

NEW MEXICO CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR THE 2024-2025 SEASON

ANNUAL DUES

Summer may still be in full swing, but now is a great time to renew your NMCCSC membership! Ski season will be upon us before we know it. If you would like to renew, please visit the membership website at: <https://www.nmccscmembership.org>.

Members can also go Membership -> Member Login, login to your account, and scroll down to click the "Renewal" button. Payment can be with credit card or PayPal.

Rates for the 2024/2025 season:

Individual Membership: \$25

(Children <18 are free with a member parent)

Household Membership: \$45

(Use discount code

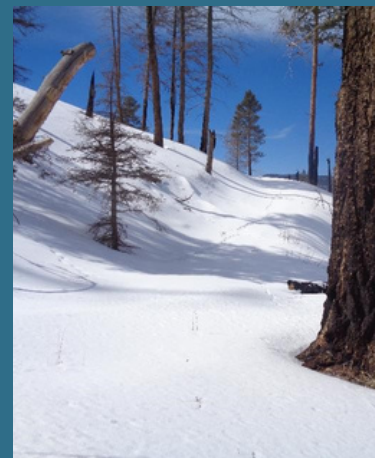
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Under-40 years old (First year only): \$1

(Use discount code UNDER40NEW)

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sept 15, 2024

What: Club Annual Picnic

Where: Oak Flats picnic grounds on South Highway 14 in the Manzano Mountains

Details: The club will provide hamburgers, hot-dogs, and non-alcoholic beverages. Look out for an e-mail from Steve Gendron (gendrons@msn.com) with more information & a request for volunteers

Sept 26, 2024

What: First Board Meeting of the 2024/2025 ski season - Starts at 7pm

Where: Online via Zoom

Details: Board meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month.

Oct 10, 2024

What: First membership meeting of the 2024/2025 ski season - Starts at 7pm

Where: Lomas Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112

Details: Membership meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Dana Price will talk about her trip to Finland at this month's meeting. Contact Bill Heitz, NMCCSC Club President, for any specific agenda items.

Nov 15-17, 2024

What: 2024 NM Ski Swap

Where: Expo NM - [300 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108](#)

Details: Details and information can be found [here](#). Follow NM Ski Swap on Facebook to get on their e-mail listserv, qualify for free entry coupons on Saturday/Sunday, & to win entry to the Friday night VIP sale & swap bucks. Volunteers are needed for the NMCCSC table on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Contact club VP Mary K. Gallagher if you're interested in volunteering.

Jan 18-20, 2025

What: Grouse Creek Yurt Trip

Where: Near La Jarosa Peak, Colorado

Details: Join is for a weekend of skiing in the Colorado backcountry. The [Grouse Creek Yurt](#) is a 4-mile ski in from the highway, with 1k elevation gain, rewarded with beautiful views of 14er Sierra Blanca from the deck. Email David D'Antonio for more information.

Jan 25-29, 2025

What: Chuck's Cabin Hut Trip

Where: Vail Pass, Colorado

Details: This exciting hut trip will be suitable for beginners. The group will head to the [Shrine Mountain Inn](#), at 11,223 elevation. Participants will depart ABQ on Jan 25th, ski in to the hut on the 26th, and stay for 3 nights. More information on Page 3, below.

Feb 7-10, 2025

What: Spruce Hole Yurt Trip

Where: Near La Manga Pass in southern Colorado

Details: The club will be organizing a Presidents Day weekend trip to the Spruce Hole Yurt (more information on the yurt can be found [here](#)). This trip will be suitable for all abilities. More details to follow.

Feb 16-18, 2025

What: Club Bus/Car Trip

Where: Crested Butte, Colorado

Details: Back by popular demand, the club will be resuming the bus/car trip. This year we will be heading north to check at the incredible XC skiing in Crested Butte, CO and staying at the [Old Town Inn](#). Additional details (including whether the club will be renting a bus) and sign-ups coming soon!



CLICK [HERE](#) TO SEE A SHORT VIDEO ABOUT THE HUT

CHUCK'S CABIN - HUT TRIP DETAILS

BEGINNER'S TAKE NOTE!

The club will be going to [Shrine Mountain Inn](#) just off of Vail Pass at 11,223 feet above sea level. The ski in from Vail Pass is a mere 2.7 miles, with less than 700 feet elevation gain. We will be staying at Chuck's Cabin (one of a group of 3 huts in the area).

The trail is well-used and easy to follow, with no identifiable avalanche hazard. Chuck's is divided into two halves, upstairs and downstairs. We will occupy the entire hut. Both floors have running hot and cold water, flush toilets, a shower (downstairs) and a bathtub (upstairs). Heat is provided by a wood burning stove, and there are propane stoves and an electric oven for cooking. Firewood is provided as are cooking and dining pots/pans /utensils/plates/bowls, etc. There is also a wood-fired outdoor sauna that is shared by the three cabins!

Most of the skiing around the hut will be Nordic style touring, although more challenging terrain can be found nearby. Because of the short distance from the highway, skiers always have the option of returning to the parking area and driving elsewhere to ski.

While beginner hut skiers will be interested in this trip, it must be noted that it is NOT for novice skiers. Participants must be able to ski at Class II level while carrying a backpack. This trip is by no means restricted to beginners; experienced hut skiers who are down for a mellow hut experience will want to join in!

For first timers, the trip leader will be readily available to help with planning, including what to take and what to expect on the trip. All carpool and motel arrangements are coordinated by the trip leader. We will have group dinners prepared by volunteers from the group.

We will leave Albuquerque on Saturday, January 25, 2025. We will most likely drive to Leadville on the first day and motel it for the evening. We will drive to the trailhead and ski in to the hut on Sunday, January 26. We will stay for three nights, skiing out on Wednesday, January 29. We will likely drive home the same day, although we always allow an extra day to get home, so plan on a possible total of six days.

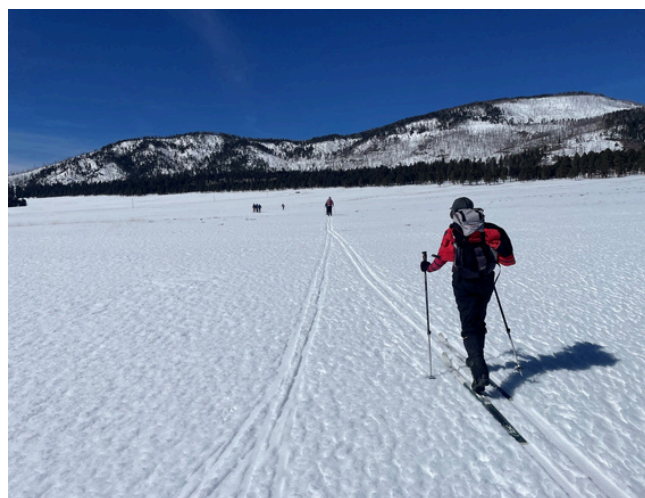
Sign up begins immediately, but leader approval is required. Contact Guy Miller at HutTrips@nmccskiclub.org or call/text at (505) 306-2628. **Trip is limited to 12 skiers. As of press time, five spots remain. These spots will go FAST!**

Cost is **\$230/person** (exclusive of en route transportation & lodging expenses)

Have ideas for great trails to ski this winter? Want to get involved in trail maintenance? Have ideas for skills you'd like to build this season? Contact one of the NMCCSC board members with questions. (Contact information for all board members can be found on the last page of this newsletter).
We'd love to hear from you!

WINTER 2023/2024 RECAP

We were fortunate to have a season full of snow this past winter! The club organized numerous trips, including ski outings to the Valles Caldera National Preserve and the wider Jemez Mountains, such as Corral Canyon, Coyote Call Trail, Redondo Meadow, and East Fork Trail. Groups also contributed to trail maintenance and attended club presentations and gatherings through the 2023/2024 season. A huge thank you to all of the trip leaders and organizers! We are excited about the 2024/2025 season, and are crossing our fingers for another snow-filled winter!



NEWSLETTER IDEAS?

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR
YOUR SUGGESTIONS!

Have content you'd like to share? Photos of the snow or skiers you think should be included? Topics you'd like to see covered?

Please e-mail Kristen Little (little31k@gmail.com) with ideas or suggestions for future newsletters.

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