak, tube or horse back ride are available at our access point to the trail with a rental fee). The bike distance can be easily adjusted to “your” ability!

Meet @ 9 am @ Park & Ride, Salem Exit #140/Roanoke College I-81. Coffee & Breakfast Treats will be served while we gather//carpooling is an option. Directions: Foster Falls (New River Trail administrative offices) – I-81 South to I-77 South. From I-77, take Exit 24, go east on Route 69 to Route 52, go north to Route 608, go east and follow signs. Parking fee required.

Bike Rental is available at the River Company for a fee of \$5/hr, \$12 for ½ day or \$18 for a full day bike rental.

The “planned” ride will be approximately 20 miles round trip (Foster Falls to Buck Dam and back). The ride from Foster Falls to the Dam is 10.4 miles. You will experience the tranquility, splendid beauty & exciting views particularly of the river & many rapids. The surface is cinder, hard packed stone & quite level. The trail follows an abandoned railroad right-of-way which meanders through several counties in the SW Virginia and parallels the scenic & historic New River for 39 miles. The New River is one of the world’s oldest and among a handful of rivers flowing north! There are many small but nice picnic & bathroom facilities regularly spaced along the trail. Bringing a “picnic” lunch would be suggested and a group dinner following our ride is in the works!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 9 to Shelley @ 434-444-3951.

Tuesday, September 22 – Happy Hour at the “Pizza, Pasta Pit” – 5:30 or after, 713 Riverview Drive, Salem VA 540-387-2885. Join your ski buddies for good food and drinks!

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendar!

Friday-Saturday, October 2 – 4; Bike Damascus, VA – Virginia Creeper Trail Ride

Wine & Cheese welcome reception Friday evening. Group breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings before the ride. Snacks provided for the trail, bring your own water for rides! 2-Nights stay in the charming Creeper Trail Cottages by the river, accommodations are 2 private bedrooms with double beds and a double sized futon in the living room. 1 bath per cabin. Cost is calculated based on 2-nights cabin stay. \$110 pp to include welcome reception, breakfasts and snacks. Trip Leader is Lisa Mann, cell

phone 540-293-5156. Please call now to reserve your cabin and send a \$50 check per person, payable to Lisa as non-refundable deposit: 2716 Yellow Mountain Rd, Roanoke, VA 24014.

Saturday, October 10 - Virginia's Wine & Garlic Festival, Rebec Vineyards, Amherst, VA.
Join the club for the most odiferous wine event of the year – a reeking good time!

Friday, October 23 – Wine, Moon & Stars!

Virginia Mountain Winery, Fincastle 6:30 -9:30

Enjoy a brief astronomical discussion by a member of the Roanoke Astronomy Club, view the October sky through telescopes set-up in the vineyard, and a tasting of fine wines! \$5 pp

HOLIDAY PARTY – Saturday, December 5

Looking for people interested in helping to plan our Holiday Party, December 5. Please contact Shelley if interested. 434-444-3951

Shelley Gibson, Activities Director

Programs Programs

I would love to hear from you regarding your interests and ideas for our upcoming schedule of programs. Many topics including the Parkway, outdoor branding for our area, yoga as preparation for the season and the latest in ski wear and gear are being considered. What are your thoughts? Please email me at pommerenke@cox.net. Together we can make this year's programs new and exciting!

Best regards,

Mandy Pommerenke, Program Director

2009/10 Ski Trips 2009/10 Ski Trips

Response to this coming season's trip line-up has been great! Here is the status with the number of people on each trip thus far:

Banff/Lake Louise	25	7+ places left
Big Sky	29	Space for one lady remains
Telluride	29	3 places left
Steamboat	28	2 places left
Breckenridge	19	9 places left
Interlaken/Paris	40	Sold out w/16 on wait list!

Information of the trips will be presented at our upcoming season's first meeting at Hidden Valley Country Club on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, at 6:30 pm. As you can see, only a few spots remain on most trips. So, don't wait any longer! Sign up for a trip! Note that we received a \$70/person price reduction for Breckenridge – so the trip is a real value at \$1,299 for terrific skiing in Summit County and beyond!

We'll see you at the meeting Sept. 2nd.

Chris Nuckols
2010 Trip Director

Membership Membership

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!

Quickly and easily access the “membership application” to renew your ski club membership today:

<http://www.roanokeskiclub.org/membership.htm>

1. Go to the Ski Club Website (the link above) to access the membership application
2. Print the application & fill it out completely
3. Write your check – made payable to “**The Roanoke Ski Club**” please
4. Mail the check and application to the PO BOX on the application
5. You are now set to take advantages of all the benefits of being a current, active ski club member.

The Top 3 reasons for filling out your application TODAY!

1. You have to be a paid member in order to sign up for this season's ski trips. (*The brochures are coming out shortly and these trips are HOT! They are going to fill fast, so get your membership renewed today!*)
2. Participate in the summer Happy Hours, adventures and activities for F.R.E.E!
3. Because with all the things on your to-do list, go ahead and mark this simple one off your list so you don't have to think about it anymore ☺

To find out more about being a member of the ski club, for membership prices (they are the same as last year) and for great pictures, past newsletters and more: www.RoaonkeSkiClub.org

With Pleasure,

Melinda Cohan, Membership Director

**Roanoke Ski Club
Membership Application**

**Roanoke Ski Club
P.O. Box 371
Roanoke, VA 24003**

Please Print Neatly or Type

Name: _____ **Home Phone** (____) _____ - _____

Address: _____ **Work Phone** (____) _____ - _____

City: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____ **Cell Phone** (____) _____ - _____

Member Email Address:

How did you learn about us?

(please specify member's name, publication, retail establishment, web search, etc.)

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:

Spouse's Name: _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Spouse's Email Address: _____ Cell Phone (____) _____ - _____

Eligible Children's Names & Ages: _____

NEWSLETTER: Read online for free or receive a PAPER newsletter for \$20 / year (fee for print + postage)

MEMBERSHIP DUES: _____ Individual (\$30/yr) _____ Single Parent (\$35/yr)
(check one) _____ Family (\$40/yr) _____ Full-time Student under 23 (\$15/yr)

Membership Year: July 1 through June 30. Applications received on or after April 1 will extend through June 30 of the following year. If under age 18, parent or legal guardian must co-sign this application. "Family" includes children under age 18 or under age 23 if full-time student.

\$ _____ MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$ _____ Paper Newsletter (\$20) (optional)

\$ _____ **Total Enclosed** Check number: _____

Make check payable to the
Roanoke Ski Club, and mail
it with this signed and dated
application to:
**Membership Director
PO Box 371
Roanoke, VA 24003**

IMPORTANT: This application must be renewed each year.

Please read the following agreement and then sign and date:

I acknowledge that hazards are inherent in **ALL** activities, including without limitation skiing, snowboarding, whitewater rafting, canoeing, biking, hiking, and other activities. I acknowledge that I am in good health and able to participate without health problems in strenuous activities at high altitude and have read or will read the Mobility and Fitness to Travel Statement and the Roanoke Ski Club's ("RSC") Trip Procedures before signing up for any RSC trips. Therefore, in consideration of the benefits derived from my membership in the RSC, I waive any claim for, and assume all risk of, damage, injury, or loss to person or property, arising from or relating to participation in the activities of the RSC. I furthermore release and discharge the RSC and its officers, directors, members and agents from any claim, damage or cost which I may ever have arising from or relating to participation in the RSC. This agreement shall not be subject to any claim of mistake of fact, and regardless of the adequacy of the consideration provided, this agreement is intended to avoid future litigation and to be final and complete.

Witness the following signature(s) dated the _____ day of _____, 20____.

(Applicant's Signature)

(Co-Applicant's Signature, if Family membership)

Roanoke Ski Club Board Members and Leaders, 2009-2010

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