

Snowmass Trip Report - 2020

Day before- we started a group chat with the room captains who then share the news with their roommates. We started a test round to see if it works. Mari wanted to add Rick to her favorites and accidentally hit facetime to call Rick. Problem here, Mari was naked in the bathroom ... Really. Well this is one way of getting to know your Snowmass Group, really well. Lucky for Mari, Rick is slow in picking up his calls. Rick hopes for snow as Ullrhof gives away free pancakes when there is fresh snow, of 8 inches or more.

Travel day

Silvia started a "Good Morning America" group chat message with the information for the day. *Good Morning All.* Flight WN1652 to Denver is on time and will be ready for you to be boarded. The gate is H12. Jonas and I will meet you at the check-in Counter. Please have your ID or passport ready and your luggage in the required form and weight. The flight will be 2 hours and 20 minutes. Weather in Denver is sunny and 33 degree. Captains, please inform your room mates. See you in a little bit. People who come from other states ... *Safe Travels!*

Everybody was at the airport early. Southwest had our tickets and luggage tags printed and ready for us. Jonas was there first to welcome the group. Silvia handed out the flight boarding passes, while Jonas helped with luggage, along with checking the group in. Joanne (*President ...Princess ???*) and Chris (*the first man*) were last. We departed and landed on time. We met Frank at the airport, who was looking for the Trip Leaders, with the English accent and the orange helmet dangling from the backpack. We also found Christopher. All the luggage showed up ... Yay !!! Jonas was looking for the Ground Transport desk, as everyone had their luggage, and desk was not where we expected. So ... I had to get escorted by an Airport Ambassador to the desk, which was locate in the interior of the terminal, and not towards the exits, where we expected the desk to be.

Bus arrived 20 minutes later as there was so much traffic at the airport. The bus ride was good. Dave "the Mail Man" our Driver. The Mail Man gave us a lot of information about the area during our drive to Snowmass. Small incident at the Crestwood condos as we were directed into the wrong spot and the bus could not maneuver or turn around. We made it out backwards. We met for few hours with the Trip Leaders, to give out info, along with snacks and beverages, and it looked like everyone had a great time.

Day one

Good Morning Snowmass Group !!! Today on the menu: SKIING, some people took advantage of utilizing the Snowmass Ski Ambassador Tour, which took place at 10:30 AM, and had great fun and learned the layout and tips of where to ski at Snowmass. Lunch today will be at Gwen's at 11:15 AM. In the evening is the welcome reception at Crestwood at 6 PM, in the meeting room near the front desk. At the Reception there will be snacks and some beverages. After you are free to do what you wish. Have a wonderful day. *"May the Powder be with you."*

Many people had altitude sickness and did not sleep well. Joanne had nice eyebrows today, due to the fact, that there was an Ulta store, and Princess could find some products. Glen did a face plant, with some bleeding on top of his nose, but also hurt his knee. Jonas was right behind him as it happened and

almost took a tumble as well on the same invisible obstacle. Others behind saw the front skiers hitting something and were able to avoid hitting the same thing. Unfortunately Glen was not able to ski the remainder of the week, what a bummer !!! Weather was snowy and grey. Partial visibility, but mostly ok. Snow conditions were good, and in the afternoon some fresh snow on top made it nice to cruise. Everyone stayed in Snowmass and we met at Gwyn's for lunch. Hot tub for some a bit earlier to relax. Crestwood had a welcome reception for us with good food items and beverage choices. There was also Lisa and Luke from Snowmass tourism and gave us Information on the area, the shuttle bus, and the area. We had a Trivia Game, and Chris R., Jerry, and Christopher (through his dad who seemed to know the data about Snowmass inside -and-out) and they won headbands. Turns out, that ... Shelly and Sue are experts in spoon magic. You need to ask them, at one of the next happy hours to show you their tricks.

Joanne nominated Jonas for the "MOST BATHROOM BREAKS IN A MORNING".

Day 2

Good Morning Snowmass Team!!! Forecast looks nice, sunny today and a high of -4 degree Celsius. Today some are heading to Aspen, some stay in Snowmass. The Snowmass group has planned an apres ski at Elk Camp at 2:30 PM, if you want to meet-up. The Aspen group will meet at 11:15 AM at Sundeck on top of Aspen mountain at 11,212 ft. Happy Hour will be at The Little Nell Hotel on the outside deck. We will meet there between 4 and 4:30 PM. Some Appetizers will be provided, all other things and drinks are on you. Call us if you can't find us. Transportation: order shuttle from front desk to go to Snowmass Transit Center or ski down and walk. Take Aspen shuttle which goes every 15 minutes to Aspen. The same procedure in reverse coming back. Front Desk phone is 970-923-2450.

Ten people went to Aspen, the rest stayed in Snowmass. Lunch we met at Sundeck, and some people met for apres ski at Elk camp in the early afternoon. Fun photos were shared between the 2 groups. Apres ski at Ajax Tavern was a bit of a bust, as the outside seating stopped serving at 4 PM! What!!! Seriously !!! No music or DJ outside and pretty quite overall. Some people showed up from the bus and when they arrived, service had stopped, and inside area was completely full, so our group could not find a place to sit inside, so most people left. Fun event at the Ajax Tavern was when Ben Bungarden spotted Bode Miller and stood up and yelled "Bode" and ran over to get a selfie with Bode who gracefully agreed. You should have been there for that! That was super funny. Great job Ben!!! Jerry House met Jamie Anderson, Olympic snowboarder and X-Game winner in the gondola and submitted a photo. End of the Day 2 once again finished with a hot tub meeting. Then people headed for dinner or cooked at their Condo's.

Silvia, Jonas - I nominate Ben G for ogling and staring down Bode Miller at the restaurant and for recognizing him.

Day 3

Good Morning Snowmass Team !!! Day 3 of skiing. Forecast is nice. Mostly cloudy with some sun and a high of -2 degree Celsius. Snow will be soft. Some will head to Highlands (Jonas, Herb, Felix, Jason and Ben for sure as far as I know). Lunch at 11:15 at Highlands Go-Round. The Snowmass skiers can meet at Gwyn's. Group dinner tonight at 7 PM at Rangers Station. You can walk down to the base and take the sky cab that runs till 9 PM or ask for a shuttle to Snowmass Mall at the Front Desk. First, there will be appetizers, and then you guys can order food, from a selected menu, and one drink per person (also

from a pre-selected drink menu). There will be our famous Ski Club Rookie initiation taking place as well. *Have fun at the slopes!!!*

Some people stayed in Snowmass and split up between Elk Camp for lunch, so Gale could join, and others went to Gwyn's. The House gang went to Buttermilk, while Jonas, Herb, Ben, Felix and Jason went to Highlands. Jonas and Herb did the bowl hike. Snow was good, weather partially sun. It mostly cloudy. Evening we met at the hot tub, this time the smaller tub, closer to our condos was open and the water was boiling hot. Good for the muscles, but a cold beer was necessary... liquid coolant. We had dinner at Ranger Station at the Snowmass Mall, and could either shuttle-up or take the Sky Cab. Colleen jumped out of the Sky Cab with a bit too much energy and twisted her ankle. The Ranger Station was small and a bit crowded, but the food was delicious. We had our own servers and they were super nice and did their best to serve such a big group. Worked out o.k. and the most people enjoyed it and had fun. We took then last Sky Cab back and walked home. Some not right back to their room: Ben, Felix and Jason carried on at Sue, Mari, and Shelly's Place till 1 AM. Turns out the Tide pods for the washing machine are a great way to get beer. Joanne traded 5 beer for 1 pod. Need to work on negotiation skills.

Silvia nominated her roommate, Herb for *the Dumbest thing of the Day Award* for today. Herb left to the Highlands without ski boots.

Day 4

Good Morning Room Captains!!! We hope you all had a good time yesterday and enjoyed the dinner. The owner and staff did their best to accompany our big group and the food was great we thought. Due to the noise level, we moved the Rookie Initiation to Friday. Today, the forecast states snow for the afternoon (35% chance) with a high of -5 degree Celsius. It will be a bit colder today. Some are heading to Highlands and will climb the bowl. Meeting spot there is Merry-go-Round. Laura, Mari, Jonas are going, not sure who else? Snowmass lunch spot is Gwyn's. Tonight, you are free to do what you want. In the Mall, there is an event that is called Music on the Mall and takes place every Thursday with some live music outdoors from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Just as an option. Let's meet later in the hot tub near ski shop, Jonas and I will bring some beers.

Later start for some who partied. Most people stayed in Snowmass, but Jonas, Joe, Laura, Mari and Shelly made it over to Highlands again. Only Joe walked up to ski the bowl. Cloudy day but nice. Snowmass people met at Gwyn's again for lunch. It was nice that the ski buddies changed each day and groups teamed up with different people. Snow was good on the lower slopes. At the higher altitudes, it was a bit icy. Silvia and Joanne went in the trees, and a tree trunk tried to take Silvia's ski, making her fly like Superman, ending with a face plant. Lots of skiing this day, which called for a hot tub and a cold one after. This day people were on their own for dinner and groups shared pictures from their dinner settings on group chat. Joanne, Denis and Silvia went to the supermarket for bus snacks. Some people from the Board and the Trip Leaders went on a condo visit to see Nancy, Joe and Frank, and made the decision that their location was better for garbage night. Thanks again you three, to host this event and open your condo for us.

Melani nominates Jim and Gregg for their mountain boudoir photos. (Staged 😊)

Day 5

Good Morning !!! On our last day of skiing. The forecast is sunny with very chilly temperatures. Take an extra layer. I think everybody is in Snowmass today. Let's meet at Gwyn's at 11:15 AM for lunch. Have a fun day out and stay safe. Tonight, *the Garbage Party* is at Nancy, Joe and Frank's who offered to host this in three, in their fancy place. We will order some pizza, wings, along with enjoying all our leftovers. There should be enough beverages as well. The Room is Ivy 3213. See you all there at 6 PM. We should aim to wrap-up the party around 10 PM, so we can clean-up and all go packing. Information on the luggage handling and departure will be provided at the party tonight.

Snowmass for all. Nice skiing on a layer of powder, which maybe came from the windy conditions during the night. People had fun. Joanne and Gale went to a famous thrift shop in Aspen and had a nice glass of wine. Chris R went to Glenwood Springs to spend a day there. All others skied and most met at the lunch spot. It was a little colder and people layered up. Christopher could not be recognized easy, he looked like a mummy. Colleen managed to get her foot in the boot and the ankle was fine, as long as she had it buckled up. Glen could still not ski with knee pain. Jonas was looking for the tree trunk Silvia had hit earlier, to do the same thing. He wanted to check out how cool it is to be Superman. Now we have superhero competition going on. Most people stopped early today; some went to the hot tub. Then packing. The Crestwood Condos picked up some of the luggage in the evening, to make it easier for departure on Saturday morning.

Garbage night. Everybody was there and we had pizza, chicken wings and leftovers. Lots of leftover beer. The party was at Nancy, Joe, and Frank's fancy condo. There were several fun announcements and speeches. Silvia and Jonas were explaining the travel plans for next day. We also did the Rookie initiation for Tonya and Gregg, who had to find the right people to match the fun facts. They could also ask others for help.

The questions were:

1. This person lived in Japan for 4 years
2. This person ran a charity supporting Haiti
3. This person climbed Mount Rainier
4. This person owns 28 pair of Doc Martens
5. This person went into minus 150 degree
6. This person was a film director of target ads filmed across the western US
7. This person has an identical twin
8. This person was FFA State Forestry winner 1975 and 2003 MN state small businessman of the year.
9. This person insulated their garage with wine corks
10. This person was a co-host in Dad's fishing show "Wally Peas Outdoor"
11. This person knows how to skin a musk rat.
12. There are 2 people here with mad spoon skills
13. These people are brothers, find the older one.
14. These people are sisters, find the younger one.
15. This person was named by his siblings who chose the name Christopher Robin
16. This person is over 70 years old, skies only black, and runs 35-40 miles a week.

There were some discussions about skiing abilities between Jerry and Herb, and Jerry stated that Herb is better skier, but he is better looking. There were also some awards for the 2 contests that ran during the week. First one was "*Dumbest thing of the Day Award*" and the second was "*Photo with a Celebrity Contest*". People nominated others, or themselves, and turned in photos via group chat.

Dumbest thing Award - Day 1

- Melani nominate herself for dumbest thing, with the great responsibility of being room captain. She cracked under pressure and lost the condo key.
- Chris, Nancy and Joe nominated Taavi Sober for skiing in a 200-acre snowfield with one tree in it. Taavi managed to hit it.

Winner: Taavi

Dumbest thing Award - Day 2

- Joanne nominated Ben G for ogling and staring down Bode Miller at the restaurant and not recognizing him.
- The group nominated Jonas for most bathroom breaks in a day

Winner: Ben

Dumbest thing Award - Day 3

- Silvia nominated her roommate Herb for *the Dumbest thing of the Day Award* for today. Leaving for Highlands without ski boots.
- Silvia nominated Joanne for not negotiating well and giving 5 beers for one washing pod.

Winner: Herb

Dumbest thing Award - Day 4

- Melani nominated Jim and Gregg for their special mountain moments they captured in photos
- Silvia nominated Joanne for not paying for lychees at the supermarket

Winner: Joanne

Dumbest thing Award - Day 5

- Herb re-nominates Jonas for again most bathroom stops in one day.
- Room captains nominated Joanne and Gale for extensive celebrity search in Aspen and constant photo submission on group chat.

Winner: Jonas

Dumbest thing Award - And the winner of the week:

Winner is Mari for trying to manage smartphone challenges and accidentally Face-Timed Rick while naked in the bathroom.

Celebrity Award

Nominees:

- Melani and Tonya with a Jurassic park statue
- Gale with Joe The artist
- Gale and Joanne with all kind of statues or local dog walkers
- Ben with Bode Miller

And the Winners are:

Bronze Metal goes to - Gale and Joanne with Ty Zanuck
Silver Metal goes to - Jerry with Jamie Anderson
Gold Metal goes to - Ben with Bode Miller

Departure Day

Good Morning Colorado !!! Last good morning email for you. All things are working well, Bus will be here for loading at 8:45 AM, the stuff from storage will be brought out by Crestwood and your luggage from today picked up, if you have it out by 8 AM. They have a list with our room numbers. If the bag is not picked up until you leave at 8:30ish, please take it down yourself. Bus will be where we arrived (second spot 😊). Please double check that your luggage was loaded (all of it) before you enter the bus and check in with Jonas. We are all checked in and have numbers ranging from B20 to B53, which should still be a good spot. No C. Flight number is 4477; 2 hours flight departing 5:25 PM to 8:25 PM. Denver Gate is C42. We should be there approx. at 3 PM. We might need more time, as I am not sure, if they will prepare the same as in Minneapolis. We hope you all had a great time and enjoyed skiing!!! We think you guys are a fun group of people, and Many... Many ... Thanks for that.

Bus came 10 minutes late. Jonas called to make sure we are o.k. but was just a little bit later than we planned. Some luggage we needed to drag down by ourselves. However, all the luggage from the Friday evening pick-up was there. We loaded the bus very fast, and after some hick-ups with the bus not starting to drive (and a Silvia, in panic mode) we went off after re-attaching the battery cables and some other tricks to make it go. Silvia handed out bananas, oranges, cereal bars and water to the people. Later, we shared the left-over crackers and chips, that we brought on the bus. Pretty good on time we decided to do a bathroom-break for 15-20 minutes. Christopher House did not come back, after 30 minutes, we drove around with the bus to look for him. Silvia found him in a sandwich place, and he had to leave there unfortunately without the food, as they were so slow in serving. We still had oranges, bananas and snacks on the bus. That was o.k. then, off we went to the airport. Curb check-in was amazingly fast and efficient. All great. We were at the security in no time. Jonas forgot he had water and a swiss army knife in the backpack and was subject to additional search. This was his 5th swiss army knife he lost this way. What a pity that we did not have another award to give, must be a Swedish thing. Plane was full and arrived in Minneapolis on time. We all received our luggage and ski equipment and headed home after a lot of hugging and hand shaking and good-byes. Jonas needed 30 minutes to find his car and most people were already home when he did, must be a Swedish thing.

The Snowmass Trip was awesome !!! The Snowmass Group was so wonderful, and we had no major injury or incident, which is great. Thanks, Many Thanks to everybody who was on the trip, and thanks also for a fun week.

Your trip leaders
Silvia and Jonas.