



The Cruiser

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Lone Star members in Durango

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July Happy Hours

Dallas Happy Hour

July 11 5:30-8:30 PM

Ft Worth Happy Hour

July 26 5:30-8:30 PM

Bent Tree Grill

18110 Midway Rd. SE Corner of
Midway and Frankford



Blue Mesa

612 CARROLL STREET
FORT WORTH 76107
817-332-6372

BLUE MESA
SOUTHWEST GRILL

Upcoming Events

Monday, July 17

6:30 p.m. -8:30



**RESTAURANT
BREWHOUSE**

July Board Meeting

Everyone Welcome

4901 Belt Line Road Dallas
TX 75254

**August Happy Hour/Quarterly
Meeting**

August 8

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

Cafe de France

17370 Preston Rd.



East side of Preston; just south of
Hacienda Mexican Restaurant

June Happy Hour

Dallas Happy Hour



Imagine the Pictures

- A great time was had by all, including the photographer who forgot to take pictures.
- Therefore we are seeking a new volunteer photographer for happy hours

Birthdays

July

- 01 Paula Lanigan
- 07 Rodney Budlong
- 08 Bob Baesmann
- 10 Cheryl Mershon
- 14 Sandra Fultz
- 16 Paul Campbell
- 18 William Gigac
- 18 Sarah Koldyke
- 19 Lori Hagman
- 24 Carol Stiffler
- 25 Eric Johnson
- 25 Tom Keever
- 27 Ruth Hendricks
- 27 Bonita Williams
- 28 Elizabeth Garza
- 29 Alton Moore
- 29 David Stecker



August

- 01 Michael Birowski
- 01 Janet Stone
- 04 Elizabeth Lutton
- 05 John Krieger
- 05 Karen Mann
- 10 William Fellman
- 10 Charlene Mayer
- 14 Debbie Rima
- 22 David Pennington
- 23 Debbie McLendon
- 24 Linda Mason
- 27 Laurette Haws
- 27 Robert Lamson
- 28 Cheryl Slaughter
- 30 Ilze Kalnajs
- 30 Edna Rodriguez
- 31 Vivien Benjamin

Welcome New Members

NEW MEMBERS

- Maya Baneva-Petkova Flower Mound
- Chris Cornelison Dallas
- Jackie Cornelison Dallas
- DeeGenova Dallas
- Eric Johnson Fort Worth
- Michael Leger Dallas
- Karleen Leger Dallas
- Laurel Levin Dallas
- George Murphy Richardson
- Linda Schmidt Plano
- Janet Stone Dallas
- Joyce Thompson Dallas

Renewals

- William Fellman
- Lynn Beattie
- Mitch Womble
- Pamela Autery
- Tommy Baer
- Jane Baer
- Jim Bennett
- Michelle Boggs
- Bob Bostford
- Erin Botsford
- Cathy Curtis



Update on the Durango trip

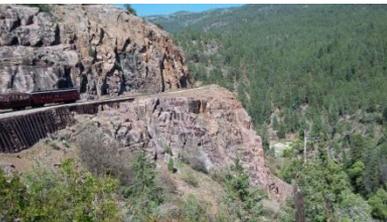


- The wild ride for the folks on the Durango rafting trip started before we even left town! Within a week of us leaving for Durango, we got a call that the river was running really fast and was extremely high due to a late snow melt. They were going to close the Upper Animas to rafting and everyone was going to ride the Lower Animas. This would normally be a Class III/IV ride, but was designated a Class IV/V due to the flow. We took it in stride and laughed at Mother Nature for trying to ruin our trip! But a few days before the trip, another call came in and the entire Animas River would be closed with the exception of the part nearest town. We were being offered rafting on another river that is normally the family rafting trip, but was now a Class IV+. This split the group, with some opting to play it a bit safer on the Raft and Rail (now a Class IV) and others doing the IV+ ride. I don't think anyone was disappointed!
- Some of us started our trip on Wednesday seeing the beautiful Mesa Verde Cliff Dwellings. Interestingly, the great, great grandfather of our own Brett Wetherill discovered the Mesa Verde Cliff Dwellings while riding horseback through the area. We loved our little Retro Inn, with Elvis and his camper trailer out front. After our tour, we headed on over to Durango to meet up with the rest of the gang. Let the vacation begin.
- Happy hour Thursday evening was great, giving everyone a chance to meet each other and talk about what everyone was doing Friday. Over half the group got up early to experience the thrills of ziplining across the beautiful Colorado mountains. New member Betty Oliver headed over to Mesa Verde for her own tour. Betty Bogart opted for some relaxation with a massage. That afternoon, we met up for lunch, then some did some shopping or bar hopping, while others of us rode out to a beautiful lake and explored the area hoping to find a waterfall one of the locals mentioned. When we realized the hike to see the waterfall was about 20 miles, we all agreed it was best saved for another trip.
- Saturday morning, we got up early and split into our rafting groups. Michael Mathis opted for a day-long guided mountain bike ride and saw some beautiful back country. For those of us who opted for the "easier" ride, we had plenty of whitewater for an adrenaline rush. However, the group who opted for the Upper Piedras got the real adrenaline rush with a full day of rafting. After a short lunch break in Silverton, the rest of us hopped on the rail for our scenic ride back to town. Dinner was exceptional with some of us opting for elk, others selecting the salmon and others grabbing a variety of yummy foods. Tracy Friese and Patty Kelly followed up with a nightcap at a local bar, but the rest of us headed home for our early trip back home Sunday.
- What an awesome, awesome trip!! And what wonderful folks to travel with. Not one person complained with all the changes we experienced, and everyone added to the fun experience of this trip! Some solid friendships were made as well. Even the young 'un, Nicole White, had a great time, and I think we'll see her again (even if she didn't get it when I talked about Hotel California!!!).

Memories from Durango, Colorado



June 2017





BIROWSKI HOUSEBOAT **FIREWORKS CRUISE**

Lake Dallas TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017
6:30 P.M. - 10:30 P.M

(THE BOAT WILL LEAVE AT 6:30 P.M. SHARP SO BE SURE TO ARRIVE BEFORE THIS TIME)



\$25.00/MEMBERS ONLY (INCLUDES BBQ BEEF & SAUSAGE, POTATO SALAD, COLESLAW & BEANS, HOME-BAKED BREAD, JUGS OF TEA WITH SWEETENERS & LEMON SLICES, AND GAS MONEY FOR THE BOAT)
BYOB & OTHER DESIRED DRINKS & AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT

CAPT. MIKE AND CYNTHIA BIROWSKI HAVE GRACIOUSLY ONCE AGAIN OFFERED THEIR BEAUTIFUL HOUSEBOAT FOR AN EVENING OF SWIMMING (IF CONDITIONS PERMIT), EATING AND ENJOYING THE JULY 4TH FIREWORKS FROM JUST ABOUT EVERY DIRECTION ON LAKE DALLAS & JUST HAVING A GREAT TIME WITH GOOD FOLKS!

WE ARE LIMITED TO 28 PEOPLE ON THIS EVENT. LAST YEAR, WE SOLD OUT SO SIGN UP EARLY. BRING YOUR SWIM GEAR, YOUR OWN BEVERAGES, AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT AND PLAN TO HAVE AN INCREDIBLE TIME!

DIRECTIONS WILL BE EMAILED TO REGISTRANTS BEFORE THE EVENT. THIS EVENT IS RESTRICTED TO MEMBERS ONLY.

QUESTIONS: CONTACT MARSHA MILLER AT 52FRANKKY@ATT.NET.

PS. FWB (friends with boats) are the best!

Stand Up Paddleboarding



Lake Lewisville

Saturday, July 8- 6:30 p.m. till about ??

Come explore Lake with Bluet Standup Paddleboards

We'll hang out in the park afterward and enjoy the weather, have some drinks and something to eat, and celebrate another great event!

\$35 for 90 minutes of paddleboarding;
food and drinks afterward (wine included)

Pilot Knoll Park

218A Orchid Hill Rd., Argyle, TX

Hosted by Paula Lanigan
(paula.k.lanigan@gmail.com)

Limited to 20 participants



2017 Cajun Haunted Halloween

October 26-29, 2017 in New Orleans



Check out this trip we just added!! We can only take 20 though. Grab your spot now! Only 20 spots

\$524: Includes 3 nights lodging, 2 hour private walking tour of Haunted French Quarters (including a haunted bar or two), and a 2 hour jazz paddle boat ride touring New Orleans via the Mississippi (including a buffet lunch), plus other LSS activities



Celebrate Halloween in typical New Orleans style!

If you thought that Halloween was just a night for the kids to go trick or treating with their parents in tow, you need to think again

The Summer Meltdown- Beautiful Port Royal Resort

Port Aransas, Texas

**September 14-17,
2017**



2 bedroom pool view condos (sleeps 4) AND 3 bedroom ocean view condos (sleeps 6)

Only 1 Spot Left

Price - \$336

This beachfront Port Aransas Resort features the Largest Resort Pool in Texas also featuring a heated lap pool, water volleyball area, 3 hot tubs, swim up bar and grill, a children's splash pad and 4 water slides! There is also a sand volleyball court, two tennis courts, and a basketball hoop. Plus, we are right on the beach!! The apartment sized condos at Port Royal Ocean Resort have living rooms, dining areas and a full kitchen – complete with silverware, pots and pans and a full size fridge. In addition, flat screen TVs and Free Wi-Fi is included in each condo. Full size washing and drying machines are available in every condo.

Port Royal Resort features complimentary yoga, zumba and sand castle lessons each week for on-site recreation.

. Price includes lodging and club activities. Does not include transportation to resort

Contact Katherine Nelson at katherine.nelson@verizon.net

NEW ZEALAND-KIWI ADVENTURE

October 24-November 2, 2018

10 fun-filled days and 9 nights

Half Booked Already Only 13 Spots Available

\$4,450 (land package only)

\$500 deposit gets you a spot. This deposit, and all payments, non-refundable, but they are transferable to anyone filling your spot.

**50% due 4/15/18
Balance due 8/15/18**



Trip insurance is highly recommended. See below for a vendor of trip insurance many of us have used in the past.

Air not included but we'll be looking for specials for those wishing to fly as a group.

NOTE: The absolute most we can take on this trip is 28 people. There is no way to add more because these are small group tours which we will be doing in two groups of 14. If this is your trip, get signed up today!

Questions? Contact **Susan Riewe** at msg4smr@att.net

This laid back adventure for the Lone Star Skiers is the ultimate Kiwi experience where you'll walk, kayak, and jet boat in some of New Zealand's most iconic wilderness as well as relax in New Zealand's premier resort town.

Explore Queenstown • Sea kayak Milford Sound • Hike Key Summit • Hike Mt Aspiring National Park • Hike to Rob Roy Glacier • Wine Tour
• Earnslaw Lake Cruise • Explore Arrowtown & Wakatipu Basin • Hike Aoraki Mt Cook

We are working on an optional pre-trip in Auckland and Rotorua, including a tour of the Waitomo Caves and Hobbiton Movie Set, and a Maori te Puia Hangi Dinner.

We are also working on a post-trip to Australia, including the Great Barrier Reef.

We'll let you know when we have more details.

TRIP ITINERARY: See Web Page for details



ICELAND - LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

waitlist available



October 7-15, 2017
9 days, 8 nights



Called one of the most beautiful places on earth!

Iceland, a Nordic island nation, is defined by its dramatic volcanic landscape of geysers, hot springs, waterfalls, glaciers and black-sand beaches. Though not part of the continental mainland, the country is considered Nordic European. The name of the country—Iceland—may not be that appropriate: although 10% of Iceland is covered by glaciers, it has a surprisingly mild climate and countless geothermal hot-spots and hot springs. Owing to the warming effect of the Atlantic Gulf Stream, Iceland enjoys a maritime temperate climate and the average temperature in winter is around 46°F for a high and 36°F for a low.

Iceland is a country of sharp contrasts. A place where fire and ice co-exist. A country where insular existence has spurred a rich and vibrant culture. Our tour will allow you to see it all: volcanoes, glaciers, geysers, waterfalls, fjords and so much more!



Enjoy Iceland with an intimate group of 28, traveling the country, seeing the best of the best that nature has to offer!



The Northern Lights are best seen between late September to March, so we'll have a good chance to see them, and will do all we can to maximize that chance!

Keystone 2017

December 13-18, 2017



Details Soon



Beaver Creek 2018



February 10,2018- February 17,2018



Details Soon

Paula Lanigan: Trip Director

paula.k.lanigan@gmail.com

Steamboat Springs, CO



January, 2018



Details Soon

Long Stay:

January 13-20, 2018

Trip Director: Harriet
Bonds

h.bonds@sbcglobal.net

Short Stay:

January 16-21, 2018

Trip Director: Alton Moore
altonmoore53@gmail.com

214-908-7132

2018 Playa del Carmen



May 11-15, 2018

We have also added an incredible trip to [2018 Playa del Carmen](#) for next May. We're staying at an all-inclusive resort within walking distance to town. We're only taking 30 so grab your spot now!!

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, MEXICO
GRAN PORTO RESORT

ALL INCLUSIVE

ALL OCEAN VIEW JUNIOR
SUITES

\$776.00!

Questions: contact
DebbieRima@yahoo.com



Volunteer Party at the Medlock's 2017

July 15, 2017 at 1:00 PM



This party is to honor all of Lone Star Skiers & Adventure Club volunteers for the 2016/2017 season and thank them for their hard work and dedication to your club.

All members and guests of members are welcome to attend this party. Volunteers shown on the list below come free. Others must pay the registration fee of \$15/members; \$20/non member guests of members.

Everyone must register to attend (including volunteers)! Deadline to register is July 8, 2017.

We are limited to 100 spots! Even if you are a volunteer, if you do not register and we run out of spots, you can't attend. Please register early!

Please join us for an afternoon of sunning and swimming. Food and beverages are included.

Please confirm that your name is listed as a volunteer on the [2016-2017 Volunteers](#). If your name is not on there and should be, please email jamson@tx.rr.com with details about when you volunteered.

If you'd like to be on the 2017/2018 Volunteer List and be honored next year, you may volunteer to help at this party (we'll need help cleaning up), or any other trip/activity this coming year. Please contact a board member for details or to volunteer.

To volunteer for this this function, or for questions, contact Marsha Miller at 52frankky@att.net



2018 Cortina, Italy



January 27-February 3, 2018



Only **2** spots left for [2018 Cortina, Italy](#). You need to check out this price!! You cannot beat it for 7 nights in Cortina AND 3 nights in Venice on the canal.

2018 Park City, UT



Feb 24-March 3, 2018



Details Soon

[Trip Director: Cheryl A Slaughter](#)

ladysnake828@yahoo

Holiday Party December 2, 2017



Hold That Date: Details Soon

New Activities And Trips



Details Coming Soon

- ✓ Boston Freedom Tour...September 2018
- ✓ Portland Wine Tasting...July 2018
- ✓ Hot Springs... watch website for Details

Golfers- Sign up or forever
hold your piece!

Early morning on **Tuesday July 18**
Location to be Determined

Contact Joe Mueller for details
joe_mueller@sbcglobal.net



Local Sponsor



Paula Lanigan Consulting, Independent Health Insurance Agent

Your resource to make sense of Medicare benefits and available options when new to Medicare, or during the annual open enrollment in October through December 7 when you can review your current program or make changes. Specialize in...

- Medigap (also known as Medicare Supplement) products
- Part D · Medicare Advantage (HMO's and PPO's) prescription drug programs
- Represent several 'brand name' insurance carriers' Medicare Advantage and Medigap products:
 - o Aetna
 - o Humana
 - o United/AARP
 - o Omaha Insurance Company (Mutual of Omaha)
- Assist with ancillary products like dental and vision options

With over 25 years health insurance industry experience, view my LinkedIn profile at <https://www.linkedin.com/pub/paula-lanigan/18/1a9/677>

Let me help you make sense of Medicare and the options available to you.

Contact Paula at **619-206-3433** or paula.k.lanigan@gmail.com for more information.

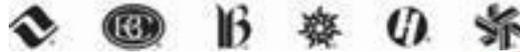
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TSC Sponsors

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Silver



Bronze





You missed it!





For more information
Visit our website:

<https://lonestarskiers.clubexpress.com>



Welcome!

Lone Star Skiers & Adventure Club welcomes you.

Formed as a "Non-Profit, Membership-Owned & Operated Ski and Social Club," we are the North Texas club for fun in the snow and water and for adventures around the globe.

We're hundreds of kindred spirits who like to travel, play and develop great friendships! As a large club, and an affiliate of an even larger organization (Texas Ski Council) we have tremendous buying power, so we offer travel deals that are hard to duplicate.

And . . .even if you could match the price, why share an exciting adventure with strangers instead of with friends?

We provide affordable ski and non-ski destinations, summer vacations, sporting events, social activities and unique functions year-round.

See which of our activities, events and adventures appeal to you. You don't have to be a skier to become a newly adopted member of our "ski and adventure family."



Lone Star Skiers & Adventure Club is seeking Volunteers

**Be a Trip Director and
Ski or Travel for FREE !!**

**Or
Be a volunteer photographer at Events
(and Stay Sober)**

**contact Joe Mueller for details:
trips@lonestarskiers.com**