

FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING



KAYAKING!

Thursday, February 19



Even though it's winter outside, it's time to start thinking about summer activities. Bring your friends to the February monthly meeting to hear a certified kayaking instructor share his knowledge and love for this sport. (Dr.) Richard ("Dick") E. Silberman, a retired cardiologist, will present an entertaining program about kayaking, complete with pictures. Learn about topics for beginner to moderate-level paddlers, such as boat and gear selection, skill lessons, and safety issues on the big water. Note that the meeting is at Greenfield Park Pavilion and that it is on a Thursday evening.

TIMES:

6:30 pm – Socializing
7:30 pm – Business meeting
8:00 pm – Kayaking presentation
Socializing resumes afterward

LOCATION:

Greenfield Park Pavilion
2028 South 124th Street, West Allis

Snacks and beverages will be provided. The meeting is free and open to everyone. See you there!

TELEMARK RESORT SKI TRIP

Sign Up Today! *Friday, February 13 - Sunday, February 15*

There still is room for you on the Telemark ski trip, so don't delay and sign up NOW! Join fellow cross-country ski enthusiasts on this three-day weekend trip. On Friday, we will ski at Tower Ridge in Eau Claire. On Saturday and Sunday, we'll ski right from our accommodations at Telemark Lodge on groomed trails in the beautiful Chequamegon National Forest that is also the location of the highly regarded American Birkebeiner ski race. To sign up, call trip leader Jane Stoltz, (414) 486-0185.



VALLEY SPUR SKI TRIP

Friday, March 6 - Sunday, March 8

*Think Chocolate
Strawberries!*

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 may stop to ski on 25 km of well-groomed ski trails at Brown County Reforestation Camp near Green Bay. Bus 2, departing at 6 pm Friday, has seats available and travels directly to Munising.

On Saturday and Sunday, we ski at 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.

EXPLORING CUISINES

Wednesday, February 4



Brighten up February with the flavors of French food. We will dine at Le Reve, 7610 Harwood

Avenue in the village of Wauwatosa at 6:30 pm. Le Reve features seasonal food made with the freshest ingredients. Lighter menu choices include a home-made daily soup, sandwiches, crepes and quiche. Entrees such as a lamb stew (\$21) and Coq au Riesling (\$19) are on the menu, along with a selection of bakery and desserts. If you would like to join us, please call Cindy at (414) 483-5912 **by Tuesday, February 3.**



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

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CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It is election time, and YOU are invited to consider becoming a Nordic board member candidate! A nine-member board of directors leads our club, and every year in March, elections are held for half of the board members. Terms are staggered so that only four or five members of the board are elected/re-elected each year to serve two-year terms.

Serving on the board allows you to be involved in making club decisions and provides a great sense of satisfaction. Board members help accomplish club activities in order to maintain a dynamic, smooth running organization. Meetings are usually held on the second Monday evening of the month at the homes of board members.

If you are interested in serving on the board or if you have questions about the board and its functions, please contact President Katie Bivens at (262) 327-4899 or any current board member.

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!

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 the 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

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.

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

GUNS SILENT - SO LET'S SKI AT McMILLER

Sunday, February 1

Stride or skate through enchanting pine forests, rolling hills, and a variety of habitat. Some of the 17 miles (26 km) of trails and 5 ski loops are the original ones designed by our own club. The place is McMiller Sports Center in the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, about an hour's drive from Milwaukee. The shooting range is closed this weekend so skiers can enjoy a peaceful outdoor experience. Meet in the heated lodge at 1 pm. 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).

If there's no snow, we'll substitute a hike closer to Milwaukee. So please call trip leader Paula Brookmire at (414) 527-0040 to get final plans. We MAY carpool at 11:50 a.m. from Goerke's Corners Park and Ride.

Directions to McMiller: Take I-43 south to Mukwonago/Hwy 83 exit; go right (north) on Hwy 83 into town. At County LO, turn left (west) and go till it meets Hwy 67; go left (west-southwest) on 67 till you see County NN branching off to the right (west). Take NN a short way to McMiller entrance on the right (north). (Or, take I-94 west to Hwy 67 south; stay on 67 through Eagle and past County NN east to County NN west. Go right (west) on NN to entrance.)

LET'S PLAY BOARD GAMES

Saturday, February 21

Enjoy light-hearted, good company and relax those achy skiing muscles by attending the popular board games night. Katie and Bob Bivens will host this event at 7 pm, and they've got room for several games to be played at the same time. Play an old favorite, or try a new one! Bring a board game and an appetizer to share. If you are new to the club, games night is always a wonderful way to meet other members in a small group setting. Katie's dad gave her a great recipe for spare ribs, so please RSVP **by noon on Friday, February 20** to (414) 321-5487 or katiebivens@sbcglobal.net.

Directions: 3245 South 83rd Street in Milwaukee, which is 1 house north of Ohio and 83rd streets, and is two blocks south of Oklahoma and 1 block east of 84th Street.

FISH FRY AT POLISH CENTER

Friday, February 27

Enjoy a tasty fish fry at the Polish Center of Wisconsin, 6941 S. 68th Street (just north of Rawson in Franklin). Meet at 6:15 pm in the lobby to purchase your \$10.50 ticket for the 6:30 pm seating. One trip through the buffet line includes batter fried or baked cod, cole slaw, potato pancakes, pierogi, apple sauce, french fries, rye bread, coffee, and milk. Please call Hank Kulesza at (414) 383-9050 **by Thursday, February 26** to reserve your spot.

KETTLE MORaine SKI OUTING

Wheee!

Sunday, February 8

Meet at 9:30 am in the north Park and Ride Lot at Watertown Plank Road and Highway 45 to carpool to groomed skating and striding trails in the Kettle Moraine State Forest. The site will be selected earlier in the week and will probably be either Greenbush in the northern Kettle Moraine (near the intersection of highways 67 and 23, west of Plymouth) or the Nordic Trail in the southern Kettle Moraine (on County H, south of Palmyra). Shelters and toilets are available at both trailheads. You will need a State Park admission sticker for your vehicle (annual \$25; daily \$7) and may need a State Trail pass for each skier (annual \$20; daily \$4).

We will ski if there is anything approaching ski-able snow – at the trip leader's discretion. If conditions are marginal, don't be surprised if you see Paul on his 1975-vintage, indestructible Normark wooden "rock" skis! Bring water and snacks. Afterwards, we can retreat to a local restaurant for therapy. Call the Hotline for details earlier in the week, and **please RSVP** to Paul Erspamer at (414) 963-4081 or shystr@wi.rr.com.

WINTER SKI TRIPS SIGNUP

Space is still available on the remaining 2008-2009 winter ski trips, although some trips are nearly full. To check the availability of openings 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. Please review "Important Facts to Know When Making Trip Reservations" as you sign up.

CANDLELIGHT SKI EVENTS

The Wisconsin DNR website lists upcoming candlelight ski/hike events: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/news/candlelight.htm>. In addition, on **Saturday, February 14** from 6 to 9 pm, Kettle Moraine State Forest-Lapham Peak Unit in Delafield hosts a Candlelight Ski/Hike starting from Homestead Hollow. Food is available for purchase, or bring your own item to grill. A bluegrass band performs from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in Trecker Lodge. Ice-skating may be available, weather permitting. State vehicle and skier passes are required.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Can you donate your services for handyman work or waxing a pair of skis? Do you bake a great pie or make tasty cookies? How about knitting a pretty scarf? Now is the time for your creative donation to the club's auction to be held on **Thursday, April 23**. Money raised will be awarded to outdoor nonprofit organizations.

Please contact Jean Jantzen at (262) 446-0030 or jean_jantzen@hotmail.com (Subject: "Nordic Auction"). or Anne Riendl at annemr@execpc.com with your item(s) for the auction. Thank you for helping to make the auction a big success!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
- 19 Monthly Meeting (Thursday night)
- 21 Board Games Night
- Katie Bivens (414) 321-5487
- 27 Polish Center Fish Fry
- Hank Kulesza (414) 383-9050

MARCH

- 6 - 8 Valley Spur Ski Trip
- Jim Aveni (414) 429-0827
- 19 Annual Meeting & Potluck Dinner
(Thursday night)
- 27 Boerner Fish Fry
- Cindy Wiktorek (414) 483-5912

APRIL

- 18 Board Games Night
- Rita Keber (262) 547-4827
- 23 Monthly Meeting & Service Auction
(Thursday night)
- 25 Wild Flower Walk
- Joe Neidinger (262) 786-8539

**THINK
SNOW!!!**

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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SKI TRAILS GROOMED AT THREE MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS

Big news - ski on groomed trails close to home! Check out the article by Tom Held of the Journal Sentinel about the new grooming at Brown Deer, Whitnall, and Grant parks at:
<http://www.jsonline.com:80/blogs/lifestyle/35500674.html>. Grant Park will be for striding only. Ski rentals will be available at the Whitnall Park golf club house on Saturdays and Sundays starting at 10 am. The trail conditions report for Brown Deer Park is at:
http://wsactd.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=296&Itemid=171

McMILLER QUIET WEEKEND

January 31-February 1

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