



Red River Overnight Car trip

Red River Week-end of Feb 23-24, 2019, is open to everyone in the Ski club to join in on Class 1, 2 & 3 cross country ski tours. Preliminary details:

Staying the week-end at the Golden Eagle Lodge in Red River,
(Golden Eagle Lodge & Elk Ridge lodge are next to each other. They are run by the same family)

<http://www.redriverlodges.com>

Skiing Enchanted Forest Nordic area on Saturday

<https://enchantedforestxc.com>

The Plan:

Fri, 2/22/19, Drive or Carpool to Red River, NM

Sat, 2/23/19, Ski Enchanted Forest: Just Desserts Event, Cost \$30, does not include rentals

Happy hour & Potluck at the Golden Eagle Lodge in Red River

Sun, 2/24/19, AM cross country ski tour in National Forest, TBD, Class 1, 2 & 3

Drive back to Albuquerque

Ruth Bargman-Romero and Scott Mitchell will be planning this outing together.

- We will be coordinating carpools
- Assist with people who book but are looking for roommates to share hotel costs
- Enchanted forest, \$20 for all day ski pass, \$10 for special event- Just desserts event
- Potluck information
- Sunday ski information

Skiing:

Ruth- Focus on Class 1 Skiers

Scott- Work with Class 2-3 Ski tour leaders for Sunday ski tour

Stay tune for more information coming your way.

Ruth and Scott

Board Positions - Volunteers

The membership will vote on board member positions at the March general meeting. Presently, it appears we will need volunteers/nominees for the position of President, Website, Co-Bus Chair. The reward for being on the board is friendship and camaraderie of fellow skiers, satisfaction of contributing, and appreciation of behind the scenes efforts. The club is dependent upon the board positions being filled. Please consider serving the club.

Chama hotel Overnight Car trip

A traditional club favorite outing is an overnight car trip to Chama, staying in a hotel and taking day trips in the tracks of the Sargeant Wildlife Management area and the untracked trails of the Cumbres Pass area. Are you interested in joining a trip to Chama? Are you interested in leading such a trip or one of the day skis? If so, please contact Scott Mitchell.

Instruction

NMCCSC Annual Telemark Ski Lessons:

When: Sunday, Feb 10, 2019, Basic Beginner AM & More advanced PM

Where: Santa Fe Ski Area

Who: Must be a member of the NM Cross Country Ski Club

Participants will need a lift ticket, the specific ski hill determined by snow conditions.
More detailed information to come.

Yurt trip to Chama area

The trip to Grouse Creek Yurt, is scheduled for February 22-24.

More info on the yurts here.

<https://southwestnordiccenter.com/yurts/grouse-creek-yurt/>

Contact Scott Mitchell regarding openings and sign up.

The club has visited Grouse Creek Yurt before and had a wonderful time with plenty of snow, despite it being a dry year. On the layover day we had an exploratory loop adventure to the high country.

February Program

Four-week hiking and trekking trip to western China and Tibet. NM Cross Country Ski Club members hiked in several national parks in 22,000 foot mountain range in southwestern China, and trekked around Mt. Kailash, the most sacred mountain in Tibet. Hear about this area from a perspective that does not mirror a guide book.

Bus Trips for 2019

The Leadville trip was filled to capacity. The Ouray trip was cancelled as insufficient registrations were received. Your Bus Trip leaders to replace this trip with a Pagosa Springs destination could not be supported by the bus company.

Tele Ski Bargain

A pair of Black Diamond tele skis 170cm long for \$100 will be on sale at the next general meeting. Carl Smith can entertain questions regarding the skis.



Perter Estin Hut – Trip report

Guy and 15 skiers found snow conditions that are typical of the Colorado high country. Splendid, for kick and glide, turning in soft snow, and all but the largest obstacles buried under a nice base.

Local Trip Reports

A few people were making trips to Santa Fe ski area before Christmas. Snowstorms since Christmas day have been drawing people to the Jemez and Sandia Mountain. Highway access to the Sandias was challenging at times. The best snow in years is allowing people to ski lower elevation trails, find fun snow in meadows which are typically wind blasted, or slithering through the trees between the highway and the ski area.

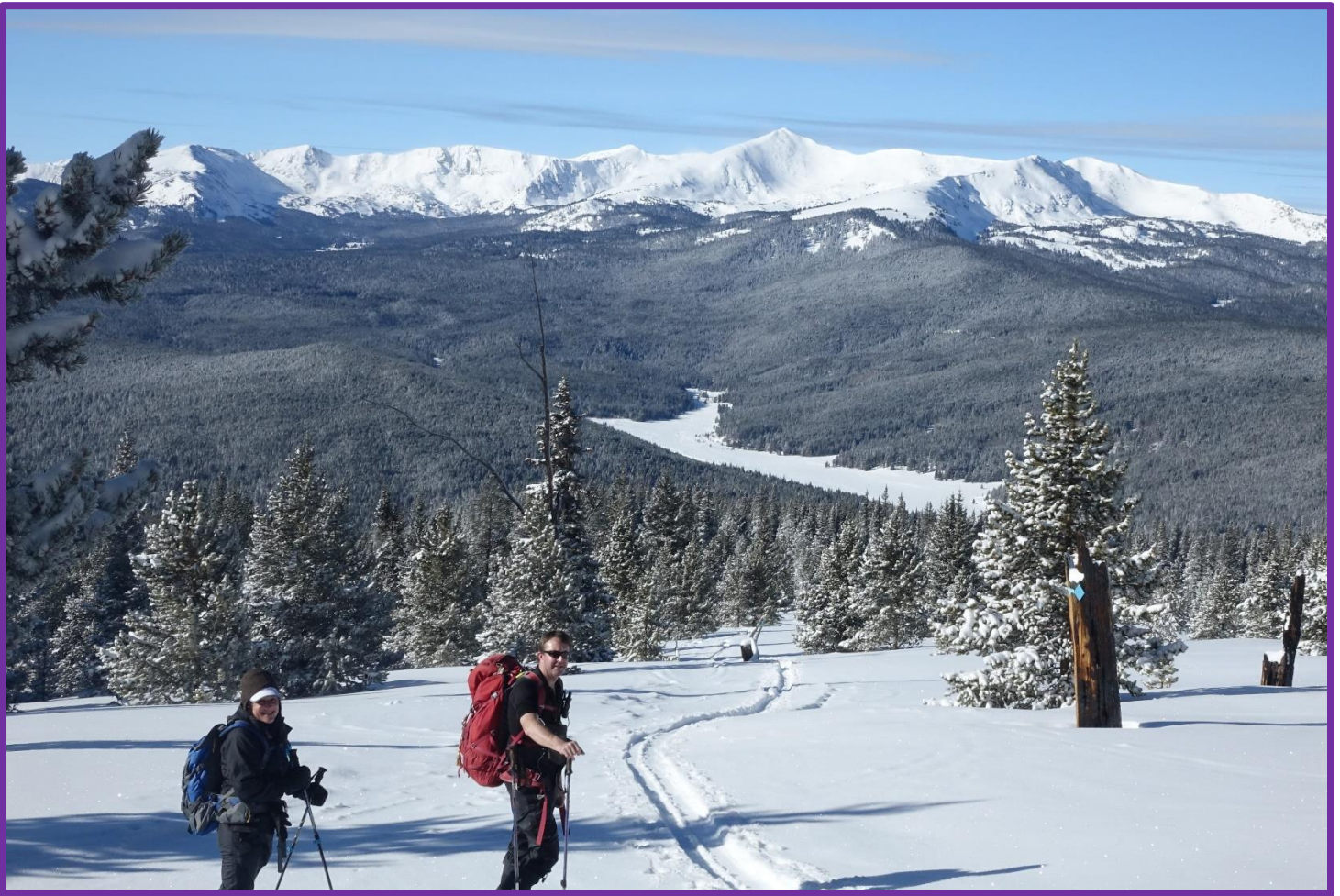
Leadville Bus – Trip report

Leadville: Out & back trips, loop trips from the fish hatchery trailhead (downhill from town) found good snow all day Saturday, Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon, the downhill grades transitioned to no effort gliding and fast gliding. Mineral Belt Loop, good kick and glide for the duration of the trip. Tennessee Pass, clears skies on Saturday morning giving way to clouds kept the snow in consistent conditions. Skiers at the Fish Hatchery trailhead were greeted by a bald eagle, only a few yards from the bus. Following are some pictures from Leadville (thank you Carl, Paul and Cathy)









Facebook Page

There is a Facebook page dedicated to the ski club. It is not an official page that is used to post club news or trip announcements but an unofficial page that some members have started to share trip pictures and the like. The page is titled 'NM Cross-country ski Club Group', the link is within the 'Finding Us' table in the newsletter. Bob Potter as administrator manages various permission settings (such as posting), access is available to all club members. If interested check it out.

Charitable Contributions

Opportunities to make a personal charitable contribution identified this year include Mineral Belt trail near Leadville, and snow removal from Sandia Mountain Parking lots. If you wish to support the maintenance of the Mineral Belt Trail, a donation can be sent to PO Box 862, Leadville Colorado, or the Lake County Recreation Department webpage. Closer to home, the Sandia Nordic Club has funded parking lot snow removal during the government shutdown, and they are receptive to contributions as well.

<i>Calendar of Events 2018-2019</i>		
Sunday	February 10	Telemark Lesson
Thursday	February 14 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club
Friday - Sunday	February 22 – February 24	Grouse Creek Yurt trip
Saturday-Sunday	February 23 – February 24	Beginner friendly overnight trip to Red River, NM. Compliments beginning ski lessons from January. Everyone welcome.
Thursday	March 14 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club

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Ratings		
Class	Vertical Climb (ft)	Distance (miles)
One	Less than 1000	Less than 5
Two	Less than 2000	Less than 5
Three	Greater than 2000	Greater than 10
Four	Unpatrolled, mountainous terrain, with the purpose of downhill skiing. Slopes can be greater than 25 degrees. Knowledge of use of climbing skins, avalanche gear needed.	
Steepness of slopes, skill level, and stamina can also dictate the ski tour rating. Please see the webpage for more information. http://nmccskiclub.org/ski-outings/		

Avalanche Outlook	
US	https://avalanche.org/
Canada	https://www.avalanche.ca/map
Taos	http://taosavalanchecenter.org
Crested Butte	http://cbavalanchecenter.org/
Northern NM	http://www.nmae.org/
Some of the sites from https://avalanche.org	
Colorado	http://avalanche.state.co.us/
Utah	https://utahavalanchecenter.org
Tetons	http://jhavalanche.org
Yellowstone	https://www.mtavalanche.com
Sawtooths	https://www.sawtoothavalanche.com
Central Sierra	https://www.sierraavalanchecenter.org
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