

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Nordic Ski Club Holiday Party



Saturday, December 6

The holiday party *deadline is Monday, December 1* (no exceptions), so don't be late in mailing your check with your entrée choice. The party location is the banquet room at Thunder Bay Grille, located just off I-94 and Highway 164/County J in Pewaukee at N14 W24130 Tower Place. Socializing and cash bar begin at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm.

See the party flyer on the website for all the details. Please call Trish Pasko at (262) 366-5715 with your questions or if you would like to volunteer to help with this fun event.

*Hurry and
Sign up!*

ABR TRAILS SKI TRIP

Friday, December 12 - Sunday, December 14

Start the ski season with some great skiing at ABR Trails in Ironwood, Michigan. The bus leaves at 6 pm Friday. We'll ski both Saturday and Sunday at ABR (www.abrski.com) on the best-groomed trails in the Midwest. ABR has trails for all abilities, with 60 km of ski trails and 10 km of snowshoe trails. The facilities include a chalet, ski shop, waxing room, and changing rooms.

Accommodations are at the Americinn in Ironwood with swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, and free continental breakfast. Seats are still available on this trip. For additional information, contact trip leaders Greg and Gelaney Wyder at (414) 962-8562, wyder@sbcglobal.net.

KEWEENAW PENINSULA SKI TRIP

Wheee!

Thursday, January 1 - Sunday, January 4

What could be better than skiing at 4 different ski areas in 4 days? Plus, you can celebrate the start of the New Year in the Keweenaw Peninsula of Upper Michigan! This is an ideal skiing destination with plenty of lake effect snow from Lake Superior and wonderful ski areas.

Michigan Tech University is one place we'll ski and now has 28 km of superbly groomed trails with a brand new chalet. We also ski at Swedetown, which has 30 km of groomed trails and a chalet with snack bar. Both areas have snowshoe trails. Chassell Trails and Maasto Hiihto are other possible scenic, striding-only trails. We leave at 8 am Thursday and plan to ski somewhere along the way.

Accommodations are at the Super 8 Motel in Houghton, Michigan with swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, and free continental breakfast. There is room for you on this trip. Contact trip leader Stan Rosenstiel at (262) 694-2206 for more information.

MC MILLER QUIET WEEKENDS

Take advantage of "quiet weekends" to do some local skiing at McMiller Sports Center near Eagle on **December 27-28, January 10-11, and January 31-February 1**. The shooting ranges will be closed so that skiers can enjoy the ski trails and chalet without the background sounds of gunshots. (Note that the biathlon course remains open.) McMiller has 5 ski loops with 26 km of beautiful, wooded skating and striding trails. The terrain is gentle and rolling. The chalet has indoor restrooms, and there are pit toilets nearby. You will need a State Park admission sticker for your vehicle (annual \$25; daily \$7) and a State Trail pass for each skier (annual \$20; daily \$4).

Directions: Take Highway 67 south from Eagle to County NN. Go west on NN a short distance to the McMiller entrance on the north (right) side of the road.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

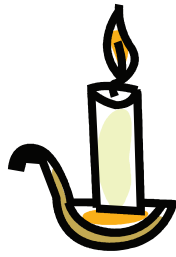
Earn a \$10 Ski Trip Coupon for every *new* member sponsored between now and December 31, 2008.

For complete details, please check our website: www.nordicskiclub.org or contact any board member.

NORDIC SKI CLUB



Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee, Inc. (NSCM) is a membership-based outing association active year-round since 1971.



CANDLELIGHT SKI EVENTS

The Wisconsin DNR website has a list of upcoming candlelight ski/hike events: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/news/candlelight.htm>

SPREAD THE WORD!

Invite your friends to any of our monthly meetings, events, or social get-togethers. A friend of yours is a friend of ours! Extra copies of the newsletter can be emailed from our website or printed and handed to your friends with an invitation to join. To help promote the club, business cards listing the Nordic Ski Club hotline and website are available from President Katie Bivens or Membership Chair Kay Krebs. Give the cards out liberally, and post them wherever you think there might be interest. Remember, we're a year-round recreation club. Spread the word!

NEW MEETING LOCATION NEEDED

The club would like to consider a new location for its monthly membership meetings, because the fee for Greenfield Park Pavilion continues to increase. Meetings are usually held on the third Friday from September to November and January to April. The room should be centrally located, have space to comfortably seat about 40-50 people, and cost under \$100 per use. Kitchen facilities would be a plus. Please contact President Katie Bivens at katiebivens@sbcglobal.net.



**MARK
THESE
EXCITING
EVENTS
IN YOUR
CALENDAR
TODAY!**

WEAR BLAZE ORANGE ON THE TRAIL!

Gun deer-hunting seasons have been extended this year into mid-October and parts of December to control deer and the spread of chronic wasting disease. This means that state park and forest hiking, skiing, and biking trails will have both hunters and recreational users at the same time. Most trails are open to hunting, so it is advised to **wear blaze orange during the gun deer-hunting seasons in October, November, and December if skiing or hiking in the Kettle Moraine State Forest.** For a list of the hunting season dates, go to the DNR website at www.dnr.wi.gov.

RENEW NOW!

A valuable benefit of paid-up membership is discounted rates for ski trips. The new club year began on October 1; so current members and life members, it's time to renew your membership. And future members, become a member today! Please return your completed, two-sided membership form and dues as soon as possible to Membership Chair Kay Krebs. *Special note:* Remember to fill out this year's survey question.

CONDITIONS AT S.E. WIS. SKI TRAILS

For honest reports from fellow skiers about skiing conditions at trails in southeastern Wisconsin, go to this link on the Lapham Peak Friends website: www.laphampeakfriends.org/ViewSkireportsExpanded.php

**CONTACT US AT HOTLINE
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To Update Your Contact Information:

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MINOCQUA WINTER PARK SKI TRIP

Friday, January 23 - Sunday, January 25

Please join us for fantastic skiing at Minocqua Winter Park and Nine Mile Forest. The bus, which leaves Friday at 8 am, still has several seats available. We will stop on Friday to ski at Nine Mile Forest in Wausau. Nine Mile is the home of Badger State Winter Games and has about 30 km of trails groomed for striding and skating. The chalet also rents skis.

On Saturday and Sunday, we will ski at Minocqua Winter Park on 75 km of trails beautifully groomed for striding and skating, including both flat and hilly terrain. The ski lodge has a café that serves excellent food and a well-stocked ski shop with ski and snowshoe rentals. Both locations have ski trails suitable for all abilities and also have designated snowshoe trails.

Accommodations are at the expanded AmeriInn in Minocqua with swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, all non-smoking rooms, and free continental breakfast. A group dinner option and other exciting events are available for Saturday night. Contact trip leader John McCarthy at (262) 549-3604 for more information. Don't miss this opportunity for some truly great skiing!

TELEMARK RESORT SKI TRIP

Friday, February 13 - Sunday, February 15

Telemark Resort and its 55 km of forested ski trails is home of the renowned American Birkebeiner ski race. In addition to top-notch skiing conditions, other amenities include a swimming pool, hot tub, and the convenience of dining and skiing right at the lodge. Our 8 am departure on Friday enables us to ski en route. We will probably stop at Tower Ridge, which offers breathtaking views of Eau Claire and the nearby vicinity. All ski areas have trails suited for a variety of abilities. There are openings on this trip. For more information, contact trip leader Jane Stoltz at (414) 486-0185.

WINTER SKI TRIPS SIGNUP

Space is still available on all of the 2008-2009 winter ski trips, so now is the time to sign up! To check the availability of openings on a trip or for more information, contact the trip leader or view the Ski Trip Status page on the website. Trip flyers are also on the website. Don't forget to review "Important Facts to Know When Making Trip Reservations" as you sign up.

COFFEE HOUSE MUSIC NIGHT

Friday, January 9

Join fellow Nordics for another evening of music, coffee, and conversation. The Coffee House began in 1967 and features acoustic music, jazz, and poetry in a smoke- and alcohol-free environment. This night is open mike night; so if you have musical talent, you're welcome to perform. Doors open at 7:30 pm, and entertainment starts at 8 pm. Cover charge is \$3.50. The Coffee House is in Milwaukee at 631 N. 19th Street (19th and Wisconsin Avenue) in the basement of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Free parking is available in the lighted lot or on the street.

If you would like to meet at 6:30 pm for dinner at Miss Katie's Diner, 1900 W. Clybourn, please contact Al Burrill *by Wednesday, January 7* at (414) 651-0695 or awburrill@earthlink.net.



VALLEY SPUR SKI TRIP

*Friday, March 6
- Sunday, March 8*

Join us for our popular ski trip to Valley Spur near Munising, Michigan. Don't delay if you want a seat on Bus 1, because only a few openings remain. Bus 1 departs at 8 am Friday and will stop to ski on 25 km of well-groomed ski trails at Brown County Reforestation Camp near Green Bay. Bus 2, which departs at 6 pm Friday, has seats available and will travel directly to Munising.

On Saturday and Sunday, we will ski the Valley Spur Ski Trail in Hiawatha National Forest. Valley Spur has some of the most scenic ski trails found anywhere and a quaint, heated log cabin to keep you warm. Saturday is the annual "Taste and Glide" event (optional, about \$11 extra) that benefits Valley Spur and features lots of tasty food, such as chocolate-covered strawberries, at several tables along the trail, as well as in the log cabin.

Accommodations are at the Days Inn in Munising with sauna, whirlpool, swimming pool, and free continental breakfast. Contact trip leaders Jim Aveni (Bus 1) (414) 429-0827 or Mark Blackman (Bus 2) (262) 542-4185 for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 6 Holiday Party
- Trish Pasko (262) 366-5715
- 12-14 ABR Trails Ski Trip
- Greg Wyder (414) 962-8562

JANUARY

- 1 - 4 Keweenaw Peninsula Ski Trip
- Stan Rosenstiel (262) 694-2206
- 9 Coffee House Music Night
- Al Burrill (414) 651-0695
- 10 Lapham Peak Lessons
- Carol Doebler tortoiseski@wi.rr.com
- 10 Lapham Peak Winter Picnic
- Rita Keber (262) 547-4827
- 11 Local Snowshoe Outing
- Julie Amundson and
Paul Eiche (262) 567-4531
- 16 Monthly Meeting
- 17 Local Ski Trip
- Paul Keber (262) 547-4827
- 18 Local Snowshoe Outing
- Barb Johnson (414) 762-0741
- 23 - 25 Minocqua Winter Park Ski Trip
- John McCarthy (262) 549-3604

FEBRUARY

- 1 Local Ski Trip
- Paula Brookmire (414) 527-0040
- 4 Exploring Cuisines Restaurant
- Cindy Wiktorek (414) 483-5912
- 8 Local Ski Trip
- Paul Erspamer (414) 963-4081
- 13 - 15 Telemark Ski Trip
- Jane Stoltz (414) 486-0185
- 20 Monthly Meeting
- 21 Board Games Night
- Katie Bivens (414) 321-5487

Nordic Ski Club events may be changed or canceled up to the last minute. For the latest information, always call the Nordic Hotline.
414-299-9639

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CLUB T-SHIRTS & LUGGAGE TAGS FOR SALE

Promote our club with pride! Luggage tags (\$2 each, or 3 for \$5) and navy, long-sleeved t-shirts (\$15) are available with the NSCM logo. All money raised will be donated to outdoor nonprofit organizations. Contact President Katie Bivens for more information.

Wooden Skis Silent Auction

Would you like to own a beautiful pair of wooden cross-country skis to display on your wall, or perhaps to ski on? These days, there even are races requiring wooden skis! Pairs of classic "woodies" can be viewed at club events *until the Holiday Party on December 6*. Bid via silent auction on wooden skis worth over \$50 a pair, with proceeds going to outdoor nonprofit organizations. Remember to bid high and bid often!

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