

## Ski Trip to Winter Park, Colorado

February 25–March 4, 2006

### Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Any Accompanying Family Members

Age of Any Minor Children  
or Senior Adults

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Names of other participants with whom you would like to share a condo: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Lodging Preferences:

\_\_\_\_\_ Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Coed \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Coed

### Terms and Conditions

**Standard Package:** Services covered include round trip rail between Ann Arbor and Winter Park (passengers may also board at other Michigan stations), transfers, five nights' lodging at Hi Country Haus, four of five day lift pass.

**Cost:** \$795.00, subject to applicable discounts and additions as stated on page 2 of this form.

**Schedule of Payments:** A deposit of \$300.00 per participant is due at time of booking. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the remaining balance must be paid by January 9, 2006, to avoid loss of your booking and the deposit.

**Cancellation Fees:** The deposit is non-refundable. No refunds will be granted for cancellations made less than forty-five days before trip departure, though any money we are able to recover from the resort or the rail carrier will be returned minus your deposit. If you cancel and provide a replacement, or if we fill all available spaces on the trip, we will refund all but \$50.00 per participant of the money you have paid.

**Insurance:** We strongly recommend that all participants purchase trip cancellation/interruption insurance as well as insurance for personal injury and loss of baggage. Policies can be obtained at the office of any travel agency.

**Organizer's Right to Cancel:** S.T.E.P.S., Inc., reserves the right to cancel this trip and to refund all money collected no later than forty-five days before scheduled departure if a minimum participation number is not reached.

**Responsibility and Assumption of Risk:** (1) S.T.E.P.S., Inc., acts only as an agent for the rail carrier, the property management company, and the ski lift operator providing services to participants on this trip. (2) S.T.E.P.S., Inc. assumes no responsibility for any inconvenience, injury, loss, damage, or delay sustained by trip participants as a result of circumstances or actions by others not under our control. (3) Each trip participant assumes full responsibility for the risks of bodily injury and property loss inherent in the activity of downhill skiing. (4) Each trip participant assumes responsibility for paying any additional charges made by the property management company for unreasonable wear and tear to the condominium in which he or she has been housed.

## Fee Calculation

Description	Number	Unit Cost	Total
Standard Package		795.00	
Discounts:			
Early Booking: Paid in Full by November 30		- 100.00	
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			
Total Discounts			
Additions:			
Extra Lift Pass, Adult		45.00	
Extra Lift Pass, Child		25.00	
Partial Occupancy Supplement			
Other:			
Other:			
Total Additions			
Grand Total			

Deposit	Date of Payment	Final Balance	Date of Payment

## Liability Release and Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

I would like to participate in the S.T.E.P.S., Inc., Ski Trip to Winter Park, Colorado, February 25–March 4, 2006. I have carefully read and fully understand the *Terms and Conditions* stated above. I am aware of the cancellation penalties applicable to this trip, and I have been urged to purchase trip cancellation/interruption insurance to cover the amounts I have at risk.

I voluntarily assume all of the risks associated with this trip, including the risk of illness, injury, or loss of life. In the event of illness or injury I will be responsible for any expenses incurred on my behalf, including evacuation, hospitalization, and medical treatment.

For myself, my family, heirs, representatives, and any other person claiming through me, I release and hold harmless S.T.E.P.S., Inc., David Brassfield, John Lupinacci, Rhonda Sandweiss, Michael Smith, and John Walker, their agents, heirs, and executors, from any claims that may arise out of or relate to my participation in this trip.

In the event any legal action is brought, I agree for myself, my heirs, and representatives to indemnify S.T.E.P.S., Inc., David Brassfield, John Lupinacci, Rhonda Sandweiss, Michael Smith, John Walker, their heirs, agents, or representatives, and to hold them harmless for any sums which may be payable to anyone by reason of my injury or loss of life, or any injury or loss of life occasioned by my participation in this trip, and for all expenses associated with the defense of any such action.

I recognize that this is a complete release and extends to all claims arising from my participation in this trip.

I have read, fully understand, and hereby agree to the terms and conditions set forth above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Ski Trip to Winter Park, Colorado**

### **February 25–March 5, 2006**

#### **Travel by Train ...**

This group trip is for those who like to keep their pleasures simple. It combines good skiing with affordable sightseeing. We travel by train because it provides a leisurely transition from the often hectic weeks of work and school. When we arrive at Winter Park people have gotten to know one another, they've enjoyed the passing panorama of a beautiful countryside, and they're rested and ready for an exciting week of skiing.

#### **To an Old Railroad Town ...**

Located seventy miles northwest of Denver high up in the Rocky Mountains, Winter Park is a friendly town, pretty much devoid of the pretense and expensive glamour of the more well-known Colorado ski resorts. It is said to be the favorite skiing spot for native Coloradans. A free local shuttle service makes it easy to travel to and from the ski slopes and all around town from early in the morning to late at night.

#### **For Some of the Best Skiing in the World!**

The skiing at Winter Park is hard to beat. In an average year the mountain receives nearly sixty feet of snowfall, more than almost any other area of the country. Really three interconnected mountains, each with its own character and primary level of challenge, Winter Park provides plenty of opportunities for everyone, from the complete novice to the Olympic racer. Experts favor the remote headwall chutes of Vazquez Cirque; advanced skiers the steep slopes and chutes of Mary Jane; intermediates, the runs on Vasquez Ridge; beginners, the trails at Winter Park; powder buffs, the high wide-open spaces of Parsenn Bowl.

### **Itinerary**

#### **Train Schedule—Outbound**

8:23 a.m.	Saturday	Board the Amtrak <i>Wolverine</i> in Ann Arbor, Michigan (it is also possible to join this trip at other stations along the way to Chicago)
11:59 a.m.	Saturday	Arrive Chicago
1:50 p.m.	Saturday	Depart Chicago on the <i>California Zephyr</i>
10:07 a.m.	Sunday	Arrive Winter Park, Colorado

#### **Train Schedule—Return**

4:10 p.m.	Friday	Board the <i>California Zephyr</i> at Winter Park
3:20 p.m.	Saturday	Arrive Chicago
6:00 p.m.	Saturday	Depart Chicago on the <i>Twilight Limited</i>
11:26 p.m.	Saturday	Arrive Ann Arbor

## **Lodging**

In Winter Park we will be staying at Hi Country Haus, a condominium complex located within walking distance of the downtown area, and ten to fifteen minutes from the ski slopes by shuttle bus.

Hi Country Haus is a comfortable, well-maintained facility with large, roomy units. Each unit contains a living room with working fireplace and cable television, a dining area, a fully equipped kitchen, two full baths, and a deck. Bedding and towels are provided, though there is no maid service. We are renting two- and three-bedroom units. With two people sleeping on the hide-a-bed in the living room, the two-bedroom units accommodate six people, the three-bedroom units accommodate eight.

The complex features a recreation center with an indoor pool, sauna, hot tubs, game room, and laundry facilities.

## **Skiing**

Our standard trip package includes a lift pass for use on any four of the five weekdays we are at Winter Park. By purchasing an afternoon pass on the day we arrive, and upgrading the standard pass to a five-day pass, skiing fanatics can actually ski a total of five and a half days, if they choose. Lift lines open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m.

Winter Park is a vast mountain area with spectacular views of the continental divide. Top elevation is 12,060 feet, base elevation is 9,000 feet, for a vertical drop of 3,060 feet. There are a total of 134 trails on the mountain, and it is possible to make an uninterrupted single run of more than five miles. Lift lines are generally quite short.

The resort proudly boasts about its nationally renowned ski school and adaptive skiing programs. First-time adult skiers and boarders can sign up for half-day lessons at a cost of about \$30.00. Rates for other levels of instruction should be about \$50.00 for a half day.

Ski rental packages are available at many sites throughout the resort. Prices should range from \$12.00 to \$30.00 a day. Board rental packages start around \$25.00 a day.

## **Activities Around Town**

For those who want to eat in, the Safeway supermarket in nearby Fraser, a short shuttle ride away, provides all the ingredients that anyone will need to stock a condo refrigerator and pantry. For those who want to eat out, there are many restaurants around the town, including several at the entrance to Hi Country Haus.

Other local attractions include dog sledding, evening sleigh rides, a tubing hill, ice skating rink, and two of the most highly regarded cross-country skiing centers in the country.

## **On the Train: Out and Back**

If you truly want to travel, take the train. On a train you can keep a sense of time and place, you can sit and talk in comfort, you can get up and take a walk, you can glide through countryscapes and cityscapes and ponder the details, you can read a good book or play a hand of cards, you can eat a full-course dinner, you can stretch out and nap or sleep. We take the train

because it is fun and because it gives members of the group a chance to relax and get to know each other before they plunge into active days of skiing at Winter Park.

The train on the way to Chicago is a short-haul intercity train. Seats are comfortable, leg room is adequate (about what you'd get with a first-class airline ticket), the scenery is a patchwork of back-yard Michigan: farmland, woodland, prairie, factories and warehouses, small-town derelicts and city slums.

The train out of Chicago is designed for crossing the country in comfort. We roll through the fertile flat farmlands of Illinois, cross the Mississippi River, sweep across the broad prairies of Iowa and Nebraska, and all the while we are climbing toward Denver and into the Rockies. Cars are double-decked with seating above, bathrooms and baggage below. Coach seats are huge, and when they are reclined, a leg rest folds out to support the entire lower body. There is a full-service dining car, an observation car featuring a 360-degree view of the passing landscape during the day and movies at night, and a lounge car where snacks and beverages are served and games can be played.

Ski trip participants are allowed to place one large bag, skis or board, and boots in the baggage car or luggage compartment. One carry-on bag may be brought on board as well. Amtrak rules prohibit passengers from bringing their own beverages along.

If the train arrives on time, the layover in Chicago on the way out provides for about an hour in the city. At Denver there is a brief stopover that allows for limited exploration of the neighborhood around the station.

### **Group Activities and Services for Families**

All skiers and would-be skiers are welcome on this trip. Families with children are also welcome.

On board the train, our staff will be coordinating a number of programs to help the time pass more quickly. If there is interest, we will also lead a number of traditional parlor games such as charades, and we will make available playing cards and board games to those who do not bring their own.

During the days at Winter Park, at an additional cost and by prior reservation, child care for preschoolers can be arranged at an excellent facility on the mountain. Fully supervised skiing programs for elementary school aged children can be arranged on the mountain, as well.

Early in the week the trip leaders from S.T.E.P.S. will host an evening get-together at the condominium complex.

### **About S.T.E.P.S., Inc.**

S.T.E.P.S., Inc., was founded in 1991 by a group of professionals in education, mental health, and organizational development. The founders all shared a strong interest in using outdoor activities to enhance and support the work they were doing in more traditional settings.

S.T.E.P.S. has taken a leading role in developing adventure challenge programs for agencies and organizations throughout southeastern Michigan and metropolitan Detroit. In addition to on-site programming and consulting, the company currently works with groups at a number of ropes courses at camps and outdoor education centers in the area, and for many years we have

managed the largest challenge course programs in the region. In the past four years we have expanded our reach as far south as Los Cabos in Mexico and as far north as Ketchikan, Alaska.

On this ski trip the staff of S.T.E.P.S. will bring the experience of many years leading a wide variety of recreational and educational programs in the out of doors, including wilderness camping and travel in Alaska, northern Canada, Central and South America, and much of the mainland United States.

For information about other S.T.E.P.S. programs, please call our office in Ann Arbor: (734) 971-7470.

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#### **Additional Information:**

- (1) Prior to final ticketing, passengers may arrange to board from and return to any station between Pontiac and Chicago. Cost remains the same.
- (2) Additional Discounts (current as of 9/2 and subject to change):  
  
Infants go for free if they are not occupying a rail seat. (A small charge would apply if a crib is needed in Winter Park.)  
Children aged 2-5: subtract \$266.00 from trip cost.  
Children aged 6-13: subtract \$182.00 from trip cost.  
Children aged 14-15: subtract \$110.00 from trip cost.  
Adults aged 70 and over: subtract \$91.00 from trip cost.
- (3) Sleeping Car Accommodations, including dining car meals, between Chicago and Winter Park (subject to availability; price quoted is lowest fare in range and may not be available at time of booking):  
  
Economy Double: Add \$171.00 each way (covers 2 passengers)  
Family Bedroom: Add \$729.00 each way (covers 2 adults and 2 children)  
Deluxe Bedroom: Add \$765.00 each way (covers 2 passengers)