

# SKI CAPSULES

Merck Ski Association

Spring 2008 Edition



MSA won the award for best-dressed bunch of Scallywags...Shiver me timbers!!!  
Breckenridge, CO – 2008 EPSC Banquet, Pirate theme

**We're winding down the 2008 season but it's never too late to  
think about 2009 Trips!**

## Message from the Board

### 2007 - 2008 Review

Our 2007/2008 ski season started strong with record attendance at both the Open House & Season Kickoff and the Meet the Mountains Mixer which was co-hosted with three other clubs. The season is ending with over 210 people traveling with the club this season.

- Larry Brown's group of 10 enjoyed whitewater rafting on the Upper Gauley River in West Virginia in October.
- Lisa Christman stepped up and led MSA contingency of 72 to the Rockies for the EPSC Winter Carnival in Breckenridge, Colorado in January.
- In late January/early February, Rob Vogel and Ed Mathewson loaded the bus with a group 32 skiers and boarders to Sugarbush, Vermont.
- In February, Ed Mathewson took a group of 61 to the Alps on our European trip to Kitzbühel (Austria). This set a club record for the most people going on an international trip.
- Deb Walsh headed back up to Vermont in March with a group of 32 to Killington.
- And last but certainly not least, Tom Bombelles organized a Heli-skiing adventure with guides to the Bugaboo Mountain Range in the Canadian Rockies. This is the first time the club has offered such a trip. Seven skiers are anxiously waiting to leave in early April for their trip of a lifetime.

Please join me in congratulating and thanking the 2008 trip leaders. Many trip participants do not realize the effort spent by trip leaders because they make it look easy. Special thanks go to the entire board which works behind the scenes to plan and coordinate all club activities. Check the website (<http://www.ski-msa.org>) regularly to see pictures from your 2008 trips.

### 2008 - 2009 Preview

The board has been busy selecting and planning exciting 2009 trips to North American locations such as Sun Valley, Idaho, Smugglers Notch, Vermont and Banff/Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada. Additional weekend trips, and potentially an early or late season value trip are under consideration. The board expects heavy participation in the week-long 2009 trips, as we have seen in the past few years. We are giving our current members the opportunity to register immediately to secure their spot. Last year, we saw early sell-outs of our trips, so please don't delay and let your trip leaders know that you'll be joining them! Also, keep an eye out for annual Whitewater Rafting trip planned for September, 2008.

### Elections

The club holds elections each May. Your active participation in the board helps distribute the work load and ultimately helps us offer more and better activities and trips

to our members. Please contact a board member if you are interested in participating. All members are welcome and encouraged to join the board.

## **Membership**

All MSA members are asked to help recruit new club members. Invite friends, family members and fellow athletes to join the club. Help us spread the word that you do not have to work at Merck & Co., Inc. to join the Merck Ski Association. In fact, over 60% of our members do not work at Merck. Skiers and snowboarders of all ages and abilities are invited to join.

A 2008/2009 Membership Form is included in this newsletter. Please renew your membership each year as this is our main source of income for the club to cover administrative expenses. Membership gives you the opportunity to purchase discount lift tickets, register for free ski lessons, and receive discounts from select merchants.

## **Teaching**

MSA is consistently the largest participant in the EPSC Monday Night Ski Program held at Spring Mountain each January. Certified instructors volunteer their time and talents to teach ski and snowboard lessons. Did you know six MSA members participate as instructors in this program? More instructors are desperately needed. Contact an MSA board member for more information about getting certified and how MSA can help.

***REMINDER***

*If you purchased lift ticket vouchers from EPSC  
return any unused vouchers that expire this season to*

Ken Foster  
163 New Jersey Avenue  
Chalfont, PA 18914-3003

**No later than April 1, 2008**  
**in order to receive a refund or credit**  
*(depending on the type of voucher you purchased).*

# A First Day of Spring New Year's Resolution

Don't take a trip next season with the MSA **UNLESS** you promise yourself to do some getting in to shape exercises and have had some days on your skis or board before you leave for the resort. This past season Ellen & I saw too many folks, not just MSA members, that took one run and went in for a rest, too many that could barely carry their own equipment, too many who paid for five days of skiing and only used parts of two or three, and many whose biggest brag was how much their legs ached.

As your first day of Spring resolution cut off the following and post it on your fridge.

**BEFORE MY NEXT MSA TRIP I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
PROMISE TO GET INTO SHAPE AND TO HAVE HAD SOME  
DAYS ON MY SKIS OR BOARD!**

Ski or ride well & safely,

Jay Minnicks

a PSIA Pro and member of your MSA Board of Directors



## Sun Valley, Idaho

### February 7 – 14, 2009

There can only be one original ski resort, and since 1936, Sun Valley has held that distinction. Born out of a desire to bring the magic of the European ski resorts to America, Sun Valley quickly became a phenomenon without peer on this continent. From the crisp air atop Bald Mountain to the quaint walking village below, there is no other place quite like Sun Valley. Come join us for a wonderful week of skiing, outside activities and entertainment at this beautiful ski resort.

**Price: \$1,325 per person (Condo lodging for four)**

#### Package Includes:

- Round-trip air from Philadelphia to Boise, Idaho
- Motor coach transfer from Boise to Sun Valley
- Seven nights condo lodging at the Sun Valley Resort (2 bedrooms/2 bath)
- Access to Sun Valley Resort facilities, including the luxurious outdoor heated pool with a view of Bald Mountain
- Welcome reception upon arrival
- Five (5) day lift tickets
- Easy access to two ski areas (Bald & Dollar) and Sun Valley amenities (ice skating, movie & opera house, restaurants, night clubs, cross-country skiing, and much more!)
- Baggage tags and travel packets for all participants
- All resort taxes & service charges; does not include any future airline fuel cost surcharge
- Child rates: <15 years with 4 adults (\$575); <15 years as 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> in unit (\$1,025) – Contact Trip Leader for more details
- Contact the trip leader for alternate rooming arrangements and prices + land only options (limited space)

#### Payment Schedule: (payable to "Merck Ski Association")

- \$150/pp initial deposit to hold your spot
- \$500/pp by August 25, 2008
- \$675/pp by November 10, 2008

#### Cancellation/Refund Policy:

- Full refund prior to September 5, 2008
- \$150/pp penalty between September 5 and Nov. 20, 2008
- \$475/pp penalty between November 20 and December 15, 2008
- No refund after Dec. 15, 2008

### Sign up Early – Space is Limited

#### For more information and to reserve your space contact:

**Richard Barkley** at (610) 983-9831 or [RicBarkley@aol.com](mailto:RicBarkley@aol.com); Make checks payable to "Merck Ski Association"  
Trip signup and membership forms available at [www.ski-msa.org](http://www.ski-msa.org). All registrations must be accompanied by a signup form with initial deposit.

**BALD MOUNTAIN Statistics:** Lifts: 19 (including 7 Quads and 4 Triples); Skiable Acreage: 2,054; Total Runs: 75; Vertical Drop: 3,400 feet; Elevation at the Sun Valley Resort lodging: 5,800 feet; Slope Rating: 36% Easiest; 42% More Difficult; 22% Most Difficult; a Super Pipe for the snowboarders; and the world's largest computer-controlled snowmaking system



# SKI THE CANADIAN ROCKIES! Banff / Lake Louise in Alberta, Canada March 14 - 21, 2009

## Banff Accommodations



Travel in luxury with MSA! Split your week between the two most recognized hotels in Banff National Park, the historic Banff Springs Hotel and the Chateau Lake Louise. Both with on-site facilities including Euro-Spa, heated swimming pool, hot tub, steam room, shops, sport rental equipment shop, and ski lockers. The Banff Springs is in the heart of Banff, and one of the main focal points of this great town just two blocks from the main street and a free bus to the ski areas. Perched on the banks of the famous Lake Louise overlooking the Victoria Glacier the Chateau will fulfill all of your winter fantasies.

### Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise - First 3 nights

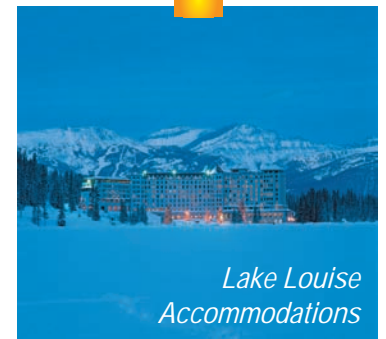
This resort is located in the heart of pristine Banff National Park and nestled on the shores of majestic Lake Louise. This hotel combines luxurious resort living with the spirit of adventure. This "diamond in the Wilderness" has been an adventure destination in a spectacular scenic region of rugged peaks.



### Fairmont Banff Springs - 4 nights

Styled after a Scottish Baronial Castle, Banff Springs is situated among the snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies. This resort stands as a world-renowned symbol of Canadian hospitality. Its blend of opulence & seclusion has been an emblem of Rocky Mountain majesty for over a hundred years.

**PRICE: \$1750 per person / double occupancy**  
\$800 per person / Age 16 & under with 2 adults in room  
\$695 Single Supplement, additional per person.



## Lake Louise Accommodations

### ● Package Includes:

- Roundtrip air from PHL to Calgary
- Seven nights lodging / Queen or 2 twins
- 5 Days Tri-Area Lift tickets: Lake Louise/Sunshine Village/Norquay
- Welcome Reception upon arrival
- All transfers from Airport to both resorts & between resorts.
- All resort taxes and service charges
- Please note passports will be required for all ages*

### ● Options:

- Kicking Horse Ski Resort Lift Ticket & bus transport + \$80
- Daily Heli Skiing & Cat Skiing available at additional cost.

### ● Payment Schedule

- (payable to Merck Ski Assoc.)
- \$100/pp deposit to hold your spot
- \$575/pp by July 31, 2008
- \$500/pp by September 30, 2008
- Remaining balance by November 30, 2008

### ● Cancellation / Refund Policy

- Full Refund prior to July 30, 2008
- \$200/pp penalty between Sept. 15 and Nov. 15, 2008
- \$500/pp penalty between Nov. 16 and Dec. 31, 2008
- No refund after Jan. 1, 2009

## SIGN UP EARLY..... SPACE IS LIMITED

MSA membership forms & trip sign-up forms available @ [www.ski-msa.org](http://www.ski-msa.org). **Make checks payable to Merck Ski Association**  
& mail checks and all forms to Rob Vogel, 69 Holly Hill Rd., Richboro, Pa., 18954. Contact [vogel@merck.com](mailto:vogel@merck.com)

# BRECKENRIDGE STORY

No story about this year's trip to Breckenridge would be apropos without a proper dedication to Lynn Chichester. Lynn advised the club two year's in advance about the choices available to us for the 2008 EPSC Winter Carnival. Once Breckenridge was chosen, she kept us abreast of options after a well thought out familiarization tour. Lynn chose the trip, the accommodations, and made all original arrangements. For her many contributions for this trip and countless other great times, we are all indebted. Happy trails girl!

This was a huge success. We took over 70 people and were the largest group by far at the Carnival. There was a very large Merck employee presence from several sites including Stonewall, Virginia – thanks to John Parcells, Whitehouse Station, NJ, thanks to Mary Buzby, people from D.C. thanks to Tom Bombelles, and as such, we affected lots of the events taking prizes for best group costumes at the Pirate Party, lots of prizes in the NASTAR race, and lots of participation and front runners in all of the many activities the Winter Carnival offers such as the scrub hawl (pub crawl – scavenger hunt for mementos). The friendly competition was aspirational and kept us all breathing deeply with the high mountain attitude!

Despite a rather confusing start to our stay, we settled in at the Beaver Run Condos getting acquainted with it's many amenities – including an inside/outside pool, many decks of hot tubs, game rooms and pubs of every variety. Sunday was a day of reconnoitering all of the Breck peaks regarding conditions, weather, and terrain variety. The weather was warm and sunny and the lines were extensive. On Monday about a third of our group went to Keystone to traverse its broad expanse of terrain. Tuesday we made friends with some freshies (new powder) which ever peak was picked. We practiced up for the NASTAR race and headed to the pub to enlist.

Wednesday our little band encountered a lot of people exploring the top of the world off the new Imperial Lift – finding untracked snow, big open bowls, knarly trees and bumps, deep crud and crusty scrub. We screamed and yowled with open enthusiasm. We raced down the NASTAR course careening around the flagged curves and screaming to a stop at the bottom. We picked up our well-deserved metals and indulged in a Mexican fiesta buffet.

By Thursday we were ready for the vastness of Vail. Blue Sky Basin or Bust! That was our group's motto. The bowls of Vail opened up to us and sucked us in to the powder and steps, trees and turns. Some folks just skied one or two bowls, not trying to cover more than a few runs the place is so expansive – you can't cover it all in a week, let alone a day.

A few intrepid folks skied six days. I have to say for myself – it was an exhilarating way to end a year long endeavor of setting up and running the trip. Skiing down into Horseshoe Bowl with experts to show us the way – I had the run of my life. As I shouted YAHOO! turning in knee deep powder, friends remarked – “think she's having fun yet?”

Thanks to everyone who made this such a fun adventure and more reasons to DO IT AGAIN! Think Heavenly or Steamboat – 2010!

## MSA Descends on Kitzbühel, Austria – February 15-24, 2008

Schnapps in white igloo bars and Stiegl in tall glasses ... snowflakes that stuck to our noses and eyelashes ... or at least they stuck to the snow-capped peaks of the Tyrolean Alps! It's safe to say that the 61 MSA travelers who descended on the Hotel Maria Theresia in the medieval town of Kitzbühel, Austria in mid-February found many of *their own* favorite things. Happy Hour at The Londoner, a lively competition with some Germans at "the stump game" at Chizzo's, or a late night pub crawl to Flannigan's ... all after full days of traversing from peak to peak over the expansive terrain throughout the entire area surrounding "Kitz". Some of the bravest skiers and boarders took their crack at the world famous Hahnenkamm downhill run, which hosts the World Cup each year, while others strapped on their boards and headed out on the formidable day-long "ski safari". Some people prided themselves on finding the perfect shneebar to warm their insides with a bit of Jägermeister, while others went to many of the cozy restaurants dotting the hillsides in search of the perfect Kaiserschmarren or wurst.



**Hotel Maria Theresia- home away from home for the week**

Our large contingency of MSA travelers departed on an overnight flight on Friday night, February 15<sup>th</sup> and arrived in Munich, Germany, the following morning. We then proceeded on the scenic bus ride over the border into Austria, arriving in Kitzbühel on Saturday afternoon. Following a welcome party that evening, everyone made their plans for the week, which, besides skiing and boarding, included day trips to take in the sights of Salzburg and Innsbruck, where they reveled at the intricate and historic architecture,



**Ed F., Jay, Melanie and Jon planning their descent**

learned about Mozart's life, saw some of the featured locations from *The Sound of Music*, or toured an ancient castle. There was so much to do, even some of the most hardcore skiers had a hard time deciding whether to ski each day, or absorb their surroundings in other ways.

Our accommodations were in the traditional Austrian style and the staff at the hotel was very attentive. While the meals were plentiful and beautifully presented, you could find the occasional young traveler sneaking up the Vorderstadt to the "American Embassy" (a.k.a. Mickey-D's) for a quick taste of home in a chocolate sundae or a "McBier" ... *because they could*. The week was capped with an afternoon, evening, and overnight stay in Munich. Many of the MSA gang gathered on Saturday night with their old and new friends for some revelry and suds in the world's most famous beer garden, the Hofbräuhaus, before departing on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> for the journey home.

From the youngest to the most seasoned travelers, from the skiers to the boarders to the non skiers to those just tagging along with a friend, family member or spouse, lifelong memories were made and the usual MSA bonds were forged. Those thousands of photos captured throughout the week are now in the process of being pasted into the scrapbooks that will last a lifetime. Now the dilemma is where to go next year. Will it be Banff? Will it be Sun Valley?

**Sign up soon to reserve your memories for next year!!!**

## Killington 2008

Our weekend trip to Killington was a quickie, requiring no vacation days since we left the Merck parking lot at 4 pm on Friday Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, and returned by 10:30 pm on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>. Snow conditions were great on Saturday morning despite the drizzle, but lightning and heavy rain closed the lifts at 2 pm. Happy hour started early in the hot tub and pool area back at the Cascades Lodge, until the bar opened in the lounge. A great dinner of prime rib, roast chicken or flounder stuffed with crabmeat was served by the Lodge on Saturday night and enjoyed by all. Saturday evening found us playing pool by the bar and listening to local artist Jim Mee play the guitar and sing by the fire. Some brave souls ventured out into the raging storm to experience the local nightlife. Sunday morning brought high winds and snow, uprooting a tree outside the Lodge, and closing down much of the mountain. Although many of our hardy members did get out there and ski, Killington's generous lift guarantee provided vouchers to those who chose to stay out of the weather since there are many weekends left this year to take advantage of all the trails Killington has to offer. The ride home brought clearing skies and easy traveling, with hoagies provided by the Killington Deli, TastyKakes for dessert, with movies and a raffle. Merck Ski Association prizes were provided by the Killington Mountain Store, the Philadelphia Flower Show, Big Boulder-Jack Frost ski area, Hershey Chocolate, Southwest Airlines, Walmart, and Coleman Camping products.

Since the ski Carnivale will be an east coast event next year, the Merck 2009 Killington trip will be extended two additional days. Sign up early, the trip is sure to be a big party!

## Sugarbush, VT – January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

**Warren, VT** The three ski-day trip to Sugarbush, Vermont (affectionately dubbed "Shuggs" for brevity sake) was a Thursday to Sunday jaunt; co-leaders were Ed Mathewson and Rob Vogel. The bus left West Point right on time, and traveled to Quakertown to pick up the remainder of the contingent. There were several families with kids galore, making this a "younger crowd", with ski-in/ski-out accommodations at the foot of Mount Lincoln in the brand new Clay Brook residences. The bus ride was smooth and quick. Phil, our driver was excellent and very well prepared, and our two resident cooler-tenders, Evan and Noah, made sure no one went thirsty. We arrived early, still had time for the first of many beverages at the on-site restaurant/bar.



Our skis/boards were waiting at the Ski Valet the next day, and if you've never had a ski valet, you will never do it otherwise again. Conditions were typical New England, a little icy, but still immensely fun. A huge variety of slopes/trails and an additional 8" of snow over the next three days made the skiing excellent. The condos were beautiful, very luxurious; cooking in the well appointed kitchens was really fun. A big, heated pool and even hotter hot tubs got good use every night, with some of the youngsters showing their Swedish roots by going in the hot tub, then jumping in the snow and doing snow angels, with a big jump

in blood pressure to go with. Charles, our resident Scotophile (and Ereophile) kept the mood energized with a nice flask of Paddy's Irish whiskey.



A great dinner at Chez Henri, a five minute walk from our condos, on Saturday night was a haute couture experience enjoyed by 18 people, with lamb chops, duck and seafood on the menu, as well as fine wines.

The weather cooperated, and we were in the right place at the right time. Friends that were staying farther south got rain on Saturday, but Shuggs was pure white the entire weekend. Three solid days of hitting the superpipe for huge air (not really) and the double black diamonds left us tired but very happy. Long Trail ale (Double Bag) for the ride back on Sunday was the crowning achievement, as it is not generally available in PA. Awesome hoagies from the Paradise deli were picked up on the way out, to the crowd's approval. There were lots of raffled give-aways on the way home, everyone got something. We missed the Superbowl, but no one seemed to care too much. Everyone arrived safely back at Quakertown or West Point, ready to do it again very soon. The easy ride coupled with very fine, easily accessible accommodations and no injuries made the extended weekend a truly memorable MSA outing.

**Please join us next year for a similar outing to Smugglers' Notch, VT!**

March 2008

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|     |     |     |                         | <b>Killington, Vermont - March 7 - 9</b> |     |     |
| 10  | 11  | 12  | 13<br>MSA Board Meeting | 14                                       | 15  | 16  |
| 17  | 18  | 19  | 20                      | 21                                       | 22  | 23  |
| 24  | 25  | 26  | 27                      | 28                                       | 29  | 30  |
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April 2008

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| 7  | 8   | 9   | 10<br>MSA Board Meeting | 11                      | 12  | 13  |
|  |     |     |                         | <b>Heli-Ski Calgary</b> |     |     |
| 14   | 15  | 16  | 17                      | 18                      | 19  | 20  |
| <b>Heli-Ski Calgary, CAN - April 11 - 20</b> |     |     |                         |                         |     |     |
| 21   | 22  | 23  | 24                      | 25                      | 26  | 27  |
| 28   | 29  | 30  |                         |                         |     |     |



# \* \* \* MSA SKI TRIP SIGN-UP FORM \* \* \*

You must sign a separate form for each trip you wish to participate in. Please make copies of this form as needed. Addresses for trip leaders appear on individual trip flyers.

Please fill in the MSA trip you are signing up for:

**Trip Destination** \_\_\_\_\_ **Departure Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Only MSA members that have paid current year membership dues or are EPSC members may sign up for MSA trips. If you are not currently a MSA/EPSC member you must fill out a membership form and pay the yearly dues at the time of sign up. No deposits will be accepted from non-ski club members. In addition you must read and sign the Liability Release and Indemnity Agreement on the back of this form. MSA must have a signed release from all travelers at the time of sign up. No deposits will be accepted without a signed Liability Release Form.

All prices quoted are based on costs and international exchange rates as of April of the year prior to the trip date, and are subject to changes in price and/or policy of individual suppliers of services which may be included, unless otherwise noted. Prices are also based on group fares out of the designated departure city and any requests to depart from a different city are subject to availability and/or price increase due to cancellation of space from group departure city and/or different base fare out of the new departure city.

### Request for Roommates:

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| Name: _____                              | 1. _____ |
| Street Address: _____                    | 2. _____ |
| _____                                    | 3. _____ |
| City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ | 4. _____ |
| Phone: _____                             | 5. _____ |

Merck Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellation policies and dates vary between trips. Contact trip leaders for the exact cancellation policy and dates pertaining to their trip. All cancellations must be received in writing by a trip leader. Penalties/Refunds for cancellations are, *in general*, as follows:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Prior to Deadline for First Payment ( <i>see trip flyer for dates</i> ) | No Penalty/Full Refund                                 |
| Between First and Final ( <i>see trip flyer for dates</i> )             | Full Refund Less \$100 Administrative/Cancellation Fee |
| After Final Payment ( <i>see trip flyer for dates</i> )                 | No Refund  |

After the "No Refund" date, it is the responsibility of the original trip participant to find a replacement if they are to reclaim any of the money they have paid towards the trip. The original trip participant will be responsible for any fees charged by an airline to change the name on the airline ticket. Trip cancellation insurance is available and highly recommended. Ask your trip leader for details or check our website ([www.ski-msa.org](http://www.ski-msa.org)) for links to the providers.

**\* \* \* SIGNATURE REQUIRED ON BACK OF THIS FORM \* \* \***

## LIABILITY RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I acknowledge that skiing, ski racing, and other outdoor and indoor sport related activities are HAZARDOUS activities and that 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 the event named on this form, I agree to ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH which might be associated with or result from my participation in this event.

Initial Here: \_\_\_\_\_

I further agree to RELEASE FROM LIABILITY and to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the organizers and sponsors of this event, the tour operator, MERCK SKI ASSOCIATION, it's officers, board members, trip leaders or volunteer supporters for any damage, injury, or death to myself or to any person or property, whether caused by their NEGLIGENCE or for any other reason, in any way connected with my preparation or practice for or my participation in a MSA event.

Initial Here: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, have carefully read and understand this agreement and all of its terms. 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 in the event of my death or any injury to me, I nevertheless enter into this agreement freely and voluntarily and agree that it is binding upon me, my heirs, assigns, and legal representatives.

Initial Here: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that any member, while present with a club trip or activity, who participates in any activity that is illegal, or detrimental to property or the safety of others, may be expelled from the activity/trip at the sole discretion of the trip leader. If expelled, the member will be responsible for his/her return home at their own expense.

Initial Here: \_\_\_\_\_

I further acknowledge that I have been informed that travel insurance is available and recommended should I desire to purchase it. I further agree to the use of my image for MSA club promotional use.

Initial Here: \_\_\_\_\_

I am 21 years of age or older. Initial Here: \_\_\_\_\_

(If the trip participant is under 18, a **Minor Travel Permit and Guardian Form** must be filled out and notarized. Forms are available from your trip leader or you can download them from our website.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ (SIGN)

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT)

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# *MSA Application for Membership 2008-2009 Season*

Primary Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (initial) (last) (suffix)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form to:  
 Merck Ski Association  
 Attn: Denis Patrick  
 315 Meadowview Drive  
 Collegeville, PA 19426

Type of Membership:  Individual \$20.00  Family \$30.00      Make checks payable to Merck Ski Association.

Enter the name of each family member, including the primary contact listed above. There is a maximum of two email addresses per member.  
**The newsletter and announcements are now only sent by email.**

| Member Name<br>( first middle last suffix ) | Merck<br>Internal<br>Mailstop | Email Address<br>Required to receive club information | Minor? |
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**By signing this application form, you agree to the following:** The Merck Ski Association was formed in 1976 by employees of Merck Sharp and Dohme, and is independent of the Company. Membership is not limited to employees. Members assume all responsibility for participation in club activities. Merck Ski Association and Merck shall not be liable for any claims and by membership acceptance the member does hereby waive, remise, release, and forever discharge MSA and Merck of and from all manner of actions, causes of actions, suits, accounts, claims and demands whatsoever which may arise by reason of any cause, matter or thing whatsoever arising out of activity of this association. I further agree to the use of my image for MSA promotional use.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership year is from September 2008 to September 2009. You will receive your membership card in the mail in the fall.**

## MSA Board Members

| Position                     | Name                  | Email                          |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
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