

VON TRAPP FAMILY CHRONOLOGY

Date	Description
1948	First addition made to the lodge to accommodate guests; Pope Pius XII honors Maria with Bene Merenti Medal for Trapp Family Austrian Relief, Inc. which aided thousands of Austrians during World War II
1950	Maria wins St. Francis de Sales Golden Book Award from the Catholic Writers Guild for best book of non-fiction, <i>The Trapp Family Singers</i> ; award winning Broadway hit and Oscar-winning film, <i>The Sound of Music</i> , based on this book.
1950	Stone chapel built in honor of WWII soldiers
1956	Final Trapp Family Singers concert in the United States
1959	Rodgers & Hammerstein's <i>Sound of Music</i> opens on Broadway; Mary Martin plays Maria. The von Trapp family concentrates on lodge business
1965	The <i>Sound of Music</i> movie premieres, starring Julie Andrews
1967	Maria awarded the Honorary Cross First Class for Science and Art by the Austrian Government for cultural endeavors
1968	Johannes von Trapp oversees the opening of the Cross-Country Ski Center, the First of its kind in the U.S. and considered the foremost cross country ski touring center in America today
1980	Old Lodge burns to the ground in tragic fire on December 20th. Cause of the fire remains unknown.
1981	Construction of chalet guest houses and new lodge begins
1983	In December, first guest registers at the new Trapp Family Lodge
1983	Concert in the Meadow series begins
1984	Maria dedicates new lodge; Fitness Center opens
1987	Maria dies after a short illness
1993	Year of Celebrations! 10th Anniversary of new Trapp Family Lodge and 25th Anniversary of the Cross-Country Ski Center