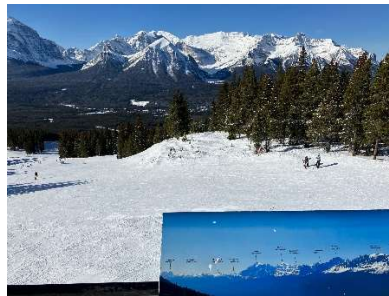


## CLASC Lake Louise Ski Trip Texas Ski Council – Final Showdown March 11-18, 2023

CLASC brought thirty-one (31) trip participants to Lake Louise. The group consisted of both skiers (70%) and non-skiers (30%). For many, it was their first time to the Lake Louise/Banff area.

This was a 'Land Package Only' trip - we had participants arriving on Friday and Saturday as well as departing on Friday and Saturday. Friday to Friday were managed by the Trip Leader and Saturday to Saturday managed by the Assistant Trip Leader. The variation in participant air arrival and departure times contributed to a very complex ground transportation schedule from Calgary to Lake Louise. We successfully utilized two different buses on arrival and as many as five different buses on departure.



Both, skiers and non-skiers had a great time. We enjoyed light snow flurries throughout the week on an already 35+ inches of packed snow. Skiers were able to ski at the 'Ski Big Three' – Lake Louise, Sunshine Village and Mt Norquay. The 'Big Three' ski areas accept the IKON pass; lift tickets were offered at a group rate.



We had a couple of fall injuries on the trip – injured collar-bone and slight concussion. Both folks were doing well as the week processed.



CLASC participants were EVERYWHERE! Non-skiers enjoyed snowy hikes, cross-country skiing, sleigh rides, ice-skating, curling and touring gondolas the Banff-Lake Louise area.



We stayed at the luxurious Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise Hotel. Over two-thirds of our participants chose to upgrade their lodging to include more space, mountain views and two queen-size beds. Participants also dined at a number of the Chateau's restaurants or nearby eating places.



Most majestic views ! - Day and Night!



And another fabulous venue – the Banff Springs Hotel! Check out the local wild life!





Anyone who desired to... got to the Top of the Mountains! Via gondolas!



Our Mid-Week Dinner was at the Deer Lodge – 10 minute walk from the Chateau. The meal included shared appetizers, salad, a choice of 3 possible entrees and a choice of 3 possible desserts. THE DINNER WAS EXCELLENT!



Double-bone pork chop, Beef tenderloin and baked chicken!  
Asparagus, potatoes, carrots and delicious chocolate desserts!



Texas Ski Council (TSC) offered a Competition Snow Challenge where teams were required to build the best snow person/building structure(s). Another TSC activity focused around St. Patrick's Day where individuals were asked to locate the hidden shamrock(s) and present them for a prize.

On Thursday evening – we enjoyed another festive buffet meal with music entertainment by DJ. The party didn't stop as scheduled... YEP... we partied into the night. Energy and Ready for another ski day!

