LEWIS SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

December 2026

Next up…

Membership meeting Tuesday, December 1st **Happy hour in the bar at 5pm – meeting begins at 6pm** **Potluck** **White Elephant Gift Exchange**
Location: Donauschwaben German American Culture Center at Lenau Park **7370 Columbia Rd, Olmsted Township**
Bring cash if you wish to participate in the 50/50 raffle + donations to our refreshment fund are always appreciated!

Coming up…

December 1st – White Elephant Gift Exchange & potluck (club will provide chicken and punch)

Coming soon…Our long awaited and much anticipated ski and ride season!

January 5th – Come celebrate 2027 with us!

February 2nd – Chili Cook-off



The most dangerous part of skiing?
Getting off the lift while everyone is watching.

You're invited to the

Lewis Ski Club

Holiday Meeting



Annual Potluck & Gift Exchange

Tuesday, December 1, 6pm

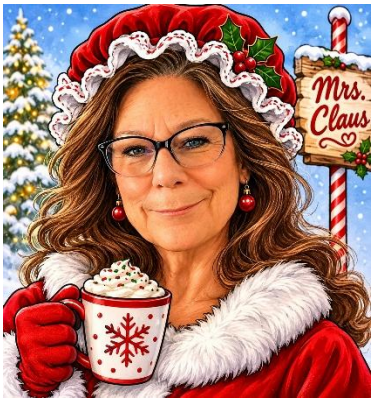
Celebrate the season with food, friends, and festive fun! Passport drawing winners will be announced!

Optional: Bring a dish to share and a new or gently used wrapped gift for the exchange!

Donauschwaben's German Center
7370 Columbia Rd, Olmsted Township, OH

Lewis Ski Club

Message from our President



Dear Lewis Ski Club Members,

Thank you for your commitment to our Chase Winter recruitment event. Your participation and enthusiasm helped make it a well-attended gathering and a wonderful *opportunity to share the spirit of our club*.

The robust conversations, the warm inviting winter decor, and delicious appetizers on the buffet made for a lively, welcoming atmosphere. The various table displays were exceptional, adding to the welcoming atmosphere and giving everyone plenty to explore and discuss. It was a pleasure to see members come together, connect with prospective members, and celebrate our shared excitement for winter.

We deserve an overall five-star rating for this event. It is a clear reflection of the energy and commitment you brought to the occasion. Thank you to everyone who helped make Chase Winter such a success.

A special note of gratitude to Katie G. for her professional graphic design skills that truly elevated the event.

Please join us on December 1 for our potluck and gift exchange meeting! The club will provide chicken and a nonalcoholic punch. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an evening of good food, friendship, and festive fun. Bring a new or gently used wrapped gift to participate in the fun! We will also draw prizes from our Chase Winter event during the meeting. We look forward to celebrating together!

As we look ahead to winter, let's carry that enthusiasm forward and continue making Lewis Ski Club a welcoming place for everyone who shares our love of the season. *I'm grateful for your support and excited for the adventures ahead*.

With so much appreciation,

Kim

Chasing Winter with Lewis Ski Club!













2027 week-long trips!

Mt. Bachelor, OR: March 13th – 20th, 2027 – LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!

Alpine VP Message



Before a single snowflake has fallen, ski club members are already claiming seats on our Holiday Valley (HV) bus trips. We've opened a few more seats for the January 8th HV trip, while the trip two weeks later and the February 24th-25th overnight trip each have only a handful left. All 12 of our seats for the February 18th Holimont trip, an alternate destination, are still available. Our November 12th open house generated plenty of interest, so more trips may sell out before this newsletter is published. Act now to avoid missing out!

Note that the trips led by Suburban Ski Club, the January 22nd HV trip and the Holimont trip, use a different West side pickup location: **Lakewood Park.** Get enough sleep so you don't drowsily follow your usual route to the Home Depot (unless you need home improvement supplies).

Given the strong open house turnout, we hope the remaining Mount Bachelor slots will fill too. Many prospective members see themselves as beginners, so if enough of them join, we plan to organize an introductory trip to an Ohio ski area where they can build confidence and meet others at their level.

Mark

Word Scramble

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Bring the answer to the next meeting for a chance to win a prize!



We’re excited to welcome

our newest members:

Candace B.

Chris S.

Dan G.

Dave R.

Derek S.

Kyle S.

Melissa Y.

Gear Up, Ski On!

Our November meeting got members gear ready for the slopes! Chris from Village Ski & Snowboard stopped by to show off the latest snowboard bindings, Elan Ripstick skis, helmets, goggles, and boot insoles. Mark Manthey went home a winner, taking the door prize of a complimentary custom foot bed, a $179 value. Everyone else scored coupons: 20% off clothing, $10 off helmets, and custom foot beds for just $149 (or $129 if your boots were purchased at Village). Chris offered a few pro tips. First, check your insoles. Even expensive boots often ship with low-quality ones. Second, don't push your luck with an old helmet: active skiers should replace theirs every 3 to 5 years, while less intensive skiers can stretch it to 5 to 10 years. Finally, goggles keep getting better, so if you're shopping for a new pair, bring your helmet along to make sure they fit together perfectly.



Off-Piste Activities

Details for each activity can be found under the UPCOMING heading or the CALENDAR tab on the homepage! Feel free to invite your friends and family since you don't need to be a member or need to pay for most events. Please RSVP to the Activity VP email address listed on our website.

Happy Hour at Big Top Brewhouse

Wednesday, Dec 9th, 5:30 pm: 820 Center Rd, Avon.

Brent will be hosting so look for him and Jennifer. Remember them from our September meeting and the music they provided? It's getting so close to ski season so this will be a great opportunity to share ski stories and get excited about your ski plans. Don't miss it!

Dinner, Drinks & a Roaring Good Time!



Our first Dinner Night Out was a great success, with 14 members gathering at “In the Drink” in Fairview Park for a delicious meal, plenty of conversation, and good company. But the fun didn't stop when dinner was over! We headed over to Narrin and Eric’s home, where the evening continued around a fantastic bonfire. And when it comes to building a fire, Narrin clearly knows her stuff! Years of hosting Monday Night Volleyball must have given her plenty of practice keeping things hot! A big thank-you to her and Eric for hosting the bonfire and, of course, for all the wonderful Monday Night Volleyball gatherings. It's always great when our club finds another reason to get together!



A Goldilocks Hike and a Perfect Fall Day!



Mother Nature certainly had a surprise in store for our Oak Hill Trail hike! After encouraging everyone to dress warmly and think of the outing as an opportunity to acclimate to ski-season temperatures, we were greeted with a beautiful, unseasonably warm day. So much for practicing for the cold! Some hikers even ditched their layers for T-shirts and sleeveless tops. You couldn't have asked for better hiking weather! Bernadette hit the jackpot with her trail selection, finding us a true “Goldilocks” route: not too difficult, not too long, but just right! We wrapped up our adventure with some well-deserved food, drinks, and camaraderie at Musketeers Bar & Grill on Brecksville Road. All in all, it was a perfect day on and off the trail!



Don’t Just Watch the Club Happen... Be Part of What Makes It Happen!

The Lewis Ski Club thrives because members step up and make things happen. Right now, we have two opportunities for volunteers who want to play a key role in keeping our club active, connected, and successful.

🌟 Refreshment Committee Support Needed



Now through May 2027

Ever notice how refreshments are magically ready when you arrive at a meeting? That doesn't happen by accident.

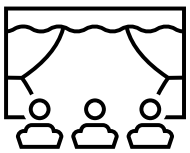
We're looking for a dependable volunteer to help manage and deliver the paper products that keep our monthly meetings running smoothly. This includes maintaining inventory of table coverings, plates, cups, napkins, utensils, and other supplies, transporting boxed items to meetings, and helping set up the refreshment area before members arrive.



This is one of those behind-the-scenes jobs that everyone appreciates and relies on. It's a great way to get involved, meet fellow members, and make a real difference without a huge time commitment.

Without volunteers, the little things members enjoy every month simply don't happen.

📣 Publicity Director Wanted



May 2027 through April 2028

Want a front-row seat to everything happening in the Lewis Ski Club?

The Publicity Director is one of the most connected and influential volunteers in the organization. As the person responsible for producing the club's **monthly newsletter**, you'll be the hub through which trip news, event updates, member achievements, meeting information, photos, and announcements flow to the entire membership.

The newsletter is one of the club's most important communication tools. It's how members stay informed, excited, and connected throughout the year. As Publicity Director, you'll help tell the story of the club and ensure no one misses out on the fun.

You don't need to be a professional writer or graphic designer. What matters most is being organized, dependable, and willing to gather information from fellow members and turn it into a newsletter that people look forward to reading each month.

And here's the good news: creating engaging content is easier than ever. Free AI tools can transform articles into compelling stories with catchy headlines and fun newsletter features in a matter of minutes. Instead of staring at a blank page, you'll have a creative assistant helping you produce fresh, interesting content.



This role is perfect for someone who:

- Enjoys staying informed about club activities and events.
- Likes bringing people and information together.
- Can collect articles, photos, reports, and announcements from others.
- Is comfortable meeting monthly newsletter deadlines.
- Communicates well and is willing to attend monthly Zoom board meetings.
- Has basic computer and email skills and can submit information to the CMSC website.
- Takes pride in helping promote the club and keep members connected.

As a member of the Executive Board, you'll know what's happening before everyone else, work closely with club leaders, and play a direct role in shaping how members experience the Lewis Ski Club.

If you've ever wondered what's really going on behind the scenes, this is your chance to find out! Reach out today and become part of what makes Lewis Ski Club great.

Lewis Ski Club

Mt. Bachelor Trip

- Bend, Oregon -

March 13-20, 2027

Trip Leader: Kim H.

Mountbachelor2027@lewisskiclub.org

Bring a Friend!

From $2,376!

Discounted Lift Tix $194-$435

Included:

- Roundtrip Airfare
- Lodging
- Group Dinner
- Welcome Reception
- Hot Breakfasts
- Resort Shuttles

Facts:

- 124 Ski Runs
- 360° Ski Access
- 4,323 Acres
- 9,065 ft Elevation
- 8th Largest US Ski Resort

Club Info

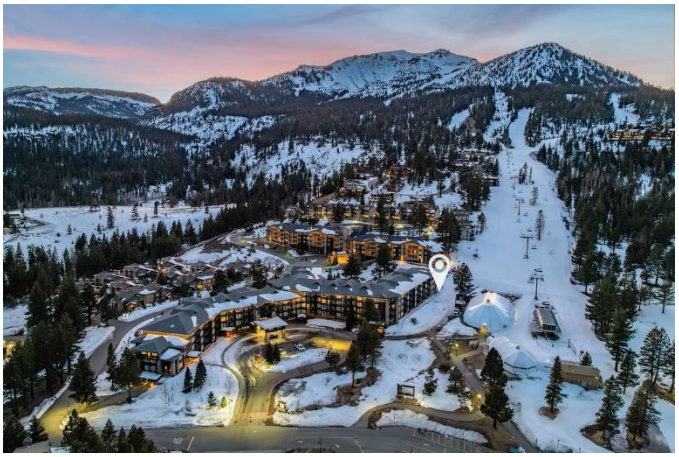
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More Info

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

January 30 – February 6, 2027



Your Mountain Home

Juniper Springs, Mammoth Lakes, California

7-night stay with porterage

2-bed / 2 bath condos (1 King + 2 twins)

Gas fireplace, private balcony, hot tubs, and gear storage. Each unit offers plenty of space to unwind after a full day on the slopes.

Located next to the Eagle Lodge

🚡 Slopeside lift access at the Eagle Express chair means you can click in and be on the mountain within minutes!

Travel

✈️Roundtrip flights Cleveland ↔ Bishop (BIH)

Ground transportation

Package Perks

🎉 5-day group lift ticket (age 80+ ski free!)

Welcome breakfast

Mountain tour ⛰️

Mid-week group dinner

$100 resort credit

$1,980 + lift

5-day adult group lift (age 18-64) $493
5-day senior group lift (age 65-79) $404

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Ikon Base Pass holders can ski/ride unlimited days at Mammoth + if you purchase an Ikon pass through Sports America **6.5% of your pass cost is credited back to your trip**!

Mountain Facts

8,000' – 11,000' elevation

180 trails, 25 lifts

3,100 vertical, 3,500 acres



Payment Schedule 💳

$625 Deposit

$625 7/30/26

$625 9/30/26

$ TBD 11/30/26 ($105 + lift)

Questions?

mammoth2027@lewisskiclub.org

Register here to be added to the waitlist or email mammoth2027@lewisskiclub.org.

See trip page for cancellation policy.