



LEWIS SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

April 2025



The Prez Says

We thank our outgoing officers for their service this year (and the Newsletter Editor thanks our wonderful outgoing President, Denise for her cheerful leadership).



Alpine VP Message

Greetings all. After many years serving as the Alpine VP I've decided to run for President of our club. I've enjoyed organizing our day trips and being involved with the week-long trips helping our trip leaders find answers and success in providing great trips to our members.

Announcing the newly elected officers for the Club following our April 1 Election (at the meeting):

President - Kim H.
Alpine - Mark M.
Nordic - Tom V

Publicity - Shari W.
Treasurer - Janet D.
Activities - Therese T.

Recorder - Allison W.

Web Curator – Aaron S.

Trustees –
Lisa F., Denise M., Valerie L.

Denise M.
President
Lewis Ski Club

As President, I plan to focus on our future in a changing environment. Membership has waned with the loss of group travel benefits. But we continue to serve a greater purpose, introducing you to like-minded people because we know that not all of our friends ski the same! I am looking forward to working with a new board. We have so much to offer and it's up to us to promote the club. We're already planning for trips in 26 & 27! Shari, one of our top trip leaders, is working behind the scenes with Sports America to prepare for Big Sky 2026. Twenty-eight spots will be available for registration on April 1st. Continue reading to learn about Big Sky lift improvements for the 25/26 season and how to save big on Ikon passes. I hope you will join us when we go BIG March 21-28, 2026.

Kim H.
Alpine VP
Lewis Ski Club

Next meeting at the German Club in Olmsted Township
Tuesday, June 3
at Donauschwaben – 5-6pm Happy Hour in upstairs bar
6pm Ice Cream Social & meeting downstairs



**Message From the
Activities Director**

**Activity
Brainstorming
Session Results -**

We received so many good ideas from the brainstorming session last week at the Burntwood Tavern get-together that we are still sorting out the announcements! Some upcoming events include volleyball/campfires every Monday after Memorial Day at a member’s house in Fairview Park, bicycling at Presque Isle, various outdoor concerts, brewing and bottling beer at the Brew Kettle in July for our Annual Picnic (1st Tuesday in August), our Annual Camping Trip at West Branch State Park the weekend after the Picnic in August, Guardians Ball Game Labor Day Weekend and many more great events are coming soon!

News Flash – a few of us enjoyed a delicious fish dinner at the Irish American Club in Olmsted Falls on Friday, April 4. We enjoyed it so much, we want to do another fish fry next

Friday – April 11 since there’s an excellent Fish Fry in Strongsville at St. John Neumann’s church on Pearl Road. Let’s try to meet there at 5:30pm and find each other to get in line for some great food! For more info: <https://clevelandmagazine.com/food-drink/fish-fries/articles/fish-fry-we-love-st-john-neumann-church>

Then, on the following Friday (April 18), there is an excellent Fish Fry at the **Strongsville VFW** (rated 5 stars and recommended by our Treasurer, Janet!). Let’s try to meet there at 5:30pm also – at 17900 Strongsville Blvd., Strongsville.

Therese T.
Activities VP
Lewis Ski Club

**Ski Season 2026 is just
around the corner...**

Big Sky (2026)

Let’s start thinking about our next ski season – check out the newest information about Big Sky in the next section of this newsletter.

? (2026)

Let’s talk about our next ski trip destination – where would you like to go? Give your input to the Ski Club officers – or let us know at the June 3rd Ice Cream Social Meeting.

COME SKI WITH US UNDER THE BIG SKY IN MONTANA!

March 21 –28, 2026



Your Package Includes

7-night stay at Huntley Lodge (2 Queen beds)

Ski in/ski out from the main base + complimentary ski valet.

Roundtrip flights from Cleveland, OH to Bozeman, MT.

Roundtrip transportation from BZN to Huntley Lodge + grocery stop and portage.

Welcome reception, daily breakfast and mid-week dinner.



Located at 7,500' in the heart of Mountain Village! Every room features a wet bar, coffee maker, refrigerator, TV, seating area and daily house-keeping.

Questions?

bigsky2026@lewisskiclub.org

To register:

sportsamerica.com/online/lewisbigsky

\$1,670 + air and lift ticket

Group airfare is not currently priced into the package but will be added once flights are released in early May.



Lift options

The **lowest price** for an adult 5-day lift ticket is the Freestyle pass purchased directly from Big Sky Resort for **\$510**. Pricing for other age groups is also available. These costs will increase on May 8th.

Or **save big** with wholesale Ikon prices using our special link: sportsamerica.com/ikon-lewis. Find password by logging in at lewisskiclub.org.

Guests who purchase an Ikon pass through Sports America will have **6.5% of the cost of your pass deducted from the final balance due for your trip!** Ikon Base Pass includes 5 days at Big Sky.



Mountain Facts

Big Sky Resort is known for its expansive terrain, offering something for every level of skier and rider. With 40 lifts, 5,850 acres of skiable terrain and 4,350 vertical feet, this winter wonderland promises an adventure like no other.

50/50 beginner-advanced terrain split

400" of annual snowfall

58" average March snowfall

320 named trails

Payment Schedule

\$550 Deposit

\$550 7/30/25

\$570 9/30/25

\$TBD 1/15/26



EXPLORER GONDOLA – A NEW CHAPTER IN BIG SKY’S LEGACY

Coming winter 2025-26, a new two-stage gondola will replace the existing Explorer chair, extending all the way to The Bowl, while connecting to the lower terminal of the Lone Peak Tram. The gondola will load at the main base near Huntley Lodge, and transform access to the Explorer and northern Swift Current terrain while providing massive improvements to comfort and speed.



A project two years in the making, the Explorer Gondola is set to transform mountain access for skiers and riders of all abilities.

This world class technology replaces the last original Big Sky lift from 1973 and will revolutionize mountain access, provide seamless connectivity from the main base to beginner terrain via the mid-station and allow guests to travel all the way to the summit of

Lone Mountain through the new tram connection at the Gondola upper station.

“The Explorer Gondola represents more than just a new lift—it’s set to redefine the mountain experience at Big Sky by connecting guests to the mountain’s impressive beginner and advanced terrain”.

All 83 gondola cabins will be stored each evening within the 21,000-square-foot mid-station below-grade parking structure.

The **lowest price** for an adult 5-day lift ticket is the Freestyle Pass purchased directly from Big Sky Resort for **\$510**. Pricing for other age groups is also available. These costs will increase on May 8th.

Continue reading to learn how you can access Big Sky lifts at deeply discounted Ikon prices.

Be part of the story. Join us March 21 – 28, 2026!

BIG Savings on Ikon Purchases and Renewals



Sports America is providing our club with WHOLESALE pricing on Ikon Pass and Ikon Base Pass products.

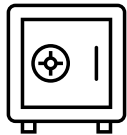
Renewals can also be purchased at the same low price offered directly through Ikon. (When the ikonpass.com renewal price expires, renewal pricing will still be available through our special link).

Members who register for Big Sky and purchase an Ikon pass through our link will have 6.5% of the cost of your desired pass deducted from the final balance due for your trip.

- \$ 869 adult Ikon Base Pass cost when purchased using our link
 - \$ 909 adult Ikon Base Pass cost when purchased directly from Ikon
 - \$ 859 renewal cost (same for both)
- (Base pass purchases can later be upgraded to an Ikon Pass).



- \$1,239 adult Ikon Pass cost when purchased using our link
- \$1,329 adult Ikon Pass cost when purchased directly from Ikon
- \$1,229 renewal cost (same for both)



Wholesale prices for a young adult (13-22), child (5-12) and children 4 and under is also available.

This special pricing is password protected. Obtaining the password is easy! Just email BigSky2026@LewisSkiClub.org.

Military, licensed nurse, and college discounted passes can be purchased directly through Ikon but will not be eligible for a rebate.

Epic Purchases and Renewals

Epic Passes can be purchased at the same price offered directly through Epic. Your purchase at www.sportsamerica.com/epic-lewis, helps support our club.