

The Liftline

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Be a Social Butterfly

- 6/1** 6PM - Happy Hour: Esquire Lounge
- 6/8-6/10** Illinois River Campout
- 6/16** 7PM - Garden Party, The Coleman's
- 6/23** SKI Golf, Bloomington

Details for these events, and a long-term calendar is available at our [Calendar](#) link.



We need you to Eat, Drink.... and Be Chatty!

The Champaign Ski Club will host a booth and membership drive at this year's Taste, coming up the weekend of June 22-24th. If you've ever had a good time on of our trips, come and tell about it! **We need volunteers** to staff the booth throughout the weekend. Answer questions, bring your photo album, wear your bibs - or just come as you are and give us a few hours of your time!

Taste Hours

Fri, 6/22: 5p-9p
Sat., 6/23: 11a-9p
Sun., 6/24: 12p-5

Please contact [Paul Tenczar](#) if you can assist at the booth at anytime throughout the weekend. More info about the weekend available at the [Park District](#) website.



Above: The Champaign Ski Club booth at our last appearance at the Taste of C-U in 2005



Contributors Welcome!

We invite your trip stories, suggestions for articles, event recaps and more. Please submit information to champaignskievents@yahoo.com

A Sneak Peak at some Destination Possibilities by *Dennis Coleman*

Nine Club members traveled to Chicago on Saturday May 19th to attend the Annual Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) Trip Seminar. The attendance seemed a little lower this year, but most of the major ski resorts were represented. We divided up into three different groups, each with the task of locating good trips for next year. The Haydels and Paul Tenczar went searching for a Spring Break trip, the Jannushs and Steve Maloney checked out various Midwest options, and the Crawfords and I looked into other western trips. Virtually nothing is cast in stone yet as we must wait until we receive formal quotations, but I think we are going to have a very exciting schedule next year!

Here is a tentative list (and in some cases this is “very tentative”) of what is currently being considered.

- 12/29 - 1/1 New Years Trip – Somewhere in the Midwest. Maybe Michigan, maybe Minnesota, maybe somewhere else.
- 1/12 - 1/19 Steamboat Springs - Direct flight from Chicago, slope-side condos. A fantastic trip.
- 1/26 - 1/27 Instructional Clinic - Schuss Mtn., Michigan. Free lessons at all levels.
- 2/2 – 2/9 Big Mountain, Montana - Joint trip with the Ski Council of Illinois (SKI)
- 2/16 - 2/18 Presidents Day Weekend - Midwest trip. Possibly Searchmont.
- 2/29 – 3/? Alaska. View the start of the Iditarod Dog Race and ski Alyeska.
- 3/15 – 3/22 Spring Break – Somewhere west. Sites from which proposals have thus far been received are Jackson Hole, Breckenridge, Aspen, and Panorama. Other proposals are still expected, including Park City and Ogden Utah. We’re still looking for the best deal.

With four major trips (five if you count New Years) this is a very aggressive schedule. Obviously none of us can afford the time and/or money to go on all of these trips, but isn't it nice to have attractive choices? The only way that we can support such a varied schedule is to keep our membership up. The more members we have in the Club, the more trips we can run, and the greater our choices.

In talking to members of some of the other ski clubs in the area, it is obvious that our club is doing much better than most. It think that's because of all of the varied activities we have (we're really not just a ski club) and of the core of dedicated people who keep the Club going. This is an appeal to everyone to do their part to continually bring in new members. If you have a friend, or a neighbor, or a relative that you think might be interested in the Club, please bring them along to a Club event. And when you old, I mean “existing” members see someone new at a happy hour or a house party, make them feel welcome. That person might just become the new member that makes the difference between go and no-go on your favorite trip next spring. And sign up with Paul to help at the Taste of Champaign.

Did you know...

The Lifeline is also the newsletter of The Pentagon Ski Club?

Did you know...

The Pentagon even had a ski club?!

Don't Forget to Join Us for Warm Weather Fun...

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Tyler Ricketts
Randy & Judy Haydel
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On the second and third weekend in April, several paddlers cruised different sections of The Salt Fork River near Oakwood, IL. The second journey became known as 'Coyote Ugly Day', with three sightings of the wiley critters. Along with members of the Mackinaw Canoe Club, the whole group was fortunate, as this was to become possibly...



The Best Day Ever!

By Mike Metz- On Sunday April 29, ten members of CSC ventured over to Attica, IN for the most incredible day of paddling that I can remember in ten years of doing Big Pine Creek. Weather was perfect: temperature near 80, few clouds. The water level was ideal (about a foot at Rainsville bridge). We set out at 11:30 a.m The first two miles of Big Pine have some of the best mild whitewater in the state, including a half mile stretch we call "The Shingles", named for the constant small rock drops. The second major wave here crashed over the side of Kelli and my open canoe and tipped us. The same thing happened to Tony and Deb right behind us - also in an open canoe. No big deal. We easily dragged our boats to shore and emptied the water, then continued enjoying the wild ride without further incident. All the kayakers made it through without a hitch. Every one made it through the "S" curve (another set of class 1 or 2 rapids).

We moved along, enjoying the beautiful scenery, including rock cliffs and overhangs, new budding trees, hawks, geese and many other river birds. Two tipovers were experienced by our friends in kayaks. We will only reveal who if you join us next time! After the near perfect day on the water, we all gathered for food and refreshments at El Toro East in St. Joe. Come join us next time before we run out of water. See you out there!
(See list at left for participants)

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Could this be you ?

Upcoming Events

June, 2007

Fri	1		6PM - First Friday Happy Hour ~ Esquire Lounge, 106 N. Walnut, Champaign
Fri	8-10	 	Illinois River Campout ~ Illini State Park, Marseilles, IL. Camp Friday & Saturday nights. Paddle the Big Bureau Creek at 10AM Saturday. Bike the Illinois-Michigan Canal Trail on Sunday. Mike Metz @ 417-9595 for more info.
Sat	16		7PM - House Party ~ Eileen & Dennis Coleman, 2612 S. Nottingham Ct, Champaign Here's your chance to get a "sneak peak" at one of the sites on the Champaign-Urbana Master Gardener's Walk! (On street parking is limited; please see map below)
Wkd	22-24		Membership Drive ~ Taste of Champaign-Urbana, West Side Park, Champaign. Volunteer a few hours of your weekend to man the Ski Club booth at Taste of CU. We'll be answering questions and providing information for prospective new members. Sign up for a shift with Paul Tenczar
Sat	23		11AM - SKI Golf ~ Highland Park Golf Course, Bloomington. Presented by Ski Kouncil of Illinois. Choose 9 or 18 holes - both best position events. Dinner and awards at 4PM, Grill Street Sports Bar & Restaurant, Bloomington. Sign up by June 8th -Judy @352-7254

