

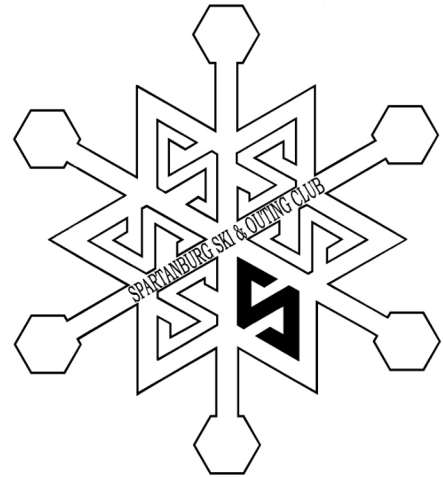
A Non-Profit Organization

October 2026

# SPARTANBURG SKI and OUTING CLUB



ESTABLISHED 1969



MEMBER CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL

October 1 (Thursday) - Club Meeting at  
Chapman Cultural Center at 7:00 pm.  
Halloween-Oktoberfest-Misc. TRIVIA

October 14 (Wednesday) - Sunset Cruise at  
5:00 pm, Lake Bowen

October 15 (Thursday) - SSOC Board of  
Directors Meeting at 7:00 pm, hosted by Pat

October 27 (Tuesday) - Mini - Social at Hans &  
Franz Biergarten in Greenville at 6:30 pm

<http://www.spartanburgskiclub.org>



## The President's Page ...

Can you believe that it finally feels like FALL has arrived? What a welcome change from our scorching summer weather. We've got a great line-up this month for you starting with our club meeting on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be BACK at the Chapman Cultural Center for this meeting - Conni has an exciting TRIVIA game for us to play - BYOB and celebrate the coming of October! Snacks to share are always welcomed!

Also, later in the month we have an Oktoberfest mini social at Hans & Franz ... be sure to see Pat's article elsewhere in this newsletter. Hoping for a beautiful evening for our sunset cruise on Lake Bowen - a wonderful way to celebrate the season!

Please remember that if you are attending an event requiring a RSVP, please do so - as headcounts are needed.

Hope to see you all soon!

Alison



## DO YOU KNOW...

1. What was Cher's name at birth?
2. Which hand do you hold a mug in according to Bavarian tradition to make a toast?
3. What is the highest grossing horror film?
4. Which U.S. state grows the most pumpkins?
5. What is the standard size of a beer mug at Oktoberfest?

OK, so you can look up the answers with your friends Siri and Alexa and even Mr Google, but can you guess them on your own? It's what's happening at the October 1 meeting at the Chapman Cultural Center!

## HALLOWEEN – OKTOBERFEST – MISC. TRIVIA

Come join us! This should be lots of fun and laughs.  
Don't forget to BYOB, especially if it one of those Bavarian mugs!

BTW...Cheryl Sarkisian---the right---"IT"(\$719,+million---Illinois(500 million lb) --1 Liter



# **SUNSET CRUISE**

*Join the ski-clubbers for a mellow evening on a pontoon boat on Lake Bowen. The date is Wednesday at 5pm October 14<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet at the public landing 8515 Hw 9, Inman.*

*Bring your own beverages and some type of snack or finger food to share.*

*You'll need to sign up for this event so we'll have enough boats and safety vests for everyone aboard. No pets unless it's a goldfish.*

*Patricia Lee 864 497-0060 [patricia159@windstream.net](mailto:patricia159@windstream.net)*



*Besides the cooler weather and leaves changing color, October brings Oktoberfest to mind. We're fortunate to have the Hans & Frans Biergarten where we can celebrate in the proper atmosphere. The food is very tempting as you can see by their menu [Menu – Hans & Franz Biergarten](#) . We'll meet at the usual 6:30 time on Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup>. The German restaurant is at 3124 SC-14, Greenville. Happy hour, from 3-7, has \$2 off on certain draft beers. Please invite a guest to enjoy the evening with us. I'll remind you a week before the event for signups. Patricia Lee 864-497-0060.*





Jan Sarratt

October 3

Joan Wright

October 10

Margaret Fennessy

October 15

Paula Lively

October 18

Bob Butscher

October 29



Hey - if you like HALLOW EEN and want to join  
us on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Croft State  
Park , you are more than welcome ... lots to do  
- could be some candy along the way?? ?  
Friends of Croft

# NEEWOLLAH



OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 2026

2:00pm-5:00pm  
Day Hayride - Bounce House - Pumpkin & Rock Painting

2:00pm-7:00pm  
- Food provided by Scout Troop 16; Cash or Card

5:30pm  
- Costume Contest

6:00pm-8:30pm  
- Trick or Treating in the campgrounds

7:00pm-8:45pm  
- Spooky Hayride

**SPECIAL EVENT PRICING:**  
\$5 PER ADULT  
\$2 PER CHILD  
(INCLUDES: PUMPKIN & ROCK PAINTING WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)  
HAYRIDES/BOUNCE HOUSE:  
\$10 WRISTBANDS CASH ONLY.

Special Guests: Safe Haven & Educational Adventures, Inc., South Spartanburg Fire District, Rick Childers Music & HyperSky Search Services



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Well, it finally happened. Summer is finally over! As we appreciate the cooler temperatures there is still a lot going on at the Spartanburg Humane Society. They still have approximately 500 animals in their care. We consistently make donations of items they need. They truly appreciate *everything* we do. Cleaning supplies, items for dogs and cats, it all helps. Now that we are back on a regular schedule at the Chapman Cultural Center lets shower them with some of every thing they need.

We have done this long enough that we know what they need. All types of dog/puppy and cat/kitten food. Cleaning supplies, detergents, newspapers, towels, rags, paper towels, glass cleaner. Anything we clean with, they use as well.

I know prices have skyrocketed. Even one item will help. If you can, please purchase one thing for the SHS. We make a difference, one item at a time.

See you in October.

Joy





This is the current wish list for items for St. Luke's. Please pay particular attention to the *Personal Care Items*. They need items for men and women. Please pick up a few of these items in addition to a few food items from the list as well.

\*\*\* Dollar General \*\*\* has a \$1.00 aisle that has some great items. Everything anyone one would need for personal care for. Make that extra stop and get more bang for your buck.





## St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic

162 N. Dean Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302

P.O. Box 3466, Spartanburg, SC 29304

Telephone: 864.542.2273 Fax: 864.597.0413

[www.slfdc.org](http://www.slfdc.org)

September 11, 2026  
Spartanburg Ski & Outing Club  
PO Box 2864  
Spartanburg, SC 29304-2864

Dear Joy,

On behalf of all of us at St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic, thank you for your generous gift of \$96.00 on September 3, 2026. Your support helps us continue delivering high-quality, compassionate healthcare at no cost to Spartanburg County neighbors who would otherwise go without. Today, more than 39,000 people in our community are uninsured. For many, even basic healthcare feels out of reach. Thanks to you, St. Luke's continues to bridge that gap every day.

Because of donors like you, 2025 was a year of meaningful growth and impact. We served 1,755 unique patients through nearly 6,900 medical visits, provided more than 1,500 specialty and referral visits, filled 19,566 prescriptions, and delivered over 250 behavioral health visits. Together, these services represented more than \$33 million in direct and indirect healthcare value. Every number represents a person whose life was changed because you chose to give.

This past year also marked continued progress in our pediatric pilot program at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, which expands care to uninsured children who do not qualify for Medicaid. The program remains highly utilized and continues to grow as families seek access to preventive care, well-child visits, and ongoing support. We recently completed a modular exam room to improve privacy and comfort for our youngest patients, and we are working to strengthen specialty referral connections to meet their long-term needs.

We are also expanding language access for our growing Spanish-speaking population by investing in bilingual staff and certified interpreters, ensuring that every patient is understood and respected. Through our mobile clinic, community teaching garden, health education programs, and partnerships with local healthcare providers and educational institutions, we continue extending care beyond our walls and meeting people where they are.

Your generosity also strengthens a network powered by more than 300 volunteers who contributed over 12,000 hours of service last year. Their dedication, combined with your support, allows St. Luke's to remain a trusted medical home for individuals and families who would otherwise go without care. Together, we are building a healthier, more equitable Spartanburg where everyone, regardless of income or background, has access to the care they need to thrive.

Thank you for believing in this mission and for being an essential part of the St. Luke's family.

Gratefully,

Gretchen Smith

Executive Director

[gsmith@slfdc.org](mailto:gsmith@slfdc.org)

864-285-9717

Thank you for  
the support!

**PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – September 2026**

**Frances Edwards**



College football has begun and temperatures should be dropping soon.

The deadline for the 2026 CSC Fall Conference in Gatlinburg TN is fast approaching. The deadline to register for both the hotel rooms and the conference is **September 22**. Make sure that you encourage your members to attend this year to meet other club's members as well as members of the ski industry.

Look for a **NEW** session to be held at the Fall Conference for Presidents, CSC Representatives, and other interested members that will address the future of the Crescent Ski Council. The session will be called "Looking to the Future" which was the title that NSCF used when they were exploring where the future of the organization was headed. This will be an opportunity to give input on what Crescent is doing well, what Crescent is doing okay, and what Crescent is not doing well. We will not do any "planning" during this time. This is only a time for gathering information. I **NEED** your valuable input for the future.

Crescent is still looking for a **Vice President**. Ask yourself "Do I know of someone who would be interested in serving"? I would love to have the position filled.

We also have a vacant position for the **Conventions Chair**. The Conventions Committee runs both the Fall Conference and Spring Convention. We do have a Fall Conference Coordinator, so that helps a lot with the work. We also rented space for our beach Olympics equipment, so people don't have to lug this stuff home and bring it back. Please contact myself - Frances Edwards at [snoskier@mindspring.com](mailto:snoskier@mindspring.com)

Our Board made the decision to change our Fall Conference location for October 2027 to Greenville, SC. SpringHill Suites Downtown. Dates are October 21-24, 2027 and the contract has been signed. Thanks to Devon Cortright for being a contact person to make this happen after the BOD voted to go to move Fall Conference.

Crescent would love to have some new faces and ideas to take our organization forward. Please reach out if you are interested or know of someone who would be interested in taking an active role.

**National Ski Council Federation (NSCF)**

NSCF held its annual meeting in Reno, Nevada. Crescent was represented by myself (Frances Edwards). I will be sending out the flyer for the upcoming NSCF Annual Auction along with this update. **PLEASE** send this information to all of your club members. There are a lot of good items at a very economical price. These items include ski gear, lift tickets, lodging packages, etc. By supporting the auction, NSCF can continue to do the work they are doing to help all of the ski councils across the nation.

### **VICE PRESIDENT (Vacant)**

Crescent Ski Council is still looking for members interested in fulfilling the roles of Vice President and Conventions Chair for the 2026-2027 year. Please reach out if you are interested in either of these roles. We really need some NEW faces and energy to go forward and assist Crescent in the future.

### **TREASURER (Ellen Cortright/Becky Kennedy)**

September 1, 2026 the Dues invoice data should have been sent to the Treasurer, President, and Membership Chair of record for each Club. The **due date** for dues payment and roster is **November 1** (that is Sunday folks so they need to be mailed before Halloween). It is imperative that you include a roster of EVERY MEMBER of the Club including those 17 and under. Take a minute and print off your roster for the last closed membership year and mark it up for Adult or Junior. Having the roster in EXCEL FORMAT is much appreciated (and preferred as it is easier to validate the numbers). It would be perfect if we could have 100% remittance before the Fall Conference October 23. Thanks!

### **SECRETARY (Kerri Crawford)**

All clubs are reminded to please send in changes to club officials (officers, committee chairs with names, positions held, email addresses, optional phone numbers, etc.) to Ken Lumsden at [joonone@ix.netcom](mailto:joonone@ix.netcom) and Webmaster John Gardner [johnrgardner@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnrgardner@bellsouth.net), and Kerri Crawford at [cscsecretary2021@gmail.com](mailto:cscsecretary2021@gmail.com).

### **CONVENTIONS (Vacant)**

The information for the 2026 Fall Conference was sent on June 30 to President's, Representatives, and Trip Leaders. Please make sure that you pass this information along to your club members. The **DEADLINE** for registration for the conference is September 22, 2026. The dates are October 22-25, 2026. We will have a table decorating contest this year so make sure that your club decorates their table with a Halloween theme for the contest.

### **TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)**

Now that summer is coming to an end, it is time to go full into Ski season!!

All trip information is on the council website. If you have a question about a trip, check with your club trip leader first!

**Steamboat** - The trip information and registration link are on the website. We currently have 205 signed up and it seems like more every day! We are approaching our lodging commitments and will be looking at adding more space as needed.

**Mt Bachelor** - Ski Week is also selling well! We currently have 103 signed up and can add rooms, so don't wait any longer. The trip information and registration link are on the website. The link to the pre-registration Zoom call on June 10th was forwarded to you to share with any member that could not make the call. Optional Friday night lodging can be added by contacting SAT, flights going into Redmond do not matter when they arrive or depart for transfers, and they are still working on the Sunday lift price for the group for those that have an IKON Base pass

**New Zealand** - All trip information, brochure and registration form are on the website. There is one share space left for a male, a wait list. The waitlist participant will not pay anything unless there is a cancelation and they get on the trip.

**Club Trip List** - Please check out the Club Trip List on the Crescent website to see if there is somewhere another club is going that you may want to join.

**2028 Ski Week RFP** - Will be to Beaver Creek. Skigroup.net is the Tour Operator for this trip and we will be rolling it out at Fall Conference.

**2028 Adventure Trip** - We will be going to Africa! Four tour companies have submitted bids to be reviewed by the bid committee and best proposals will be presented at Fall Conference.

### **RACING (Cathie Mulgrew)**

I know it's the last few weeks of Summer, but I am excitedly awaiting the colorful leaves and cooler Fall weather!

Ron Scott has been sending emails out about training opportunities including Sugar Mountain Race Clinic December 11-13, 2026, Ski Zenit's Fall Training Opportunities, Peak Performance Fall Training Camps, and Steamboat Race/Ski/Ride Camp December 5-12, 2026; I hope you take an opportunity to attend one of these training camps to prepare you for the podium this upcoming Crescent Race Season!

Also, a friendly reminder, Crescent Race Dues are due by December 1, 2026; club race directors may bring a check to Crescent Fall Conference in Gatlinburg this October or Mail checks to our Crescent Treasurer by 12/1/26. Our first race will be at Appalachian Ski Mountain December 19-20, 2026 and I can't wait to see everyone there!

### **MEMBER SERVICES (Ken Lumsden)**

Club Reps and Presidents are reminded that we need name and email address and cell phone number for the club positions that we keep on ClubExpress. Please send updates to CSC Database Administrator Ken Lumsden at [joonone@ix.netcom](mailto:joonone@ix.netcom) and copy to CSC Webmaster John Gardner [johnrgardner@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnrgardner@bellsouth.net).

#### **Social Media:**

Our clubs are asked to submit their best photos from the Spring'26 Convention to Pat Harvey / Social Media Coordinator [crescentpastpres@gmail.com](mailto:crescentpastpres@gmail.com) for posting on the CSC Facebook page. Please identify the photos by club and people in the picture. For the Famous People Costume Party, also tell us who the character that is represented.

Pat Harvey, Social Media Chair

[www.crescentskicouncil.org](http://www.crescentskicouncil.org) Email: [crescentpastpres@gmail.com](mailto:crescentpastpres@gmail.com)

### **PAST PRESIDENT (Mary Anne Koltowich)**

There are a lot of things to do to operate Crescent successfully, and clubs and club members should pitch in to help. After all, we are volunteers for this important and fun organization. I am here supporting and performing tasks on behalf of Crescent, like helping Jennifer Emch with our upcoming 2026 Fall Conference and working on needed bylaws, policies, and procedures changes as identified. Some duties (not many) are assigned to the Vice President, so this is a great opportunity for someone to step up and learn how Crescent operates. It would be an eye-opening and excellent experience. None of these tasks are hard and won't take up a lot of time. **Please consider volunteering.** Your help is really needed. Crescent should not have a vacant office. See you soon at the Fall Conference! Y'all sign up!

### **CLUB CORNER (By Our Clubs)**

Check out our ClubExpress Club Corner! Please send any newsletters, emails, club happenings, etc. to me and I will be adding them to this area. In the interim, refer back to the May President's Newsletter for the extensive list of activities that clubs within Crescent having upcoming.

#### **Charlotte Ski & Snowboard Club (CSSC) –**

The club is considering "Express Trip" (3 days of skiing) coupled with a back-to-back week at another resort  
Back-to-back week trip on the West Coast

Upcoming Events:

November 14 – Biking Adventure in Durham on the American Tobacco Trail

December 17 – Holiday Celebration

#### **Huntsville Ski Club (HSC) –**

Upcoming Events:

September 19 – Canoe & Kayaking Outing

October 17-26 – Trip to Punta Cana

December 10 – Christmas Dance

The bike group is meeting weekly with lunch first, and bike after

Club clothing can be ordered at the Huntsville Ski Club Store: <https://business.landsend.com/store/hsclub>

Of note, the club celebrates its members' birthdays during monthly meetings

#### **Spartanburg Ski and Outing Club (SSOC) –**

Upcoming events:

October – Sunset Cruise on Lake Bowen

Providing meals to the staff at St Lukes Free Medical Clinic

Monthly birthdays and items for sale are included in the newsletter.

### **NSCF NEWS**

Please share the flyer that was attached to the email for the NSCF Annual Auction that will open on October 1.



# NSCF Virtual Silent Auction

The National Ski Council Federation Auction is open to all ski clubs' members of member ski councils across the USA and the skiing public. Spread the word, tell your friends so they can join in on the fun.



Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual NSCF Virtual Silent Auction features over 250 items including Head Skis, a Twisted Tea Snowboard, lodging packages, lift tickets & packages, assorted gear and clothing items, an 2 IKON Passes, 2 Indy Passes, 2 pairs of APEX Ski Boots and many accessories.



To participate in this auction, you need to go to the link below or use the adjacent QR code. <https://www.32auctions.com/NSCF2026>

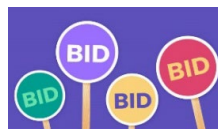


Scroll down the home page to the NSCF Virtual Silent Auction section and click on ENTER THE AUCTION. Once you are on the auction site you can view the items in the auction. To place bids and update your bids you will need to register on the auction site. Click the Login button at the top of the page- it will ask you to log into your account.

You will need to create an account your first time on this site. This is a pretty quick procedure and not invasive. After that just log in and bid away.

Bidding starts October 1, 2026 at 12 PM EDT.  
Bidding stops November 1, 2026 at 9 PM EDT.

If you have any questions, contact:  
[vicepresident@skifederation.org](mailto:vicepresident@skifederation.org)



## 2026 – 2027 SPARTANBURG SKI & OUTING CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### ELECTED OFFICERS:

|                                                                                                         |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>PRESIDENT – ALISON KIMBALL</b><br><a href="mailto:akimball@bellsouth.net">akimball@bellsouth.net</a> | 864-415-0852 |
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### APPOINTED OFFICERS:

|                                                                                                                                                     |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
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| <b>WEBSITE / HISTORIAN – TAYLORBOMAR</b><br><a href="mailto:taylor.bomar@att.net">taylor.bomar@att.net</a>                                          | 864-576-3776 |



## **NOTES**

Any Spartanburg Ski Club member may submit items for publication in the newsletter. The publication deadline is the Saturday following the board meeting each month, which can be found on the pull-out calendar in the newsletter. Call Teresa for information on how to submit your newsletter item.

Also, don't forget – the club has a “tent” available for rent. It is an 18 X 20 tent, and it is easy to assemble. We also have 4 tables that can be rented with or without the tent. We have the makings for that special occasion and it is all very reasonably priced! Tent rental is \$ 35. Tables can be rented for \$5 per table. Remember; don't have a party without the comfort of shade. Your guests will appreciate it and so will the club! For rentals of either tent or tables contact Joy Bobo.

The Spartanburg Ski & Outing Club normally meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. We are located at the Chapman Cultural Center (West Wing) on East St. John Street in Spartanburg on the first floor. During the summer months (June, July, and August) meetings are frequently held, more informally, at different sites and times. Therefore it is necessary to consult the club web site or a current newsletter for the time and location. April's meeting is held at the Piedmont Club.

The club does **not** provide alcoholic beverages at membership meetings, but members are allowed to bring their own (BYOB) choices of beer or wine. Over-indulgence is not condoned under any circumstances. Thank you.

## **Become a Member**

A copy of our membership application is located at the following web address:

<http://www.spartanburgskiclub.org/membership/ssocappl.doc>

**SPARTANBURG SKI & OUTING CLUB** We  
**PO BOX 2864** Go  
**SPARTANBURG, SC 29304** for  
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# October

2026

| September |    |    |    |    |    |    | November |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY                                                               | WEDNESDAY                                    | THURSDAY                                                 | FRIDAY | SATURDAY                   |
|--------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|
| 27     | 28     | 29                                                                    | 30                                           | 1                                                        | 2      | 3                          |
|        |        |                                                                       |                                              | Club Meeting at<br>Chapman Cultural<br>Center at 7:00 pm |        | Neewollah at<br>Camp Croft |
| 4      | 5      | 6                                                                     | 7                                            | 8                                                        | 9      | 10                         |
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| 11     | 12     | 13                                                                    | 14                                           | 15                                                       | 16     | 17                         |
|        |        |                                                                       | Sunset Cruise at<br>Lake Bowen at 5:00<br>pm | SSOC Board<br>Meeting at 7:00 pm .<br>Hosted by Pat      |        |                            |
| 18     | 19     | 20                                                                    | 21                                           | 22                                                       | 23     | 24                         |
|        |        |                                                                       |                                              |                                                          |        |                            |
| 25     | 26     | 27                                                                    | 28                                           | 29                                                       | 30     | 31                         |
|        |        | Mini-Social at Hans<br>& Franz Biergarten in<br>Greenville at 6:30 pm |                                              |                                                          |        | Halloween                  |
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