

# great adventures

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Because you're never too old to learn a new trick.

## CAMP ROLLERBLADE™

There are inline skates gathering dust in closets all across America and Canada. Many people just purchase skates, put them on their feet, and go. While this plan works for some, unfortunately it also results in many sore rumps and close calls. Sound familiar? Inline skating is a sport that is much easier to master with a bit of instruction, making it a lifelong sport instead of a disappointing experience.

Let's say you've made up your mind to learn to skate. Perhaps you need a new workout activity, want to skate with your kids, or have extra time now that you are retired. How do you go about it? We suggest a weekend Camp Rollerblade!

Leslie Diehl (left) is a typical Camp Rollerblade "camper" in many ways – a woman (65% of our campers are women) in her forties (our average age at camp is 48) who wanted to discover a fun new activity. She signed up for a weekend Camp Rollerblade in Atlanta this past spring and then attended Zephyr's five-day Hilton Head Camp Rollerblade in October.

"I skated on quad skates as a kid and wanted to start rollerblading," said Diehl. Like many people, learning how to stop was high on her list of priorities. "I also wanted to just feel more natural, comfortable on my skates...get my skate legs," said Diehl.

All her efforts paid off and she was able to achieve those goals. According to Hilton Head Camp Rollerblade instructors Liz Miller and Kathy McSparran, she excelled at camp. Fellow camper Carolyn said, "Leslie is awesome...she skated on and on and on and on and on" at camp.

What's next for Diehl? She has booked another Hilton Head camp this coming May (to share a reunion with campers from her previous camp there) and then in July, she will be off to Europe to

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### 2007 Weekend Camp Dates

Atlanta	March 3 & 4
Austin	May 5 & 6
Boston	August 4 & 5
Chicago	June 2 & 3
Cleveland	June 2 & 3
Dallas	May 19 & 20
Denver	June 2 & 3
Detroit	June 2 & 3
Houston	April 14 & 15
Miami / Ft Laud	April 14 & 15
Minneapolis	June 9 & 10
New York	July 14 & 15
Philadelphia	May 19 & 20
Phoenix	February 24 & 25
San Francisco	June 9 & 10
Tampa / St Pete	April 14 & 15
Washington DC	June 2 & 3

### New Florida Camp & Mini-Tour

Neither a camp nor a tour, our Mini-Camp & Tour in the Tampa area was designed with Camp Rollerblade graduates in mind.

This December 6 - 8, 2007 experience will include both skills sessions in the safety of the rink and time spent on the Pinellas Trail, contending with "real-life" skating.

You can choose to join us simply for the three-day Camp & Mini-Tour, or extend your vacation by then joining the five-day Florida Skating Adventure that begins directly after the Camp & Mini-Tour. *Bonus:* you'll get 20% off the second trip if you join both.



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About Zephyr Adventures

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Zephyr Adventures has been running adventure tours around the globe since 1997. We offer trips as diverse as inline skating in Quebec, trekking in Tibet, snowboarding in New Hampshire and bicycling in Italy. We're big enough to provide you with a variety of choices but small enough to care about you as a member of our traveling family. We also don't try to do everything, but stick to unique adventures where we can deliver an outstanding experience. We look forward to having you join us on an adventure this year.

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# Z-News

Perhaps you've been receiving Zephyr catalogs since 1997, when we first started offering inline skating tours in the Netherlands. Or maybe you read about our brand new snowboard camps and just recently requested more information. Whenever you joined us, we realize you're busy and don't possibly have time to read everything that comes your way on a daily basis. This is why we keep our communication to a minimum. At the same time, we realize that you asked us for more information at some point and so we also attempt to keep you up-to-date with what's new at Zephyr. We like to make it easy for you to get the information you need to decide which adventure might be best for you. We'd love for you to experience a Zephyr Adventure in 2007.

No Catalog in 2007. We have made a daring (for the adventure travel industry) change in 2007: we are not producing a printed catalog! We have found that many of you prefer reading about our adventures online and others told us our printed newsletters (like the one you are reading) are just as good as the catalog. Perhaps more importantly, a yearly annual catalog was just

too static in this fast-paced world to keep up with the many changes happening at Zephyr. Because of this, we have elected to replace our annual catalog with a series of printed newsletters this year.

Three New Websites. Zephyr has updated its look and web presentation with three new websites in the past few months. We invite you to spend some time on each and hope you find them easy to navigate.

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Haven't Heard From Us For Awhile? Over 15% of you change your email address each year, so it's possible that we no longer have your current email address and you aren't receiving the quarterly E-Newsletter from Zephyr's owner Allan Wright. Send us a quick note with your new email address at [info@ZephyrAdventures.com](mailto:info@ZephyrAdventures.com) and we'll sign you up for the newsletter. On the other hand, maybe you no longer wish to receive our information at all, and that's fine, too. Simply email us or pick up the phone (888-758-8687) and let us know you'd like to be removed from our list.

Blog On. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to visit Zephyr's blog (assuming

you know what a blog is) you can find interesting articles on many of our trips written by Zephyr owner Allan Wright at [www.ZephyrAdventures.blogspot.com](http://www.ZephyrAdventures.blogspot.com)

New Ways To Save Trees. In our continuing effort to use technology more fully and spare the lives of a few extra Douglas Firs, we have created detailed Trip Descriptions for our biking, hiking, family and skating adventures that we can email to you instantly. Is there is a particular adventure in which you are interested? Drop us a line and let us know at [info@zephyradventures.com](mailto:info@zephyradventures.com). We'll send you a file attachment that describes the trip in detail, including the daily itinerary, activities, mileages, accommodations, photos and nearly everything else you might want to know before booking.

A Personal Recommendation Selecting the right trip for your first Zephyr Adventure is important. While most people do this on their own based on our trip schedule or a favorite location, we actually recommend that you check with us first. We can help you pick the perfect trip when you give us information about your travel preferences. Go to [www.ZephyrAdventures.com](http://www.ZephyrAdventures.com) and click on the "Personal Adventure Recommendation" link in the "About Us" section of our website.



## zephyr camp snowboard

We ran 13 Camp Rollerblade Weekends in 2006 and have 17 scheduled for this coming season. Participants loved the idea of learning a new sport in a safe environment with other adult beginners and this made the camps very successful.

What we did for adult instruction in inline skating we can do for snowboarding. This year, we will introduce Zephyr Camp Snowboard at seven resorts across America. Each two-day camp takes place on a weekend and costs only \$239 per person. Snowboarding and skating are both sports that are difficult to learn on your own and it makes sense to take professional lessons to learn them.

There are good reasons why snowboarding is one of the fastest-growing sports in the nation and is quickly gaining popularity among adults. With proper instruction, it is easy to learn, safe, and – most importantly – tons of

fun! Our weekend snowboard camps are geared to adults and families (kids are welcome with an accompanying adult) who are either complete beginners or who may have tried snowboarding in the past and found it was too difficult to learn on their own.

According to many former skiers who have, as they jokingly say, "gone to the dark side," snowboarding is considered more difficult initially. However, one can improve very quickly and be riding advanced terrain in only a matter of days – something that may take years to achieve on skis.

A weekend camp offers professional instruction, small group sizes that accommodate different learning styles and abilities and an emphasis on safety. Join us at a convenient location near you (see dates and locations on right) for a fun new adventure in learning this winter.

## 2007 Schedule

Feb 3 & 4	Hunter Mountain <i>2 hours north of NYC in the Catskills</i>
Feb 3 & 4	Afton Alps <i>30 - 45 minutes from St. Paul and Minneapolis</i>
Feb 10 & 11	Loon Mountain <i>2 - 3 hours from downtown Boston and Montreal</i>
Feb 17 & 18	Mt Baldy <i>45 minutes east of Los Angeles</i>
Feb 24 & 25	Sierra-at-Tahoe <i>2 - 3 hours from Sacramento, Reno or San Fran</i>
Feb 24 & 25	Wilmot Mountain <i>1 - 2 hours from Chicago, Milwaukee or Madison</i>
Mar 17 & 18	Summit at Snoqualmie <i>1 hour from Seattle</i>

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Life's Short.  
Get Moving.

Camp Rollerblade, continued from front page

join Zephyr's Netherlands Skating Adventure. She also admitted that she has aspirations of becoming an instructor some day. In the meantime, Leslie says she will be concentrating on "just getting better, getting faster and skating like a pro backwards and forwards. I want to make sure I'm able to keep up with the 'big kids' on the tours, and have the stamina to do the tours comfortably."

If you're looking to learn a new lifelong activity, look no further than your own backyard. Chances are, there is a Camp Rollerblade offered near you this spring or summer!

# Let The Good Times Roll In Quebec

Nestled in the Laurentian Mountains, *Le P'tit Train du Nord* quietly resides in the northwoods of Quebec. This 200-kilometer trail has been converted from a former railroad developed early last century to bring the masses to the mountains from Montreal for ski holidays. Once automobiles became a more popular mode of transportation, the railway died and our new favorite skating path was born! The paved portion (94 kilometers) of this path winds its way through thick trees and rock, under bridges, and past cute railway stations of days gone by, now spruced up for the bikers, skiers and skaters who are so vital to the area's economy. It is an ideal trail for those who don't like hills – it is entirely at railroad grade, a slope which is barely discernible on skates. Although you will hear mostly French-speakers, the Laurentides region of Quebec is more *voyageur* than *vogue*. Chock-full of lakes and rivers, the area is also bursting with friendly, down-to-earth locals who are happy to host you in their neck of the woods and explain to you why LaBatt's is the best beer and the Canadiens the best hockey team in all the land.

We also spend time on several other trails in the province of Quebec. On and near the island of Montreal, there are a multitude of fine paths and we join the Montrealers on one of their most popular modes of human

transportation – inline skates! We venture out of this European-style city to skate alongside the historic *Canal de Lachine* waterway, which runs from the heart of the Old Port to the outskirts of town. We glide through the rolling green countryside next to the Soulanges Canal, the precursor to the modern-day St. Lawrence Seaway. We even have the chance to speed through the Canadian Grand Prix Formula 1 racetrack on the nearby island of Notre-Dame...on skates, of course!

*L'Estriade* and *La Granbyenne*, two paved beauties situated east of Montreal, have a combined 40 kilometers of mostly flat trail that stretches from our launching point of Granby to several nearby ski towns, alongside scenic Yamaska National Park and through Canada's largest outdoor sculpture museum, where 29 mammoth sculptures beckon you from the trailside.

In Quebec, they call it *bon patins a roués alignés*. We just call it darn good skating! Join us on one of our premiere Canadian skating adventures next year – the adventure is so good we scheduled three of them! (Note: both the August trips are full with waiting lists, but we still have spaces available on our June trip.)



## Zephyr Adventures 2007 Schedule

Apr 16 - 25	Peru: Machu Picchu & The Inca Trail	Exploratory Adventure	\$2,400
Apr 22 - 26	California Wine Country	Biking	\$1,650
May 19 - 23	Hilton Head Island	Camp Rollerblade	\$1,400
Jun 17 - 22	Quebec & Montreal	Skating	\$1,700
Jul 3 - 8	Yellowstone & Montana	Family Multisport	\$1,600
Jul 11 - 15	Glacier National Park	Hiking	\$1,600
Jul 14 - 20	Netherlands	Skating	\$2,000
Aug 5 - 10	Colorado <b>WAITING LIST ONLY</b>	Family Multisport	\$1,700
Aug 12 - 17	Quebec & Montreal <b>WAITING LIST ONLY</b>	Skating	\$1,700
Aug 18 - 24	Switzerland	Skating	\$2,000
Aug 19 - 24	Quebec & Montreal <b>WAITING LIST ONLY</b>	Skating	\$1,700
Sep 8 - 17	China's Great Wall & Tibet	Hiking	\$2,400
Sep 17 - 21	Tibet Trekking (extension)	Trekking	\$800
Sep 10 - 14	Idaho Silver Country <b>WAITING LIST ONLY</b>	Skating	\$1,550
Sep 15 - 21	Italy: Tuscany & Umbria	Biking	\$2,000
Sep 16 - 20	Idaho Silver Country <b>JUST ADDED!</b>	Skating	\$1,550
Oct 20 - 24	Hilton Head Island	Camp Rollerblade	\$1,400
Dec 6 - 8	Florida Camp & Mini-Tour <b>JUST ADDED!</b>	Skating	\$700
Dec 8 - 12	Florida	Skating	\$1,500

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# Explore Peru

By Reno Walsh

We invite you to join Zephyr on a discovery of the intriguing civilizations and landscapes of Peru. Find yourself among great colonial cities that stand today as a legacy of the Spanish conquistadors and visit the ancient Inca capital of Cuzco. With daypacks on our backs and under the power of our own two feet, we'll hike the wondrous Inca Trail for four days, guided by our own Peruvian guides who know the route as a trail that has seen the footsteps of their ancestors for many generations.

The Inca Trail to Machu Picchu is rated among the best trekking trips in the world because of the exquisite beauty of its natural surroundings. These include different ecological areas from high deserts to Andean tropical rain forests. Following the ancient trail offers a true sense of discovery as you pass mysterious archeological sites, half-covered by jungle overgrowth. The trail's final destination brings us to the ancient lost city of the Incas: Machu Picchu.

Zephyr's 2007 Machu Picchu & Inca Trail Hiking Adventure offers experienced guides, an intelligent itinerary and some of the most spectacular and diverse scenery on the continent of South America. We have collaborated with a friend and respected local guide/operator who is a native of Cuzco. Working together, we have created a journey that will make this truly an adventure (while still attending to the necessary pleasantries). While on the trail, most of our gear will be carried by native "Quechua" porters. The meals are sure to be delicious and are prepared in the local tradition. All of your gear is included for the trek and ample time has been built in on either end of the four



Machu Picchu & Inca Trail Hiking Adventure  
April 16 - 25, 2007...10 days & 9 nights...\$2400

days of trekking to let you thoroughly enjoy the cultures and communities of the region. Our group size is limited to 16 guests or less, to assure smaller quaint camps along the trail itself. We sincerely hope you join us on this journey of a lifetime.



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