

BAY AREA SNOW SPORTS COUNCIL



A member of the Far West Ski Association
and the National Ski Council Federation,
representing direct members and
19 ski and snowboard clubs

May, 2026

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BAC Meetings:

May — there will be no general meeting — next general meeting will be in June

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Paul Vlasveld
President

The ski season was pretty good because of some late season storms. I hope everyone had a good ski season.

General meeting

There will be no general meeting in May. I will be in Europe cycling in May. The next general meeting will be in June.

Council Elections

At the April General Meeting BAC elected a new board.
Treasurer – Cathy Wilson
Secretary – Karen Davis

Membership – Benelia Terry
Industry Liaison – Brad Hart
Travel – Karen Albrecht
Communications – Dennie Warren
Webmaster – Ashkan Ahani
Past President – Dennis Heffley
Public Affairs – Harry Davis

I look forward to working with all the board members. I would like to thank the board members for all their efforts this past year.

I would like to thank Kristin Thornquist for her work as Treasurer.

FWSA 93rd SkiCon – San Diego, Ca – Mission Valley Marriott – Jun 11-14, 2026

Hosted By San Diego Council

https://www.fwsa.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=623165&module_id=749612

There are many great events at the convention. It is a great location. There are great room rates. Why not make it a mini vacation?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Do not forget to register for the Convention and the optional fun events.

There are special room rates for the Convention at the Marriott. Room Registration Deadline - May 21, 2026. Details and links are at the link provided above. I hope to see you at the convention.

BAC Volunteer of the Year

It is my honor to congratulate BAC's **Volunteer of the Year** Claudia Fernandez from Castro Valley Ski Club. She will be attending the FWSA Convention in San Diego.

FWSA Club Awards

Thanks to the clubs that entered the FWSA club awards at the upcoming Far West Ski Associations 93rd Annual Convention in June

Here is the link to the awards program:
https://www.fwsa.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=623165&module_id=334829

Some of these awards have some great prizes for the winners. In the past there have been BAC clubs that have won various awards.

Club Reps, contact our Membership Director, Benelia Terry, if you require the following:

1. FWSA membership cards at the general meeting.
- 90th anniversary books or FWSA skier guide – I have 2 copies. Contact me if you would like to get one.

Here is the link for all the travel opportunities:
<https://www.skibac.org/travel>

Do not forget to start planning your next travel trip by signing up for one of the following fantastic Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) or FWSA trips:

BAC Christmas Markets on the Danube '26 – **November 30-December 8th, 2026.**

https://www.skibac.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=882946&module_id=682310

FWSA has several trips for the rest of this year including the annual dive trip in Sept. Here is

the link for information about international and domestic trips.

https://www.fwsa.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=623165&module_id=334825

FWSA North American Ski Week 2027 – Big Sky, Montana-January 23 - 30, 2027

https://www.skibac.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=882946&module_id=726530

Racing

The 2026 racing season was a successful race season. The race leagues completed 4 of the 6 races due to snow conditions. All the racers had a great time. Here is the link to season race results.

<https://sites.google.com/site/openleaguerracing/race-results>

Remember, racing is for everyone from beginner to expert. All ages are welcome.

Racing is a great way to meet other club members.

If you are interested in racing check the Open league and Singles league websites and your club racing team.

Open league -- <https://sites.google.com/site/openleaguerracing/home>

Singles league -- <http://slracing.org/index.html>

As always, I would like to thank all the volunteers and board members that contribute to the continuing success of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC).

Please do not hesitate to contact me with your ideas, concerns, and suggestions. Remember, Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs (BAC) is your Council.

The mantra is – Stay healthy, safe, and enjoy life.

Paul Vlasveld

Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) President

Calendar of Activities

<p style="text-align: center;">MAY</p> <p>(no events posted)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JUNE</p> <p>(no events posted)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JULY</p> <p>(no events posted)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THINGS TO COME</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For more info/details go to skibac.org [Calendar of Events]</p> <p>9/26-10/3 FWSA Dive Trip, Cayman Islands 11/30-12/8 BAC Christmas Markets Along the Danube</p> <p>2027: 1/23-30 FWSA Ski Trip to Big Sky, MT</p>
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BAC Club President and Representative Meeting

Zoom meeting and In-Person at Don Jose’s Restaurant in Castro Valley, CA
April 13, 2026



Karen Davis
BAC Secretary

President **Paul Vlasveld** called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance on Zoom and in-person at Don Jose’s Restaurant in Castro Valley, CA. Eleven clubs were represented. A quorum of 7 clubs was established.

Introductions were made all around.

Public Affairs: **Harry Davis** – Paul announced and presented the BAC Volunteer of the Year award plaque to **Claudia Fernandes of Castro Valley**. Additional 2026 Volunteers of the Year were **Barbara Domingo of Apres Ski Club; Monika Trieb of Inskiers; Linda Hennings of Modesto Ski Club; and Cathie Speakman of Rusty Bindings**. Harry stated that it is not too early to look for a future Volunteer of the Year in your club. BAC would like to recognize all club Volunteers of the Year whether or not they choose to be interviewed for BAC and FWSA. Note that Big White has long been the sponsor of the FWSA Volunteer of the Year.

Nominations for BAC Officers - Nominations were opened for BAC Officers.

All nominations were opened at the April 13 meeting with election following. New Board Officers will assume office on May 18, 2026 (the third

Monday in May).

Nominations were opened for BAC **Communications**. Dennie Warren was previously nominated and accepted. There were no further nominations. Harry Davis moved to close nominations; seconded by Maarten Vandermeer.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Membership**. Benelia Terry was previously nominated and accepted. There were no other nominations. Harry Davis moved to close nominations; seconded by Maarten Vandermeer.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Secretary**. Karen Davis was previously nominated and accepted. There were no other nominations. Benelia Terry moved to close nominations; seconded by Maarten Vandermeer.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Public Affairs**. Harry Davis was previously nominated and accepted. There were no other nominations. Benelia Terry moved to close nominations; seconded by Maarten Vandermeer.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Industry Liaison**. Brad Hart was previously nominated and accepted. There were no further nominations. Harry Davis moved to close nominations; seconded by Maarten Vandermeer.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Webmaster**. Ashkan Ohani was previously nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Harry Davis moved to close nominations; seconded by Maarten Vandermeer.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Treasurer**. Kristin Thornquist was previously nominated and has not yet accepted the nomination. Karen Albrecht moved to nominate Cathy Wilson who has accepted the nom-

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Davis moved to close nominations; seconded by Marcie Lyzun.

Nominations were opened for BAC **Travel Director**.

Karen Albrecht was previously nominated and accepted. There were no further nominations. Harry Davis moved to close nominations; seconded by Maarten Vandermeer.

Maarten Vandermeer made a **motion** to elect the slate of BAC officers by right of acclimation; seconded by Harry Davis. Motion approved.

Secretary: Karen Davis – Maarten Vandermeer made a **motion** to approve BAC general meeting minutes of March 9, 2026; seconded by Benelia Terry. Motion approved with one abstention.

National Ski Club Federation information and discounts are available at www.FWSA.org. Click on Members' Corner. To travel with other ski organizations, Google the calendar for all travel opportunities. In addition, go to Skifederation.org.

Travel: Karen Albrecht -

- **BAC Grand Circle Cruise Line** – BAC's Christmas Market Danube River Cruise trip will be Nov 30-Dec 8, 2026. Reservations are available. Vienna, Austria to Nuremberg, Germany. Three full meals daily plus a tour person. Group air with the tour group is available through Grand Circle Cruise Lines. Book directly with Grand Circle. Prices are Grand Circle prices. Mention the code on the flyer when booking. Contact Gail Burns for information.

- **FWSA Ski Week 2027** will be to Big Sky, Montana on January 23-30, 2027. Big Sky is on the IKON pass. Lodging will be at the Huntley and the Summit. A BAC flyer with a link to register will be available soon. (Karen needs the link from Sports America.) Credit card payments go through Sports America, tour operator, on their website and checks come to BAC trip leader. Credit card payments go through Sports America, tour operator, on their website and checks come to BAC trip leader. A group discount is also available for the IKON pass and there may be a room discount depending on the pass level that is purchased.

- **FWSA** is planning a trip to **Alyeska, Alaska** February 28 – March 7, 2027. This trip will include skiing Alyeska and into Anchorage for the start of the Iditarod race. Contact Sandy Gaudette at SkiGroup.net. **BAC** is researching a 2027 Mini-Ski trip and getting details to go to Mammoth, possibly staying at Juniper Springs Lodge.

BAC is discussing an 8-day trip (balancing nature and adventure) to **Costa Rica** in 2027.

BAC – Karen has sent the flyer to all for a **BAC September 2027 eBike and Barge trip** from Boat Bike Tours (Ebikes are required to be used). This trip is for 24 people from Paris to Ebernee (the Champagne District), France. The trip is sold out already with a waiting list. It may be possible to book a second boat from Ebernee to Paris on a return trip if additional travelers are interested.

BAC Travelers – Travel insurance is recommended. Note for travelers to check travel insurance coverage and requirements when purchasing a trip.

Membership: Benelia Terry –

Benelia has received payment from the Olympic Club (two checks were sent and one was sent to BAC's post office box and is void at this time) and is paid for 2026.

Communications: Dennie Warren –

BAC club members are invited to send info and photos about all club activities for publication in the BAC newsletter. Please give Dennie a heads-up if your club would like to invite other club members to your club event. Outstanding and good quality group photos (not all of them, please) are welcome. Paul noted that he would like to have photos for the BAC article in the FWSA Councilman.

Industry Liaison: Brad Hart – Brad noted a recent earthquake near Fallon in the Tahoe area. If you have cabins in the Tahoe area, please check for any damages.

Remaining CA Sierra Ski Resorts still open until noted date -

Kirkwood 4/19

Mt Rose 4/19 only weekend for now until closing

Palisades no set date

Mammoth 5/26

World Cup News

Shiffrin won 6th overall globe, 9th SL globe

Women's Nations Cup-America' tops the standings, first since 1982

Season Pass Spring Deadlines

Indy Pass sold out in 37 minutes when opened to the public – get on the waiting list

IKON lowest rates for 26-27; deadline 4/16; new policy about use and refunds

Epic 10 friend tickets is now past on 4/12; if skied at an IKON resort, can apply \$174 lift ticket to the pass

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4/30

- \$524 - Adult (ages 24-64) \approx 3.1 day tickets
 - \$409 - Youth (13-23) \approx 2.8 day tickets
 - \$247 - Child (7-12) \approx 3.3 day tickets
 - \$491 - Senior (65-69) \approx 3.3 day tickets
 - \$247 - Super Senior (70-79) \approx 1.7 day tickets
- FREE - 6 & Under, 80+

Sierra at Tahoe 4/30

Mt Rose 4/26

Homewood 4/14 or possibly earlier

Sugar Bowl; deadline was 4/10. Sugar Bowl will replace the gondola.

Ski Resort News

Homewood disassembling Madden Chair to be replaced by gondola

Palisades Tahoe replacing KT's lift cable and updating electrical boxes along with more mundane items
Lee Canyon, NV installing new fixed chair to access expanded terrain

Treasurer: Kristin Thornquist – No report

Webmaster: Ashkan Ahari – No report

FWSA 93rd SkiCon June 11-14, 2026 at Mission Valley Marriott, San Diego CA

Hosted by San Diego Council. The Friday night Auction will be on line. Check the FWSA website for information about all FWSA awards. May 1 is the deadline to book one of the room block rooms. SkiCon registration info will be sent to all as soon as it is available. Paul is asking for entries to include in his annual Charity video which highlights member clubs and charities.

Racing: No report

Club Activities:

INSKIERS – Members have monthly general meetings first Tuesday each month at BJs in San Mateo and have meetings at Burton Park in the summer. Monthly pot lucks are held. Inskiers will hold a fundraiser Silent Auction on May 30 at BJs in San Mateo. The cabin is open through the first weekend of May. The club will have a game night at Marci's home. Inskiers took first place in Singles League. Monika Trieb is the Inskiers Volunteer of the Year.

FIRE AND ICE – Members continue monthly Board meetings, monthly pot lucks, and weekend hikes.

CASTRO VALLEY – Monthly general and Board meetings are held. Appetizers and margaritas are the theme for the next general meeting.

SNOWCHASERS – Members meet twice monthly at Denny's and once monthly at Rodgers Smith Park in Pleasant Hill during summer months. A club-sponsored pizza party will be held on April 26 in Concord. Snowchasers' race team were second place in Open League.

MODESTO – Members will attend the annual gala for Society for Disabilities. Saturday is a picnic with a hike in the morning and a BBQ. The lodge clean-up is scheduled in about two weeks. The deck railing is a priority since the abundance of recent snow took out the railing.

RUSTY BINDINGS – Members recently finished a Day of Charity event and funds were donated to a local charity.

Members have a calendar of activities including a play ('Chicago') and a Cinco De Mayo Silent Auction in May.

OAKLAND – The annual membership picnic at Tilden park is coming up in May. The club's cabin at Sugar Bowl is now undergoing maintenance and weekend work parties.

NISEI – April is the month for officer nominations for Board members with election in May. A pickleball event is planned for May. Five or six other future events are planned.

MONTEREY – Happy Hours are held at various places on Fridays. Members are involved in Chamber mixers for Monterey, Carmel, and Pacific Grove. Volunteer activities include the Sea Otter Classic Bike race at Laguna Seca and the Pebble Beach Food and Wine event and have the Big Sur Marathon coming up.

SUNBURST – Brad reported there isn't much going on right now. Sunburst had the most points per racer at Open League.

SNOW DRIFTERS – Monthly dinner meetings are held.

APRES – A weekend in May is planned for the lodge. Apres was third place in Open League.

OLD BUSINESS – Speakers and/or presentations at General Meetings?

BAC Meetings -

No May meeting

June 8, 2026 – [BAC General meeting 6:30 pm; BAC Board meeting 8:00 pm, Zoom](#)

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Davis, Secretary

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Travel Time:

2026 BAC Christmas Market Cruise

2026 BAC Christmas Market Cruise on the Danube River from November 30-December 8th, 2026!

Contact Gail Burns to coordinate a roommate, if needed, before contacting Grand Circle. Grand Circle Cruise Line river ship will embark in **Vienna, Austria** & disembark in **Nuremberg, Germany**. Join



Karen Albrecht
BAC Travel

us to visit colorful Christmas markets, meet with local experts & walk along the historic streets. Cruise includes three meals daily, beer/wine and daily sight-seeing in smaller groups with our dedicated guide in addition to visiting the Christmas Markets! Activity level is rated as 1-easy. Sign-up via phone with the **Grand Circle Cruise line at 1-800-221-2610** using code: **G6-29997** with a \$750 deposit. Book Land Only or book with Airfare Included. **Gail Burns** is the Trip Leader (650 255-7883) & she's happy to answer any of your questions!



BIG SKY – FAR WEST SKI WEEK – JANUARY 24-30, 2027

Flyer below

To register for Big Sky: <http://FWSA27BigSky.sat.tours/3689>

Lodging options include the Huntley Lodge (\$1,815) or Summit Hotel (\$2,450)
Group Air and Ground Transportation available.

BAC Mini-Ski Trip – Mammoth Mountain Resort – March 14-19, 2027

Flyer and registration site link coming soon!

\$655 per person – 4 persons per condo

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- WELCOME BREAKFAST BURRITO 1st morning
- FREE MOUNTAIN TOUR
- \$100 RESORT GIFT CARD PER PERSON
- BAC group get-together





Immersion in Costa Rica: La Fortuna to the Pacific Coast **May 14-21, 2027**

Join BAC on a small group adventure in Costa Rica
Flyer and trip details coming soon.

E-BIKE & BARGE - Paris to Epernay, France - September 16-23, 2027

JOIN 24 BAC cyclists – This Champagne tour is an E-bike and barge touring classic that not only allows guests to explore the world famous city of Paris, but also the Champagne region, famous of course, for producing Champagne wines. Every day you will cycle small country roads (including a few un- or semi-paved roads and tracks) that go slightly up and down the beautiful slopes of the wide river valley, through the hills and the Champagne vineyards.

Flyer below.



Have a travel suggestion for BAC Travel? Let us know!
Time goes quickly...don't hesitate to live life and travel!

Paul presenting Claudia Fernandes (Castro Valley Ski Club president) with the Volunteer of the Year award!!!!





FWSA 2026 DIVE TRIP Cayman Brac Beach Resort

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Contact: **Randy Lew**
FWSA Dive Trip Leader
829 SE 11th Place
Battle Ground, WA 98604
Cell: 530/304-0802
E-mail: fwsa13randy@telis.net

Gloria Raminha
FWSA VP of Int'l Travel
12707 Windy Ridge Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93312
Cell: 661/800-8229
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Departure **NOVEMBER 30, 2026**

Return **DECEMBER 8, 2026**

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Day 2 • Vienna, Austria

Embark ship

Day 3 • Melk • Wachau Valley

Included Tour Melk Abbey

Day 4 • Linz

Optional Tour Salzburg

Day 5 • Passau, Germany

Included Tour Passau

Day 6-7 • Regensburg

Included Tour Regensburg

Day 8 • Nuremberg

Included Tour Nuremberg

Day 9 • Nuremberg • Return to U.S.

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Return DEC 8, 2026

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B		
C	Sonata	\$3,295
D		
E	Cantata	\$3,245
F		
G	Prelude	\$3,145
H		\$2,995

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Pacing

- 9 days, with 7 nights aboard a private river ship
- Return flights to U.S. often require departing from ship in early morning hours

Physical Requirements

- Included features on your trip may consist of 3-4 hours of physical activity each day. Travelers should be able to walk 1-3 miles unassisted within a time frame of 1-2 hours, and walk on uneven surfaces, including steep and unpaved paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-50 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones, which can be slick in wet, colder or frozen conditions

- Optional activities and walks may be offered in addition to the above mentioned activity level
- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them throughout the trip
- We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group's experience

Terrain & Transportation

- Diverse terrain and uneven walking surfaces, including steep paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-60 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones
- Travel by 162-passenger river ship and 49-seat coach

- Changes in water-level depths may require adjustments to your itinerary
- Docking for the following locations may be up to 1 hour outside of the city center, with transportation to and from the ship by motorcoach: Regensburg, Germany; Nuremberg, Germany; Passau, Germany

Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 38-45°F during cruising season
- Rain, ice, snow, and wind are possible during the holiday season

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart the U.S. today on your flight to Vienna, Austria.

DAY 2 • Vienna, Austria • Embark ship

You'll be met at the airport today and transferred to your private river ship. Mingle with your fellow travelers during dinner onboard this evening. If you began your discoveries early with our optional pre-trip extension to *Vienna, Austria*, you will join your main group today.

D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 3 • Melk • Wachau Valley discussion

After setting sail this morning, enjoy hot chocolate and relax onboard as your ship

cruises along the Wachau Valley. Your Program Director will provide enlightening commentary about this UNESCO World Heritage Site consisting of sculpted hills and medieval towns built along the river during an **Exclusive Discovery Series** discussion. Later, disembark in Melk for an excursion to the dramatic 900-year-old Baroque Melk Abbey.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 4 • Linz • Optional Salzburg tour

This morning the ship calls at the port of Linz. You have the day free to explore this Old World city. It offers a wealth of discoveries—from its Hauptplatz, one of the loveliest squares in Europe, to the 17th-century Abbey of St. Florian, where Linz's native son, Anton Bruckner, was the

organist and composed many of his famed masterpieces of church music.

Or, join us for an optional full-day tour of Salzburg, the Baroque city of Mozart. Savor hearty Austrian fare over lunch at a local restaurant. Tonight, celebrate the holidays with your fellow travelers at the Captain's Farewell Dinner.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 5 • Passau, Germany • German language lesson • German Christmas Traditions discussion

Begin the day with an **Exclusive Discovery Series** German language lesson, where you can learn some German phrases—such as, *Schöne Feiertage* (Happy Holidays)—commonly used during the Christmas season. In mid-morning, disembark to



explore Passau on an included walking tour, which includes visits to St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Bishop's Residenz. After time to admire the remarkable artistry displayed at the festive Christmas handcrafts market, gather onboard for an **Exclusive Discovery Series** conversation on the history of German Christmas traditions, as your ship cruises along the picturesque Danube River to Passau.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 6 • Regensburg • Choral concert

Today, you'll arrive and dock around mid-morning in Regensburg, Germany's largest medieval city. Then, enjoy a walking tour of this hidden treasure. Since the city suffered no damage during World War II, it remains beautifully preserved. Your tour features the Old Town Hall, the famous Stone Bridge, Germany's oldest, and the Regensburg *Christkindlmarkt* (Christmas market) in

Neupfarrplatz. After dinner onboard, join us for an **Exclusive Discovery Series** event as we walk to a local church to hear a choral concert featuring festive holiday music.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 7 • Regensburg • Main-Danube Canal discussion • Stollen baking demonstration • Captain's Farewell Dinner

Enjoy a leisurely morning onboard today. Your cruise toward Nuremberg begins shortly after lunch. During the afternoon, you'll enjoy two **Exclusive Discovery Series**: a discussion outlining how the Main-Danube Canal's innovative system of locks has made Europe's rivers navigable, and a *Stollen* baking demonstration, where you'll learn how to prepare this traditional German bread made with fruit and nuts, and topped with powdered sugar.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 8 • Nuremberg

Your ship docks at Nuremberg quite early this morning. After breakfast, you disembark for a tour of Nuremberg, one of the most important cities of the Franconia region. Later, visit Nuremberg's famous *Christkindlmarkt* (Christmas market), where you have free time to browse on your own. This is Germany's most famous traditional Christmas market, and it is open throughout the holiday season.

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DAY 9 • Disembark ship • Return to U.S.

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight home, or join the *Munich, Germany* post-trip extension.

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BAC 2027 FWSA Ski Week January 23-30, 2027

Package Includes:

- 7-Nights Lodging
- Welcome Reception
- Giant Slalom Races
- BAC Council Dinner
- Farewell Banquet, Awards and Dance

Available:

See registration form for details.

- Group Air from SFO - \$385
RT SFO to BZN
23JAN27-UA562-SFO/BZN-11:15A/2:35P
30JAN27-UA1702-BZN/SFO-3:40P/5:21P
- Ground Transportation - \$169
- Lift Tickets

Lodging Options

Huntley Lodge



Recently renovated slopeside hotel with on-site dining, pool, hot tub and fitness facilities. Rooms include free wifi, mini-frig, coffeemaker and complimentary parking.

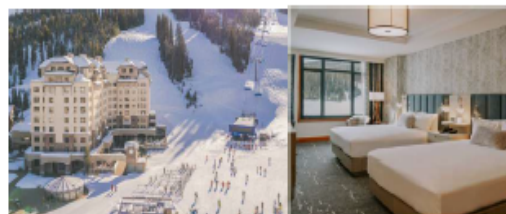
2-Queen Beds - \$1,815 per person/double occupancy
-- \$1,360 Single Supplement

Registration Link:

<http://FWSA27BigSky.sat.tours/3689>

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Summit Hotel



4-Star hotel with slopeside access with on-site dining, pool, hot tub and fitness facilities. Rooms include free wifi, mini-frig, coffeemaker and complimentary parking

2-Queen Beds - \$2,450 per person/double occupancy
1 Queen Studio w/Kitchenette - \$2,450 per person/double occupancy
--\$1,995 Single Supplement



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