

Birmingham Ski Club FAQ's

1. When was the Birmingham Ski Club (**BSC**) founded?
The BSC was incorporated officially in 1960.
2. How many members are there in the BSC?
The current membership varies between 475 and 550
3. How much does it cost to join the BSC?
New/Lapsed Membership - Individual - \$50.00 (USD) Subscription period: 1 year, on: June 1st; No automatically recurring payments; If you renew yearly the rate is \$40.00 (USD)
New/Lapsed Membership - Family - \$60.00 (USD) Bundle (unlimited) Subscription period: 1 year, on: June 1st; No automatically recurring payments; If you renew yearly the rate is \$50.00 (USD)
Note: You must be at least 19 years old to join the Birmingham Ski Club. Dependent children under 19 can be included on their parents' family membership. The Birmingham Ski Club's fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31 allowing you to enjoy trips and other member-only events for the current fiscal year.
4. How many officers/board members does the BSC have and how are they elected?
The BSC has a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and (5) Board members. The officers are elected yearly at a member meeting. Three of the board members serve (3) year terms, with (1) being added each year and (1) rolling off, and (2) board members are appointed by the President. Typically, the Vice President succeeds the President the next year and the Assistant Treasurer succeeds the Treasurer.
5. How many ski trips does the BSC offer each year?
The number of trips varies between 5 and 7 and are usually run from January through March
6. Do you have to be a skier to go on ski trips?
No, there are lots of folks who go to shop, sightsee, go to spa's, snowmobile, ice skate, socialize with friends and other fun winter activities.
7. Does the BSC have other events for non-skiers?
Yes, in a typical year, the BSC has Friday night social events, beach trips, lake parties, a member appreciation meeting, a Halloween party, a New Years Eve party, a member meeting to vote on new board members and changes to the BSC, a presidents ball and other assorted events throughout the fiscal year. Most of these events will have some sort of additional cost (Not included in the yearly membership fees) to attend that varies due to location and type of event.
8. **Shared Bedroom/Room/Hotel Room**-The bedroom/room is double occupancy/shared by 2 people for the trip.
9. **Single Supplement**-A person is paying an extra amount, determined by the lodging vendor, (typically close to double what the shared room/lodging (double occupancy) rate would be) to have a room by themselves. You are not allowed to have any other person stay/sleep/occupy in the room with you, if you have purchased a single supplement!!
10. **Club**-For the purposes of this document, "Club" refers to the Birmingham Ski Club
11. **Full Package**-Typically includes shared Lodging, airfare and ground transfers at trips destination
12. **Ground Only**-Typically only includes charge for shared lodging where participant is providing their own airfare and ground transfers to trips destination
13. **Activity Only**-Means participant is paying only to interact with other trip participants in the trip's planned activities. This fee does not pay for any additional activities to those provided, by the trip, for all participants.
14. **The Club's Full and Ground Only Package prices** are based on double occupancy unless the trip participant has purchased a single supplement. This means there are 2 fully paid and current on dues Club members, who are sharing (splitting the cost of the room) a room as roommates on this trip. Non-Club Members are not allowed to share/stay/occupy a room with a Club member.

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All persons, traveling on a Birmingham Ski Club trip, must be a member in good standing (current year dues are paid in full) at the time the trip departs and must provide the trip leader with a signed Trip Rules and Agreement form prior to the first day of the trip. It is highly recommended, to provide the trip leader with a completed and signed agreement upon payment for trip/event at time of registration/reservation. A separate Trip Rules and Agreement form is to be completed for each traveler. The Club's Full and Ground Only Package prices are based on double occupancy unless, the trip participant has purchased a single supplement.

RESERVATIONS – Reservations by members, for trips/events, will not be taken by the Club/trip leader, prior to the date and time established by the Club's Board of Directors. Reservations will be taken on first-come basis, upon receipt of \$200 deposit per person, for ski trips or cruises/events and payments in full for beach trips by members attending and paying for the summer sign-up party.

Deposits/registrations/reservations may be available online, at the Club's website, for most trips/events. Payments mailed to the Club or the trip leader, paid online or hand delivered prior to the Summer Sign Up Party (for those not paying for the summer sign-up party) will be considered as received after the day/time of the Summer Sign Up Party for reservation purposes.

Members please understand that, when you pay this deposit, you are in fact booking the trip.

Other deposit checks/payments will be held until additional accommodations can be obtained, if applicable. If additional accommodations cannot be obtained, the members may be placed on the waiting list for this trip or on the waiting list for another trip.

Members are highly encouraged to sign-up with a roommate, to keep the trip leader from having to assign roommates.

Reservations that remain on the waiting list after the departure will receive a full refund.

FINAL TRIP PAYMENT - Final trip payment, for ski trips, must be made according to the payment schedule provided by the trip leader. If any payment is not received with 5 days of the scheduled payment date, the that person's reservation will be forfeited and the next person on the waiting list will be contacted to move to the "trip list."

Only the trip leader will make movement of reservations from the waiting list to the trip list. When reservations are moved to the trip list, the balance of the cost of the trip is due immediately. There will be no visitors staying in the hotel rooms or condominiums reserved by the Birmingham Ski Club, only 2 people per bedroom. The only exception to this rule is minors staying with one or both parents. To be in the room or condominium reserved by the Birmingham Ski Club, you must be a member of the ski club in good standing and have paid for the trip via the Club.

REFUNDS - Members who cancel their reservation or trip are responsible for any costs or penalties incurred by the Birmingham Ski Club. These fees will be deducted from the refund payment. Additional fees and taxes that are levied on the trip, after the price of the trip has been set, will be paid by the members on the trip, as an additional fee. No refunds shall be made until after the trip returns and trip cost has been reconciled.

Cancellations and refunds will be allowed up to final payment date, set by the trip leader. If there is no member to replace the person holding the trip, then no refunds can be made. **In all cases, the Birmingham Ski Club will retain a \$50 administrative fee** plus any additional costs or penalties incurred when a person cancels from the trip. Transfers from one trip to another, not requested by the Birmingham Ski Club, are considered cancellations.

A trip classification change from a full package to a ground package, made by the participant, may be made with no administrative fee assessment (other refund rules/fees, as stated previously, will apply). A change from a single supplement to a shared room, may be made with no administrative fee assessment (other refund rules/fees, as stated previously, will apply). A change from a ground package to a full package, by the participant, will incur additional charges associated with the difference between the 2 packages (Airfare, ground transportation, +others, as applicable). A change from a shared room to a single supplement, by the participant, will incur additional charges associated with

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the difference between the 2 packages (Lodging uplift, +others, as applicable).

GENERAL RELEASE - Birmingham Ski Club, Inc. (Club) acts only on behalf of the trip participants in arranging transportation, accommodations and other activities for the trip. The Trip Participants acknowledge that the Club is not the agent or representative of any of the persons or businesses from whom travel, accommodations, or services are obtained, and that the Club has no control over or liability for any such persons or businesses, and is not responsible for any injury, damage, or loss which may be occasioned through the fault of any such persons or loss due to any cause beyond the direct and immediate control of the Club including delay, bankruptcies, cancellation, scheduling change, strikes, work stoppages, storm, inclement weather, direct or indirect results of any Act of God, war price change or other causes resulting from the acts of any such person or business providing accommodations/services relating to the trip. All baggage and personal belongings shall at all times, remain in the sole custody and control of each trip participant. Such possessions shall be transported at the owner's sole risk of loss. The undersigned participant, guardian or parent hereby acknowledges and discharges, releases, indemnifies and waives any and all liability, claim or demands against the Club and its officers, directors, and members for any injury, damage, or pecuniary loss, which may arise out of or be related to participation in the trip.

Personal Travel limitations- All trip participants must be able to care for themselves on Club trips. You must be able to handle your own luggage, convey yourself to and from your room and activities, remember to take your medicines, engage in the activity or physical events you have signed up for, and all other activities of your stay/day. It is unreasonable to expect any other trip participant to care for you on their vacation. If you need any assistance of any kind, you must travel with a person solely charged with your care and that person must also join, as a Club member and have paid in full for the trip, to participate in the trip. This person must acknowledge, in writing, that this is their reason for being on the trip and they only expect to participate as your caregiver. For your safety, and the safety and welfare of the other trip participants, the Club reserves the right determine your fitness to travel with the club and ability to perform the activities required to take care of yourself, by yourself, and to deny your travel, if the Trip Leader determines you cannot meet these guidelines. Refunds will be made based on the costs incurred, if the club determines you are unable to perform these functions and cannot secure a caregiver to accompany you on the trip.

WARNING - Trip participants agree and understand that traveling, swimming, and skiing/snowboarding can be hazardous. With regard to skiing or snowboarding, trail and slope conditions vary constantly because of weather changes and use. The participant should be aware that obstacles could exist throughout the area. Each participant understands that it is their sole responsibility to ski/snowboard in control and to avoid obstacles and hazards, including other skiers, snowboarders, or snow grooming equipment, etc.

Beach trip participants should be aware that ocean and pool activities can be hazardous. Ocean currents, wild-life and beach/pool conditions vary constantly, and circumstances are unpredictable.

Trip participants acknowledge that the Club is not responsible for the consequences of any such conditions/hazards. Trip participants understand and agree that the Club is not responsible for and assumes no liability for the risks or danger encountered on the trip. Participants in the trip assume any and all of such risks, agree that the Club shall not be liable for any loss or damage relating to such risks, and agree to hold the Club and its officers, directors and members harmless from any claim resulting from any such loss, injury or damage.

Trip participants acknowledge that Laws, Rules, and Regulations are put in place by Airports, Airlines, Public and Private Transportation Carriers, Lodging Vendors, and Outside Activity Vendors contracted for the purpose of the Club's travel and activities. The Club requires that trip participants be aware of and obey these at all times and in a respectful manner. The Club is not responsible for you if you violate any of our vendor's policies and can deny your participation in the trip at any time with no refund for an infraction.

The trip participants acknowledge that any disputes that may result in any additional charges to the Club or the trip

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must be handled FIRST through the Trip Leader. Participants agree that any additional charges resulting from any dispute, or damage to any person or property is determined to be their responsibility.

Each trip participant represents that he or she has reached the age of majority, unless they are a minor child, has read and understands the foregoing terms and provisions, and agrees to be bound thereby as a condition to participating in the trip.

CHILDREN - The parent or legal guardian of any trip participant who has not reached the age of majority, agrees that both such child and the legal guardian shall be bound by the terms and provisions set forth herein and the parent or legal guardian agrees to hold the Club harmless from any claim by or on the part of such minor resulting from any loss or injury or other occurrence. If a minor child, is the trip participant and they are staying in rooms with persons with whom they are unrelated or are not their legal guardian, the Club requires signed waivers from all persons in the condo or room—co-signed by the parents/legal guardian of the minor child, agreeing to have the child in the accommodations with persons unrelated to minor child(ren). Many adults who travel on our trips want an “adult” trip and do not want to be constrained by the sleep schedule, etc. that a child requires. Parents will need to work with the Trip Leader to determine a rooming situation that is safe and enjoyable for their child(ren), and complies with Lodging vendor rules, and trip payment requirements.

INSURANCE - Trip insurance is not included in the cost of the trip. Participant confirms that the Club recommends trip insurance for all trips. (Initial here: _____) Our website offers options for Trip Insurance. Note that some conditions (coverage for pre-existing conditions) require this insurance to be purchased within days of paying your deposit. Other options may be purchased later. Know your needs, understand coverage, and purchase accordingly. The Club is not legally allowed to answer your questions about insurance, the Club is not a licensed agent, so please seek advice, from the insurer, if you need to.

CONDUCT - Trip Participants, by signing this agreement, have read and agree to abide by the terms of this agreement and the Clubs Code of Conduct as set forth in the Club By-Laws (available on the Clubs website).

Violation of Trip Rules and agreement form may lead to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, being sent home from trip at participant's expense, probation, suspension of membership, or expulsion from the Club.

(Initial here: _____)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT I, the trip participant or legal guardian of underage member, have read, understand and agree to abide by the above terms, conditions and information:

DATE: _____

Signature _____

Print Name _____

On behalf of: _____ (Only needed for underage member.)

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE TRIP LEADER

NAME: (PRINT) _____
Exactly as shown on the photo ID or passport that will be used on this trip

Participant is: MALE _____ FEMALE _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE (_____) _____ OK to use for Group Texts on Trip: YES _____ NO _____

PHONE (_____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE:(_____) _____

This person should be able to make decisions on your behalf in case of emergency.

Request Single/non-shared Room (Participant pays extra, typically close to double the shared room rate) YES _____ NO _____

Requested Roommate (Share cost of room) _____
(Roommate requested must also request you)

Requested Condo-Mates (for trips with 2 or more bedrooms per unit) _____
(Condo-mates may need to be reassigned due to bedding conditions/limitations available in the lodging secured by the Club)

Trip Package Requested (Please Select 1):

- Full Package Shared Room Full Single Supplement Ground Only Ground Only Single Supplement
- Activity Only

Indicate Skiing Skill Level (Non-Skier, Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Expert) _____

Room assignments/changes cannot be made without prior approval from the trip leader.

This following information is needed when flights and international travel are involved

DATE OF BIRTH _____

GLOBAL ENTRY NUMBER _____

KNOWN TRAVEL NUMBER (FROM TSA) _____

AIRLINE REWARDS NUMBER _____

OTHER INFORMATION YOUR TRIP LEADER NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU:

(Ex, I use a CPAP, or I snore, or I smoke, or I use a sound machine, or I am early to bed, no minor children, etc....)

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