

# Gelandesprung Gazette



"Going Downhill since 1969!"

September 2023

www.gelandesprung.org

P.O. Box 10422, Green Bay, WI 54307-0422

## Piette's Post

I hope you have had a great summer. We have a few activities that I want to bring to your attention as we head into autumn.

First, Skigroup's on-line sign-up system has worked out great for us so far. I have heard compliments from our older members about how simple the system is to use. Mistakes are easily resolved as well by calling Skigroup directly.

We will have a big group of skiers at Big White and we are closing in on the maximum number of people for our flights. Sign up now if you want to join us. See the newsletter for details.

Big White (and Sun Peaks) are in the Okanagan Valley. Check out the Post about the valley at https://www.ski.com/blog/7-reasons-we-love-the-okanagan-ski-resorts/

We also have the Fall banquet coming up **October 6**. Consistent with the results of our survey at the spring banquet, we are considering options for a different dinner or dinners. Check the newsletter for more information. We will also plan to start sign up for our Midwest trip at this meeting.

The annual Quick Bicycle ride is scheduled for **September 23**. It will depart from and return to Silarian Vineyards in Cato. The ride will be similar terrain to previous rides. It is always a ton of fun. Check out the newsletter for details on this as well.

Finally, the full Board continues to meet at 6:00 PM the second Tuesday each month at The Woods. Everyone is welcome at these meetings.

See you later,

Tom Piette



Vertical drop of 2,550 ft and overall skiable terrain of just under 2,800 acres Big White is the second most popular resort in British Columbia There is no end to the exploring you can do on this mountain!

**FRIDAY-to-FRIDAY** 

JAN. 26 - FEB. 2, 2024

OR

SATURDAY-to-SATURDAY JAN. 27 - FEB. 3, 2024

- HOTEL AND CONDO LODGING AVAILABLE
- BOTH ARE SKI-IN/SKI-OUT PROPERTIES
- AIR FROM CHICAGO TO KELOWNA, B.C.
- 119 RUNS 18% BEGINNER, 54% INTERMEDIATE, 22% EXPERT, 6% EXTREME
- ELEVATION BASE 5757', SUMMIT 7606'
- 16 DINING OPTIONS AND 1 MARKET FOR GROCERIES
- PRICING AND DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!
- CHECK YOUR PASSPORT AND RENEW IT NOW IF ITS EXPIRATION IS LESS THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE END OF THE TRIP

Payment should be post-marked Friday, September 1st or later

(Must be a Gelandesprung or Sly-Fox Member to Sign Up – See membership form on website)

Canadian owned and family operated since 1963 / 5315 Big White Road Kelowna, BC V1P 1P3



**VALID US PASSPORT REQUIRED & NO DUI's** 

Reviewed & Signed Copy of Gelandesprung Waiver will be Required



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# Big White, January 2024

#### A Once in a Generation Trip

Friday Jan 26 – Friday Feb 2 Saturday Jan 27 – Saturday Feb 3

# Trip Signup Starts August 28 Base Trip Price is \$2,060

Trip Leader: Tom Piette
Assistant Trip Leader: Heidi Janowski



**Purpose:** The purposes of this is to provide the information you need to sign up for the trip to Big White. This will be the first trip to Big White by either of our clubs in more than 20 years. You must be a member of Gelandesprung or Sly Fox to go on the trip.

#### This document includes:

- Section 1: Information About Big White Ski Area & Lodging & Services
- Section 2: The Signup process, including the link that will connect you directly to Skigroup's signup system and provides the phone numbers you can call to sign up by talking to a person. Most of us will not have a problem using the system If you are not comfortable or not able to use the link to sign up for the trip, call Skigroup. They will sign you up. Details are below.
- Section 3: Includes information regarding travel.
- Section 4: Details of trip costs and the information that you need as you sign-up (i.e., 6-day lift ticket).
- Section 5: Information regarding trip insurance.
- Section 6: Q&A

If you are not comfortable or not able to use the link to sign up for the trip, call Skigroup. They will sign you up. Details are below.

You must be a member of Gelandesprung Ski Club or Sly Fox Ski Club for the trip.

https://www.gelandesprung.org/resources/Documents/2023membership.pdf

#### **Section 1:**

#### **About Big White Ski Area & Lodging & Services:**

- We will have **true ski-in ski-out accommodations**. There will be **no need to board a bus** while at Big White except for a possible optional trip to Silver Star.
- The hotel and the condominium are a short walk from one another.
- Big White is located in British Columbia's picturesque Okanagan Valley, Big White is uniquely blessed with sunny weather, champagne powder and mild temperatures. Sun Peaks and Silver Star are in the same region.
- 118 designated runs across 2,835 acres of terrain.
- 18% Beginner, 54% Intermediate, 22% Expert, 6% extreme
- The base elevation is 5757 feet; The summit is 7606 feet.
- Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, and other activities are available at the resort
- Information regarding Silver Star will be provided in October or November.

#### Lodging:

- The Inn at Big White Hotel (base package) provides a comfortable room and other amenities. Each room has a refrigerator. Breakfast is not included. The outdoor appearance is not nearly as nice as the appearance of the rooms on line. Other features include:
  - Outdoor pool and hot tub
  - Laundry
  - Ski lockers
  - o Restaurant, lounge & more.
- The Stonebridge Lodge condominium lodging (+\$349 pp.) provides upscale lodging. It is intended for four people. The second bedrooms have two beds.
- Two 2-bedrooom condos are reserved at this time.
  - Options for a 3-bedroom, 2-bath condos for six people (+\$203pp.) are available but not reserved, as a special order.
  - Amenities in Stonebridge Condos include:
    - Laundry in each unit
    - Private hot tubs on the balcony,
    - Fine dining restaurants and other amenities.
- Both locations are true ski-in/ski-out. It is a short walk from one to the other.
- Check out the lodging on line to make your choice by googling "The Inn at Big White" or "Stonebridge Lodge, Big White".
- With 20 on-mountain restaurants, cafes, delis, pubs and nightclubs, there is no shortage of places to replenish your energy level when it's time for a break.
- A Grocery store and delivery service is available in the village.

#### **Section 2:**

#### **Sign Up Process:**

Please review sections 3, 4, and 5 before initiating your signup.

There are two parts to sign up for the trip:

- 1. The online sign-up including all your choices for transportation, lodging, skiing, etc. will begin August 28. The system is easy to understand the first time you use it. During the period from August 28 to September 1, the date that you input your signup information will not affect your position in the queue for the choices you make (i.e., condo vs hotel).
  - a. Please use the link below to sign up if you are able to do so.
  - b. You may also sign up by calling Skigroup; Crystal at (970)313-4217, or Kelly at (970)313-4218
- 2. The link for to sign up for the trip is https://go.tripstorm.app/#!/24GELBIGWHITE.
  - a. The system is not ready to be used yet. Any information you would enter now will be erased. **Do not enter any information until August 28**.
  - b. Enter the selection system by clicking on "Purchase Now" button.
  - c. On large screens (computers and most tablets) You will notice "file tabs" to click at the top of your computer screen. The categories are Air, Lodging, Lift Ticket, My Info, Terms, & payment. Credit card payment will be disabled for this trip. On phones and smaller tablets, you will use a "Next" button to navigate selections.
  - d. The choices for the Base Trip will be checked. Click on your choice to change it.
- 3. The second part of the sign-up is to <u>send your check for the deposit to Gelandesprung Ski</u> Club, PO Box 10422, Green Bay, WI 54307, **no sooner than September 1** as directed by the signup system. The postmark on the envelope with your check will determine your spot in the queue for choices. The Board and committee members that need information will have access to sign-up information to see your choices, contact information, etc.
  - a. Someone could have a problem with the signup system, we planned the 4-day gap to solve the problem without affecting your opportunity to have your choices.
  - b. The \$1000 deposit will be used to eliminate currency risk.
  - c. The remainder of your trip cost is due December 1.

#### Section 3:

#### **Travel Information:**

- The airlines limited our seats to 32 people per day. This is to help the luggage fit on the plane.
- There will be a bus for the Saturday trip for 32 people and this flight will need to be filled.
- We also expect a bus for the Friday trip. We will need about 20 people to make the bus economical. If we do not have enough people for a bus, the Friday group would drive to O'Hare and the cost of bussing (\$122 pp.) will not be charged. Options for a stay & fly hotel would be identified, just as we did for Sun Peaks in 2018.
- The bus is part of the travel package. People flying with us must pay for the bus unless their bus is cancelled, or you do not live in the area served by the bus.
- People making their own travel arrangements may ride the bus with us from Kelowna if you are ready to go with the group at about 2:00 PM either day. Other options may be available at a higher cost. Refunds will depend on our ability to recover the cost.

#### Section 4:

#### Trip Prices and Information for Sign up:

- \$2,060 The Base Trip includes:
  - Round trip bus to O'Hare from Green Bay, The Woods; Appleton, The Bar; Richfield Pioneer Travel Plaza at I-41 exit 60.
  - Round trip flight to Kelowna (AS 2517 arriving Kelowna at 1:12 PM), ground transportation to hotel, porterage and taxes. Friday and Saturday have the same flight number and schedule.
  - Dual occupancy lodging at the Inn at Big White
  - And a 5-day lift ticket.
  - Making different selections will change your cost.

#### Options:

- Transportation Options:
  - Choose Saturday to Saturday (27 Jan to 3 Feb) round trip bus to O'Hare & flight \$0
  - Choose Friday to Friday (26 Jan to 2 Feb) round trip bus to O'Hare & flight \$0
  - Provide your own transportation to Kelowna --Deduct \$755
- Lodging Options:
  - Choose Inn at Big White included in base trip
  - Choose Stonebridge Lodge (Condo, 4 people) -- Add \$349
  - You may be able to reserve a 3- bedroom, 2-bath Stonebridge condo by special arrangement. With 6-people it would add \$203 to the base price of lodging.
  - Indicate your preferred room, or condo mates.
- Lift Tickets
  - Decline lift tickets -- Deduct \$435
  - Choose 4-day lift ticket Deduct \$83
  - Choose 6-day lift ticket Add \$87
  - Choose 4-day Senior ticket (≥65) -- Deduct \$119
  - Choose 5-day Senior ticket (>65) Deduct \$45
  - Choose 6-day Senior ticket (≥65) Add \$33
- Other Information you will need:
  - Your name exactly as it appears on your passport (i.e., Thomas Edward Piette)
  - o Your passport expiration date (must be after August 4, 2024).
  - Your emergency contacts name and phone number (primary & secondary)
  - Are you a member of Gelandesprung or Sly Fox
  - Your pick-up location The Woods, Green Bay; The Bar, Appleton; or Pioneer Travel Plaza
  - If you want to purchase trip insurance and the type.

#### **Section 5:**

#### Insurance:

- Insurance is a good idea for foreign travel. First, check with your provider to be sure you have medical coverage while in a foreign country. Medicare does not cover you. Your Medicare supplemental plan or advantage plan might cover you. You want to verify your coverage for medical treatment regardless of your health insurance.
  - As an example, my supplemental plan includes a \$250 foreign deductible and a 20% copay. My cost domestically is \$0 for each.
- Skigroup will have a link to purchase travel insurance. They link to plans provided by VacationGuard (866)314-9480 or <a href="mailto:service@vacationguard.com">service@vacationguard.com</a>. As I understand it, the plans offered include medical coverage and trip cancelation.
- Gelandesprung has typically contacted Myra Altschuler, Travel Protectors, LLC. Plan information is below.
  - o Email myra@travelprotectors.com or call Myra at 703-443-9055 for information.
  - She offers two plans.
    - The Medical plan covers health care, medical evacuation coverage, lost luggage and trip delay. The cost is modest at \$52.
    - A more complete plan that also includes trip cancelation is \$191. This coverage must be purchased within 21 days of your first trip deposit.
- For details regarding insurance from either company, call the insurance companies to be sure you understand what you are purchasing.

#### **Section 6:**

#### Q&A:

Q: Why are we signing up so early?

A: First, Ski trip costs to another country involve the risk of costs rising based upon a change in the exchange rate. A favorable exchange rate is the reason that we have a very low trip cost. Although the exchange rate is excellent today, the risk is that the exchange rate could change if we wait until October.

Q: Why do we have only on-line sign up for this trip?

A: Planning and executing the trips takes a lot of time recording and tracking information accurately. On-line signup provides a lot of advantages in accuracy and it saves a ton of time. We also have accommodations for anyone that is not using the online system.

Q: What's up with the possible trip to Silver Star?

A: Silver Star will have people available to help us plan a day trip by October. They are not available now. We are hoping to have a day trip but we do not have information to share at this time.

Q: If we go to Silver Star, I want a 5-day lift pass at Big White. If there isn't a trip, I want a 6-day pass. What should I do?

A: Buy the 6-day pass at Big White now. You can change it to a 5-day pass by calling Skigroup if you go to Silver Star. In fact, you can change your lift pass for any reason until shortly before the trip.

Q: We don't usually have to pay for the bus if we choose to not take it. Why is this year different?

A: Busses are included as a part of the travel cost for the group. We often have more people on a flight than can fit on the bus. Consequently, we usually do not charge if you do not choose to use the bus. In this case our flights only allow for 32 people, the bus will be only ~60% of capacity. Each person that chooses to not take the bus would cost other members their share of the cost (which is much more than in the past).

Q: The bus is impractical for me because the bus does not travel near where I live. Do I still need to pay?

A: This is a special condition. We will make an exception for you if the bus is not practical. Explain your situation to the trip leader.

Q: What type of beds are included in the lodging?

A: Hotels will typically have more rooms with two beds. The Stonedbridge condos include two beds in the second bedroom.

Finally, visit Gelandesprung.org and the Facebook page for more information during August.

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# QUICK'S BIKE RIDE SEPTEMBER 23,2023 @ 12:00 NOON \*\*NEW LOCATION\*\* SILARIAN VINEYARDS

### 11715 HILLTOP ROAD, CATO

DUE TO CONSTRUCTION AT THE QUICK RESIDENCE, WE HAVE SELECTED THIS LOCATION FOR THE RIDE.

WHAT REMAINS THE SAME: SOMETHING YUMMY WILL BE SMOKED UP TO DEVOUR AFTER THE RIDE; BRING A DISH TO PASS; THE RIDE WILL STILL BE THROUGH THE HILLY TERRAIN OF NORTHERN MANITOWOC COUNTY

WHAT WILL CHANGE: LOCATION ( OBVIOUSLY ! ); DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES.

SILARIAN OFFERS LOCAL WINES AS WELL AS IMPORTED WINES AND LOCAL CRAFT BEERS. BRING A LAWN CHAIR TO LISTEN TO THE CHOCOLATEERS STARTING AT 3PM.

DIRECTIONS: GET TO HIGHWAY 10 AND HEAD TOWARDS WHITELAW, TURN SOUTH ON COUNTY S, TURN WEST ON HILLTOP FOR A VERY SHORT DISTANCE TO SILARIAN.

RSVP TO trip.chair@gelandesprung.org

# 2023 Fall Banquet



# Get your ski stories ready!

Friday, October 6, 2023 Cocktails 6:00 pm Dinner: 7:00 pm

The Woods 530 Erie Road Green Bay, WI 54311

Chicken & Tips	Family Style Dinner w/dessert.	Cash Bar	PRIZES!

\$18.00 per person Amount \$\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_

Name: <sub>-</sub>			

## RSVP by Friday Sept. 22, 2023

Mail To:

Gelandesprung Ski Club

P.O. Box 10422

Green Bay, WI 54307-0422

Questions: Please contact Mark Heintzkill

Social@Gelandesprung.org or (920) 241-3217

Green Bay Farmer's Market



Gelandesprung Ski Club needs your help at the Green Bay Farmer's Market

Claudia needs help with setting up/tearing down and greeting people who stop by.

Saturday morning October 7th

If interested, please contact Claudia Elsner our Marketing Committee Volunteer at 920-676-9285 or email at <a href="mailto:czelsner@sbcglobal.net">czelsner@sbcglobal.net</a>



# 2023 - 2024 SLY FOX SKI SEASON

See full info & sign up form: Sly Fox Newsletter & Website www.slyfoxskiclub.org



Wakefild, Michigan

January 5-7,

\$425 dbl occupancy Initial deposit \$100

Deduct of \$100 from final payment for No lift pass/non skier.

Trip opens for sign up & no earlier than Oct. 4 meeting or postmarked on that date.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED!

Round Trip Motor Coach -Appleton/Green Bay to Snowriver Wakefield Michigan

Subs, bottled water, ice on the bus to Wakefield.

2 Nights lodging/Snowriver Jackson Creek Lodge

2 Day Lift Pass/Snowriver NEW Voyageur Express- high speed 6pk chair lift

Dinner Saturday night – Jaggers Ore House

Note: Breakfast available Jackson Creek Lodge (on your own)

Motor coach schedule:

GREEN BAY: Loads/5pm

Departs/5:15pm

The Woods GC, 530 Erie Road.

APPLETON: Pick up 5:45pm

Appleton Location & time TBD

Return trip-Culvers food stop
on your own. Complete
itinerary prior to departure



**Bessmer Michigan** 

February 9-11, 2024

\$350 dbl occupancy Initial deposit \$100

Trip opens for sign up & no earlier than Oct. 4 meeting or postmarked on that date.

#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED!**

Round Trip Motor Coach – Appleton/Green Bay to Big Powderhorn Resort Michigan

Subs, bottled water, ice on the bus to Wakefield.

- 2 Nights lodging/Quality Inn Ironwood. Indoor pool with hot tub. Also included, two day full breakfast buffet.
  Note: Short motor coach ride to Big Powderhorn mountain.
- 2 Day Lift Pass Big Powderhorn Mountain

**Dinner Saturday night** 

Saturday Quality Inn apre' ski prior to dinner at Jaggers Ore House.

Complete itinerary to follow prior to trip departure.

Motor coach schedule:

**GREEN BAY: Loads/5pm** 

Departs/5:15pm The Woods GC, 530 Erie Road APPLETON: Pick up 5:45 pm Appleton Location & time TBD



Aspen Mt., Aspen Highlands, Snowmass, Buttermilk. COLORADO at it's FINEST

March 2 – 9,

\$2550 dbl occupancy Initial deposit \$750

Trip opens for sign up & no earlier than Oct. 4 meeting or postmarked on that date

WHAT'S INCLUDED!
Round trip Motor Coach –
Appleton & Green Bay to/from
O'Hare Chicago also
Denver/Aspen.

Round Trip air with Southwest Airlines, to/from O'Hare Chicago/Denver Colorado.

7 Night premier lodging, The GANT ASPEN, 2 & 3 bedroom condominiums.

Hot tubs, pool & grills on premises in the heart of Aspen. The Gants private/free shuttle included.

Lift Pass - 5 day included

Dinner Friday with departure information, TBD

Trip Leader Sam Fontaine trips@slyfoxskiclub.org Complete info & sign up in Sly Fox Newsletter & Website.

www.slyfoxskiclub.org

Interested in becoming a Midwest trip leader or assistant? Contact Sam or Deb at trips@slyfoxskiclub.org



(MM/DD/YY - Club use only & will not be published)

# Gelandesprung Ski Club of Green Bay

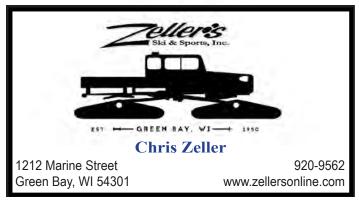
2023/24 Membership Application/Renewal & Waiver Form

Membership Year runs May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

rev 2023-03-19

NEW MEMBER \$25	Please "DO NOT" publish the follwing in the Membership Roster:
RETURNING MEMBER per Po	Dhone Number Email Address
RENEWAL	
WAIVER ONLY	NEW MEMBERS:
Payment \$00 Check #	How did you hear about Gelandesprung Ski Club?
Please indicate if you are interested in becoming any or all of the following:	
Trip Leader / Assistant Trip Leader	Who referred you?
Committee Member	
Board Member	
I certify that I am at least 21 years of age ar accept the policies and practices of the Ge Ski Club. I understand that my participal sponsored events carries a degree of risdeath.  I hereby unconditionally waive and a Gelandesprung Ski Club, its officers, direct members, and other trip or activity participal and all liabilities arising from any injurproperty damage or loss I may suffer as participation in club events. I am fully a Coronavirus Disease (COVID). By a participate in club activities, I have evaluate and I hereby hold harmless the club office agents, and members.  I also grant full permission to any and all use any photograph, videotape, motion recordings, or other record of any ski club elegitimate purpose.	be passed along to those participating on the affected trip(s). Trips are based on double occupancy unless otherwise specified. Single occupancy requests require special arrangements at increased costs and depend on availability. All monies paid for a trip cancelled by the Club will be refunded. Refunds for cancellation requests will be charged costs that the Club is unable to recover. Refund requests must be submitted in writing to the Gelandesprung Ski Club, Board of Directors at address below or emailed to <a href="mailto:Treasurer@Gelandesprung.org">Treasurer@Gelandesprung.org</a> . Trips utilizing airline transportation have additional separate written cancellation policies specific to each trip. All decisions on refund amounts will be made by the Board of Directors and are final.  By submitting this form, I agree that I have read & accepted the trip policies as set forth by Gelandesprung Ski Club of Green Bay. All club policies are posted on
	der & Printed as phone numbers & addresses can be difficult to read
Print Name:  (Full Proper Name as required for Flights & Internation	Cell Phone:
Preferred/Nick-Name:	Email:
Treferred/Nick-Name.	
Address/Cell Phone/Email has not changed si	nce last year Signature:
Address:	Date: (Couples please Sign Separate Forms)
City/State/Zip:	
Birth Date: / /	Gelandesprung Ski Club P.O. Box 10422

Green Bay, WI 54307-0422









#### Space available





- ⋄ open 7 days a week
- \* 27 runs and 3 terrain parks
- \* 3 lifts and 2 surface tows
- night skiing Wednesday Saturday



Do you need more fun things to do? Check the website for Chicago Metropolitan Ski
Council. There is a list of adventure trips and ski trips with other clubs. If you see a trip you like, contact that club to see if there are openings available.

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#### 2023-2024

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#### 2023-2024

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#### **September Birthdays**

<u>Birthd</u>	ay Name
09/02	Brenda Hogan
09/05	Lori Kurowski
09/05	Tim Parker
09/06	Abby Beck
09/08	Rick Kalies
09/10	Randy Foellmi
09/10	Dan Goudreau
09/15	Niels Jensen
09/15	Mary Ziemendorf
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