



# Outdoor Adventure For All Seasons at Champaign Ski Club

The Champaign Ski Club is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to making the joys of outdoor adventure available year-round to those of us living in the flatlands of Central Illinois. The club is open to all individuals and families who enjoy outdoor activities such as skiing, camping, whitewater rafting, canoeing and group adventure travel to distant lands. Seasonal activities include skiing in winter, kayaking and biking in spring, boat and farm parties in summer, and golf outings in fall. The club's activities encompass all age levels. Visit our web site for a monthly calendar of upcoming events and the club's newsletter with articles showing our recent adventures. If you like outdoor adventure, this club is for you.



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**Hiking and Camping:** What could be more fun than sitting around a campfire with a score of good friends? Typical venues include the Shawnee National Forest in far Southern Illinois or Shades State Park in Indiana. Kids of all ages can enjoy these trips...and bring along your dog too. Some pitch tents while others enjoy the luxury of large camper vans.

### Biking, Rollerblading, and still more:

There are a variety of bike trips throughout the warmer months that range from a day on some of the State's Rails-to-Trails routes to an afternoon of mountain biking at Kickapoo State Park. The Blade-and-Bike Ride goes from Parkland College to Savoy with a stop along the way for lunch. Take part in golf outings at top courses in Illinois and Wisconsin, pool parties, volleyball, square dancing, hay rides, swimming and much more. Activities exist for all ages and capabilities.



**Fun at Home, too:** Planned social activities are year round, and include a Margaritaville night, pork roast, boating weekend, chili cook-off, farm parties and a Holiday get-together. Each month, we congregate at a different pub for a First Friday Happy Hour. Most months include a House Party with a sharing of food and drinks — a great place to make new friends.



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**Alpine Ski Racing:** Do you watch the Olympic ski races? Then why not try it yourself? Our race team competes almost every weekend in the upper Midwest with other clubs who are members of the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council. Racers are grouped by age and ability — you don't have to be an expert to participate.



**European Ski Trips:** Every few years, the club makes a trip to the Alps. Recent trips include Chamonix in France and Innsbruck in Austria. Experiencing local cuisine and customs is a delight of these overseas trips. Optional side trips take one to Paris, Venice, etc.



**Après Ski:** Being at a ski resort with friends adds to the enjoyment of hot spas, banquets, sleigh-rides, ice skating, snowmobiling, fine dining, and more.



**World-Class Whitewater Rafting:** The club has taken on some of the most famous rafting venues: the Youghiogheny River in Pennsylvania, rivers in Western Costa Rica and a week's trip on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon of Arizona. Expect a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Expect to get wet!

**Warm Climate Trips:** Winter is not just for skiing! One trip a year ventures south to Mexico, Costa Rica or the Caribbean islands for sailing, swimming, exploring Mayan ruins, partying, snorkeling, diving, zip lining, rafting or just relaxing on the beach.



**Kayaking and Canoeing:** Enjoy the scenic beauty of the rivers of the Midwest on the many single day and weekend trips offered by the club. There are trips for every age and skill level. If you don't have a watercraft, members have some to share.



**Western Ski Trips:** Each year several week-long trips are organized to world-class ski areas such as Whistler in Canada; Vail and Aspen in Colorado; Park City, Utah; the Lake Tahoe area in California; Jackson Hole in Wyoming; Big Sky in Montana — the prime of North American ski resorts. Because of group rates, trip prices are hard to beat and include airfare, lodging, lift tickets, often many meals and more along with bus service between Champaign and the airport. You can spend each day skiing with a group sharing your level of ability.

**Midwestern Ski Trips:** Weekend trips to Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota provide an excellent opportunity for first-timers to learn to ski and for intermediate and advanced skiers to stay in shape and hone skills. Travel on these two-to-four day trips is by chartered bus from Champaign directly to the resort. Whole families participate on these minimum budget adventures. The New Year's trip often fills two buses and is a great way to spend the holiday with your family and friends.

