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GREAT FALLS SKI & BOARD CLUB NEWSLETTER August 2023

Club's Mission: Promote skiing in Central Montana by sponsoring special events and fun ski trips locally and abroad.

PRESIDENT'S MOGUL

First off, the river party at Fen & Laura's house was a great success. Thanks to you both for hosting and to Ray for shuttling assistance!

Next up, the Big River Float needed to be modified since the town of Craig is hosting an event. See article for further info.

We are still tweaking the ski trips and nailing down the Swap. It won't be long before our first meeting of the season in September, so get out and enjoy the summer while you can!

Andy Ferrin
President

BIG RIVER FLOAT AUGUST 19

Due to a scheduling conflict with an event in Craig, our float will be Mid-Cañon to Pruitt Creek (Hardy) (approximately 2 1/2 hours). A potluck lunch will be at 11:00am with the club providing hot dogs, burgers, plates, buns, condiments, etc. at Mid-Cañon. BYOB. Please coordinate shuttles amongst yourselves, if possible. Limited assistance will be available.

It is important people sign up so we know:

- * How many people will be attending (so we know how much to buy, we ran out of food in the past.)
- * If you need transportation assistance and if so, for how many people.
- * If you can offer transportation assistance and if so, for how many people.
- * What food you will be bringing so we have more than just chips.

We want to ensure no one gets left behind and that no one gets left out.

- * Sign up at [Member Events: BIG Float \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)
- * Meet at southside of the Pilot Truck stop on Gore Hill at 9 am and depart at 9:30am.





Great Falls Ski and Board Club is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote skiing in Central Montana by sponsoring special events and fun ski trips both locally and abroad. Membership dues are \$35.00 per eligible adult. Membership may be renewed by mail, online, or at the next general meeting. Further information can be found at greatfallsskiclub.com, email at gfskimail@gmail.com, or P.O. Box 166, Great Falls, MT 59403.

The next General Membership meeting is September 20. During the season, the night for General Membership meetings is typically the 3rd Wednesday of the month, with exceptions for holidays or conflicts. Light meals are served and members receive one drink ticket. Meetings begin at **6 p.m.**

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

8/19/23 **Big River Float**

9/3/23 **Highway Clean Up, I ♥ Neihart weekend**, breakfast at the Neihart Senior Center, 10:00
Memorial Falls Trailhead, BBQ at Jason's cabin afterwards.

9/5/23 **Board Meeting 6:00**

9/20/23 **General Membership Meeting 6:00**
Elk's Lodge

10/3/23 **Board Meeting 6:00**

10/9/23 **Raise a Pint at the Mighty Mo 5:00**

10/11/23 **Pasta Cookoff-General Membership Meeting 6:00** Elk's Lodge

10/13 & 14 **Annual Ski Swap**

Annual Ski Swap October 14 & 15

Consign the old gear and shop for new (or new-to-you)! Mark your calendar for our biggest fundraiser of the year. We must have volunteers to make this event happen, so please sign up for a shift or two!

2024 Ski Trips

Trips are in the planning stage – club members are encouraged to get the [Mountain Collective Ski Pass | Multi Resort Ski Pass](#).

- * Big Sky: Saturday January 20th (tentative) – Mountain Collective Pass works there.
- * Fairmont/Discovery: February 9-11 (rooms booked under Ski Club)
- * Long trip-Sun Valley: March 2 - 5. Mountain Collective Pass works there.
- * Teton: March 24 -24