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## Ski + Sport Club

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### President's Message

Happy April !!!

Hello members of the Lebanon Ski and Sport Club! Having completed our winter ski trips we now focus on spring and summer activities.

We will have opportunities to participate in the Rail Trail maintenance events, Root Beer Barrel volunteering, several bike rides and more.

Mammoth was by far the best trip as they had record snowfall and good snow while there.

Steamboat had very good conditions and snow while the Club was there. No major crashes but several people did enjoy attempts at Powder skiing !!

Please pay attention to the Newsletter and e-mails as trips will be advertised earlier and earlier. This year our operators must start their bookings ahead of years past which, in turn, puts earlier dates that clubs must decide where they would like to travel. The Trip Committee has already started developing our 2024 trips.

I would like to thank all of the ski trip leaders for their efforts and the way they handle situations that arise on each trip.

Also a Big Thanks to Christie Adams and Dave Cutcliff for arranging speakers at our membership meetings.

And the Board, for all they do to keep things running smoothly for the Club.

Lastly, as you are all aware, membership dues are increasing for the upcoming 2023-24 year. If you haven't paid your 2023-24 dues yet, our Treasury would benefit by your paying the increased rate of Family- \$35.00/Individual - \$25.00.

Have a great spring and summer !

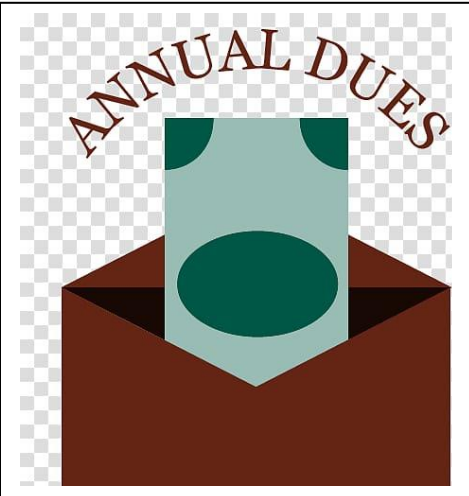
*Jack*

**Meetings of the Lebanon Ski & Sport Club  
are held at 7:30 p.m. on the SECOND TUESDAY  
of the Month - September through April  
at Heisey's Diner  
Route 72 North, Lebanon, PA 17042**

**New Members are always welcome!**

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 11th  
Heisey's Diner  
7:30 p.m.**



**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: MEMBERSHIP DUES  
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL !!!!!**

It has been over 20 years since the Lebanon Ski and Sports Club has increased its dues. As the Club is no longer sponsoring bus trips to Atlantic City, our Treasury has been slowly decreasing. Expenses, such as our post office box rental and the hosting of the web site, have also increased in the recent past. Therefore, as of April 12<sup>th</sup>, the Club's annual dues will increase to \$35 for family membership and \$25 for a single membership.

If you want to get ahead of this dues increase, the Board is offering an Early Bird Special by paying your dues for the 2023/2024 season on or before April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Pay your 2023/2024 dues, at the present rate of \$20 family and \$15 individual, at the April 11<sup>th</sup> Ski Club Meeting. If you are not able to attend the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, please mail your membership check, along with the Membership/Release of Liability Form, before April 11<sup>th</sup> to Deb Binkley, 2566 State Rte. 72, Jonestown, PA 17038.

The 2023/2024 Membership/Release of Liability Form is available on our Website:  
<https://www.lebanonskiclub.com/>

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**Lebanon Ski Club 2023-2024 Board of Directors Election**

The election will take place at the April meeting, either for the entire slate of officers, or calling for a vote for individual positions if there are multiple nominees. The Past President will conduct the elections.

If you have an interest in serving on the Board, please call, text, or email Past President Heidi Allison at 724-840-4665 or heidi Allison44@gmail.com. Heidi will be able to review the duties of each position.

Position	Nominations for 2023/2024	Responsibilities
President	Jack Billmyer	
1st VP Trips	Anne Shutter	Trip Oversight
2nd VP Programs	Dave Cutcliff & Christie Adams	Programs
Treasurer	Gordie Shutter	Finances
Membership	Deb Binkley	Membership & Forms
Publications	Deb Bemederfer	Newsletter and Website
Secretary	Dianne Bachman	Minutes and Historical
Social Coordinator	Karen Wampler	Activities
Past President	Heidi Allison	

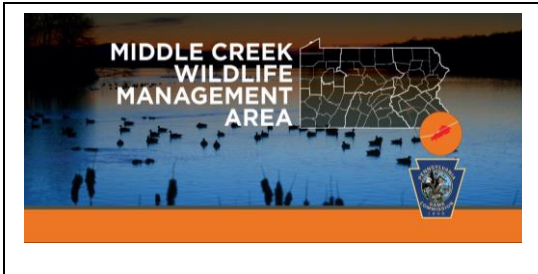


NSCF Council Members:

NSCF members have an opportunity to get the newly introduced Nivis1 premium ski jacket from Nivis Gear at ski federation exclusive discount pricing Nivis Gear is offering our members a one-time sale on their Nivis1 jackets for \$325 while supplies last.. When we launched in January the retail price was \$650, it just lowered it to \$385 for an end of the season close out sale, but for your group we will sell them for **\$300**. So depending on how you look at it, it is 54% of the original retail price, or an additional 22% off the current discounted year end sale price. These are amazing jackets for that price. We are working on some very exciting stuff for next year and really just want to sell out of all of this year's model so we don't confuse people next year. You can use the discount code: **skifederation2023**. **Don't delay, this offer is valid only while supplies last.**

Joe Harvis  
Secretary/Benefits Chair  
National Ski Council Federation

## SPEAKER AT APRIL MEETING



Representatives from the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area will be on hand, at our next member meeting, April 11, to give a presentation on the history of this 6,000 acre wildlife area. Celebrating 50 years in operation, the property offers over 20 miles of hiking trails, special hunts, snow goose & waterfowl migration, seasonal wildlife driving tour and a beautiful Conservation Heritage Museum with an interactive visitor center. The visitor center is located at 100 Museum Road, Stevens, PA. Their website is [Middlecreek@pa.gov](mailto:Middlecreek@pa.gov). Please join us to learn about one of the "best kept secrets" of the wildlife world.

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## BRONX WANDERERS CONCERT- JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> – GRETNA THEATER

The Lebanon Ski Club will once again reserve tickets for the Bronx Wanderers performance at Gretna Theater for the night of June 17th. 25 tickets will be held for club members at the rate of \$30.00 per ticket. These will be in the center row. Please make checks payable to LSS and send with a self-addressed stamped envelope by May 1st to Christie Adams, 1119 Cord Drive, Hummelstown, PA 17036. If you have questions, please e-mail Christie at [cadams1219@aol.com](mailto:cadams1219@aol.com).

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## Saturday, April 22, 2023

Please mark your calendar for United Way of Lebanon County's Annual Day of Caring!

United Way of Lebanon County's 26th Day of Caring, presented by UPMC, will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 9am - noon.



This annual event has grown to be Lebanon County's single largest volunteer day, with more than 600 individuals volunteering their time and talents to lend a hand throughout our communities.

You look forward to you joining us this year! Lebanon Ski Club will assist on Lebanon Valley Rails to Trails - opportunity for both Lebanon and Jonestown areas, to be determined.

Please send a note that you would like to assist. [janemmms@gmail.com](mailto:janemmms@gmail.com) or text 717-507-0186

Thanks! *Jane Miller*

## “TAKE A HIKE.....TAX DAY”!

Saturday, April 15, 2023 1:00 pm

Siegrist Dam/High Bridge

301 Old Forge Road

Pine Grove

Trip Leader: Dianne Bachman

717-503-8752



We'll hike around the Lebanon Reservoir which is over 4 miles covering varied and uneven terrain of rocks and creeks.

Surrounded by State Game Lands, wildlife can be seen or heard and remnants of beaver activity can be found on trees by the waterfront.



The dam, on left, was completed in 1994 and has the capacity to hold back 1.2 billion gallons of water. The dam breast is 600' long and 125' high. It's also known as High Bridge Dam which is a reference to the railroad bridge, on right, that once stood for 90 years, 75' over Mill Creek before it was dismantled in 1950.



The Ironmaster's Mansion can be seen to the right of the trailhead. This and the Swatara Furnace make up part of the 200 acre Swatara Furnace Historic District c1830. Other structures include a stone dam breast, barn, stone foreman's house and stone worker's double house. This property was officially added The National Register of Historic Places in July 1992.



**When:** May 6, 2023 9:00 am

**Where:** Launch - Swopes Valley Rd Trailhead, Swatara State Park

Turn onto Swopes Valley Rd off of Suedberg Rd, Pine Grove, PA, GPS 40.522343, -76.469334

Take Out - Lickdale Trailhead, Swatara State Park

Turn onto Monroe Valley Rd off of Rt 72, Lickdale, PA, GPS 40.465854, -76.510774

Join Swatara Watershed Association for a day of paddling, education and litter clean up.  
Enjoy the most natural stretch of the Swatara Creek as it meanders through Swatara State Park.

**Itinerary** (subject to change):

1. Registration and Equipment drop off at Swopes Valley Rd Trailhead
2. Drivers take vehicles to Lickdale Trailhead
3. Drivers shuttled back to launch
4. Enjoy breakfast
5. Introduction and Safety Briefing
6. Launch

7. Paddle the Swatara, view wildlife, pick up litter
8. Stop at Sand Siding Bridge, walk to Bordner Cabin (1 mile) (Shuttle available for those who can not walk)
9. Eat lunch and listen to presentation about our State Parks at Bordner Cabin,
10. Walk back to Sand Siding Bridge
11. Launch and continue paddle
12. Take out at Lickdale Trailhead

Sojourns are held each year throughout Pennsylvania.  
For more information visit [www.pawatersheds.org/sojourn](http://www.pawatersheds.org/sojourn)

## Swatara Sojourn Registration



Click on this link to complete the [Online Registration](#). Then use this [PayPal](#) link or QR code to pay registration donation. **Please complete one form per participant.**

Or print and complete the form below and mail, with a check made payable to Swatara Watershed Association, to 20 Black Walnut Lane, Annville, PA 17003.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Age \_\_\_ Adult (18+) **\$25** \_\_\_ Child (under 18, must be accompanied by a responsible adult) **\$10**  
**Participation fees are donations and are nonrefundable. The event will be canceled if weather or creek conditions are unsafe.**

Check all that apply:

- I will serve on the safety team (lead or sweep boat, First Aid and CPR) - please email me with more information
- I would like to sponsor the sojourn -please email me more information
- Other

**Waiver - Without compensation, I give permission for my photo or likeness to be used in any medium. I understand that I will participate in the Swatara Sojourn at my own risk. I agree to hold harmless Swatara Watershed Association Inc and its partners. (Under 18 must be signed by parent or legal guardian).**

**Participant Signature (or parent/guardian if under 18)** \_\_\_\_\_



Lebanon Bicycle Coalition  
Family Weekend Pine Creek Rail Trail Ride  
May 19 -20 -21

**\*\*\*\*\*Please note this is change from original plan\*\*\*\*\***

**Little Pine State Park**

Little Pine State Park will be the campground we are using for our fun filled biking adventure on the beautiful Pine Creek Rail Trail. The campground is located just 4 miles from Waterville which is along the Pine Creek.

We will be staying in a group tenting site #3 at the campground where we will be together. This site has a modern rest room facility with showers and flush toilets and picnic tables plus a fire ring.

Saturday morning we will journey to the Slate Run Trail Head to start our northern journey with some members of the Lebanon Ski Club. We will ride as far as everyone is comfortable riding and stop back and have a late lunch at the Manor in Slate Run. Some possibilities would be riding to Blackwell (21 mile round trip) or to Tiadaghton (37 mile round trip).

Sunday morning we will drive to the Waterville trail head and ride south again as far as we feel comfortable and can dine at the Waterville Hotel when we return. The trail ends in Jersey Shore which would be a 21 mile round trip.

I encourage you to bring activities along for enjoyment at the campground such as corn hole, lawn darts etc. Check in is 3:00 PM Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> and check out is Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> by 3:00 PM. Reminder no alcohol is permitted in State Parks. For directions and more information visit [www.visitPAparks.com](http://www.visitPAparks.com)

[Address is 4205 Little Pine Creek Road Waterville PA 17776 which is approx. 2-1/2 to 2-3/4 hour drive from Lebanon.](#)

[Cost is \\$ 5.00 per person for the weekend.](#)

[For Ski Club Members we will be @ the Manor @ 9:30 and Cedar Run @ 10:00](#)

[Deadline to Sign Up - MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2023](#)

If you are attending or have questions about our trip. Please contact:

Ron Birch

717-821-5054 or [rjbirch0107@comcast.net](mailto:rjbirch0107@comcast.net)





## Late Spring Cycling and Golfing Adventure

**June 2 and 3, 2023**

Dust off your bikes and join fellow club members for a weekend of biking along the Allegheny River on the scenic Armstrong Trail in western PA. We will be staying at the Kittanning Plaza Hotel which provides easy access to the trail as well as other activities in the area, such as golfing at the Lenape Heights Golf Resort. A block of 12 rooms have been reserved under "Lebanon Ski and Sport Club" for the nights of June 2nd and 3rd. There is a 2-night minimum for rooms in the block with a rate of \$120/night plus tax. Those interested in participating must contact the hotel to secure their room and make payment arrangements by May 5, 2023. Reservations for only one night will not be part of the block and will not qualify for the special rate. The Armstrong Trail is a rail trail that is 35.5 miles long. Riders can travel at their own pace as far as they desire before turning around. To learn more about the trail, including points of interest and local amenities, go to <https://armstrongtrails.org>. Hotel information: Kittanning Plaza Hotel, 13 Hilltop Plz, Kittanning PA 16201 Ph: 724-543-5200.

For questions regarding the weekend, e-mail Christie Adams at [cadams1219@aol.com](mailto:cadams1219@aol.com).





**Lebanon Ski & Sports Club, Inc.**  
**Membership / Release of Liability Form**

**MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2023/2024**

All trip participants must be current LSSCI Members

Membership begins April 1 and expires Mar 31st

Membership Type:     New Member    Renewal  
 Family - \$35.00    Individual - \$25.00

Bring to Membership Meeting or Mail to:  
Deb Binkley, 2566 State Rte 72 Jonestown PA 17038

NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

List names of family members and ages here, if applying for Family Membership:

Payment record: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Membership date:

**Release of Liability**

**The Lebanon Ski & Sports Club Inc. (LSSCI) reserves** the right to make changes including, but not limited to price, time, departure point, lodging, air flights, etc., where such changes are in the best interest of LSSCI or are compelled by circumstances beyond LSSCI's control. Neither LSSCI nor its board members, trip leaders or other representatives assume any obligation or responsibility for any matters not within their control.

**I acknowledge** that skiing & boarding and other physical activities are hazardous activities and I have made a voluntary choice to participate in those activities despite the risks that they present. In consideration of my being permitted to participate in Club events, I agree to assume any and all risks of injury or death which might be associated with or result from my participating in this event.

**I understand** that this is a Release of Liability, which will legally prevent me or any other person from filing suit or making any other legal claim for damages against the *Lebanon Ski & Sport Club, Inc.* in the event of my death or any injury to me. I, nevertheless, enter into this agreement freely and voluntary and agree that it is binding upon me, my heirs, assignees and legal representatives.

**I agree** as an individual or on behalf of family, to abide by the provisions and conditions in the trip Agreement and Terms or any other trip material, including information appearing in the *Lebanon Ski & Sport Club, Inc.* newsletter which information shall be part of the agreement.

**I agree** as an individual or on behalf of family or those under 18 years of age, to abide by the provisions and conditions in the trip Agreement and Terms

**I agree** to make schedule payments when due. If I make late payments, make changes or withdraw from the trip, I agree to pay shift, late or cancellation fees as specified in the trip material.

*I, the undersigned, have read, understand and will abide by all statements, rules and regulations in the Application.*

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Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**LEBANON SKI & SPORT CLUB, Inc (LSSCI) - TRIP/EVENT REGISTRATION FORM 2023/2024**

**1. TRIP/EVENT SIGN-UP AND PAYMENT**

- A. Everyone participating in Club trips must be a current member of the LSSCI INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Everyone participating in club trips must be at least 18 years of age, unless accompanied by a Parent/Legal Guardian.
- C. Registration for all club trips involving overnight stays, payment, or common transportation, must include this registration form and the initial deposit. Deposits shall be made by check made payable to the **Lebanon Ski and Sport Club, Inc.**
- D. Everyone under 21 years of age must abide by all state laws governing alcoholic beverage consumption. Any individual under 21 years of age who consumes alcoholic beverages or any club member, who furnishes any individual under the age of 21 with alcoholic beverages, shall be prohibited from participating in any additional club trips. In addition, the Board may expel said individual(s) for violations of this policy.
- E. Trips will be filled as follows:
  - 1. Registrations will be accepted in the order they are received. Deposits and registration forms are to be given to the trip leader assigned to that trip. Trip Leader addresses will be listed in the monthly newsletter.
  - 2. The initial deposit amount and the schedule for the remaining payments will be stated in the official trip announcement. Payment schedules will also be listed in the monthly newsletter.
  - 3. The club makes reasonable efforts to pair members to fill rooms to meet the occupancy rate. However, due to the variety of room configurations, parties signing up for trips with less than required occupancy may incur additional charges to cover room costs not otherwise covered. INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

F. **Lebanon Ski & Sports Club Inc. (LSSCI)** reserves the right to make any changes including, but not limited to: price, time, departure point, lodging, air flights, trip cancellations - where such changes are in the best interest of LSSCI or are compelled by circumstances beyond LSSCI's control. When it is **beyond the clubs control** ( ie, weather, airlines etc) any cost incurred will be the responsibility of the participant, not the club. INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Participant Cancellation:** Cancellation with full refund will be made if the vacancy created is filled at the time of the event. It is the responsibility of the participants to find a replacement, not the trip leader. If the vacancy is not filled, refunds will be made only for the portion of the deposit not required to cover fixed, non-refundable expenses incurred by the club. Cancellations fees will be determined on a trip-by-trip basis. Any trip refund is provided after the trip. INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

**TRIP REGISTRATION FORM** Please use this form for club trips as noted. Attach a check made payable to the **Lebanon Ski & Sport Club** for your deposit/payment and either mail or give it to the trip leader at the club meeting.

Trip/Event \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Leader \_\_\_\_\_

**(Provide name EXACTLY as it appears on your legal travel document, Real ID, Drivers' License, Passport, etc.)**

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

<p>Circle one: I/We wish to fly with the club on their available air package.</p> <p>I/We will be responsible for our own flights and ground transportation.</p>
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Email Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person you wish to room with \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM REQUESTS: Requests for specific room assignments should be specified on the application form. Although every effort will be made to honor each request, we cannot guarantee them due to lodging configurations.

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name 1: Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_      Name 2: Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month    Day    Year Month    Day    Year

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURES Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_



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***Members are encouraged to suggest and/or plan activities!!***