

Hello Friends from the Class of 1955!

First of all, should you have any questions about the schedule as presented below please contact Fletcher at fdriscoll@fdriscollassoc.com or by telephone 651-426-8315. At the mini I can be reached on my cell phone at 651-303-5165. Bev's email is bsdriscoll@comcast.net. Her cell number is 651-429-0642. A revised schedule will be prepared in June based on the responses to this schedule and sent to those who are coming to the mini.

As promised in our last correspondence with you in March here is a detailed outline of the activities we propose for our mini-reunion in Salt Lake City/Park City, Utah scheduled for August 24 (Thursday) to August 27th (Sunday). This schedule includes all of the optional activities so the schedule looks more complex than it is. This schedule may also be downloaded from our class website if it makes for easier reading – [click here](#).

I have **bolded** the primary events for each day. You will note that your participation in these primary events is mostly self-directed. Therefore, if you just want to sit down on one of the many benches for a while you can. The times for the various events are approximate and will probably change as the mini-reunion takes place. As you know, August 24 is your arrival date, and the 27th your departure date.

Past minis were successful because they followed a theme. The same will be true this year. Our three major objectives are to:

- Examine the Mormon Church history, its world headquarters in Salt Lake City and the Temple.
- Review the silver mining history at Park City.
- Visit the 2002 Winter Olympics site in Park City and attend a highly entertaining aerial skiing performance.

Around these major themes will be several optional tours, art and shopping tours, major exhibitions in Salt Lake City, a visit to the Deer Valley resort selected year after year as the best ski area in North America and unusual dinner venues that will promote social interaction among us. Based on our experience in giving tours in Salt Lake and Park City, Bev and I are confident you will enjoy this mini as you have earlier minis. We have tried to increase opportunities to talk with one another during the activities and during the dinners. So, here is the proposed schedule we will follow:

Arrive on August 24th and register at the Hyatt Place, Park City hotel, the newest hotel in Park City. We have secured a special rate for rooms. It is \$115 for a double plus about \$10 in taxes. King or two queen beds are available. Triple and quad rooms are slightly higher in cost. The low room cost will be held only until June 20th! Please contact the hotel at this link for our group reservations (<https://parkcity.place.hyatt.com/slczpcc172017>). Our contact person is abigail.pippen@hyatt.com. The telephone number at the hotel is 1-435-776-1216. The address is 4377 North, UT-224, Park City, UT 84098. **Please contact the hotel before June 20th for the Carleton group rate.**

Arrival August 24th

The Thursday evening welcoming dinner (individual orders) and all breakfasts (self-serve) during our stay are available at the Hyatt. We know many of you may be arriving early on the 24th. There are three Thursday evening options, two preceding dinner and one that the participants would have to eat earlier because of the travel distance (30-40 minutes).

- Option 1: Attend the Mormon Tabernacle Choir practice in Salt Lake City. Transportation cost to and from the hotel will depend on number of people selecting this option. The practice begins at 7:30 p.m. and usually ends at 9:00. The practice is conducted in a casual atmosphere with observers coming and leaving at will. A bus from the hotel should leave at 6:30. Thus, you would have to eat dinner earlier than the rest of our group. Please sign up now if you are interested in this option, or any other option cited below. Also some of you who may be coming in late to Salt Lake City might contemplate going directly to the choir practice and then later to the hotel.
- Option 2: Travel a short distance to visit the Park City office of the local Mormon Genealogical Center on Main Street where one or two short movies are shown depicting Mormon history. This option is an excellent introduction to Friday morning's activities. This option can start at 5:30, returning to the hotel at 6:30. Again, please sign up for this no-cost option. Incidentally, the Center has six computers available for genealogical research.
- Option 3: Visit two of the most admired art galleries of the more than 15 galleries in Park City. They are located close to the hotel. These are the Montgomery Lee Gallery regarded as the premier gallery in Park City and the multifaceted Lund Gallery. They are located across the street from each other. This option could start at 5:00 returning to the hotel at 6:30 for dinner. Please sign up for this no-cost option. If you can't come on this Art Gallery option there is another opportunity to visit these galleries later in the weekend.

Friday, August 25th

- Start boarding the bus(s) at 9:15 a.m. and leave at 9:30. Travel to the **Mormon Temple Square** –about 35 minutes. Visit the small but well-illustrated Mormon Museum that portrays important aspects of building the Temple, and has a model of the Temple interior (non-Mormons are not allowed in the Temple).
- After leaving the Museum we will see the front of the Temple, the reflecting pools, some of the gorgeous gardens and the engaging statuary. We will walk around the Temple to the Tabernacle, arriving about 11:45. The half hour organ recital begins at noon and shows off the organ's capabilities and the remarkable acoustics of the Tabernacle.
- Following the organ recital we will go to lunch at the nearby Alta Club. The Club is about 0.4 of a mile but the walkers will enjoy some of the Mormon gardens along the way. If heat is a factor and the distance is greater than some of us want to walk a bus will be available, picking us up at the Mormon Museum site at which we arrived.
- Lunch, which begins at 1:00, is at the private Alta Club and offers a 'make your own sandwiches' style format. The cost is fixed except for alcoholic drinks which are extra. Nancy recommended this Club. Bev has visited it and talked with the manager, Tarig Kahn.

Apparently, this Club has provided a place of retreat for the 'movers and shakers' of Salt Lake City for many years.

- The bus will leave for the new **Natural History Museum of Utah** after lunch. We will have the opportunity to see two outstanding exhibits and basic information on the early history of Salt Lake City. Utah land was the favored home of the dinosaurs 250 million years ago when Utah was situated near the Equator. Thanks to Plate Tectonics, the land is now part of the United States at a much higher latitude. Once you see this exhibit you will never forget it, even though you may try!
- The second major Museum visiting exhibit features the Vikings (no, not the Minnesota Vikings – the real Scandinavian Vikings!) Almost 300 artifacts will be on display. Our visits to past exhibits at the Museum have stunned us with the size and scope of the displays. In short we have been overwhelmed each time. We are confident you will feel the same way about the Viking exhibit.
- Our bus will leave at 5:00 for the hotel.
- A bus will take us to dinner at 6:30. The dinner will be at Adoph's, a fine European (Swiss themed) restaurant, located only a mile from the hotel. We have chosen a meal that should satisfy everyone, promote collegial conversations of remembrance and give everyone a chance to comment on what they have seen today. Our group will be seated away from the other restaurant patrons. It is Fletcher's favorite restaurant in all of Park Cities countless restaurants – great ambiance, a gracious and talented skier owner, fine food and excellent service.
- The bus will be on an 'on call' basis and pick us up when we have finished our dinner (estimated to be 8:30-8:45).

Saturday, August 26th

- Our bus will load up at 9:30 a.m. Please wear your best walking shoes for the morning activities. The good news is the walking will all be downhill! Any up-hill climbs will be free of human energy requirements.
- Our first event this morning is **riding a scenic chairlift** to the top of the highest mountain in the Deer Valley Ski resort. Some of you may not have ridden a chair lift before, but you will see the benefits immediately when you do. It is not too scary – we haven't dropped anyone for many years! We will get on the chair lift at mid-mountain and return farther downslope at the base.
- Deer Valley resort is one of three ski area in Park City. Last year Vail bought the Park City ski area and merged it with the adjacent Canyons ski area. As a result, Vail now owns the single largest ski area in the United States. Deer Valley remains independent and offers the best services of all ski areas. For skiers, boarders (those who use boards to go downslope) are not accepted at Deer Valley Resort thereby making the slopes safer by eliminating collisions between skiers and the boarders.

- At the conclusion of our chairlift ride at about 10:45 a.m. our bus will drop us off on Main Street. You are free to roam the art galleries and specialty shops until 11:30 at which time we will meet at the **Park City Museum** (528 Main Street) for a guided tour focusing on the mining and cultural history of Park City.
- The best art galleries are Mangelsen (spectacular wildlife photography) located at 364 Main Street, Lunds, located at 591 Main Street and Montgomery Lee located at 608 Main Street. Mangelsen is at the highest elevation on Main Street, the other two are several blocks downslope at the end of Main street. Seeing all three of these 'must see' art galleries in 45 minutes is not possible. A good plan would be to visit the Mangelsen Gallery and a couple of nearby specialty shops and then meet at the Park City Museum (528 Main) at 11:30. There will be opportunities to visit the other art galleries and shops later in the afternoon. But, here is a list of the galleries and shops that are worth visiting either before we see the Museum Exhibits or possibly later in the afternoon. The attractions given in this list start at the higher elevation (south end of Main Street) and go north to the lower elevation for easier walking.
 1. Mangelsen Art Gallery (364 Main Street – east side of street) World famous photographer
 2. Park City Jewelry 430 Main (spectacular mineral exhibits and jewelry using minerals) east side
 3. La Niche 401 Main) (French gifts, useful kitchen implements) west side
 4. Crosby Collection 419 Main (all turquoise) west side
 5. Artworks Gallery 461 Main (metal animals and eclectic gifts) west side
 6. Park City Museum 528 Main (mining, Park City town history) Must be here by 11:30
 7. Mormon Genealogy Office 531 Main (exhibit at entry of office is quite interesting) west side
 8. Southwest Indian Traders 550 Main (blankets, all sorts of Indian artifacts) east
 9. Park City Clothing 558 Main (great assortment of Filson and Pendleton clothing) east
 10. Lunds Art Gallery 591 Main (to 'die for art' of all types) west
 11. Norsk Furs 605 Main (large variety of fur coats) west
 12. Montgomery Lee 608 Main (premier art gallery in Park City) east
 13. There are many other shops and galleries on Main Street but (in our estimation) are somewhat less interesting
- Board bus at 12:15 for ride to **Utah Olympic Park** and eat box lunches.
- Take reserved seats to watch a spectacular exhibition of **aerial skiing** performed by the Flying Aces (starts at 1:00 p.m.)
- At 1:45 board the Olympic Park bus for a 45 minute tour of the Olympic facilities used in 2002 Winter Olympics. Recall that former Governor Romney took over management of this event when the original organization failed to perform.
- At 2:30 two options exist:
 - Visit the Olympic Museum until 4:00. Then take a bus to the hotel
 - Take a bus downtown at 2:30 to visit the art galleries and shops. Return by bus to the hotel at 4:45 (pickup location to be identified).

- Leave for the Driscoll home at 5:30.
- Social hour and hors d'oeuvres at 5:45 followed by a catered dinner at 7:00 (home style service).
- Special event following dinner
- Return to the hotel at approximately 9:30

Sunday, August 27th

- Head home following breakfast. Transportation back to the airport may be prearranged by request. Cost can be shared by the multiple people taking advantage of the reduced prices for a certain number of riders.
- An early morning option is to attend the Mormon Sunday Morning service at 9:30 a.m. and then go to the airport or elsewhere. You have to be seated by 9:15. Special transportation must be prearranged. The vehicle would leave the hotel at 8:15 a.m.

Important offer: If you provide your arrival and departure information we will send that information to all attendees and then assist you and them in making small group travel reservations for various times that more or less match the arrival/departure times of several people.

End of the mini-reunion official program. For anyone staying a longer time in Park City or Salt Lake City who want to investigate other local venues Bev and Fletcher have some ideas for you.