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Newsletter of the PATC

Ski Touring Section

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October 2007

- Next UPSLOPE is November...

Trip Schedule

Work Trip Reports

Ski Trip Reports

2007 Ski Fair Scheduled for Saturday, November 3 12:30-4:30 PM

PATC HQ — 118 Park Street, Vienna, VA

Attached is the final trip schedule. I think it's responsive to the members' wishes as expressed in the discussion at the Après Ski Business meeting in May (see September's UPSLOPE). We have multiple local trips on the two winter holiday weekends. We have multiple trips to old favorites Canaan Valley, Blackwater Falls and Laurel Highlands. We have drivable exotic trips and far, far away excursions.

I hope to convince both Bert and Rob, who have expressed interest in leading a Canaan or Laurel trip, to agree to try something > new this year--"floating date" trips. We would have sign up sheets for their trips, indicating location--say Canaan. The leader would scope out lodging but not reserve it or at least no put money down. The sheet would provide a ready list of potential participants for a trip that Rob or Bert could announce with a week or so advance notice when it looked like snow was secure. Then, they'd send out the notice that, "we're going the Friday after this one, so if interested, let me know by three days from now." They'd secure the lodging based on the response, and it would all be put together in a week or less.

Al Larsen
Trip Coordinator

STS 2007 - 2008 Ski Trip Schedule

(* indicates trips requiring PATC membership
Add \$10 for non STS members. \$9 for membership

Dates: Friday night, 10/19 through Sunday , 10/21/2007.
Trip: Laurel Mountain, Pennsylvania Worktrip
Lodging: Super 8 Motel in Somerset, PA
Description: Maintain trails that we use during the ski season. Walk them now and learn what and where they are.
Bring: Work gloves, dress as if hiking with sturdy shoes, rain gear just in case, sun screen layers in case of weather change, any hand tools for loping overhangs, hand saws, etc.
Food: Lunch on the trail as if you were skiing, breakfast (unless the Motel has a continental breakfast) and dinner out.
Leader(s): Greg Westernikmailto:(westernik@earthlink.com) (westernik@earthlink.net) (703-866-4098).
Cost: Free for members. Non members pay \$10.

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As the winter months approach, I am holding my breath while the warmer temperatures linger. My hope is that by Thanksgiving, we will be needing our warm coats, hats and gloves. The fact that I have seen 2 very thick fuzzy caterpillars, one in my yard in Kensington, MD, and the other on a trail in Dolly Sods, WV (last weekend when it was 85 degrees there) is encouraging. I figure that they are much more in tune with the responses to climate than any meteorologist's prediction.

As you read this issue of UPSLOPE, you will see an impressive list of trips in which you may participate. You need to know that this would not be possible without people who volunteered to lead the trips; and spent much time making arrangements for lodging; and will spend more time "pulling it all together" once all the participants are identified. Many thanks to Al Larsen, our Trip Coordinator, who tracked down leaders and created the calendar so that you can have a variety of choices at different times of our short ski season. And you would not even be reading this if it were not for Ralph Heimlich, the UPSLOPE editor, Randy Kerr, the distributor and last but not least Doug Lesar the membership coordinator who keeps track of your address so we know to whom and where to send the news.

You to can be an active part of the club. Think about ways you may want to contribute your time. There is much to do. You may want to check the PATC web site; they need volunteers also.

Our Ski Fair is on November 3, at the PATC headquarters in Vienna, VA. I hope to see you there, and of course on the trails.

Yours in snow,
 Peggy Alpert

STS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL\$ DUE!



Yet another membership renewal period is beginning for the Ski Touring Section of PATC. Memberships expiring in 2007 must be renewed before 1 January 2008 for membership to continue into the upcoming ski season. The countdown is on!

To check your membership status, examine the mailing label on your last UPSLOPE. If you see a four-number field other than 0712 (0812, 0912 etc) you dues have been paid up beyond 1 January and there is no need for you to renew at this time. However, "0712" is the magic indicator that your membership expires when you hear the

strains of Auld Lang Syne in 2007. For those of you receiving UPSLOPE electronically, your expiration date was included in the forwarding email header sent by Ralph our loyal and talented newsletter editor. Since you may not have saved that information, feel free to contact me at dlesar@comcast.net for your dues status.

For a handy membership renewal form with my address and dues amounts, visit <http://www.patc.us/chapters/ski/> and press the prominent red button on the upper right of the club's home page.

Happy Autumn to all of you and hope that the winter is wintry ...

Doug Lesar
 STS recordskeeper / duesmeister

Ski Fair

SATURDAY — NOVEMBER 3 12:30-4:30 PM

PATC HQ — 118 Park Street, Vienna, VA

In addition to food, fun and a chance to lie about that 3 foot blizzard you say you skied through in downtown DC last winter, the Ski Fair is your entree to the STS trips for the 2007-08 Winter season, including some exotic new excursions and some old favorites. Be among the first to apply for trips scheduled from December 2007 through March 2008. STS trips are a travel bargain, fun, friendly and led by members with years of experience (some of whom have wool knickers, wooden skis and answer to names like Ole, Sven and Bert).

Bring your checkbook to sign up for trips and buy or swap for used cross country ski equipment at the Fair. Bring healthy snacks to share (and maybe sneak a little junk food in so long as it looks green or crunchy). STS will provide coffee, tea and sodas. Chat with new and long-time members, swap ski stories and learn about favorite last-minute get-away locations, so that when your neighbor is parked on the Beltway, you'll be in a parallel-tracked state of Zen bliss.



Featured attractions at the Ski Fair include:

- Destinations and dates for ski weekends in nearby Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania
- Info on excursions to New York's Tug Hill Region, New Hampshire, Canada's Laurentians, the Adirondack's, and Bryce Canyon, Utah, among others
- Meet STS trip leaders and get details on all the trips—sign up so you don't miss out
- Learn how to start XC skiing—gear, safety, lessons
- Swap gear, tales, and tall stories

WHERE: The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC) headquarters at 118 Park Street, Vienna, VA 22180 [directly in front of the Safeway which itself is on the corner of Park & Maple Sts.(VA Rt.123) in Vienna]

Getting to the fair is easy, but depends upon your starting point! Once you find the intersection of Interstate 66 and Interstate 495 (alias the Washington Beltway) to Route 66 west. Take Nutly St north exit. Go north just over 1 mile passing two traffic lights. When you get to the third light, turn right onto Route 123 (alias Maple Avenue). Continue in the right-hand lane for about ¼ mile or count traffic lights. When you reach the fourth light, turn right onto Park Street. The PATC headquarters is the second building on the left, a red brick two-story structure with parking in front. There is ample parking in the area. It is convenient to shop at the nearby SAFEWAY or Whole Foods, then visit the Fair.

Trip leaders have already staked out an impressive schedule (see listing on page 4). You will have to come to the Ski Fair

New PATC Website and Link to PATC-ST\$ Website

PATC has completely redesigned the website. The new site is at <http://potomacappalachian.org/> and a new link to the STS website at <http://www.patc.us/chapters/ski/> [note the ".us" versus the old ".net"] on this new page for the Ski Touring Center: http://potomacappalachian.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=26&Itemid=41.

Check out the new website!

Breaking News: Snow Expected in Mid Atlantic!

The chipmunks and birds have been raiding the vegetables in our garden at what appears to be an ever-quicken pace. As a ski club Trip Coordinator, trained in outdoor skills and possessing extensive knowledge of ecosystems, I can only draw one conclusion: this is a desperate race for survival on their part in advance of what they must surely sense is going to be a particularly harsh winter in the region. What—you think the TV weather guys base their bafflegab on better empirical evidence? Ha! They don't even step outside.

So, with the near-certainty of good snow for the coming season, let me unveil our first look at the STS 2007-08 Trip Schedule. You will notice several things about it, which are intended to reflect the open membership discussion we had at our annual meeting at the Apres Ski party in May (see last UPSLOPE). First, given the spotty snow in recent years, we have scheduled 6 trips outside the Mid Atlantic region, which we call "Excursion Trips". However, it was also clear that, even if snow is not as reliable closer to home, many members love certain "local" venues, i.e. the WVa, Western MD and PA spots. So, we have scheduled multiple tips to these old favorites. We hope to take full advantage of any snow that does drift our way with some flexible, impromptu approaches. Finally, I am still looking for trip leaders for several mid-Atlantic trips (e.g., Canaan Valley, New Germany, etc.). If interested, please contact me (Al Larsen) ASAP. So, here is our lineup:

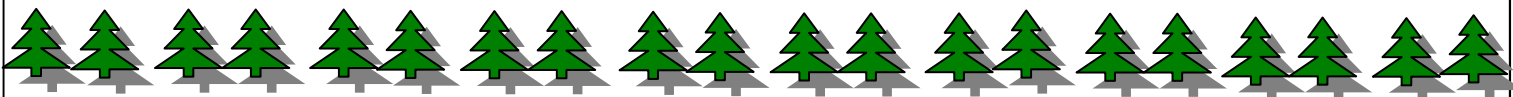
STS TRIP SCHEDULE 2007-2008		
Dates	Location	Leader
October		
19-21	Laurel Highlands Trail Work Trip	Greg Westernnik
November		
3	Ski Fair, PATC HQ 118 Park Street, Vienna, VA	
9-12	White Grass Trail Work Trip, Canaan Valley	Lynn Yates
December		
28-Jan.1 (Fri-Tues)	Tug Hill, NY	Peggy Alpert and Steve Brickel
January		
12-13	Backbone Ski Farm, Garrett County, MD	Max Dubanski
18-21 (MLK JR. B-day)	Laurel Highlands, PA	Kathy and Elliot Brumberger
17-21 (MLK JR. B-day)	New Hampshire, White Mountains	Rob Swennes
25-27	Blackwater Falls, WV	Larry Doff
February		
1/31-2/3	Canaan Valley, WV	Doug Lesar
1-3	Learn-to-Ski, Laurel Highland, PA	Greg Westernnik
3-10	Canada, Quebec--Laurentians	Rob Swennes
7-10	Canaan Valley, WV	Kathy and Elliot Brumberger
14-19 (Thu-Tues)	Stowe, Vermont	Peggy Alpert
15-18	Ski-Dance Camp Harmony, Laurel Highlands, PA	Eliot Appelstein
15-18	Laurel Highlands, PA	Bob Leaf
22-24	Blackwater Falls, WV	Larry Doff
March		
Feb/29-Mar 2	Backbone Ski Farm, Garrett County, MD (alt date)	Max Dubanski
Feb/29-Mar 2	Canaan Valley/Blackwater Falls or Laurel Highlands	floater
4-9 (Tues-Sun)	Bryce Canyon/Cedar Breaks, Utah	Rob Swennes
7-9	Canaan Valley/Blackwater Falls or Laurel Highlands	floater

See the complete trip descriptions on pages 5-9 and at <http://www.patc.us/chapters/ski/TRIPS.htm>

2007-2008 Ski Trip Schedule (continued)

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Dates: Friday night, November 9 through Monday, November 12, 2007
Trip: White Grass, West Virginia Worktrip
Lodging: Chip will allow us to sleep inside the lodge, in our cars on the lot, or in tents on the surrounding grounds - November work weekends are the only time this is allowed. OR make your own arrangements at the comp grounds or local Motel
Description: Maintain the White Grass Ski Touring Area
Bring: Sharp loppers, chain saws (with eye and ear protection), rake type implement the usual stuff you would bring on a hike: day pack, water bottle, sunscreen, work clothes boots, work gloves (2 pairs in case the work is wet both days), eye protection, weather gear.
 Fancier digs for the evening for any of you youngsters/high energy older persons who want to boogie at the Purple Fiddle in Davis (see website).
Leader(s): Lynn Yates, towson.lynn@gmail.com
Cost: Free



Dates: November 3, 2007 (Saturday) 12:30 4:30
Trip: PATC Ski Touring Section Annual Ski Fair
Lodging: PATC Headquarters, 118 Park Street, S.E., Vienna, VA
Description: Sign up for Ski Trips, Ski Gear, Guest Speakers, Trips Information, Gear Swap, Munchies, Raffle for Open Air Wear, Vendors, Section Information (see page 3)
Leader(s): Email Steve Bergstrom at skifisc1@yahoo.com or call him at (H) 301-564-9696.
Cost: Free



Dates: Friday night, December 28, 2007 through Tuesday, January 1, 2008 (4 nights) NO SNOW, NO GO
Trip: (*) Tug Hill Region, Pulaski, New York (*)
Lodging: Brenda's Motel 3 bedroom house with full kitchen for our own breakfast, store lunch food etc. There are also 6 motel rooms with private baths and use of house kitchen. We will be using both.
Description: Skiing at Osceola and Salmon Hills touring Centers, as well as Winona State Forest, and Barnes Corners. Enjoy a New Year's Eve wine and cheese party and group pot luck dinner.
Leader(s): Peggy Alpert at mountainmama15@verizon.net, and Stephen Brickel at sbrickel2003@yahoo.com or call at 301-946-4497
Cost: \$240 Lodging only. Payable to Margaret Alpert. Refund if leaders cancel.



Dates: Saturday, January 12 to Sunday January 13, 2008 (if no snow, alt date February 29 to March 2)
Trip: Backbone Ski Farm, Garrett County, MD
Lodging: TBA
Description:
Leader(s): Max Dubanski
Cost: TBA

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2007-2008 Ski Trip Schedule (continued)

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Dates: Friday night, January 18 to Monday, January 21, 2008 (MLK JR. Birthday 3 nights)

Trip: Laurel Highlands, PA

Lodging: We will be at the Quality Inn in Somerset, PA in the heart of the Laurel Highlands. All rooms are double occupancy, non-smoking with 2 double beds. Amenities are indoor pool, hot tub, exercise room, and restaurant with bar. There are many good, reasonably priced restaurants in the area. We re planning a group dinner at a nice restaurant on Saturday evening.

Description: We will ski at the groomed Laurel Ridge State Park (\$6/day-last year s price) and Forbes State Forest (no charge). Skis can be rented at Laurel Ridge SP. There are other ski areas as well: Laurel Mountain, Kooser State Park, and Hidden Valley (XC and downhill). All levels of skiers can be accommodated. The trip leaders will cancel this trip if there is no snow.

Leader(s): Email Kathy and Elliot Brumberger at kathybrum@comcast.net

Cost: Cost is \$150 per person.



Dates: Thursday, January 17 to Tuesday, January 21, 2008 (4 nights)

Trip: (*) New Hampshire's White Mountains (*)

Lodging: Condos in the Jackson-Glen area

Description: Ski one of the most scenic venues on the East Coast--the White Mountains of N.H. Ski at cross-country ski touring centers such as Jackson Ski Tour Center. In the event of icy conditions near Jackson , we may ski daily at Bretton Woods, further north at The Balsams Grand Resort Hotel in Dixville Notch, NH, or at a higher elevation.

Leader(s): Rob Swennes 703-532-6101 or robertswennes@hotmail.com

Cost: The cost of the trip is \$325. That includes lodging for 4 nights and in-house meals and beverages.

Does not include transportation: airfare, vehicle rental.



Dates: Friday night, January 25 to Sunday, January 27, 2008 (2 nights) GO SNOW OR NO.

Trip: Blackwater Falls, West Virginia

Lodging: Blackwater Falls Lodge

Description: Ski beautiful Blackwater Falls State Park. The Park offers over twenty miles of park trails for begining as well as more experienced cross country skiers. Many of these trails are groomed and maintained. A sledging hill, more than one-quarter mile long, is served by a rope tow available on weekends when snows are sufficient. Skis, poles, boots and sleds are available for rent at the Sled Run & Cross Country Ski Center. Each room has a private bath, phone and color television. The Lodge features a game room, a sitting room with a cozy fire-place, an indoor pool, a hot tub and a fitness room. The lodge restaurant offers breakfast, lunch and dinner. If conditions are not skiable we will hike in the adjacent Monongahela National Forest, A detailed trip itinerary, prepared in accordance with expected weather, will be provided to all registrants approximately one week prior to the trip. Space is limited. There will be a waitin list.

Leader(s): Larry Doff 703-615-3195, LDoff@yahoo.com

Cost: \$101, lodging and lodge amenities. Transportation, food and other activities, extra.



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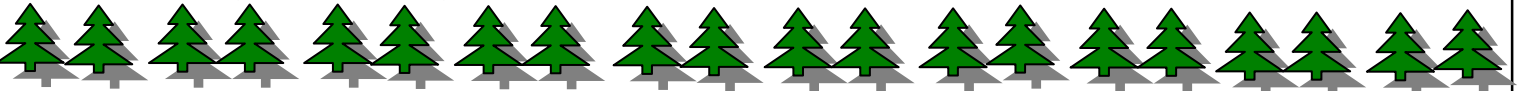
Dates: Thursday, January 31 to Sunday, February 3, 2008 (3 nights) GO SNOW OR NO
Trip: Canaan Valley, West Virginia
Lodging: Four-bedroom deluxe cabin in Canaan State Park
Description: One of the most convenient lodging locations possible in Canaan Valley for skiing at White Grass, the downhill resorts, and points in between. Well-appointed kitchen makes for good opportunity for homey in-cabin meal(s) if group desires. . Good trip for eclectic skiers open to a mixture, over the course of a longer weekend, of cross-country with telemark skiing and/or lessons at Timberline downhill area.
Leader(s): Doug Lesar dlesar@comcast.net or 301-587-8041
Cost: \$105 per person, presuming minimum of 8-person occupancy. Payable to Doug Lesar. Note three-night stay (Thursday, Friday, Saturday). Meals and lift fees not included.



Dates: Friday, February 1 through Sunday, February 3, 2008 (2 nights)
Trip: Learn-to-XC Ski Weekend, Laurel Highlands, Pennsylvania
Lodging: Downtown Somerset, PA, ½ hour drive from ski area.
Description: Join a dozen or more students enjoying two days of beginner- level instruction from seasoned volunteers, ranging from dry land to fixed stations to instructional tours, emphasizing safety and fun. Leader will determine if conditions are ski-able for trip or not. Will cancel for poor conditions.
Leader(s): Greg Westernik at westernik@earthlink.net, 703-866-4098
Cost: \$80 application fee covers lodging, share of admin expenses and free instruction. Meals, travel and any equipment rental expenses by student not included in fee.



Dates: Sunday, February 3 through Sunday, February 10, 2008 (7 nights, through Sunday am)
Trip: (*) Laurentians , Quebec , Canada (*) Passport Needed
Lodging: Two Rental houses. We can have leisurely evening meals (with wine and great conversation, of course).
Description: Fly to/from Montreal; use rental vehicles to reach the Laurentians and commute to x-country ski touring areas in beautiful Quebec. Among these are Val-Morin, Val-David, Ste-Agathe-Des-Montes, and the two ski centers in the Mont Tremblant national park. A vacation in Quebec is like a vacation in Europe, without having to cross the ocean. The culture! The food! The snow! Les pistes! Nous avion le plus grand. Most Quebecois speak excellent English. (<http://www.skidefondmont-tremblant.com/eng/index.php>)
Leader(s): Robert Swennes 703-532-6101 robertswennes@hotmail.com
Cost: \$600 (payable to STS) includes lodging, local transportation, in-house meals and beverages. Additional \$ for airfare, ski center fees, etc.



Dates: Thursday, February 7 through Sunday, February 10, 2008 (3 nights) GO SNOW OR NO
Trip: Canaan Valley, West Virginia
Lodging: We will stay in a deluxe cabin in Canaan Valley State Park. 4 bedrooms with 2 double beds, 2 baths, fireplace, living room, kitchen, and dishwasher...all the comforts of home. Indoor swimming pool, hot tub, and sauna in the lodge are just a short drive from the cabin.
Description: Ski on trails out the front door of the cabin or drive to White Grass Ski Touring Center or Blackwater Falls State Park! We will have a pot luck dinner on Friday night. If there is no snow, we will hike in Canaan Valley and/or Blackwater Falls State Parks or Dolly Sods wilderness. Optional dinner one night at the White Grass Cafe. There will be no cancellations if there is no snow.
Leader(s): Kathy and Elliot Brumberger kathybrum@comcast.net
Cost: \$100 per person.

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Dates: Thursday, February 14 through Tuesday, February 19, 2008 (5 nights)

Trip: (*) Stowe, Vermont (*)

Lodging: Butternut Inn, Bed and Breakfast, with lounge areas, refrigerator etc.

Description: Over 200 miles of trail in the Green Mts. (just as beautiful as NH), some right out the door and 5 minutes away. Ski touring Centers include Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe Trails, Craftsberry, Bolton. Excellent restaurants for dinner.

Leader(s): Peggy Alpert, 301-946-4497, mountainmama15@verizon.net

Cost: \$325 (payable to Margaret Alpert) for 6 min. includes lodging and breakfast. Additional \$ for airfare (to/from Burlington, VT), car rentals, lunch and dinner.



Dates: Friday night, February 15 through Monday, February 18, 2008

Trip: Ski -Dance, Camp Harmony - Laurel Highlands, Pennsylvania

Lodging: Camp Harmony: Small lodge with communal rooms and dormitory-style rooms; meals included.

Description: This unique event in its 24th year combines daily cross-country skiing with evening contra dancing accompanied by live musicians and callers. No dance experience is required. Music performed by Dave Weisler and the Avant Gardeners. Dances called by Susan Hankin & Bob Mathis. Camp Harmony has over 100 acres for cross-country skiing (depending of course, on snow conditions), which include several different types of habitat. There are large open fields, mature forest areas, and more. Camp Harmony is adjacent to the Quemahoning Reservoir. Other cross-country skiing areas and downhill skiing are available at Hidden Valley, Seven Springs, and Laurel Ridge State Park which are only a short drive away. Singles, couples, and families are welcomed to this event. The weekend will NOT be cancelled for lack of snow. More information at www.skidance.com.

Leader(s): Eliot Applestein eliotapplestein@verizon.net, 301-984-6855, and Bob Mathis, 301-589-7539, tali-bob@starpower.net

Cost: \$5 for infants - 2 years; \$75 for children 3 - 13 years; \$160 for adult members of PATC (STS) and the Sierra Club; \$170 for all others.



Dates: Friday night, February 15 through Monday, February 18, 2008 (3 nights) NO SNOW, NO GO

Trip: Laurel Highlands, Pennsylvania

Lodging: Super 8 Motel, Somerset, Pennsylvania

Description: Ski at Laurel Ridge State Park (ski rentals available), Forbes State Forest, Laurel Mountain, Kooser State Park, and Hidden Valley (XC and downhill). All levels of skiers can be accommodated.

Leader(s): Bob Leaf 301-977-6561; roberto.leaf@gmail.com

Cost: \$110 per person, payable to Robert Leaf. Non STS members \$120. Meals extra; car pools to be arranged.



Dates: Friday night, February 22 through Sunday, February 24, 2008 GO SNOW OR NO

Trip: Blackwater Falls, West Virginia (trip goes if no snow)

Lodging: Blackwater Falls Lodge

Description: Ski beautiful Blackwater Falls State Park. (see above) A detailed trip itinerary, prepared in accordance with expected weather, will be provided to all registrants approximately one week prior to the trip. Space is limited. There will be a waiting list.

Leader(s): Larry Doff Doff@yahoo.com or 703-615-3195

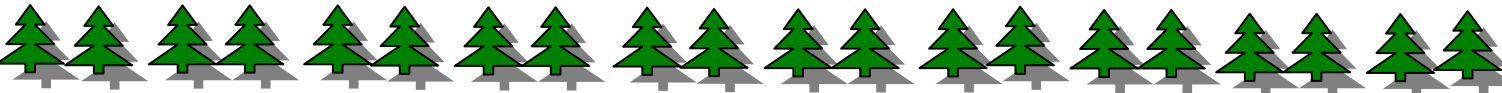
Cost: \$101 which includes lodging and Lodge amenities. Transportation, food and other activities, extra.

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Dates: Friday night, February 29 through Sunday, March 2, 2008 (alt date if January has no snow)
Trip: Backbone Ski Farm, Garrett County, MD
Lodging:
Description:
Leader(s): Max Dubanski
Cost:



Dates: Friday night, February 29 through Sunday, March 2, 2008
Trip: Canaan Valley / Blackwater Falls, WV or Laurel Highlands, PA
Lodging: TBD
Description: This is the floater trip discussed in the first paragraph
Leader(s): TBA
Cost:



Dates: Tuesday, March 4 through Sunday, March 9, 2008
Trip: (*) Bryce Canyon & Cedar Breaks, Utah (*)
Lodging: 1 night in Las Vegas and 4 nights at grand Ruby's Inn complex just outside Bryce Canyon.
Description: This is a "guaranteed snow" trip. How can we make that rash a prediction for March? Simple. Elevation. Bryce lies at 8000 ft. and Cedar Breaks at 10,000 ft. Both are landscapes of gently rolling hills with a mix of evergreen forests and snow-covered grasslands. Both have red-rock canyons and astounding "hoodoo" sandstone features found nowhere else in the world. The color contrasts of red cliffs, green trees, and white snow overlay are magical. (see <http://www.utahoutdoors.com/pages/brycewinter.htm>).
Leader(s): Rob Swennes 703-532-6101 robertswennes@hotmail.com
Cost: \$325/person for 5 nights of lodging and all ground transportation in Utah. Skiers pay for their air fare to/from Las Vegas and for all meals.



Dates: Friday night, March 7 through Sunday, March 9, 2008
Trip: Canaan Valley / Blackwater Falls, WV or Laurel Highlands, PA
Lodging: TBD
Description: This is another floater trip discussed in the first paragraph
Leader(s): TBA
Cost:

PATC-Ski Touring Section
c/o Doug Lesar
2507 Campbell Place
Kensington, MD 20895



To:

PATC Ski Touring Section Membership Form

The PATC/STS provides quality services and benefits to its cross-country skiing members while promoting and supporting the PATC and cross country skiing in general. Whether a novice, recreational, citizen racer or telemark skier, STS has something for every XC skier. Imagine yourself floating on the snow, climbing across hill and dale in the quiet of winter, stopping for lunch in brilliant sunshine on a vista with a view of snow-covered ridges and valleys stretching to the horizon, and then making a descent back to home. Our membership enjoys ski touring in the hills with the comradeship and safety of a group. When you become a member, you receive all issues of the club's newsletter UPSLOPE and other useful information. UPSLOPE is published six times a year by PATC/Ski Touring Section, a non-profit, educational and recreational group of cross-country skiing enthusiasts based in the Maryland, DC, Virginia, PA and West Virginia areas. UPSLOPE provides information about STS trips and events (e.g., Learn-To-XC-Ski weekends, Telemark instructional clinics, and mini-week ski trips). One year membership runs from October 1st through September 30th of the next year. If you join in April or later, your one year membership will run through September of the next year. To insure uninterrupted membership for more than one year, you may provide advance dues for up to three years. To join, select your desired membership category and term from the table below, complete this Form legibly, and send it with a check appropriate to your membership choice (payable to PATC Ski Touring Section) to:

PATC-Ski Touring Section, c/o Doug Lesar, 2507 Campbell Place, Kensington, MD 20895

Membership Classes

Membership Categories	1 Year Only	2 Years	3 Years
Individual	\$ 9	\$17	\$25
Family	\$13	\$24	\$35

PLEASE PRINT or TYPE THE INFORMATION BELOW !!!

Name(s): _____ Request is for: _____ - NEW Membership: _____

Address: _____ Today's Date: _____ - New Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - Renewal: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Add me to Annual member directory but do not list my: Home Ph.: __ ; Work Ph: __ ; Email: __;Postal Address: __

If checked, add me to STS LISTServ so I can get infrequent, adhoc announcements of local XC Ski activities: ____

If checked, add me to STS Bulk Email list so I get official club announcements important to all STS members: ____

NEW: If checked, send my UPSLOPE only electronically (no paper copy) to save the club copying and postage: ____

STS is an all-volunteer organization. We cannot function without the assistance of our members. If you are interested in volunteering to help STS in any of the following areas, please check the box and you will be contacted:

STS Officer ____ Publicity ____ XC Ski Instructor ____ Web Assistant ____ Ski Trip Leader ____ Special Events Coordinator ____