

The Babble

The Monthly Newsletter of the blazer Ski club Colorado Springs, Co November, 2018

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THE PREZ SEZ

November 2018

I am writing this on 11/11, looking out the window at the snow falling!
It baffles me that we haven't filled the Wolf Creek trip yet. The powder there is waist deep. This is an excellent chance to work on those turns before all of the areas get crowded. At this point we need 13 more people to sign up in order for this trip to go. Please think about friends who might want to join you on this epic Blazer trip.

The website is up and looking good. Please get in the habit of looking at www.blazerskiclub.org when you need information about meetings, trips and parties. Thank you to Lorri Marzulla (Lmarzulla@comcast.net) for taking over the web page. If you have suggestions for improvement, please contact Lorri.
Marge Milne Blazer President

2018-2019 Ski Season

The ski season has started in earnest with resorts like Wolf Creek, Arapahoe Basin, Breckenridge and Loveland already open and other Colorado Ski resorts set to open over the next two weeks. Right now Wolf Creek, Crested Butte and Park City are taking signups!! Oh did I mention that Park City will open 21 November and that Wolf Creek already has a 27 inch base!! Please help our trip captains out by signing up early; they would appreciate the relief of the stress.

All trips are also being presented to the Over the Hill Gang, so please get your name on the lists so you don't miss your opportunity to go on our trips. I am confident they will fill.

**Winter VP,
Bob Poulin**

Mark your Calendars

- Nov. 14 Meeting @ Valley Hi
 - Signups for Wolf Creek and Crested Butte continue
 - Sign up for the Christmas party (Dec 19)
- Nov. 16 Wolf Creek closes
- Nov. 21 No Meeting Enjoy your turkey!
- Nov 28 Regular Meeting
- Dec. 5 Taos Opens
- Dec 12
- Dec 19 Christmas Party @ The Pinery on the Hill



Christmas Party @ The Pinery at the Hill

December 19 @ 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Time to make your reservations for the

Annual Blazer Christmas Party!

This year's party will be at the beautiful Pinery at the Hill

Wednesday December 19

6:00 pm -10:00 pm

Drinking, Dining and Dancing

Make your \$45 check payable to the Blazer Ski Club and mail it to:

Marge Milne
1765 Paseo Del Oro
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

or just give it to her at the next meeting.

Cash Bar

Signups begin November 14th

2018-19 Trip Schedule

- Dec 14-16 Wolf Creek
- Jan 25-27 Crested Butte
 - Feb 15-18 Taos
 - March 1-5 Park City
- March 16-18 Leadville U drive

BLAZER SKI CLUB - WOLF CREEK TRIP
We need more people to SIGN UP NOW!!
December 14 – 16

Ramblin Express Bus leaves 5:00 PM
From Woodmen Park & Ride

Lodging: 2 nights Quality Inn – South Fork
(Pool, Hot Tub and Hot Breakfast)

Food: Box Lunch on Buses, Wine & Cheese @ the Bus after Skiing Saturday
BBQ Buffet @ Country Club - Saturday (Cash Bar)

Lift Tickets – 2 day adult = \$122.40; 2 day senior (65 – 79) = \$73.10

Cost is \$320.00 + Lift Tickets (bus, 2 days skiing, 2 nights lodging & dinner included)

To SIGN UP Contact

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Or

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Wolf Creek Ski Area is now open 7 days a week for the season, with seven lifts operating and 90% of the mountain open, including the Alberta Lift, serving the Waterfall, Knife Ridge and Horseshoe Bowl areas. The base at mid mountain is 26". Powder/Packed Powder/Hardpack with excellent early season conditions. Extensive grooming has taken place on much of the lower, middle, and upper mountain.

CRESTED BUTTE – JANUARY 25-27 – SIGN-UPS HAVE BEGUN!

Crested Butte trip is filling up! Sign up soon! You won't want to miss out on this annual trip with The Blazer Ski Club! Cost is \$320 (does not include lift tickets).

Don't forget Epic Pass holders, CB is now included in the pass!

A deposit of \$160 will secure your spot. Cost includes Luxury Coach, delicious lunch up and back, coolers full of beverages, two nights at the Old Town Inn, wine and cheese party, happy hour, and lots of fun and games!

We'll be at the weekly meeting Wednesday for registrations.

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TAOS SKI VALLEY

Presidents Day Weekend

February 15-18, 2019

Depart: 4:00 PM, Friday, February 15, from the Woodmen Park and Ride, meals and drinks provided

Return: By 8:00 PM, Monday, February 18, meals and drinks provided

SIGN UP BEGINS ON DECEMBER 5

Cost: \$495 plus lift tickets with \$250 deposit due at sign up and balance due by January 9

Ski and Snowboard Lift Ticket Rates:

	Adult	Senior (65-79)	Military/Service
1 Day	\$110	\$90	\$90
2 Days	\$198	\$162	\$162
3 Days	\$291	\$237	\$237
Half-day at 12:30	\$90	\$70	\$70
Icon Pass	Unlimited -- no blackout dates		
Icon Base Pass	Good Feb 18 only – blacked out Feb 16-17		

Seniors aged 80+ ski free. Tickets must be ordered at trip sign-up and will be purchased from TSV prior to Blazer departure. Military (active duty, reserve, retired, veterans) and Emergency Service Personnel (Police, Fire, EMT) must show valid ID to receive discount. One-day break allowed on multi-day tickets.

Ski Experience: New high-capacity snowmaking equipment on all beginner and intermediate slopes (49% of terrain) enables TSV to open its season earlier and stay open, and new high-speed quad Lift #1 moves skiers from the base up the mountain in 5 minutes.

Lodging: Three-night stay (double occupancy) at El Pueblo Lodge in Taos includes: wine and cheese welcome reception Friday evening, social gathering on heated terrace Saturday evening with green chili stew and generous hors d'oeuvres, full hot breakfast daily 6:30-9:30 AM, complementary cookies and chips n' salsa all day, fitness center, large outdoor hot tub, and one-mile walk to restaurants, shopping and historical sites in and around the Taos Plaza

Transportation in Taos: Provided daily to and from Taos Ski Valley on board our own coach or via Taos shuttle bus (Green Line) that stops in front of El Pueblo Lodge; other transportation can be arranged

Non-ski activities: Group reservations made for Sunday evening dinner at Lambert's of Taos, Gorge Grill, Taos Mesa Brewing Company and one more restaurant (to be announced). Planning continues for other activities such as a Taos walking tour, artisan tour, highlights tour, Ojo Caliente spa and mineral springs, or other adventures.

Trip Captains:

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Park City, Utah
Mar 1 - Mar 5, 2019

Want to take in some activities other than skiing? Park City has much to offer- here's a list of options you may want to consider:

- Tour the *Utah Olympic Park* AND take a bobsled ride- The Comet!
- Browse around Historic Main Street lined with quaint shops and galleries.
- See the home of the *Sundance Film Festival*
- Recover from all your adventures at *Knead a Massage*
- Be pampered at the *Golden Door Spa*
- Go ice skating at *Park City Ice Arena*
- Try your luck at the *Escape Room Park City* with several themed escape rooms
- Visit *Alf Engen Ski Museum* featuring films, interactive exhibits and museums, and Olympic memorabilia highlighting Park City's involvement in winter sports.
- Go Dog sledding
- How about Snow Biking, Snowshoeing, Snowmobiling?!!

If you're looking for it, Park City likely has what you're looking for. Go to www.Visitparkcity.com for more details.



On October 17, the Blazers met at the Ski Shop. For a very informative evening. The Ski Shop Owner, Rick, spoke about the latest innovations in ski and board gear. To summarize in one word, **LIGHTER**.

Ski boots have better traction, are lighter and there is more customization. Skis are lighter, but still perform well with no chatter when going at high speeds. When you hold the skis up to a light, you can see that the core near the tips are built with a honeycomb material which reduces weight. Helmet technology is also lighter, yet safety values have increased with a two-piece construction. Clothing is also lighter with a lot more hollow-fill fiber, not to mention waterproof and windproof.

Thank you to the ski Shop for their continued support of the Blazers! Support our local business and purchase all your gear at The Ski Shop.

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Editor's note:

This has been an experiment in terror for me. Thank you to Lorri Marzulla for correcting most of my errors.

Marge Milne