

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

July 2026



A non-profit organization founded in 1947 and dedicated to the promotion of all facets of skiing & winter sports - plus activities for the education and enjoyment of its members.

A member of Eastern PA Ski Council. <http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org>

You can also find us on Facebook. [Click here for Facebook](#)

<http://www.ptarmiganskiclub.org/>

Calendar of Events - Post in a Visible Location

General Meetings at Christopher's Columbian Home (KoC)
Happy Hour: Contact Bill Ortner, Every Friday 5:00 pm
Thursty Thursday: Contact Carolyn Greenland
BTC Book Club: Third Wed Contact Ronnie Rother, Mary Laronge

----- Jul 2026 -----

7/17 - Happy Hour Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm
7/19 - Music Meuser Park Time Whys 6:00 pm
7/21 - Biking Upper Saucon Rail Trail 9:00 am
7/22 - Music Wednesday Unwind Slatington 6:00 pm
7/23 - Thursty Thursday Rising River Brewing 5:30 pm
7/24 - Happy Hour Miller Ale House 5:00 pm
7/25 - Summer Picnic at Policelli's 1:00 pm
7/31 - Happy Hour Capo & Co 5:00 pm

----- Aug 2026 -----

8/02 - Music Das Awkscht Fescht - Steel Creek Band 12:45 pm
8/07 - Happy Hour Grove St Pub & Grill 5:00 pm
8/08 - Music Whitehall Parkway Steel Creek 6:00 pm
8/09 - Biking Ironton Rail Trail (Coplay) 9:00 am
8/13 - Thursty Thursday - Fairgrounds Hotel 5:30 pm
8/14 - Happy Hour Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm
8/15 - Music Levitt Pavillion Sting & Police Tribute 7:30 pm
8/18 - Hiking Slatedale Heritage Trail 9:30 am
8/21 - Happy Hour Miller Ale House 5:00 pm
8/26 - Wednesday Unwind Slatington Jeni Hackett 6:00 pm
8/28 - Happy Hour Capo & Co 5:00 pm

----- Sep 2026 -----

9/04 - Happy Hour Grove St Pub & Gril 5:00 pm
9/08 - General Mtg - Columbian Home - 7:00 pm
9/10 - Biking D&L Slatington 9:30 am
9/11 - Music Lehigh Pavillion The Ardverks 7:30 pm
9/13 - Music Ritz BBQ Main Street Cruisers 4:00o pm
9/17 - Thursty Thursday - Wanderlust Beer Garden 5:30 pm
9/19 - Hiking Lehigh Parkway 9:30 am

Next Newsletter will be on September 1st.

Ptarmigan Summer Picnic Jul 25th 1:00 pm at Jim Policelli's

Location: Pinewoods, 5796 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 22nd
Send your check (payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club) by July 22nd to: Mary Ann Bedics, 1664 Best Place, Bethlehem, Pa 18017. See Flyer below for details.



Celebrating U.S.A. 250 Years!

Ptarmigan's Between the Covers Book Club

It's a BYOB and BYOF (if you wish) gathering at our next book discussion. Join us!

Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Time: Discussion begins promptly at 4 PM

Location: Mary and Ralph's
556 Parkside Court, Allentown

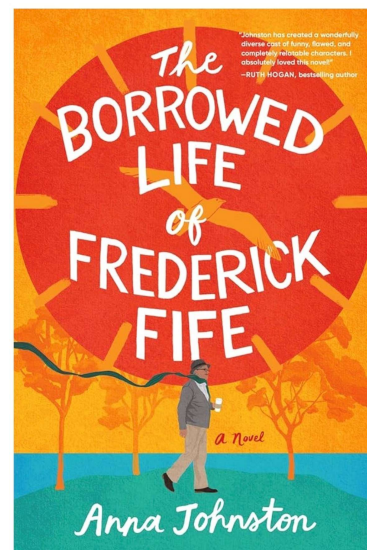
The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife
By Anna Johnston

Frederick Fife was born with an extra helping of kindness in his heart. If he borrowed your car, he'd return it washed with a full tank of gas. The problem is, at age eighty-two, there's nobody left in Fred's life to borrow from, and he's broke and on the brink of eviction. But Fred's luck changes when he's mistaken for Bernard Greer, a missing resident at the local nursing home, and takes his place. Now Fred has warm meals in his belly and a roof over his head—as long as his look-alike Bernard never turns up.

Denise Simms is stuck breathing the same disappointing air again and again. A middle-aged mom and caregiver at Bernard's facility, her crumbling marriage and daughter's health concerns are suffocating her joy for life. Wounded by her two-faced husband, she vows never to let a man deceive her again.

As Fred walks in Bernard's shoes, he leaves a trail of kindness behind him, fueling Denise's suspicions about his true identity. When unexpected truths are revealed, Fred and Denise rediscover their sense of purpose and learn how to return a broken life to mint condition.

Bittersweet and remarkably perceptive, *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* is a hilarious, feel-good, clever novel about grief, forgiveness, redemption, and finding family. ~Amazon



Ski Trips – 2026 – 2027 Season

Ptarmigan Sponsored Trips

Holiday Valley, Holimont, New York

- Feb. 7-12, 2027
- \$995 pp/dcc
- Carolyn Greenland 302-864-4120 we3ski@epix.net

Member Lead Trips

These trips are lead and organized by Ptarmigan Members and will have non-members on them. Ptarmigan does not sponsor or sanction them. We only Advertise them as a service to our members.

Val Thorens (Les Trois Vallées), France

- Jan. 29 – Feb. 7, 2027 (Fri – Sun)
- \$3,275 pp (dbl occ.)
- Contact: Catherine Chrapaczat (610) 428-3547 or katyataz@yahoo.com

Ski Fernie, BC Canada

- Mar 6 – Mar 13, 2027 (Sat – Sat)
- \$2696 pp (dbl occ.)
- Contact: Mark Baechle (610) 657-5825
SkiPro99@gmail.com

Editor's Notes:

All trips advertised must have a clearly stated cancellation policy, please read it carefully.

Membership DUES: 2026/2027 Season

Renew your membership for the 2025/2026 Season. Send your dues to: Mary Laronge, 556 Parkside Court, Allentown, PA 18104. **Please Pay by Check. We will not accept cash.**

Early Renewal: \$16 Single or \$26 Family.

Late Renewal (after Oct 31st): \$20 Single or \$30 Family

New Members: \$20 Single or \$30 Family

New Memberships are valid for 2 years, until Apr 30, 2027

Family Memberships Include Minor Children Living at Home.

All Members will receive the Ptarmigan Newsletter FREE by Email.

UPDATE: Due to increasing publishing and postage costs, members wishing to receive Hardcopy must pay \$20 in addition to their annual dues by Oct 31st.

To receive your Membership Card by mail, enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. The Card entitles you to various Ski related discounts and benefits.

Treasurer's Report - As of June 2026

Checking	\$3,614.03
Money Market	\$6,003.04
7 mo CD	\$5,571.39
Total:	\$15,188.46

Friday Happy Hours

Every Friday at 5:00 pm

7/17 – Happy Hour Copperhead Grill
7/24 – Happy Hour Miller Ale House
7/31 – Happy Hour Capo & Co
8/07 – Happy Hour Grove St Pub & Grill
8/14 – Happy Hour Copperhead Grill
8/21 – Happy Hour Miller Ale House
8/28 – Happy Hour Capo & Co
9/04 – Happy Hour Grove St Pub & Gril



Note: Happy Hour location may change occasionally. So, watch your email for changes as Friday approaches.



Golf

Join the Ptarmigans every Friday at various courses around the Lehigh Valley. Limited tee times available. Email Tom Weiser at Weiser@ptd.net if you are interested.

Holiday Valley

Ptarmigan Ski Club Trip

Holiday Valley, Holimont & Niagara Falls, New York, February 7-12, 2027 Cost \$995 pp

double occ. Includes all Roundtrip Luxury Motorcoach transportation, Five nights lodging at the Inn at Holiday Valley, continental breakfast daily, ski-in/ski-out, indoor/outdoor heated pool, Fitness center, bar on-site, plus many other amenities. Discover the excellent conditions that more than 180" of lake-effect snow brings annually on more than 60 slopes with 13 lifts. Group rate lift tickets will be available. Visit the nearby town of Ellicottville (also known as the Aspen of the East) for plenty of wining, dining, and shopping. Midweek free excursion to Niagara Falls. Seats are selling out fast! Contact Carolyn Greenland at we3ski@epix.net or 302-864-4120 for more information. See attached flyer.



*****NEW POLICY*****

Since we are meeting for **dinners** regularly on Thursty Thursdays, I'm asking everyone planning to attend to send me an email or give me a call a few days ahead of time if you plan to attend. There aren't always enough seats to accommodate our group without advance notice and reservations. Thank you! Carolyn – we3ski@epix.net



RISING RIVER BREWING

Thursday, July 17 at 5:30 pm - Rising River Brewing,
1955 Willow Lane, Macungie, PA. Palm Trees in Macungie!
Plenty of outdoor seating, food and drinks. Sit in an Adirondack chair near the Little Lehigh River with a campfire. www.risingriverbrewing.com
** Reservations required** email we3ski@epix.net



Thursday, August 13 at 5:30 pm - Fairgrounds Hotel, 448 N. 17th Street, Allentown, PA. Happy Hour Seafood Specialty Restaurant in Historic Victorian-era Hotel on Allentown Fairgrounds. \$5.00/dozen clams and Under \$20 Early Sailaway meals before 6 pm!

*****Must RSVP** to Carolyn to reserve your seat*** – text 302-864-4120.
www.fairgroundshotel.com



**WANDERLUST
BEER GARDEN**

Thursday, September 17 at 5:30 pm – Wanderlust Beer Garden, 1600 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA. Eclectic Outdoor Beer Garden, food and drinks.
www.wanderlustbeergarden.com



STEM meetings via ZOOM. Next Discussion, Thursday July 23rd, 2026, 4:30 – 6:00

Topic Cooperation of Large Groups

Cooperation of large groups was also discussed when we read "Sapiens, A Brief History of Humankind" by Prof. Yuval Noah Harari

Contact Bill Ortner wortner@ptd.net to be added to the Zoom Meeting.



**EPSC EASTERN PA
SKI COUNCIL**

EPSC 2026 Golf Outing – September 21, 2026, at Great Bear Golf Club, East Stroudsburg, PA. Save the date! More details to follow.

CALENDAR OF EPSC TRIPS

2026 Summer Ski Trip - Valle Nevado, Chile - Aug 7 - 21, 2026

2026 Fall Trip - Netherlands, Belgium, and France - Sept 19-29, 2026

2027 Winter Carnival - Mt. Bachelor, Oregon – Jan. 30-Feb. 6, 2027

2027 International Trip - Les Arc, French Alps – Postponed

2027 Spring Trip – Great Trains & Grand Canyon – April 26-May 1, 2027

2027 Summer Trip – Black Hills & Badlands = June 9-16, 2027

2027 Summer Ski Trip - New Zealand & Australia - July 29 - Aug 16, 2027

2027 Fall Trip – Sicily & Malta Trip – Oct 6-17, 2027

2028 Winter Carnival – Banff, BC – Jan. 29 – Feb 5, 2028

See www.easternpaskicouncil.org for fliers with details



Hiking – Please notify the activity leader that you are attending so you may be contacted in case of inclement weather.

AUGUST HIKE

Tuesday August 18, 2026 -- Slatedale Heritage Trail -- 9:30 A.M.

Meet at the Slatington Trailhead -- in Parking Lot -- 101 Main St., Slatington

Hike/Walk 4 miles on a Scenic , Shaded trail by a stream.

Easy Hike on part paved, & packed dirt surface.

Bring Water/ Snacks. Later, lunch at Trailhead Pavillion. R. Rooms, Food Truck on site.

Hike Leader: Joyce Gilmore. Contact: Joyce at mindycat36@yahoo or 610 -741- 8943

SEPTEMBER HIKE

Saturday, September 19, 2026 -- 9:30 A.M. Hike -- Lehigh Parkway

Meet at the Museum of Indian Culture-- Parking Lot at 2825 Fish Hatchery Road -- Allentown, Pa.18103

Easy Hike about 4 Miles on Flat Gravel.

Hike Leader -- Olga Chubarova. Bring Water, Snacks, Lunch.

CALL / TEXT Cindy Simoson, if you are going (484 - 515- 0181) , or any questions.



Biking – Please notify the activity leader that you are attending so you may be contacted in case of inclement weather.

JULY BIKING

Tuesday -- July 21,2026 -- Upper Saucon Rail Trail -- 9: 00 A.M.

Meet in the Parking Lot at Water Street Park, 90 West Water St., Hellertown, Pa.

We will ride 14 Miles Round Trip to Upper Saucon Park. Option to do more .

Easy Ride -- Gravel & Paved. Bring Water / Snack . Later, can also do lunch at Cross Roads Hotel.

Bike Ride Leader: Cindy Simoson

Contact: Call / TEXT Cindy, if you are going, or any questions at (484) 515 - 0181

AUGUST BIKING

Sunday -- August 9, 2026 -- Ironton Rail Trail -- 9:00 A.M. Coplay Trailhead

Meet at Saylor Park -- 245 N. 2nd St., Coplay, Pa.

Easy Ride on Paved Trail -- 14 Miles : Option to do more. Bring Water.

Can also go to lunch at Samuel Owens close by afterwards ; or bring your own lunch / snacks

Bike Ride Leader : Cindy Simoson

Contact: Call / TEXT Cindy, if you are going, or any questions at (484) 515 - 0181

SEPTEMBER BIKING

Thursday -- September 10, 2026 -- D & L Trail -- Slatington to Bowmanstown -- 9: 30 A.M.

Ride 15 Miles. Meet at the Slatington Trailhead 101 Main St. Slatington

Ride from Slatington past the Lehigh Gap Nature Center to Bowmanstown. Easy Ride on Gravel, & stone. Pavillion & R. Rooms at Slatington, L. Gap Nature Center & Bowmanstown . Bring Water / Snacks / Lunch. Later, can lunch at the Trailhead. Food Truck on Site.

Bike Ride Leader : Cindy Simoson

Contact: CALL / TEXT Cindy, if you are going, or for any questions at (484) 515 - 0181



Music – Please notify the activity leader that you are attending so you may be contacted in case of inclement weather.
Call / TEXT Cindy, if you are going, or any questions at (484) 515 - 0181

JULY MUSIC

Sunday July 19, 2026 -- Meuser Park -- Time Whys -- 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
2240 Northampton, Pa. Easton, Pa. R. Rooms

AUGUST MUSIC

Sunday August 2, 2026 – DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT July 31, August 1, 2, 2026 MACUNGIE MEMORIAL PARK.

Join fellow Ptarmigans at the 63rd Annual Car Show on Sunday August 2, and also enjoy the STEEL CREEK BAND from 12:45 -- 2:00 P. M.

Antique & Classic Car Show starring over 800 Antique, Classic & Sports Cars sparkling with fun - filled memories. Arts & Crafts, Beer Garden. Flea Market & lots of Food.

Cost is \$ 10 for Adults at the Gate. Free for Age 15 & under.

The 2026 Feature for the Show will be Antique & Classic Race Cars .

Saturday August 8, 2026 -- Whitehall Parkway -- Steel Creek Band 6:00 -- 9:00 P. M.
4689 S. Church St. Whitehall / Food & Beverage Trucks. R. Rooms

Saturday, August 15, 2026 -- Levitt Pavillion, Steel Stacks, - -Sting & Police Tribute -- 7:30 - 9:00 P.M.
645 E. 1st St., Bethlehem, Pa. 18015

August 26, 2026 - Wednesday Unwined -- Jeni Hackett 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
Slatington Trailhead -- 101 Main St. Slatington, Pa.
Stone Lake Winery will also be present.

SEPTEMBER MUSIC

Friday September 11, 2026 -- Levitt Pavillion , Steel Stacks, -- The Aardvarks -- 7:30 - 9:00 P.M.
645 E. 1st St., Bethlehem, Pa. 18015

Sunday September 13, 2026 -- Ritz Barbecue -- Main Street Cruisers -- 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.
302 N. 17th St. Allentown, Pa. With Classic Car Cruise

**Ptarmigan
Golfers**

May 2026

Après Golf



Ptarmigan Group at Iron Pigs Game - on June 3



Group Bike Ride- on D & L Trail - on June 24



**Ptarmigan Group Hike-
Plainfield Twp. Trail
July 8th**



Ptarmigan Ski Club Summer Picnic At Jim Policelli's Pinewoods

Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 (RAIN OR SHINE)

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Pinewoods, 5796 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Food/Drink: There will be:
Corn-on-the-Cob
Water and Ice

Please bring along an item to share for the
Ptarmigan Table of Shared Treats

BYOB

BYOF

Bring You Own Booze and Food
Two Grills will be available



Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 22nd. Thank you in advance for being respectful of this RSVP date. An exact count is needed to make food/water purchases.

No Refunds After Deadline

Please Note: there will be a Porta-Potty with hand washing and hand sanitizer available.

Bring Along Your Own: Lawn Chair/Shade Umbrella, Sunscreen/Insect Repellent, Beach Towel/Swimsuit, Flotation Devices.

Send your check (payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club) by July 22nd to:

Mary Ann Bedics, 1664 Best Place, Bethlehem, Pa 18017

Any Questions: Contact: Mary Ann Bedics 610-704-0582 maryannbedics@rcn.com

Ptarmigan Summer Picnic at Jim Policelli's Pinewoods – RSVP by July 22, 2026

Names: _____

Picnic \$5 pp (indicate how many) _____ **Total \$** _____

Holiday Valley



HOLIMONT

ELLCOTTVILLE, NEW YORK

**Ptarmigan Ski Club
Presents:
Holiday Valley, Holimont,
& Niagara Falls, New York
Feb. 7-12, 2027**

Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, New York is ranked #4 Best Ski Resorts in the East by *SKI Magazine* for 2026. Located within the Enchanted Mountains of Western New York, it lies in the land of true lake-effect snowstorms averaging 180+ inches per year. This alpine haven boasts 13 lifts, 60 slopes and trails, 36% Easy, 30% Blue, 34% Black, 3 base Ski Lodges, world-class snowmaking, and impeccable grooming. It offers slopeside ski-in ski-out lodging, x-country skiing and snowshoeing.



Nearby **Holimont** is North America's largest **Private** ski area with 8 lifts and 56 trails. We're including a one-day trip to this premier destination with fabulous skiing and no lift lines!



Also enjoy a free optional day trip to the majestic **Niagara Falls**. The magnificent, world-renowned set of three massive waterfalls – Horseshoe Falls, American Falls, and Bridal Veil Falls - are the dramatic apex of the free-flowing waters of four of the Great Lakes into the Niagara River Gorge. Free admission. Optional activities include a boat tour on **Maid of the Mist** or enter the **Cave of the Winds** behind the falls.

Visit the charming ski town of **Ellicottville**, also known as the Aspen of the East, only a mile from each resort with its village shops, breweries, distilleries, wineries, and dineries---plenty of apres-ski magic!



The **Inn at Holiday Valley** is located at the heart of the resort featuring 102 ski-in/ski-out and slopeside rooms. Amenities include flat-screen tv's, wi-fi, refrigerator, coffee makers, continental breakfast, café, bar/lounge, lobby fireplace, heated indoor/outdoor pool, hot tub, spa on site, fitness center, ski lockers, free shuttle service to base lodges, ski rentals and lessons.



Trip Price of \$995 pp/do includes::

- **Group Transportation** - Luxury motorcoach to/from including **refreshments** on bus
- **Deluxe Motor Coach Daily**—Holiday Valley/Ellicottville each afternoon/evening.
- **Included** luxury motorcoach midweek free excursion to/from **Niagara Falls, NY**
- **Five** nights lodging at the **Inn at Holiday Valley*** (dble occ.) includes continental breakfast daily.
- All hotel and resort taxes (not including gratuities)

** Additional Room/Condo Rates available on request. Pricing may be subject to change.*

***Lift tickets not included - Group Rate approx. \$55/day at Holiday Valley & \$70/day at Holimont,*

****Must be a Ptarmigan Ski Club member in good standing or must join PSC.****

Payments: \$300 now or by 6/1, \$300 by 9/1, \$395 (or balance) by 11/1

Cancellation Policy: No Refunds will be made until after the trip and only if a replacement is made. Partial refunds are dependent upon lodging, transportation, and agency cancellation. We strongly recommend the purchase of trip insurance.

*For More Information Contact Carolyn Greenland at 302-864-4120 or we3ski@epix.net All Checks should be made payable to **Ptarmigan Ski Club** and mailed to 681 Locust St, Coopersburg, PA 18036*

Enclosed is my (our) \$300 per person deposit for the Ptarmigan February 7-12, 2027 Holiday Valley trip.

Name(s) _____ Rooming with: _____
 Address: _____
 Email Address _____ Phone # _____
 Emergency Contact Name _____
 Emergency Contact Phone _____ Email _____

My signature below confirms that I have read and fully understand the Cancellation Refund Policy for this trip.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Bringing Skis (Yes/No) _____

Ski Fernie, BC 3/6--3/13/27 Sat.--to-Sat.

BC (British Columbia, Canada) had "the **BEST SNOW** in North America" in 2026

Only \$2696pp (couple)* -- \$2999pp (single)* which INCLUDES:

- **AIR Non-Stop** EWR ↔ Calgary. Free 1st Checked Bag! ~2pm flight, so no getting up at 0-dark-thirty! Return to EWR ~1pm; miss rush-hour traffic.
- **Transfers:** Calgary ↔ Fernie with **Booze & Grocery stop & Bus Party!**
- **6 nights at Ski-In/Ski-Out Lizard Creek Lodge with 3 Hot Tubs, Ice Bar, Heated Outdoor Pool, On-site Restaurant, Bars, Spa, Gym....** 7th night near Calgary Airport.
- **6 days available to ski Fernie's 145 runs, 5 bowls, 2500+ acres.**
- **CONDOS** have: **Full Kitchen, Living Room, Gas Fireplace, Balcony w. Views, WiFi.**
- **Many Parties:** eg: Pizza Party, Beach Party, Bus Party, Welcome Party, Finale Party,...
- **Lessons**^{***} to improve your techniques in Powder, Moguls, Steeps, Trees, or Groomed;
- **Taxes, Fees, & Bus Tips.**

NOTE: We sleep at 3450 ft, so you should not get altitude sickness.

Fernie Stats: 2500+ acres; 3500' vert.; 350" snow/yr avg; 5 Bowls; 145 trails; 13/30/23/25 (Gr%/Blue%/Blk%/Expert);

There are 40 restaurants & bars at Fernie's Village & in Town.

Options: No Air (-\$700); Private room (+\$1299); Trip Insurance (+\$99)**; Park & Transp LV ↔ EWR (+\$99pp**);

Optional Activities: **Cat Skiing;** Dog Sledding; XC; Ice Skating; Fat Biking; Snowshoeing; Watching Curling or Hockey.

Fernie Alpine Resort: "Fernie Alpine Resort is famous for its big snowfalls and extensive terrain, from easy green runs to double blacks and 5 bowls! With 145 ski runs, an average of over 30 feet of snow per season and 3,550 of vertical feet, everyone is bound to find the perfect type and amount of runs to explore. From a dedicated beginner area, wide flowy blue runs, and challenging black and double black runs, Fernie Alpine Resort has some of the most diverse terrain around. It has more expert terrain than the size of most ski areas. Add the spectacular Rocky Mountain views, great hospitality, ski-in ski-out lodging, and cool town, and you'll be planning a trip back again in no time! If you want a day of adventure, add a day of catskiing!"

Town of Fernie: "The charming historical town of Fernie, with turn of the century architecture is only minutes from the base of the ski area, providing a variety of restaurants & shops to enjoy and has been called the "Coolest Town in North America" by Rolling Stone Magazine and "The Best Ski Town in Canada" by Ski Canada Magazine, and has been the site of 10+ movies and TV shows."

Lizard Creek Lodge: "Our lodge is in a prime position at Fernie Alpine Resort, offering ski-in/ski-out access. Our outdoor pool and hot tubs provide stunning views of the mountains, and a gentle run even cruises past the hotel. Our suites come with fully equipped kitchens, fireplaces in the lounge, and private balconies for you to relax on after a day on the hill. Our intimate lodge has a decor and ambience defined as 'mountain chic'. Located in a private setting, we are the only full-service property on the mountain. We can provide you with the ultimate resort experience. Our ski-in, ski-out lodge at Fernie Alpine Resort is designed to offer everything you need for a relaxing, memorable stay. From rejuvenating spa treatments and mountain-view hot tubs to family-friendly recreation and fine dining, you'll find thoughtful amenities to enhance every part of your mountain getaway. Come and enjoy the beauty of the mountains with us."

* Price does not include lift ticket; use your full EPIC pass, OR for those without EPIC, I can get a killer deal on 6-day lift tickets: +\$199 (>75), +\$299 (>65), +\$399 (<65), if we get 20+ folks wanting them.

* \$2696 for "couple" can be any 2 people wanting to share a huge bed (usually a King). Most condos have 1 King and 2 Queens, priced for 4 people per condo.

"Single" means you get your own bed (usually a Queen) in a room shared with a friend. If you don't like to share, do the +\$1299 private room in a condo.

** Price could be higher if we do not make a minimum number, as is the case for all quoted prices.

***Lessons are ski improvement tips from national certified advanced instructor. You must ask for ski tips while skiing with Mark.

NOTE: Trip Insurance covers \$50K in Medical, \$250K in Medical Evac., Baggage, Trip Delay.... Cancellation Insurance is extra (+\$TBD). +\$99 could be higher if we do not get enough folks signing up.

NOTE: All prices and details are subject to change, and are contingent Airline changes, and on meeting minimum numbers.

Questions: Mark @ (610) 657-5825 or SkiPro99@gmail.com He has been running great ski trips for 30+ years!

Please fill out the bottom of the Trip Release, and send it with your deposit to the address shown.

2027 Fernie Trip important details:

The trip includes: Roundtrip Air ~ 3/6/27 EWR --> Calgary; Transportation ~Calgary --> Hotel Lizard Creek Lodge in Fernie Village; Transfers and Air back to ERW, ~3/13/27. The trip also includes multiple Lessons; multiple Parties; Taxes; Bus tips,..... It does NOT include Lift Tickets, so please get an EPIC and/or IKON pass early to get the best price, or request the optional 6-day lift tickets listed in flyer. All options must be paid for with the second payment., by Aug. 1, 2026.

Air is tentatively on Air Canada roundtrip between Newark (EWR) or nearby airport, into Calgary Airport (YYC), or nearby airport. It should be direct **non-stop**. They are currently offering FREE 1st checked bag. Air details may change, including flight times, dates, numbers, airports, baggage, and airlines. Tip: Go with the flow!

TSA requires or a **valid passport** to fly. The expiration date must be at least 6 months past the return date. Tip: Be prepared!

If you opt to do your own Air, the Trip Leader will provide transportation to/from arrival airport on the same bus as the group, at the scheduled time. Any alternative transportation is on your own.

Lessons are taught by a nationally-certified PSIA/AASI instructor, run through the trip leader, not the resorts, in the form of ski or snowboard improvement tips. You must ask for these tips while skiing/snowboarding with him. The number of lessons, and their types and durations, depends on weather, conditions, and number of attendees and their abilities.

Multiple Parties are guaranteed. The number, days, and types might vary. Most Parties should include beverages and/or prizes, but not a meal. The Trip Leader will try to provide dinner at one of the parties, probably in the form of an assortment of Pizzas, if delivery is available. TIP: Relax and have fun!

Optional Trip Insurance should include: Medical Coverage--\$50,000pp; Medical Evacuation--\$250,000pp; Trip Delay--\$150/day if >6 hours (max \$750); Missed Connection- \$500 if >3 hours; Baggage delay--\$400--if >24 hours; Trip Interruption--\$500 towards airfare for return flight. Trip cancellation and full trip interruption are extra, arranged directly by you. Details may change.

Price includes Tips for multiple buses, and Property Taxes, Bus Taxes, and Airline Taxes, quoted as of May. 28, 2026. Other tipping is at your discretion. Additional charges could apply if airline charges fees after that date. All options must be reserved in writing, and paid in advance with the second deposit to guarantee their availability. Activities and details may require minimum numbers to be reached. Optional Activities are arranged on your own. Trip cost could go up if not fully deposited by Aug. 1, 2026.

All details are projected but not guaranteed, and can be affected by weather, traffic, airline issues, air traffic control issues, pandemics, zombie apocalypses, and other unforeseen events.

TENTATIVE AIR:

EWR (Newark) ←NON-STOP→ YYC (Calgary) Air details will **probably change**, so with the flow!

Sat. 3/6/27 AC 585 4:00_{pm} → 7:14_{pm}

Sat. 3/13/27 AC 584 2:57_{pm} ← 8:15_{am}

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

\$900 pp deposit due ASAP.

\$900 pp 2nd payment + Options due by August 1st, 2026.

Final payment must be received before November 1st, 2026.

All checks must be made payable to "Mountain Tours LLC"

Trip Liability Release and Indemnity Agreement, and CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

Some restrictions and penalties apply to your vacation investment. If you cancel your reservations, YOUR RIGHT TO A REFUND IS LIMITED, as set forth in the following schedule. Traveler's requests for changes to itinerary will require additional fees. Fees cannot be determined until time of change. Financial implications will be incurred. All cancellations or changes to itinerary must be in writing and sent to the Trip Leader. Date of postmark will determine applicable policy. Guests that cancel more than 99 days from departure date will receive 100% refund, minus a \$99pp fee, plus any fees charged (e.g. Airline fees, name change fees,...), if a substitute is found. Cancellations received within 99 days of departure are non-refundable. No refunds for early departure or late arrival. No shows, no refund. No partial refunds will be made on unused portions of this package. Refunds will be made as soon as they are received from vendors (minimum four (4) weeks). Changes to itinerary requests by traveler will be considered and accommodated, if possible, and traveler will be subjected to a \$99 fee, plus any fees charged by other organizations or companies (eg Tour Operator charges additional \$200 for any name changes, so make sure you provide Mark with exactly how your name appears on your photo ID you will use to travel). TRIP INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED, AS IS CANCELLATION INSURANCE. Cancellation insurance might not cover cost of parties, prizes, lessons, or bus transportation, so cancellation reimbursement may be less than the full package price shown on the flyer. All trip package rates are subject to possible change if the airfare, currency exchange rate, or other significant part of the trip package price charged to the Trip Leader changes. All attempts will be made to prevent changing the package rates from the ones quoted, however due to the uncertainty of exchange rates and pricing in the airline industry, the published pricing cannot be guaranteed. The guest must reimburse any additional charges by the airline, such as fuel surcharge, to the Trip Leader. The Trip Leader urges you to wear a helmet (and wrist guards and butt pad for snowboarders), and ski or ride in control, and to respect others on and off the slopes.

I acknowledge that skiing, snowboarding, après-ski parties, and related activities are HAZARDOUS activities and that I have made a voluntary choice to participate in those activities despite the risks that they present. In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the event named on this form, I agree to ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH to others, and myself, which might be associated with or result from my participation in this event. I further agree to RELEASE FROM LIABILITY and to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the organizers and sponsors of this event, for any damage, injury, or death to myself or to any person or property, whether caused by their NEGLIGENCE or for any other reason, in any way connected with my preparation or practice for or my participation in these skiing events. I also realize that everyone will be provided bedding, but bedding type is never guaranteed. I agree to all details and conditions in the versions of Trip Flyers and Trip Release distributed at time of sending my deposit check. I, the undersigned, have carefully read and understood this agreement and all of its terms. I understand that this is a RELEASE OF LIABILITY, which will legally PREVENT me or any other person from filing suit or making any other legal claim for damages against Mountain Tours LLC, Mark Baechle, Ptarmigan Ski Club, Blue Ridge Ski Club, Mack Ski Club, the Eastern PA Ski Council, or any ski club or organization, in the event of my death or any injury to me. I enter into this agreement freely and voluntarily and agree that it is binding upon me, my heirs, assigns and legal representatives.

Complete, copy, & send with \$900+ to: Mountain Tours LLC, 4170 Ascot Circle, Allentown PA 18103

Circle one: Enclosed is my \$900+ deposit toward: Couple @\$2696pp or Single @\$2999pp for the 2027 Fernie Trip
Name: _____ **Phone #s:** _____

Full name EXACTLY as it appears on the photo ID you will use Please indicate Home, Work, or Cell above; and Couple or Singles below

Email(s) _____ **Circle: C or S; M or F**

Roommate Request: _____ **Other Requests:** _____ (Couple or Single; Male or Female)

Please circle: No Air (-\$700); Park & Transp LV <-> EWR (+\$99pp); Private room (+\$1298); Trip Insurance (+\$99)
Have EPIC; Buy EPIC (\$+TBD); or 6-day lift tickets: +\$199 (>75), +\$299 (>65), +\$399 (<65)

Other Options or Special Needs: _____

Address: _____ **Birthdate:** _____

EMERGENCY phone numbers: _____

Passport # _____ KTN _____ FF# _____

Yes I have read and understand the Liability Release and Indemnity Agreement, and CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Sunshine



Please forward any information you may have of a member who has recently experienced the loss of a spouse, partner, parent, close family member or friend, etc. or someone in need of a bit of cheer. Contact Mary Ann Bedics by cell (610-704-0582) or email (maryannbedics@rcn.com).

Year In Review



Please forward any pictures you've taken at Ptarmigan Ski Club events to Eric at Eric.Schoeppner@icloud.com. Eric will collect pictures throughout this membership year to create a "Year in Review" for presentation during our March election meeting.

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