



## Nordic Ski Club Holiday Party

*Saturday, December 5*

The festive setting for the social event of the season is the Pulaski Inn, 3900 East Pulaski Ave. in Cudahy, just one block west of S. Lake Drive. Socializing and cash bar begin at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm. Choose from four tasty entrees. Please see the enclosed flyer or the website for details. The Pulaski Inn features all home-made and very excellent food. A special \$10 discount is available for members who are new to the club since the last Holiday Party. (discount does not apply to renewed or former members) *Mail your check to arrive no later than Tuesday, December 1--no exceptions!* Please contact Kathy Herrewig at (414) 358-0098 with questions or if you would like to volunteer to help with this fun and very popular event!

## KEWEENAW PENINSULA SKI TRIP

*Hurry &  
Sign up!*

*Thursday, December 31 - Sunday, January 3*

Celebrate the New Year in the Keweenaw Peninsula of Upper Michigan. This is a great skiing destination due to the plentiful lake-effect snow from Lake Superior and some great skiing areas. We plan to ski 4 different places in four days. We will leave Thursday morning at 8 am and will try to ski at a yet to be determined location on the way up. Swedetown has 30 km of groomed trails and a ski chalet with snack bar. Michigan Tech University has 35 km of superbly groomed, extra wide trails, and there is a new, spacious warming hut. Both areas have snowshoe trails. Chassell Trails and Maasto Hiihto are other possible ski areas with scenic, striding-only trails. Accommodations are at the Super 8 Motel in Houghton, MI with swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, and free continental breakfast. There are plenty of openings available on this trip so hurry up before it's too late and contact trip leader Stan Rosenstiel at (262) 694-2206 for more information.

## ABR TRAILS SKI TRIP

*Friday, December 11 - Sunday, December 13*

*Wheee!* Start the winter ski season with some great skiing at ABR Trails. The bus leaves Friday evening at 6 pm. We plan to ski both Saturday and Sunday at ABR Trails on 60 km of scenic trails that are family owned and meticulously groomed. There also are 10 km of snowshoe trails. A warming building has a wood burning stove, snacks for sale, and ski shop selling skis and clothing. Another building has bathrooms, changing areas, and ski waxing area.

Accommodations are at the Americinn in Ironwood, MI with swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, and free continental breakfast. At press time, there are still a few openings left so hurry and sign up! Contact trip leader Greg Wyder at (414) 962-8562 for more information.

## THURSDAYS - NORDIC NIGHT AT LAPHAM PEAK

*December 17, January 7, 21, 28, and February 4, 11*

Lapham Peak is the premiere location for cross country skiing in Southeast Wisconsin for many reasons, including 5 km of lighted trails, of which 1.2 km are served by snowmaking. Weeknights at the Peak are alive with activity, with the Peak Nordic Kids on Monday, lessons by Wheel & Sprocket on Tuesday, and adult and high school racing on Wednesday. This year, we are designating Thursdays as NSCM Night. The event will be very informal – show up when you feel like it – meet your friends in the Evergreen Shelter – head out and stride or skate a couple of loops around the lighted or snowmaking trails -- then around 7:30 to 8 pm, come back to the shelter building to have refreshments with the group. Bring something simple to share – your beverage of choice, and an easy snack. No advanced sign-up is required. If you have questions or suggestions, contact John McCarthy at (262) 549-3604 but you should expect to leave a message, because he'll probably be out at Lapham, skiing.

# THINK SNOW!!!

# NORDIC SKI CLUB



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

## CONTACT US AT HOTLINE

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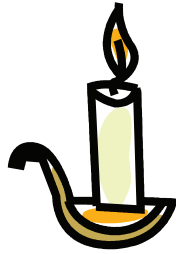
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## CANDLELIGHT SKI EVENTS



The Wisconsin DNR website has a list of upcoming candlelight ski/hike events:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/news/candlelight.htm>

## 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](http://www.laphampeakfriends.org/ViewSkireportsExpanded.php)

## MC MILLER QUIET WEEKENDS

Take advantage of “quiet weekends” for local skiing at McMiller Sports Center near Eagle on **December 26-27, January 9-10, and February 6-7**. The shooting ranges will be closed so skiers can enjoy the trails and clubhouse without 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 over rolling glacial terrain. The heated clubhouse with indoor restrooms will be open at least 9 am to 4 pm on weekends, and the new vendor plans to serve sandwiches, chili, and pizza. Outdoor pit toilets are nearby.

*Directions:* Highway 67 south from Eagle past County NN east to County NN west. Go right (west) on NN a short distance to McMiller entrance on the right (north). 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).

## THANK YOU!

Many, Many Thanks to *MaryLee Blodgett* for her monthly updates of the Nordic Website! Even from the far reaches of the National Parks System, MaryLee has continued to be one of the most active volunteers among the Nordics. We truly appreciate all her hard work with the original design and maintenance of the site. With WI-FI being unreliable from time to time, MaryLee will be turning over the reins to a new chair.

The Nordics would like to also extend our sincere appreciation to *Dick Fisher* for leading the Trails Committee for several years. He too has stepped down as chair.

The Board has suggested forming a committee for “*Nordics Volunteer*”. The chair would be responsible for making sure the Program and Website Committees were up-to-date with events such as the Lapham Peak Trail Clearing, the Ski For Light program and any other ski-related volunteer opportunities. For more information or to volunteer, please contact any member of the board.

## RENEW TODAY!

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! Membership forms can be downloaded from our website:  
[www.nordicskiclub.org](http://www.nordicskiclub.org).

Please return your completed, two-sided membership form and dues as soon as possible to new Membership Chair Betty Schraith.

*Special Note:* Remember to fill out this year’s survey question.

## WINTER SKI TRIP SIGNUPS NOW OPEN

If you haven't signed up for the 2009-2010 winter ski trips yet, don't delay! The sooner you sign up, the less chance you will be disappointed when there is no snow locally to ski on (hopefully not the case). Use the signup forms from the ski trip flyers you received in the October mailing or print off the form from our website: [www.nordicskiclub.org](http://www.nordicskiclub.org). To check on the status of a trip or to get more information, contact the trip leader or check the Ski Trip Status page on our website.

## TELEMARK RESORT SKI TRIP

*Friday, February 12 - Sunday, February 14*

Enjoy over 100 km of beautiful ski and snowshoe trails including the Birkebeiner Race Trail, the North End Trails, and the Telemark Ski Resort. The Telemark trail system starts at the Lodge, so you can ski right out the door giving you the flexibility to ski when you want for however long you want. The bus leaves Friday morning at 8 am and will stop to ski at Tower Ridge Ski Area near Eau Claire with 20 km of groomed trails and a new chalet. On Saturday, the bus will take skiers to Cty OO for those who wish to ski sections of the Birkebeiner, Classic Birkebeiner or Korteloppet Trails back to Telemark. Later on Saturday, join the group for an optional dinner at the popular Lakewoods Resort. Accommodations are at Telemark Resort with sauna, whirlpool, swimming pool, restaurant, and bar & grill. You will also be able to keep your room until we leave on Sunday. We still have plenty of room on the trip so sign up now and bring along a friend. Contact trip leader Craig Sanford at (262) 370-3322 or email him at [craig.sanford@indiana-ins.com](mailto:craig.sanford@indiana-ins.com) for more information.

## NEW TELEMARK TRIP LEADER!

Please note that Craig Sanford is the new trip leader for the Telemark Resort ski trip. If you are mailing in your trip reservation, please mail to Craig Sanford, W270N6845 Woodland Oaks, Sussex, WI 53089. You may call Craig at (262) 370-3322 for more information about the trip.

## NORDIC SKI CLUB IS ON FACEBOOK . . .



Look for the Nordic Ski Club on Facebook and please join! If new to Facebook, please email Katie at [katiebivens@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katiebivens@sbcglobal.net) and let her know you're interested in joining and she will send you an invitation to join. Facebook is another great way to stay in touch with fellow club members for last minute events and activities sharing photos .

## MINOCQUA WINTER PARK SKI TRIP

*Friday, January 22 - Sunday, January 24*

Please join us for some fantastic skiing at Minocqua Winter Park and Nine Mile Forest from January 22nd to the 24th. The bus, which leaves Friday morning at 8 am, still has several available seats. We will be stopping on the way up to ski at Nine Mile Forest, in Wausau. Nine Mile Forest is the home of the Badger State Winter Games; and has about 30 km of trails, groomed for striding and skating, and suitable for all abilities. There is a nice chalet, with ski rentals. We will ski at Minocqua Winter Park on Saturday and Sunday. Minocqua Winter Park has 75 km of beautifully groomed trails for striding and skating, including both flat and hilly terrain for all skiing abilities. It has a large ski lodge with a café that serves a variety of excellent food, and has a well-stocked ski shop where ski and snowshoe rentals are available. Both Nine Mile Forest and Minocqua Winter Park also have designated snowshoe trails.

Accommodations are at the newly remodeled Best Western – Concord Inn in Minocqua with swimming pool, whirlpool, bar, and free continental breakfast. All rooms contain a microwave and refrigerator. A group dinner option will be available for Friday night, and the Minocqua Winter Park Silent Auction and Wine Tasting event will be on Saturday night, at the nearby AmericInn. Contact trip leader John McCarthy at (262) 549-3604 for more information. Don't miss this opportunity for some truly great skiing.

## VALLEY SPUR SKI TRIP

*Friday, March 5 - Sunday, March 7*



Join us for our popular ski trip to Valley Spur near Munising, MI. The first bus leaves Friday morning at 8 am and will stop to ski at Brown County Reforestation Camp ski trails north of Green Bay. The second bus leaves Friday evening at 6 pm. We plan to ski Saturday and Sunday at Valley Spur Ski Trail in the Hiawatha National Forest with 45 km of trails that are some of the most scenic to be found anywhere. The quaint, heated log cabin will warm you on cold days. Even the pit toilet is heated! Saturday is the annual "Taste and Glide" event (optional, about \$11 extra) that benefits Valley Spur and features lots of delicious food, such as chocolate-covered strawberries, at several stops along a beginner trail as well as in the log cabin. The Days Inn has closed for the winter, so **new accommodations** are at the Holiday Inn Express 2 miles west of Munising with sauna, whirlpool, swimming pool and continental breakfast. Contact trip leader Jane Stoltz at (414) 378-1691 (cell) for more information.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## DECEMBER

- 5 Holiday Party  
- Dave & Kathy Herrewig (414) 358-0098
- 11-13 ABR Ski Trip (Ironwood, MI)  
- Greg Wyder (414) 962-8562
- 17 NSCM Ski Night at Lapham Peak  
- John McCarthy (262) 549-3604
- 12/31 - 1/3 Keweenaw Peninsula Ski Trip  
- Stan Rosenstiel (262) 694-2206

## JANUARY

- 7, 21, 28 NSCM Ski Night at Lapham Peak  
- John McCarthy (262) 549-3604
- 8 Coffee House Music Night  
- Al Burrill (414) 651-0695
- 9 Lapham Peak Lessons  
- Carol Doeblor [tortoiseski@wi.rr.com](mailto:tortoiseski@wi.rr.com)
- 9 Lapham Peak Winter Picnic  
- Rita Keber (262) 547-4827
- 12 Exploring Cuisines  
- Cindy Wiktorek (414) 483-5912
- 14 Monthly Meeting at Greenfield Park
- 16 Local Ski Outing  
- Nancy Zoltowski (414) 254-0523
- 17 Local Snowshoe Outing  
- Barb Johnson (414) 762-0741
- 22-24 Minocqua Winter Park Ski Trip  
- John McCarthy (262) 549-3604
- 29 Milwaukee Admiral Hockey Game  
- Katie Bivens (414) 321-5487
- 31 Local Ski Outing  
- Paula Brookmire (414) 527-0040

## FEBRUARY

- 4, 11 NSCM Ski Night at Lapham Peak  
- John McCarthy (262) 549-3604
- 6 Local Ski Outing  
- Paul Erspamer (414) 963-4081
- 12-14 Telemark Ski Trip (Cable, WI)  
- Craig Sanford (262) 370-3322
- 18 Monthly Meeting at Greenfield Park
- 20 Board Games Night  
- Renee Couture (262) 827-1180
- 28 Polish Center Fish Fry  
- Hank Kulesza (414) 383-9050

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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**



**2009-2010  
SKI SEASON IS HERE!  
PLENTY OF OPENINGS!  
SIGN UP TODAY!**

### ABR Trails

Fri., Dec. 11 (6 pm) – Sun., Dec. 13

### Keweenaw Peninsula

Thurs., Dec. 31 (8 am) – Sun., Jan. 3

### Minocqua Winter Park

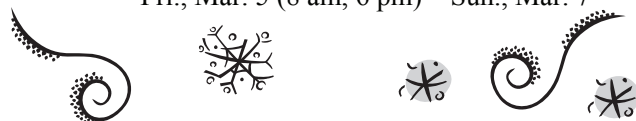
Fri., Jan. 22 (8 am) – Sun., Jan. 24

### Telemark Lodge

Fri., Feb. 12 (8 am) – Sun., Feb. 14

### Valley Spur

Fri., Mar. 5 (8 am, 6 pm) – Sun., Mar. 7



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