

NEW MEXICO CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR THE 2024-2025 SEASON

ANNUAL DUES

With some early season snow, many club members have already been hitting the trails this season. Make your season all that much better by taking advantage of the resources, meet-ups, trips, and other benefits of being a club member. If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership for the 2024/2025 season by visiting the club website at ski.nmccskiclub.org.

Existing members can go to Membership -> Member Login, login to your account, and scroll down to click the "Renewal" button. Prospective members should go to Members -> Join Us.

Rates for the 2024/2025 season:

Individual Membership: \$25

(Children <18 are free with a member parent)

Household Membership: \$45

(Each household member must renew through their individual account. The second household member can use the discount code for \$5 off their individual membership. Use discount code 2NDHOUSEHOLDMEMBER)

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

(Use discount code UNDER40NEW)

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Jan 6, 2025

What: New Member & Novice Skier Zoom Get-Together

Where: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/98245512496>
(Password: NMCCSC)

Details: The membership chair & other board members are hosting an online meet-up for new members & novice skiers from 7-8pm. This is an opportunity for members to think together about ways to improve the club and our cross-country skiing experiences. Nancy Shane (nmccsc.membership@gmail.com) can answer any questions. Registration on website optional, but appreciated.

Jan 8th 2025

What: Skiers under 40 Zoom Get-Together

Where: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/93546486310>
(Password: NMCCSC)

Details: If you are a club member <40 please join the membership chair and other youthful club members from 7-8pm to discuss how we might improve the club experience for this group. Please contact Nancy (nmccsc.membership@gmail.com) with questions. Registration on website.

Jan 18-20, 2025

What: Grouse Creek Yurt Trip

Where: Near La Jarosa Peak, Colorado

Details: Join us 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 (lbghose@aol.com) for more information.

Jan 18th 2025

What: Chama Chile Ski Classic (Race)

Where: Near Chama, New Mexico

Details: One of the oldest cross-country ski races in the country (running for over 50 years), the Chile Ski Classic is fun for all ages, abilities, and styles, with race distances ranging from 1K (for the rookies) to 12K for classic, skate, and wooden XC skis. There's even a snowshoe race! Go to www.chamachileskiclassic.com 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 into the hut on the 26th, and stay for 3 nights. Contact Guy Miller (xcskiboy@aol.com) for more information

Feb 7-10, 2025

What: Club 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 out the incredible XC skiing in Crested Butte, CO and staying at the [Old Town Inn](#). Additional details and sign-ups coming soon--**Spots Limited!** Contact Guy Miller (xcskiboy@aol.com) with any question.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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Feb 16-18, 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.

AVALANCHE AWARENESS CLASS

MORE ON HOW TO STAY SAFE THIS WINTER FROM BRYAN TAYLOR

This class covers basic avalanche awareness and avoidance. Keep yourself and your ski buddies safe by getting the latest information on how, where, when, and why avalanches happened. This course is taught by Bryan Taylor, a certified instructor, and will take place immediately before the December meeting

When: December 12, 2024 from 6-7pm

Where: Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Blvd, Albuquerque, NM 87112

Take advantage of this opportunity to brush up on your knowledge or learn about avalanche risk and risk mitigation from an expert!



HOLIDAY CLUB MEETING

WHAT BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON THAN TALKING ABOUT SKIING WITH FRIENDS? (OTHER THAN ACTUALLY SKIING WITH FRIENDS, THAT IS)

Our December meeting will include an avalanche refresher session with Bryan Taylor, followed by a potluck style refreshment time. Marcia asks all club members attending the December meeting to bring their favorite holiday treat to share, and to wear your fancy holiday clothes (ugly Christmas sweaters are welcome!)

We will also hear updates on the Crested Butte car trip, the Yurt trips, and the Hut trip (more information on signing up for these events below), as well as the class schedule this season.

Dana Price is working on a slate of opportunities to learn new skills or improve your existing abilities. Classes for the 2024/2025 season will include beginner cross-skiing, intermediate skills, telemark skiing, avalanche awareness and practice, and a cross-country ski clinic with Jon Delios

CLUB T-SHIRTS

Members have recently expressed interest in club t-shirts. **Would anyone be interested in working on an ad-hoc committee to design a new t-shirt for the club?** We would like to invite members to create a design. If there are several designs submitted, we would vote on a winner! We are open to any ideas. We will keep the current logo (the skiers on a hill) and add a new graphic. Please contact any of the Board members if you are interested.



YURT AND CAR TRIP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW FOR THIS SEASON'S CLUB SKI ADVENTURES

Registration for the Crested Butte Car Trip opened on Sunday, December 8th at 5pm. The trip will be held from February 7-10th and promises to be a fabulous weekend of skiing. **At the time of this writing, there were 11 (of 37) spots available.** Sign-ups are first-come, first-serve, so don't wait to reserve your spot! Please visit the [website](#) for more information (Go to the calendar and click the "Car trip to Crested Butte on February 7-10th). To reserve your spot, log-in under "Membership", go to the calendar to select the trip, register, and pay.

There are also still spots available for the Grouse Creek Yurt Trip (January 18th-20th) and the Spruce Hole Yurt Trip (February 16-18th). Register through the website. E-mail David D'Antonio with any questions (lbghose@aol.com)



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

NEW TO CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING?
AVALANCHE BEACON SKILLS RUSTY?
TELE-CURIOUS? JOIN THE CLUB FOR
SOME LEARNING SESSIONS THIS
SEASON!

Dana Price and our roster of incredible instructors are planning for a great season of instruction, including classroom sessions, virtual classes, on-the-snow practice, and hands-on skills building. While dates are still being finalized, below is a sense of the learning opportunities in store for club members this season:

Beginners Classroom Session: Introduction to Cross-Country Skiing

In-Person Only

Tuesday, December 17, 2024
6-7pm at the International District
Library

Beginners Virtual Class (Same Content as the Introduction to Cross- Country Skiing class above, but offered online)

Zoom

Thursday December 19, 2024

Beginners On-the-Snow Ski Day

In person

January 4th, 2025 (Conditions permitting) at the Ellis Trailhead in the Sandias. Interested folks should sign up on the calendar on the club's website. Please watch for e-mail updates (and pray for snow) as the date gets closer.

Avalanche Beacon & Buddy Rescue Practice

In-Person

January 5, 2025. Will be taught by Bryan Taylor

Intermediate Downhill Instruction

In-Person

Date is still TBD. If interested, keep an eye out for e-mails from Dana

Jon Dellios' Clinic

In-Person

Date is still TBD. If interested, keep an eye out for e-mails from Dana

Telemark Practice Day

In-Person

February 22, 2025. Taught by Barry Ritchey at Ski Santa Fe.

MORE DETAILS ON THESE OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING FINALIZING DATES FOR SOME OF THE SESSIONS, WILL BE COMING SOON. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT INSTRUCTION, OR IDEAS FOR POTENTIAL COURSE, PLEASE CONTACT DANA PRICE AT DANA_PRICE@GMX.COM.

FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP OR GETTING MORE DETAILS ON THE CLUB'S LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE SEE THE EVENTS AND SIGN-UP ON THE CLUB'S CALENDAR.

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