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### Activities

Jan 7	Soup & Chili Cook-Off
Jan 9	Culinary @ El Bajio-555 Gateway Place SW
Jan 21-28	Snowmass/Aspen Ski Trip
Feb 7	Culinary @ WaWa Caribbean--4342 16th Ave. SW
Feb 10-12	Baraboo, WI Ski Trip
Feb 17	Member Meeting KC Hall
Feb 20-26	Copper Mountain Ski Trip
Mar 18	Member Meeting
April 15	Year End Review & Recognition Meeting
May 13-20	Niagara Falls Trip
Aug 20-29	Black Hills/Western National Parks Trip

### BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is January 4.

Members and non-members are welcome.

Time and location of the next board meeting can be obtained from **Steve Cummings**

### EISC INFORMATION:

For more information about the EISC contact: members@eastiowaskiclub.com

Annual Membership: Single - \$30 | Household - \$60

### MOVED/MOVING:

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East Iowa Ski Club, PO Box 843

Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843

### DEADLINE:

The deadline for the January Skiddoo is January 27.

Contact **Cathy Dick**.

EISC Financials are available on request.

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## **President's Message**



Greetings EISC members. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and happy holiday season. The December member meeting was fun with a good crowd and Holiday Sweater contest. The early game night crowd has grown. It is good to see a new monthly activity idea build some momentum.

The Snowmass/Aspen and Copper Mountain ski trips are in good shape and going well. The Snowmass trip will be starting Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. We had an opening for the Copper trip that was filled right after the meeting. The Midwest Baraboo/Devil's Head ski trip will be updated at the Soup and Chili Cook-off meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>. There was some talk about Sundown Mountain's season getting started. Look for notices from the Skier's Forum when the EISC will be headed that way.

Marty and Mike Coates presented updates on the two upcoming adventure tour bus trips. Both are selling well and members are encouraged to sign up soon if you are interested. The May Great Lakes / Mackinaw Island / Niagara Falls tour itinerary was reviewed. More information on the Black Hills/Yellowstone/Grand Tetons and Utah National Park tour and itinerary was provided. All of the stops are fantastic locations. Both trips are currently set at 20 members.

Lois Kabela Coates went through the volunteer opportunities to serve on the EISC Board nominating committee. The club needs folks for the committee and to run for next year's board. If you are interested in volunteering or serving on the committee or the board, please contact Lois. We did have some good news as our Skiddoo newsletter editor, Cathy Dick decided to stay on as long as her schedule allowed.

The next member meeting is our annual Soup and Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Jan. 7th at the Red Cedar Lodge in Wanatee Park. The Soup and Chili Cook-off is a fun meeting. Hopefully the snow will stay around so we can get there early & use the sledding hills behind the lodge or get out the XC skis or snow shoes for the trails. If the snow is gone, it is still a nice park for some winter hiking. The Soup & Chili competition is always entertaining and please remember to bring a favorite treat to share. There is more information on this in the newsletter. Look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Thanks ~ **Steve**



### **January Birthdays**

Yvonne Duggan (3rd); Jeff Sherman (8th); Angela Gott (14<sup>th</sup>); Jerry Groom (18th); Robbin Rekemeyer (19<sup>th</sup>); Jane Sents & Rosanne Van Cura (20th); Gavin Hunerdosse (29th); Beth Cottingham (30<sup>th</sup>).

### **Family News**

We would like to extend our deepest condolences to **Denise Houlahan**. Her daughter, Hayley Schmidtke, passed away on December 26.

Bill Petersen has been at Unity Point (St Luke's) hospital with pneumonia. He will be staying and rehabbing at The Views in Marion.

### **Thank You From the EISC Board Nominating Committee**

We would like to thank each of the candidates for volunteering. The vote for the EISC board is scheduled to take place during the February member meeting. We are grateful for the members' volunteer spirit that we enjoy in this club. Please keep in mind that the EISC needs volunteer board members to function and we hope all will consider serving in the future. An absentee ballot can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you, Lois Kabela Coates, chair for the EISC Board Nominating Committee.

~article by **Steve Cummings**

## **EISC Upcoming Elections**

**Mary Day:** I am a long time EISC member. Currently I serve on the Board as Secretary. I also handle Memberships and Communication. The members of EISC are my mainstays. I love to travel, especially with these friends.



**Bill Clark:** I have been a member of the East Iowa Ski Club for two years. Since joining, my wife Jill and I have been on the Crested Butte and Breckenridge ski trips, and are looking forward to going to Copper Mountain this year. During the summer, we've enjoyed the camping and bicycling adventures, as well as the Canyonlands and walleye fishing trips. I really liked learning to play pickleball as well as trying new foods at some of the ethnic dinners. As you can see, I've benefited from many of the activities that the club offers, and feel that being a member of the board is my opportunity to give back to the group.

**Marty Stimson:** For those that may not know me, my name is Marty Stimson. I have been a member of our ski club since 1989 when I married my wife Janet as she was already a member and said it was a fun group and she was right. Probably the most enjoyable part I like about our club besides the social support and gatherings is all the many varied activities and trips the club does. Ski trips have been a big part of our vacation plans for many years but skiing isn't our only interest. To my picture, boating and fishing is my second biggest interest along with travel and sightseeing in general. I believe as a club, we definitely need to continue promoting and doing ski trips. But with our multi-interest membership, we also need to promote and offer other nonski trips. Depending on the travel location, trips can be a combination of a variety of activities. Even winter fly fishing! As a continuing board member, I would work to offer a variety of week long, weekend trips, and social outings.



~ article by **Lois Kabel-Coates**

## FUTURE EVENTS

### **Chili Cookoff | Sataturday, Jan 7 at Wanatee Park | 3:00 to 10:00 pm**

It's that time of year to dust off those favorite recipes and bring your crockpots of soup or chili to share. Prizes will be awarded for your efforts, or bring a good snack or dessert to share.



Everyone is welcome to come to the Red Cedar Lodge at Wanatee Park, Marion on **Saturday, January 7** for our monthly meeting. Invite your friends and introduce them to EISC.

The lodge will be open for us from 3:00 to 10:00 p.m. We're hoping the snow sticks around so you can bring your sled, cross country ski's or snowshoes. Or you can take a walk on the park trails.

Bring your card games, dominos, or any other indoor activities for more fun. We will eat around 6:00 pm with our regular meeting to follow. Bring your own festive beverages. We will provide the pop, water, soup bowls, and tableware.

So come on out to Wanatee Park, Red Cedar Lodge for fun and friends!

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**

### **International Culinary Restaurant Adventure**

The Culinary Experience is up and running again after a short holiday hiatus. We will venture to El Bajio at the 555 Gateway Place SW location at 6:00pm Monday, January 9th. I have not eaten there before but I have heard from reliable sources that it is very good, authentic, Mexican food. If you wish to join, RSVP to Lois Kabelá-Coates at [lois@easttowaskiclub.com](mailto:lois@easttowaskiclub.com) or text 319-560-8600 by 6:00pm on Sunday, January 8th.

On February 7th, we will be looking for some warm weather inspired food so we will try out the WaWa Caribbean Restaurant at 4342 16th Ave. The restaurant may be lacking in atmosphere but the food looks quite tasty. Check out their website.

Hopefully you can join your EISC friends for these fun outings.

~ article by **Lois Kabelá-Coates**

## **2022-2023 Cross Country Ski and other Outdoor Activities**

We have gotten a little taste of winter with some snowfall and low temperatures. For those of you who like to get out to cross country ski, hike or snowshoe we have a schedule of dates and locations of where to meet at 1:00 PM. Pat Boland has agreed to be the contact for this activity. If you are interested in going or have some questions you can call or text her at 319-310-3420.

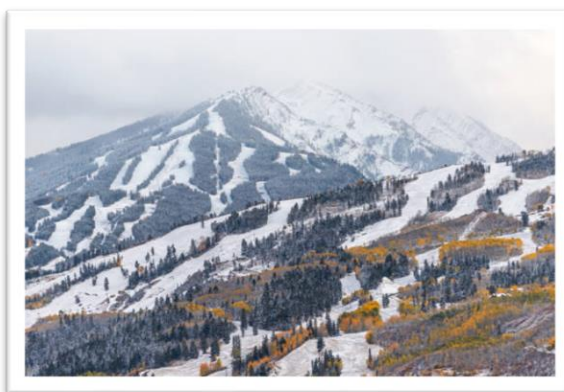
January 7	Wanatee
January 14	McBride Nature Center
January 21	Twin Pines
February 4	Morgan Creek
February 11	Ellis Park
February 18	Matsell Bridge
February 25	Wanatee
March 4	Wickiup
March 11	Morgan Creek
March 18	Matsell Bridge
March 25	Wanatee

We know that when there is a great snow fall getting out on the trails soon is important to many skiers. Please use the club's web site Forums to post your desire to get others to join you!

~ article by **Ruth Van Tol**

### **Snowmass/Aspen Trip | January 21 - 28, 2023**

The East Iowa Ski Club will be on our way on the Snowmass Aspen ski trip, Jan 21 – 28, 2023. We have 24 EISC members on the way to the Top of the Village condo complex in Snowmass village. Kathy Takes and Kari Wheeler, the Trip Leaders will have a summary of the trip for the February Skiddoo & meeting.



Our members will be both flying and driving out to the resort. There will be a 4:30 Wine and Cheese Welcome party for our group on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. The plan is to distribute lift tickets to those who bought them at that time. If you are late getting to the resort, please contact Kathy and Kari and make arrangements to get your tickets. Please contact Kathy Takes with questions or for more information.



<https://www.aspensnowmass.com/> is the website to use for up-to-date information on the four resorts. There is plenty of snow out there so far this year. For those on the trip - safe travels and we will look forward to seeing you at Snowmass!

Article by **Steve Cummins** ~ photo from stock

## **Baraboo, Wisconsin Trip | February 10-12, 2023**

February 10 to 12, 2023 will be a weekend trip to Baraboo, WI. We will be staying at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center. A block of rooms is reserved until January 10 under East Iowa Ski Club. Rates are \$99 a night for a King room and \$89 per night for a room with two queens. Call the hotel directly at 608-356-6422 to make your reservations.

Lift ticket rates have now been set at Cascade and Devil's Head. Weekend rates are \$89 daily for an adult at Cascade. The rates at Devil's Head are \$50 a day if you are a Super Senior (66+), \$68 daily or \$121 for 2 days if you are a Senior (60-65), and \$78 daily or \$141 for a 2-day ticket for adults (13-60). Both locations REQUIRE tickets to be purchased IN ADVANCE ON-LINE.

~ article by **Ruth Van Tol**

## **Copper Mountain trip | February 20 - 26, 2023**



The East Iowa Ski Club's Copper Mountain February 20 – 26<sup>th</sup> trip is full & ready to go. Dale and Rhonda Bohrer will be leading this EISC ski adventure. 24 members of the EISC will be staying in Mountain Plaza complex in the Center Village.

We have 6 condos, 2br/2bth in this walk-in/walk-out

location - across the plaza from the lifts (3-minute walk). The rooming list is complete & will be sent to the resort this month.

This EISC trip is scheduled as a 6 night, Monday through Sunday, Feb 20 – 26; drive yourself/carpool trip. We have the option to park at the resort early Monday (2/20/23), ski all day and check in later that afternoon. This should work out for those who want to travel to the Denver area on Sunday, then drive into Copper Mountain early for skiing on Monday morning and avoid the weekend traffic. The club got special group pricing on the condos with this unusual schedule and five of six-day lift tickets.

Copper Mountain is a 2,507-acre resort that has an excellent variety of naturally differentiated terrain that gets more challenging from west to east, and high alpine adventure terrain—plus a free Snow-cat ride to maximize your time there. See the Copper website at <https://www.coppercolorado.com/> for more information.

Copper Mountain is on the Ikon Pass. We are looking forward to joining you at Copper Mountain on our EISC ski adventure.

~ article by **Steve Cummings**

## **Niagara Falls by Motorcoach May 13-20, 2023**

**Total Trip Price | \$1,680 double occupancy**

**1<sup>st</sup> Payment | \$520 due at signup**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Payment | \$580 due January 7, 2023**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Payment | \$580 due March 18, 2023**

**Cancellation Date | January 7, 2023**

We're off to a good start with 10 people signed up so far. This trip is packed with lots to do, plus, you will have plenty of room to stretch and relax on our 53-passenger motor coach with only 20 folks needed to make this trip a go. On May 13th, we load our Motor Coach from Cedar Rapids for a scenic tour up through Wisconsin, Michigan and into Canada on our way to Niagara Falls – with a variety of fun stops along the way. This trip includes our own private motor coach, hotel accommodations, breakfasts at each hotel stay, five dinner meals, and all ticket and entrance fees. A more detailed itinerary follows:

**Day 1:** we depart at 8:00 am from Cedar Rapids for our first travel day to Escanaba, Michigan. It's an easy 400-mile trip up through Madison and Green Bay so we will arrive in plenty of time to relax and have dinner. We might even find a local winery to tour.

**Day 2:** we're off for a short 2 ½ hour ride to Paradise, Michigan where we visit the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum. It's only an hour ride from there down to Mackinaw City. On our way we will stop at the Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie hoping to see one of the ships going through the locks. Then it's to our hotel and dinner in Mackinaw City

**Day 3:** we get on the Mackinac Island Ferry for a tour of Mackinac Island and then back for a bus tour of Mackinaw City, then back to our same hotel and dinner.

**Day 4:** we're off to Dearborn and the Henry Ford Museum. We have a 4-hour bus ride so there is plenty of time to go through the museum before we head for our hotel and dinner for the night.

**Day 5:** is off to Niagara Falls through Canada. It's a 4-hour ride but it might be a little longer getting through Canada customs on our way. We will have time in the afternoon to explore some of the area before arriving at our hotel and dinner.

**Day 6:** will be touring more of the Niagara Falls sites, then back to our hotel again.

**Day 7:** is an early morning for our ride to Cleveland to tour Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum before we find our hotel and dinner.

**And Day 8:** we are on our way home. It's a longer day but we get home on a Saturday so those that are still working can rest up for the day before going back to work Monday.



Sign-ups for this trip started at the November meeting so we are off to a good start at making this trip a go. We will need 20 people to make this trip work. You can send your deposit check to EISC at PO Box 843, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406, or sign up online. We set this trip up as double occupancy so please let us know your roommate choice when signing up.

We are still looking for a trip chair for this fun trip. You can reach out to **Marty Stimson** (319-389-4156) for any trip or chair questions.

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**

## **Out West-Black Hills and National Parks Trip - August 20-29, 2023**

**Total Trip Price | \$2,480 double occupancy | Capacity: 20 people**

**1<sup>st</sup> Payment | \$620 due at signup**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Payment | \$620 due February 17, 2023**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Payment | \$620 due April 15, 2023**

**4<sup>th</sup> Payment | \$620 due May 19, 2023**

**Cancellation Date | May 19th, 2023**

This trip begins with a flight from Cedar Rapids to Rapid City, SD where a motorcoach (driven by club favorite Dale Scharping) will be waiting for us. The cost for this 9-night, 10-day trip is \$2480 and it includes airfare, bus transportation, all lodging, eight breakfasts, five group dinners, the rodeo and all park entrance fees. We will travel through five states and six national parks. The first deposit is \$620 followed by three additional payments, with a cancellation date of May 19<sup>th</sup>. There are 20 spots for this trip. A detailed itinerary follows:

### **Day 1: Sunday – Rapid City, SD**

- Flight from Cedar Rapids to Rapid City
- Board bus and travel to Badlands NP and Wall Drug
- Overnight in Rapid City – Home2Suites by Hilton

### **Day 2: Monday- Rapid City to Deadwood, SD**

- Custer State Park
- Wind Cave NP
- Crazy Horse
- Mt. Rushmore
- Overnight in Deadwood, SD (museums and casinos) – Tru by Hilton

### **Day 3: Tuesday – Deadwood, SD to Cody, WY**

- Buffalo Bill Museum
- Cody Nighttime Rodeo
- Overnight in Cody, WY – Cody Legacy Inn Suites

**Day 4:** Wednesday – Cody, WY to West Yellowstone, MT

- Yellowstone(north) - frequent stops for photos and hiking
- Overnight in West Yellowstone, MT – Yellowstone Lodge

**Day 5:** Thursday – West Yellowstone, MT to Moran, WY

- Yellowstone(south) – frequent stops for photos and hiking
- Overnight in Moran, WY – Dude Ranch – Heart 6 Ranch

**Day 6:** Friday- Moran, WY to Salt Lake City, UT

- Grand Tetons – frequent stops for photos and hiking
- Optional Excursions – horseback riding or raft trip
- Overnight in Salt Lake City – Country Inn Suites

**Day 7:** Saturday – Salt Lake City, UT to Moab, UT

- Capital Reef NP – frequent stops for photos and hiking
- Overnight in Moab, UT – Wingate by Wyndym

**Day 8:** Sunday- Moab, UT

- Canyonlands NP – frequent stops for photos and hiking
- Overnight in Moab, UT -Wingate by Wyndym

**Day 9:** Monday – Moab, UT

- Arches NP – frequent stops for photos and hiking
- Overnight in Moab, UT – Wingate by Wyndym

**Day 10:** Tuesday -Moab, UT to Cedar Rapids

- Colorado National Monument – Grand Junction
- Flight from Grand Junction to Cedar Rapids

If you have questions, contact the trip chair, Mike Coates at [mcoates@mchsi.com](mailto:mcoates@mchsi.com). We hope you can join us!

~ article by **Lois Kabela-Coates**

## **YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT...**

### **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

A big thank you to **Diane Anderson, Pat Boland, Kim Betts, Denny Bossard, Lois and Mike Coates, Sandra Cummings, Mary Day, Denise Houlahan, Janet Stimson, Ruth Van Tol, Brenda VanGorp, Bob and Brenda Warner, and Sarah Wittnebel** for signing up to participate in the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing 2022! Unfortunately, not everyone had the opportunity to ring this year due to a snafu in scheduling our team at the Theisen's location. The good news -- we supported the annual fundraiser and raised nearly \$670.00.



One common thread of our participation -- people seemed to be generous and greeted us with kindness, smiles, and “thank you” for our time ringing the bells.

The Salvation Army is very appreciative of our help each year. Let’s keep up with this EISC tradition to help those in need in our community. Thank you again for your support!

~Article by **Pat Boland**, photos provided by **Pat Boland, Brenda VanGorp, and Bob Warner**

## December Meeting and Game Night - Fri Dec 16

Another nice turnout for our December meeting. Quite a few members came early to play games and get in on the happy hour beverage prices.

Our annual “Christmas Sweater Contest” was another hit. Dawn Novetzky won the best ladies’ sweater and Tim Gull won the best men’s sweater contest. Thanks to everyone who came in their holiday attire.

Your club has a nice line up of trips for this next year starting off with the two ski trips that are full. There are openings on both the Niagara Falls and West trip so reach out to any board member or the trip chair even if you are just interested.

It’s also that time where the club is looking for new board members. Please get ahold of any board member if you have an interest.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next month for our annual Chili and Soup Cookoff at Wanatee Park, Red Cedar Lodge.

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**





*The Annual Election will take place at the February monthly meeting. A mail-in absentee ballot is available below.*

### **ABSENTEE BALLOT**

Following is the **ABSENTEE BALLOT** to be used if you cannot attend the February meeting. Absentee ballots must be received at the EISC Post Office Box by noon, February 17, 2023.

Follow these instructions carefully for a valid absentee vote.

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Absentee Ballot:     Vote for up to **three (3)** candidates:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mary Day  
\_\_\_\_\_ Bill Clark  
\_\_\_\_\_ Marty Stimson  
\_\_\_\_\_ (write-in) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Put the above Absentee Ballot in a separate, sealed envelope**

Verification Form:     Complete this verification form (so we can verify no one votes more than once).

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Put this verification form along with the envelope containing the absentee ballot in **ANOTHER** envelope. Send to: East Iowa Ski Club, PO Box 843, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843