

Fall 2015



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## Calendar

### **Season Kick-Off Party, Saturday, October 17**

Our Season Kick Off party moves to the OC. This is your chance to see all your Arriba friends and sign up for any of our fabulous ski trips for this upcoming season. Keep in mind that the Early Bird deadlines for several trips occur on this date so bring your checkbook and sign up before the end of the night. Since our party falls just before Halloween, don't forget to dress up as your favorite ghost, goblin, or drag queen. See your eVite for details. If you did not receive the eVite, contact your social chair Deb S.

### **Holiday Party, Saturday December 5**

Arriba will hold its annual Holiday party at Walter & Steve's beautiful home on Saturday, December 5. Keep your eyes out for an eVite with all the details.

## A season ends, another begins

From the desk of Curtis Woodworth, President

I hope all of you have had an enjoyable summer. Arriba has had a great one, as all the photos from our summer socials demonstrate (see photo spread inside the newsletter). But now it is time to get serious and start thinking about the upcoming ski season. I am pleased to announce all the details of all the trips for our 2015-2016 season in this newsletter. We are now taking sign ups. So get out your calendars out and fill your ski season with many of our well planned out trips.

Your trip chairs have done a wonderful job of putting together another great slate of trips for this upcoming season. The trips include an exotic trip to Chamonix and Berlin, a return to Whistler Gay Ski Week, a trip to my home state resort, Sun Valley, and several trips to everybody's favorite, Mammoth. Contact your trip chairs to sign up for any of the trips to get Early Bird pricing. The early bird always gets the worm!

We will have our annual Season Kick Off party on October 17. Keep in mind that this is also the Early Bird deadline for several of our ski trips. I hope to see you there (if I can identify you through your costume).

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## Membership renewal time

It is that time of year to renew your membership! Renew your membership for only \$25 if you send in your membership by November 1! This includes both renewing members and new members to the club. Just fill out the membership form at the end of this newsletter, sign it, and mail it in along with your membership fee.

As always, membership provides tremendous benefits including the ability to go on any of our fabulous trips at group discounted prices and participate in our social activities.

## September Birthdays

Marcos N.	Sept. 1	Lisa T.	Sept. 7	Frank M.	Sept. 23
Mikey S.	Sept. 1	Steve A.	Sept. 8	James L.	Sept. 24
Norah M.	Sept. 1	Chris F.	Sept. 16	Adam M.	Sept. 30
Kefeng X.	Sept. 5	Jay M.	Sept. 17		

## October Birthdays

Toni M.	October 1	Mairo M.	October 18	Paul D.	October 25
Kelle E.	October 3	Jack J.	October 21	Gail K.	October 25
Pat M.	October 3	Clyde R.	October 22	Jane E.	October 26
David J.	October 7	Deb S.	October 22	Victor J.	October 27
Cindy C.	October 10	Paul W.	October 22		
Franco	October 12	Red Z.	October 24		

## November Birthdays

Betsy B.	Nov. 5	Matthew B.	Nov. 17	Gary T.	Nov. 23
Javier R.	Nov. 8	Tony V.	Nov. 17	Jeanette W.	Nov. 25
Jonathan F.	Nov. 15	Al D.	Nov. 21	Tom P.	Nov. 28





# Mammoth

In anticipation of a stellar snow season, Arriba is planning four trips to Mammoth Mountain in 2016. Three of these are Drive-Up trips using your own transportation and a Charter Bus trip is reserved for the Mammoth Elevation event in March 2016.

## **Drive up Trip 1 MLK Holiday**

Dates: Friday, January 15, 2016 – Monday January 18, 2016 3-Nights

Trip Prices: **Early Bird Discount Price: \$220.00 due no later than November 15, 2015**  
**Standard Price: \$245.00 due in full no later than December 12, 2015**

- Prices per person double occupancy
- Regular Cancellation Policies apply to all Pricing
- Space requested is Not Confirmed until full Payment is received

Location: Woodlands Condominiums – Chateau Road

- Located on the Mammoth Shuttle red line with easy access to Canyon Lodge and Main Lodge
- The condos are a combination of 3-bedrooms and one 2-bedroom plus loft. All units have 3 bathrooms. We limit capacity to 6 persons per condo.
- Central hot tub and sauna facility
- One evening dinner is also provided

## **Drive up 2 Presidents Day Holiday**

Dates: Friday, February 12, 2016 – Monday, February 15, 2016 3-Nights

Trip Prices: **Early Bird Discount Price: \$260.00 due no later than December 16, 2015**  
**Standard Price: \$290.00 due in full no later than January 11, 2016**

- Prices per person double occupancy
- Regular Cancellation Policies apply to all Pricing
- Space requested is Not Confirmed until Payment is received

Location: Woodlands Condominiums – Chateau Road

- Located on the Mammoth Shuttle red line with easy access to Canyon Lodge and Main Lodge
- The condos are a combination of 3-bedrooms and one 2-bedroom plus loft. All units have 3 bathrooms. We limit capacity to 6 persons per condo.
- Central hot tub and sauna facility
- One evening dinner is also provided

### **Drive up Trip 3 Late February Weekend**

Dates: Thursday, February 25, 2016 – Sunday, February 28, 2016 3-Nights

Trip Prices: **Early Bird Discount Price: \$260.00 due no later than January 15, 2016**  
**Standard Price: \$290.00 due in full no later than February 5, 2016**

- Prices per person double occupancy
- Regular Cancellation Policies apply to all Pricing
- Space requested is Not Confirmed until Payment is received

Location: Mammoth Creek Inn – Old Mammoth Rd.

- Each room is equipped with private bathroom
- Continental Breakfast is included
- Hot Coffee and snacks available all day
- Use of Hot Tub, Sauna and Gym facilities
- Transfers to/from Mammoth Lakes Airport if anyone chooses to fly up.  
Note: Airfare is not included
- One evening dinner will be catered
- Easy access to free Mammoth Shuttle
- Located near the bowling alley, movie theatre, and local market

### **Charter Bus Trip – Elevation Ski Week**

Dates: Thursday, March 17, 2016 – Sunday, March 20, 2016 3-Nights

Trip Prices: **Early Bird Discount Price: \$440 due no later than January 30, 2016**  
**Standard Price: \$485 due in full no later than February 28, 2016**

- Prices per person double occupancy
- Regular Cancellation Policies apply to all Pricing
- Space requested is Not Confirmed until Payment is received
- Elevation Events may require additional costs and are not included
- Catered food and beverages are provided on the Bus both to and from Mammoth
- Continental breakfasts are provided in the condos
- One evening dinner is also provided

Location: Mammoth Estates at the Village - 4 bedroom 3 bath Units

- Easy access to the free Mammoth Shuttle or an easy 2-block walk to Mammoth Village and the free Canyon Lodge Gondola
- We limit capacity to 2 persons per bedroom including any bunk rooms
- Central Spa and Pool facility



## Berlin and Chamonix

Tuesday February 2- Sunday February 14

Chamonix is a famous resort in the French Alps at the foot of Mont Blanc. It is quite fabulous, though perhaps not quite as glamorous as last year's St Moritz (Sorry, Team Chicas).

Chamonix was host to the First Winter Olympic games in 1924. It is not a ski in - ski out purpose built resort, but rather a town which became the world capital of mountaineering and developed into a world renowned ski resort. It is actually 5 ski resorts and one famous off piste lift access (the Aiguille du Midi).

We will be staying at Hotel Morgane which is a four star hotel. As in past years, this is a half pension European plan which includes breakfast and dinner. Le Bistro, the hotel's restaurant is a one star Michelin restaurant, so it is sure to please the foodies in the group. Wine is included with dinner.

Our side trip will be to Berlin. As Germany's capital, the city has undergone enormous changes in the past 100 years. No longer divided, this city is now a thriving, modern and exciting destination, welcoming tourists and business visitors alike. Since World War II, the city has emerged from the past and undergone the biggest construction project in Europe.



When the Berlin Wall was destroyed in 1989 this was an enormous turning point for the city, which has previously been divided for over 28 years. East and West are now thoroughly unified, although there are still some signs of division in these areas. There are countless landmarks throughout the city and popular sights include the Berliner Dom - a huge domed cathedral standing within the Mitte borough; the Brandenburg Gate - the former city gate and now an iconic symbol of Germany; the Potsdamer

Platz - one of the busiest squares in Europe, full of shops, bars, cafés and places of entertainment, Checkpoint Charlie - probably the most famous part of the old Berlin Wall; and the imposing Reichstag, home to the German parliament and just as impressive today as when it was completed in 1884.

Our hotel, Berlin Hilton, a five star hotel, is a beautiful hotel just minutes away from Brandenburg Gate.

Berlin is an extremely diverse city, residents and travelers of all nationalities visit and live here. The population in Berlin is approximately 3.5 million and is expected to continue to grow. Surprisingly this city is extremely liberal as 1 in 10 inhabitants are gay or bisexual, which makes this awesome city one of Europe's top 3 gay cities. Because of the tolerance of the Berlin people you will easily find many same sex couples walking hand in hand and kissing along the gorgeous city streets. This is definitely a must visit city for the rising gay traveler

**Flight Schedule on Lufthansa**

1 LH457	02FEB	LAXFRA	310P	1105A+	TU/WE
2 LH184	03FEB	FRATXL	1245P	155P	WE
3 ARNK					
4 LH2383	14FEB	GVAMUC	905A	1020A	SU
5 LH 452T	14FEB	MUCLAX	1205P	325P	SU

**Chamonix and Berlin 11 night option**

Tuesday February 2 to Sunday February 14, 2016

Pricing for group economy air, lodging, ground transportation and transfers

- Early Bird Sign –up by October 17: \$4650 per person
- Standard Sign-up by November 1: \$4850 per person
- Single room Supplement 11 nights: Add \$1800
- Bulk Discounted Business Class Air: ADD \$3070
- NO AIR. Deduct \$1280
- Bulk discounted Premium Economy may become available for an additional \$445- if interested, let me know and I will notify you if option becomes available

**Chamonix 7 night option**

- Early Bird Sign-up by October 17: \$3650 per person
- Standard Sign-up by November 1: \$3850 per person
- Single room supplement: Add \$1150
- Bulk Discounted Business Class Air: ADD \$3070
- NO AIR: Deduct \$1280
- Bulk discounted Premium Economy may become available for an additional \$445- if interested, let me know and I will notify you if option becomes available

Trip Insurance (If you are purchasing air fare separately, be sure to add it in to the total insurance selected.

**Insurance Rates (Allianz Travel):**

Trip Cost	Age <30	Age 31-55	Age 56-79	Age 80+
\$4001-\$4500	\$165	\$185	\$285	\$543
\$4501-\$5000	\$185	\$215	\$325	\$625
\$5001-\$5500	\$205	\$235	\$345	\$705
\$5501-\$6000	\$235	\$255	\$375	\$769
\$6001-\$6500	\$255	\$285	\$415	\$854
\$6501-\$7000	\$300	\$320	\$452	\$919
\$7001-\$8000	\$342	\$375	\$555	\$1050
\$8001-\$9000	\$407	\$425	\$635	\$1154
\$9001-\$1000	\$178	\$490	\$700	\$1755

## **Arriba lodging and ground package price includes:**

Berlin February 3–7, 2016

- February 3 Transfer from Berlin Airport (TXL) to Hilton Hotel  
[www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/berlin/Hilton-berlin-BERHITW/index.html](http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/berlin/Hilton-berlin-BERHITW/index.html)
- This is a 5 star hotel set in Berlin's Gendarmenmarkt location, which places you at the center of Berlin's attractions, only a short drive from the airport. There is also a 24-hour fitness center at Hilton Hotel Health Club. This is a superb location and you are part of the Berlin action with the Konzerthaus across the street and close to the Berlin Philharmonic, Checkpoint Charlie and Norman Foster-redesigned Reichstag are within walking distance.
- Full American breakfast daily
- February 4 Full day tour of Berlin
- February 7 Transfer from Hilton Hotel to Berlin Airport
- February 7 Air Ticket on Easy Jet Airlines from Berlin to Geneva, non-stop

Chamonix- February 7–14, 2016

- February 7 Transfer from Geneva airport to Hotel Le Morgane
- 7 Nights Lodging, HOTEL LE MORGANE, 4-Star hotel  
<http://www.morgane-hotel-chamonix.com/en/>
- buffet breakfast and dinner daily- wine included
- Hotel Le Morgane has a restaurant rated 1 Michelin star
- Hotel is located in the center of the resort with a ski bus stop in the front of the hotel. Amenities include a gourmet restaurant, bar, ski storage, skipass-sale at reception desk, own ski shop, full service health spa, indoor swimming pool, and sauna. Rooms are generous in size and most include a balcony as well as spectacular view of the Mont-Blanc or Brevent mountains.
- Ski lift tickets are NOT included
- February 14 Transfer from Hotel Le Morgane to Geneva airport for trip home

### **Payment and Sign-Up Schedule:**

Contact your Out of State trip chair, Moises Cruz for a sign up sheet. E-mail this Sign-Up sheet to Moises Cruz, OR, mail this Sign-Up sheet to the Attention of: Out-Of-State Trips to the Arriba address listed below by the required dates.

### **Early Bird Payment Schedule**

- October 17th a deposit of \$1000 is due.
- November 15th a payment of \$1,500 is due.
- December 15th the trip balance is due.

### **Standard Sign-Up Payment Schedule**

- November 1st a deposit of \$1000 is due.
- December 1st a payment of \$1,500 is due.
- January 1st the trip balance is due.

## **Payment Methods for all out of state trips**

### **By personal check, made out to:**

Arriba Ski and Snowboard Club

Checks should reference trip and payment, e.g., Chamonix/Berlin Deposit, Chamonix/Berlin 2nd Payment, etc.

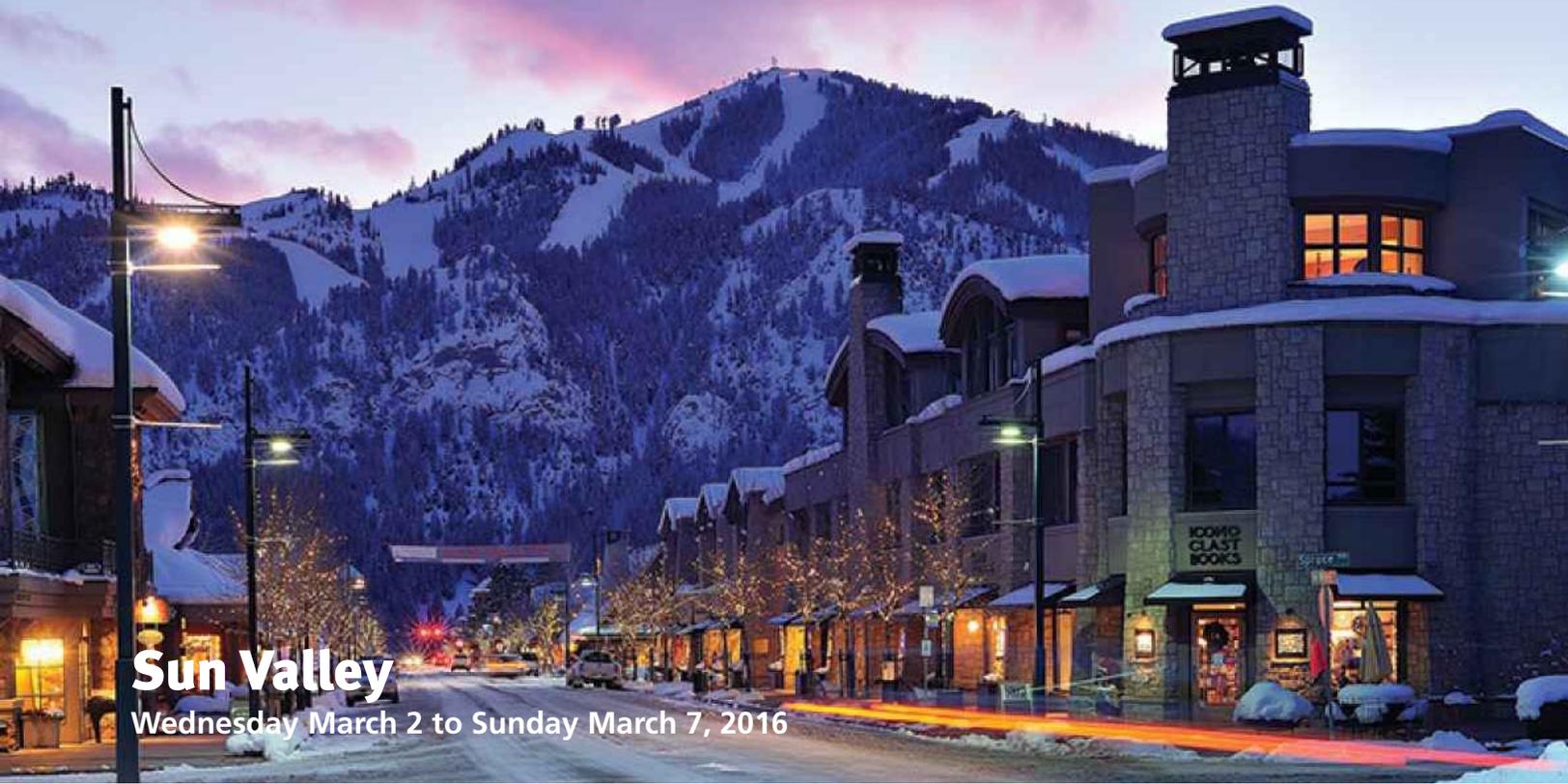
### **Checks should be mailed to:**

Arriba Ski and Snowboard Club  
Attn: Out of State Trips  
P.O. Box 69611  
West Hollywood, CA 90069-0611

By credit card through PayPal is the only acceptable credit card payment option. Go to the following link to make your PayPal payment: <http://arribaski.org/payment/> where you can pay any amount in the Non-Standard Payments Section.

PLEASE specify trip/double or single room so we know how to apply your payment, e.g. Chamonix/Berlin-Single.

PayPal adds a fee to make credit card payments, therefore you will see an amount approximately 3% higher than your payment.



# Sun Valley

Wednesday March 2 to Sunday March 7, 2016

It doesn't get more iconic than Sun Valley.

Since 1936 America's first destination ski resort has captivated the imaginations of ski bums, big city refugees, and lifelong residents who refuse to leave due to its uncrowded slopes, leg burning fall line pitches, and stellar guest service. The authentic small town, big life experience is as unpretentious and pristine as the mountains and rivers that surround the area. The appeal of the Original Mountain Town is felt by all who appreciate life lived in a down to earth, open arms-open hearts sort of way.

This year we'll be staying at Christophe Condominiums which are conveniently located close to the ski lift and to the town of Ketchum.

Depart: March 2 – AS2342 – LAX SUN – 8:50AM / 12:19PM arrival

Return: March 6 – AS2343 – SUN LAX – 12:55PM / 2:27PM arrival

These are both Non-Stop flights

Pricing for group economy air, lodging, ground transportation and transfers

- Early Bird Sign –up by October 17: \$1050 per person
- Standard Sign-up by December 1: \$1200 per person
- Single room Supplement: Add \$150
- NO Lift ticket Option: Deduct \$250
- Transfer from Airport to CHRISTOPHE CONDOMINIUMS—situated three blocks from the River Run base area and five blocks from downtown Ketchum. They provide guests with ideal access to all that Sun Valley has to offer – on and off the slopes. Guests can easily hop on the town shuttle from the Christophe, which provides free service to the ski lifts and all areas of the resort. They have the only four-season outdoor pool and an indoor hot tub. Full kitchens for all units. We'll be staying in 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Units
- 3 Days of Skiing at Sun Valley and Elkhorn ski areas

### **Payment and Sign-Up Schedule:**

Either email this Sign-Up sheet to Moises Cruz, OR, mail this Sign-Up sheet to the Attention of: Out-Of-State Trips to the Arriba P.O. Box by the required dates.

### **Early Bird Payment Schedule**

October 17 a deposit of \$300 is due.

December 1 the trip balance is due.

### **Standard Sign-Up Payment Schedule**

December 1 a deposit of \$500 is due.

January 1 the trip balance is due.

### **Insurance Rates: 5% of trip cost**



## Whistler/Blackcomb

January 24- January 31 (week option) or January 27-January 31 (Five day option)

Located in the spectacular Coast Mountains of British Columbia just two hours north of Vancouver, Whistler is Canada's favorite year-round destination. The resort offers two majestic mountains with a vibrant base village, epic skiing and snowboarding. Travel writers and guests from around the world regularly refer to Whistler Pride as the friendliest on the planet. SKI Magazine names Whistler Blackcomb #1 in North America.

Whistler is western Canada's coolest, swankiest, and gay-friendliest ski town. It is one of North America's best gay winter hideaways, a modern and stylish community rife with gay-friendly hotels, boutiques, and restaurants, all just steps from one of the world's biggest - and most exciting - ski resorts, **Whistler Blackcomb**. In fact, there's as much to do here for non-skiers as for fans of boarding and skiing - during the annual **Winter Pride and Ski Festival**, there's everything from cooking classes and blow-out parties to Ziptrek ecotours and dog-sledding.

Due to Gay Ski Week and Florida Ski Council conference we have been unable to have properties hold units/ rooms reservations for us without a substantial nonrefundable deposit. There is availability, but we must have an exact number confirmed and put down a deposit right away at the time of reservation. Therefore, we will need an exact number prior to the Early Bird deadline of October 17 of those who are seriously considering going to Whistler. The Out of State chair, Moises Cruz, will then work with the travel agent(s) and put together a package in the next couple of days which will be emailed to all those interested with the exact cost. He would then ask for a final confirmation and then proceed to book the package.

At this point, for the 7-night option, we're looking at \$1300-\$1600 for air, transfers, and lodging, and for the 4-night option \$1000-\$1300 per person based on double occupancy, with a single supplement of \$500-\$700.

Contact your Out of State Trip Chair, Moises Cruz, by **October 10** if you are interested in going on this trip.

# Summer Flashbacks

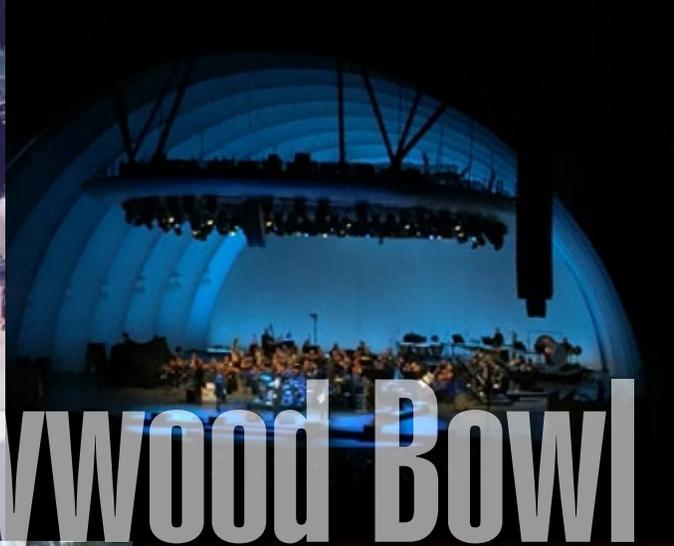


# Yosemite





# The B-52s at the Hollywood Bowl





# Griffith Park Trail Ride

Giddy-Up! On Saturday, Aug. 22nd, 10 wranglers met up at the Griffith Park Horse Stables for a round-up of epic proportions!

From beginning wranglers to equestrian experts, Arribans had an awesome trail ride from the valley floor in Burbank to the view of Burbank from the top of Griffith Park! We headed out from the stables with two trail guides, clip-clopping along the trail with occasional bursts of trotting, stubbornness, and line-leading!

As we traveled along the flats, kicking up loads of dust and laughter, the group exchanged smiles and stories of yesteryear rides! One of our newest cowboys, Al, was on an ornery steed with less than a desire to cooperate, while Jonathan was riding a triple-crown winner of stable horses! John was graced with a big guy, Clydesdale, while Jack was riding what appeared to be just above a pony!

The wranglers finally made it to the top of the trail, the overlook of Burbank was absolutely beautiful and the weather was a perfect mid-80's with plenty of sun! Our guides stopped to allow for pictures, before descending the mountain to return to the stables. Curtis, Kelly, Deb and Lisa demonstrated their equestrian skills assisting fellow wranglers with proper rein holds, seat positions, and words of encouragement!

Everyone made it back to the stables without incident, and the group shared a post-ride dinner and cocktails at Viva Cantina and Mexican Restaurant! Nothing better to end a long day at the ranch than some margaritas and cerveza! Ole'!







## Arriba! Membership Application, Waiver and Trip Cancellation Policy 2015/2016

To join or to renew your membership in Arriba Ski & Snowboard Club, please bring this completed and signed form to one of our social gatherings or mail to the address below. **Your signature is mandatory.**

Arriba Ski & Snowboard Club Membership  
P.O. Box 69611  
West Hollywood, CA 90069-0611

### Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (to receive newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (mm/dd) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

- Early Bird New or Renewing Member - \$ 25 (Received on or before November 1, 2015)
- Regular New or Renewing Member - \$ 35 (Received after November 1, 2015)

All memberships include the newsletter subscription and are valid from May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016.

New Members: How did you hear about the club? \_\_\_\_\_

### Voluntary Release, Waiver & Assumption Of Risk Of All Club Activities

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print your name), by this instrument, do hereby exempt and release the Arriba! Ski and Snowboard Club (the "Club"), its officers (the "Board"), members, agents, or assigns (collectively, the "Released Parties") from all liability, responsibility, claims, judgments, and other damages of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to any personal injuries I/we might suffer, directly or indirectly resulting from my/our participation in club activities.

I attest that I am in adequate physical condition for participation in activities of the club and am fully aware of the potential hazards involved, and I hereby agree to accept any and all risks.

I acknowledge that photos may be taken of my/our participation in any club activity and published in a public format such as the newsletter or club website.



### Emergency Contacts

For \_\_\_\_\_ (print your name), in case of emergency, please contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Trip Cancellation and Wait List Policies

#### Mammoth Trips:

To secure your space on a Mammoth trip, full payment is due at the time of sign-up. If you cancel prior to 30 days before the beginning of the trip, a \$50 cancellation fee will be charged. If you cancel less than 30 days from the departure date of the trip, then there will be NO refund unless the space is re-sold, in which case a \$50 cancellation fee will be charged.

We maintain a waiting list for all Mammoth trips. Members are not allowed to transfer or trade their spaces with anyone else. If you cannot make a trip, you need to cancel your spot. If the trip is sold-out, the next person on the waiting list will be offered the space.

The Arriba! Board of Directors has the sole discretion on any refunds.

#### Out of State Trips

A trip deposit is required at the time of sign-up to secure your space. Deposit amount are determined by the Arriba! Board based on early security deposits we are required to pay to the trip vendors for transportation and lodging. If minimum quotas to maintain the group rates do not look like they will be met, individual trips may be cancelled at no cost to the participant. If this occurs your deposit will be fully refunded.

In all other cases the following policies apply unless otherwise stated at the time the trip is offered:

#### General Cancellation Penalty Charges:

- 90 days or greater prior to departure date: \$50 per person
- 31 to 90 days prior to departure: \$250 per person plus any vendor penalty fees (airline name changes, reduction of guaranteed hotel space, etc.), If your space is re-sold – then assessed at \$50 per person plus any vendor change penalty fees.
- Less than 30 days prior to departure: No Refund unless your space is re-sold and then is assessed at \$50 per person plus any vendor change penalty fees. The Board reserves the right to determine the refund amount, if any.

**I agree to be bound by the Club's trip cancellation and waitlist policies and payment requirements as stated in the individual trip descriptions. I have read and accept all conditions above. My signature indicates acceptance of the Waiver and Release of All Liability.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_