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June '09 Newsletter Message from the President

The Ski Jammers' General Membership meetings during the summer will be replaced with Happy Hour meetings like we did for the summer months in 2008. Instead of our normal General Membership meeting, look for a monthly Happy Hour gathering at a location in the Houston area. Members seemed to respond well to this format last year and those in attendance at recent meetings favored it, too. Look for the flyer on the web site and in the newsletter for the time and place of each gathering, because we'll be moving around town to various locations, starting with the Grand Lux on June 5th. This is a great way for us to keep in touch over the summer and give members the opportunity to get first-hand information and answers to your questions. You can still expect to see Board members at these gatherings and we will be prepared to help you with trip planning, membership, or any of your needs. As always, we encourage you to bring along some friends who might be interested in joining the Ski Jammers.

I previously mentioned another summer activity for the month of June, however due to some pressing issues that the Executive Board felt necessary to deal with immediately, the majority of the Board decided that it was in the club's best interest to postpone this event in order to put due effort into handling significant club business. The primary duty of the Executive Board is keeping the Club running for the benefit of the members, and it is in the best interest of us all that we prioritize our activities toward this goal. Additional summer activities are still under consideration, so keep track of upcoming events through the website, the newsletter, and by joining in the fun at our summer happy hour gatherings.

We are already in the planning stages for ski trips for the next season. The National Brotherhood of Skiers and the Texas Ski Council have set their schedules for next season's ski trips. Trips have to be planned far in advance nowadays, and we are lucky to have these organizations to do the work of setting up trips for our members to take advantage. I encourage members to start planning for next season now. It is a lot easier to start paying for your ski trip incrementally than doing it all at the last minute. Soon we will start booking for the Thanksgiving Fall Roundup and the NBS AMCC, both to be held at Winter Park Colorado.

The Ski Jammers are currently looking for someone to fill a position on the Executive Board as the Club's representative to the Texas Ski Council. The person who fills the position serves as our delegate at meetings around the state and acts as primary liaison between the Council and the Ski Jammers. Rachel Anderson, who has been performing these duties for the Ski Jammers, is now filling the position of Ski Jammers Membership Chair in addition to serving on the Texas Ski Council as VP of the Summer Expedition. If you are interested in serving as our TSC Rep or would like more information, contact me or Rachel Anderson.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Grand Lux on June 5th.

Bruce Stewart, President

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Ski Jammers Happy Hour Meeting



Date: Friday, June 5, 2009

Place: Grand Lux Cafe

Centre at Post Oak, 5000 Westheimer Road

Houston, TX 77056

Time: 5:30pm – 'til

The Ski Jammers are having a Happy Hour general meeting for the month of June instead of the usual time and place. You will still be able to submit memberships, get information about trips and other activities, and join other members for drinks, food, and fellowship.

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Houston&state=TX&address=5000+Westheimer+Road&zipcode=77056>

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The Ski Jammers have been offered discount cards from Sun & Ski stores. The card allows you a 10% discount on all regular priced items. Discount cards are available for pick up *only* at the Ski Jammer meetings.

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Texas Ski Council's 2009-2010 Ski Trips

The Texas Ski Council delegates met April 18-19, 2009 to decide which Ski Resorts would win the 2009-2010 bids to host the Texas Ski Clubs. The delegates listened to presentations from the competing resorts all day Saturday, and Sunday morning. At the end of the session, the Texas Ski Clubs voted to support the following trips.

*FALL ROUNDUP

Winter Park Nov. 24-29, 2009

FINAL SHOWDOWN

Alyeska, Alaska Mar. 6-13, 2010

TRADITIONAL

Breckenridge Jan. 9-17, 2010

WINTER EXPEDITION

Aosta Valley, Italy Jan 21-29, 2010

WINTER SHOOTOUT

Mt. Bachelor Feb. 6-13, 2010

SUMMER EXPEDITION

Egypt Sep. 25-Oct 4, 2010

*The Ski Jammers voted to participate in the Fall Roundup. If you are interested in another trip, please let Andrea Yowman know. Arrangements can be made.

There were also elections of new officers.

President: Cheryl Mann, VP Marketing: Tere Mayne, Secretary: Lisa Spotts, Treasurer: Mike Morris, Trip Vice Presidents- Fall Roundup: Hazel Love, Traditional: Christine Augustine, Winter Shootout: Mary Beth Wilson, Final Showdown: Don Wilson.

Your own Texas Ski Council Representative, Rachel Anderson, was elected as VP Summer Expedition. Please help me support the trip to Egypt.

Ski Jammers Scheduled 2009-2010 Trips

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| <p><u>TSC FALL ROUNDUP</u> Winter Park, CO Nov. 24-29, 2009</p> <p>Trip Leader Dr. Craig Brown, PhD cbrown@consultant.com 713-494-0341</p> | <p><u>NBS AMCC</u> Winter Park, CO Feb 27-Mar 6, 2010</p> <p>Trip Leader Christine Mason christine.mason26@yahoo.com 832-423-8237</p> | <p><u>TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION</u> Egypt, Africa Sep. 25-Oct 4, 2010</p> <p>Trip Leader Andrea Yowman aryowman@aim.com 832-877-6071</p> |
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ATTENTION JAMMERS: If you're planning to go to the Essence Music Festival July 3-5, 2009 in New Orleans, LA, you can save 10% off your ticket purchase right now. **Offer Expires June 15, 2009.**

NBS has partnered with Essence Magazine to offer a discount to our group for tickets in exchange for advertising to support our upcoming Summit event.

Please click on the link below to order you tickets at the discounted rate today.

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<http://www.essencemusicfestival.com/?xid=051309-nbskiers>

Egypt, Africa

Join the Ski Jammers for an incredible trip to the Mother Land

Main Trip
September 25 – October 4, 2010
\$2649

Cairo and Nile River

Full Package Price Includes:

- Round Trip Airfare on EgyptAir from Houston, Dallas, Austin, or San Antonio to Cairo (incl. taxes of \$195, subject to change).
- Air transfer Cairo to Luxor
- 4 night Nile River Cruise aboard 5 star superior vessel
- All meals during river cruise
- Tours on route from Luxor to Aswan.
- Air transfer Aswan to Cairo
- 4 nights in Cairo at 5 star hotel
- Breakfast included at Cairo hotel.
- 3 full- day tours of Pyramids, Cairo, and Alexandria including lunch.
- All airport transfers.
- English speaking guides and airport greeters.
- Guide Gratuities



Optional Pre-Trip
September 23 – 26, 2010
\$299

Hurghada/Red Sea

Price Includes:

- Three nights in 5 star Hotel Stella Makada Resort or equivalent
- Breakfast and Dinner daily at the hotel (all inclusive upgrade available)
- Flight from Cairo to Hurghada on EgyptAir
- Ground transfer from Hurghada to Luxor for Nile River Cruise

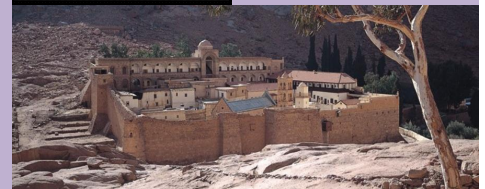
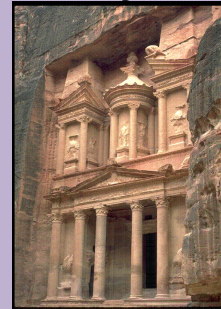


Optional Post-Trip
October 4 – 9, 2010
\$699

Sharm-el-Sheikh

Price Includes:

- Round trip air from Cairo to Sharm-el-Sheikh
- 5 nights in 5 star Sea Club Resort Hotel or equivalent
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- All airport transfers



Optional Features

- Tour to Abu Simbel from Aswan (Nile River Cruise)
- Snorkeling and Scuba Diving in Red Sea (Hurghada Pre-Trip and Sharm-el-Sheikh post trip)
- Desert Safari (Hurghada Pre-Trip)
- Full-Day excursion to Petra, Jordan (Sharm-el-Sheikh Post-Trip)
- Full-Day excursion to Jerusalem (Sharm-el-Sheikh Post-Trip)
- Full-Day excursion to Mt. Sinai/St. Catherine's Monastery (Sharm-el-Sheikh Post-Trip)

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Cairo and Nile River

Egypt is the cradle of civilization, the land of religions and the gateway to Africa, but above all, Egypt is the gift of the Nile. Visit the ancient splendors of the Pharaohs, the early glories of Christianity and the masterpieces of Islam, and explore its seas which have some of the most beautiful seafloors in the world, as well as its deserts which have been isolated from the fertility of the Nile.

Join the Ski Jammers as we explore this ancient land on a four night river cruise of the upper Nile to tour the Valley of the Kings, and a four night stay in Cairo to visit the ancient Pyramids and the cities of Cairo and Alexandria.

Hurghada/Red Sea

Hurghada, at one time a small isolated fishing village has become a popular tourist resort thanks to its exceptionally blue waters, its intricate coral reef and its wide sandy beaches. Situated on the western coast of the Red Sea, and enclosed between the sea and the desert, Hurghada enjoys a wonderful climate all year round. While there are many attractions here, the main attraction is the Red Sea itself with numerous daily boat trips organized for snorkeling and diving.

Sharm-el-Sheikh

Sharm-el-Sheikh, the most southern point of Sinai, has beautiful sandy beaches sitting at the feet of breathtaking mountain chains. With its clear waters and large coral reefs, it is the richest underwater habitat on the planet; corals, turtles, devil fish and more than 100 species of wonderfully colored fish make this area a paradise for sea and diving enthusiasts. Naama Bay, is encircled by an attractive pedestrian seafront which is home to most of the best hotels, sports and diving centers, fashionable shops, excellent restaurants with views over the bay and discos providing night time entertainment. Ras Mohamed, is the extreme point of Sinai peninsula from where you can see the coast of Asia on the left and the coast of Africa on the right.

The Ski Jammers website will be updated shortly with details of our trip to Egypt. Check the website frequently for updates. Each month we will feature a different part of Egypt as you plan a trip of a lifetime with an affordable payment plan. Contact Andrea Yowman at aryowman@aim.com, 832-877-6071 if you have questions... Secure a spot today with your \$200 deposit.

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Egypt, Africa

Cairo and Nile River Cruise
September 25 – October 4, 2010
Trip Application



| Name: | | Day Phone: | | Eve Phone: | |
|--|------------------|--|--------------|--|---|
| Address: | | City: | St: | Zip: | Passport No: |
| Gender: | Roommate: | Emergency Contact & Phone No: | | | |
| Package Selection | | Amount | Member Cost | Payment Schedule | |
| Full Package Cairo and Nile River : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Trip Airfare on EgyptAir from Houston, Dallas, Austin, or San Antonio to Cairo (incl. taxes of \$195, subject to change) • Air transfer Cairo to Luxor • 4 night Nile River Cruise aboard 5 star superior vessel • All meals during river cruise • Tours on route from Luxor to Aswan. • Air transfer Aswan to Cairo • 4 nights in Cairo at 5 star hotel • Breakfast included at Cairo hotel. • 3 full- day tours of Pyramids, Cairo, and Alexandria including lunch. • All airport transfers. • English speaking guides and airport greeters • Guide Gratuities | | \$2649 | \$2649 | 1-Jul-2009 \$ 200 | Non-Refundable Deposit |
| | | | | 1-Aug-2009 \$ 200 | |
| | | | | 1-Sep-2009 \$ 200 | |
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| | | | | 1-May-2010 \$ 200 | |
| | | | | 1-Jun-2010 \$ 200 | |
| | | | | 1-Jul-2010 \$ 200 | |
| | | | | 1-Aug-2010 Balance | |
| | | | | Late Fee \$ 50 | <i>If Balance Received after August 1, 2010</i> |
| Optional Single Supplement | | TBD | | | |
| Ski Jammers Administrative Fee | | \$50 | \$50 | | |
| TSC Participation Fee | | \$5 | \$5 | | |
| Optional Pre-Trip to Hurghada/Red Sea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three nights in 5 star Hotel Stella Makada Resort or equivalent • Breakfast and Dinner daily at the hotel (all inclusive upgrade available) • Flight from Cairo to Hurghada on EgyptAir • Ground transfer from Hurghada to Luxor for Nile river cruise | | \$299 | | Make Checks Payable to: Ski Jammers Ski Club Mail Payment to Egypt Trip Leader: Andrea Yowman 510 Silver Leaf Ct Pearland, TX 77584 | |
| Optional Post-Trip to Sharm-el-Sheikh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round trip air from Cairo to Sharm-el-Sheikh • 5 nights in 5 star Sea Club Resort Hotel or equivalent • Breakfast and Dinner daily • All airport transfers | | \$699 | | Questions/Inquiries: aryowman@aim.com 832-877-6071 | |
| Total Trip Cost | | | | | |
| Pricing based on double occupancy. All persons traveling with the Ski Club must complete the trip waiver and be current financial members prior to the date of the trip. If you are not a financial member please contact the Membership Chair. | | | | | |
| Signature: | | | Date: | | |

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Ski Jammers Membership Application

NAME(S): _____

CHILDREN NAME(S) & AGES: _____

BIRTHDAY(S) Initials (MM/DD): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

(Only Ski Jammer related info, meeting reminders, etc. will be sent to this email address)

HOME PHONE: (_____) _____ BUS. PHONE: (_____) _____

RENEWAL: _____ NEW MEMBER: _____ REFERRED BY: _____

SKIING Ability: Never Ever ____ Beginner ____ Intermediate ____ Advance ____

Committee Interests: Membership ____ Trip ____ Fundraising ____ Public Relations ____ Youth ____

No, I do not want to be listed in Club Directory

Yes, I do want to be listed in Club Directory, but

Exclude Home number Exclude Address Exclude Business number

WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM OF LIABILITY

Ski Jammers Ski Club of Houston, Texas, Inc. (CLUB), is a non-profit organization that promotes recreational skiing trips and activities. The undersigned releases the CLUB from any and all liability, loss, damages or injury to persons or property that may arise out of or be connected in any way with such services. I understand that the CLUB acts only as an agent and accepts no responsibility in connection with the services or accommodations being offered on all ski trips and/or activities. The CLUB accepts no responsibility in whole or in part for any delays, delayed departure, or arrival, missed planes or other carrier connection, or mechanical defect or failure of any nature, howsoever, caused or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier, with or without notice of for any additional expenses occasioned thereby. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the CLUB, its officers, directors and agents or contractors from any loss, cost or expense incurred by or attributable in any way to me in connection with any ski trip, other activity or sponsored event, in full or in part, by the CLUB. I agree to abide by the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the CLUB and rulings of the Trip Coordinator in connection with all Trips. I have read and understand the above.

SIGNATURE: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES is \$50/Adult, Children 18 & under are Free:

Subscription Only: \$12 per Season

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Make Check Payable to: SKI JAMMERS

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Skier's Checklist

FASHION ITEMS

| | | |
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| Ski Jacket | Ski bib/stretch pant | Powder jacket/powder pant |
| One piece ski suit | Ski sweater | Ski hat/headband |
| Turtleneck | Thermal underwear | Gloves/mittens (Pair) |
| Warm-up suite | Swim suit (Hot Tubs) | |

ACCESSORIES

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Glove liners (pairs) | Ski Tote | Ski socks (pairs) |
| Fanny Pack | After-ski boots | Carry all bag |
| Goggles | Sunglasses | Neck gaiters/funnels |
| Chapstick | Leg gaiters (pairs) | Sunscreen |
| Face mask | | |

EQUIPMENT

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Comfortable ski boots | Ski & boot bags | |
| Sharpened/waxed skis | properly adjusted bindings | Correct length poles |

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Are you a business owner or have a service you'd like more people to know about. Looking for an economical way to spread the word? The Jammer Report is now accepting ads from members and businesses.

We'll accept everything from a business card to a full page, camera ready ad.

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|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| The rates are: Business Card | \$15.00 | 1/4 Page | \$25.00 |
| 1/2 Page | \$50.00 | Full Page | \$100.00 |