

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING WAX ON & SWAP OFF YOUR GEAR

Thursday, January 15

Join fellow Nordics for a mid-January excuse (do we really need one?) to gather 'round ski stuff and socialize. You will be able to add wax & subtract no longer needed but still usable ski items.

Wax On - Benches, irons and basic waxes will be provided. Several Nordics have offered to share their tools and expertise. They will be available to answer questions and demonstrate waxing techniques --however, you will be the real elbow grease behind your freshly waxed skis. Yep, even non-wax skis benefit from tip and tail wax.

Swap Off - Bring those ski clothes you've been meaning to wear but don't, the skis you no longer use and that funky hat we all tease you about. It will look charming on someone else! Swap for "new" items with other Nordics. All leftovers will be donated to charity.

The Wax and Swap is at Greenfield Park Pavilion, **THURSDAY** *New Day of the week!*
January 15. (2028 S. 124th Street, West Allis) Socializing at 6:30 and we'll squeeze in a brief meeting about 7:30. Snacks and beverages will be provided. The meeting is free and open to everyone. See you there!

MINOCQUA WINTER PARK SKI TRIP

Wheee! *Friday, January 23 - Sunday, January 25*

Sign up now for fantastic skiing at Minocqua Winter Park. Several seats may still be available, or you can get on a short waiting list. Check the club website for the current status, or contact the trip leader. The bus leaves Friday at 8 am to ski on 30 km of trails at Nine Mile Forest in Wausau, the home of Badger State Winter Games. There is a nice chalet with ski rentals.

On Saturday and Sunday, we ski at Minocqua Winter Park on 75 km of trails over 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 groomed for striding and skating suitable for all abilities and also have designated snowshoe trails.

Accommodations are at the expanded AmericInn 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 Saturday night. Contact trip leader John McCarthy at (262) 549-3604 for more information. Don't miss this opportunity for some truly great skiing!

Last Chance!

KEWEENAW PENINSULA SKI TRIP

Thursday, January 1 - Sunday, January 4

Celebrate the start of the New Year in the Keweenaw Peninsula of Upper Michigan! This is an ideal destination with plenty of lake effect snow from Lake Superior and wonderful ski areas.

There may still be last-minute room for you on this trip. Contact trip leader Stan Rosenstiel at (262) 694-2206 for more information.

COFFEE HOUSE MUSIC NIGHT

Friday, January 9

Join us 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. Suggested donation is \$3.50. In addition, cans of food for the food pantry are accepted. 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.

NORDIC SKI CLUB



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

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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 homemade daily soup, sandwiches, 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.**

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 stops 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.

GUNS SILENT—SO LET'S SKI AT McMILLER

Sunday, February 1

Ski 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, assuming it's open. 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 (also in club directory): Take I-43 south to Mukwonago/Hwy 83 exit; go right (north) into town. At County NN, turn left (west) and go till it meets Hwy 67; go left (west-southwest) on 67 till you see 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.)

MC MILLER QUIET WEEKENDS

January 10-11

January 31-February 1

SERVICE AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Start thinking of creative ways to donate to this year's Service Action in April. Please contact Jean Jantzen at (262) 446-0030 with your item(s) for the auction.

SNOWSHOE THE ICE AGE TRAIL AT SCUPPERNONG

Sunday, January 11

Come and snowshoe the Ice Age Trail at Scuppernong in the Kettle Moraine State Forest-Southern Unit. The terrain is scenic but can be challenging, so there are several distance options. Bring water bottle, ski poles, snowshoes, and personal essentials for a daylong snow adventure. Meet in the trailhead parking lot at 10:30 am. Call Paul and Julie with questions, (262) 567-4531. Directions: I-94 west to Hwy 67 south. Go past County ZZ west to County ZZ east. Turn left (east) on ZZ and go to Scuppernong Hiking and Ski Trail parking lot on the left (north). A State Park admission sticker is required for your vehicle (annual \$25; daily \$7).

LAPHAM LOCAL SKI

Saturday, January 17

Join Paul Keber for great skiing on the trails at Lapham Peak. Meet at the Evergreen Shelter near the entrance to the park and be ready to ski at 2 pm. Don't worry, Paul intends to race the Lapham Loppet at 11:15 am, so he'll be worn out and hopes you don't wear him out even more! He plans on classical skiing and is willing to give skiing tips along the way, if you are interested. The group will ski about 1.5 hours unless he's tuckered out before then. Call Paul Keber at (262) 547-4827 if you have questions. Directions: See January 10 Lapham Ski Lessons/Picnic article for directions.

TELEMARK RESORT SKI TRIP

Friday, February 13 - Sunday, February 15

Grab your skies and plan to join fellow Nordic members for a weekend of cross-country skiing at the highly regarded Telemark Lodge in Cable. There are a variety of ski trails in the adjoining Chequamegon National Forest to choose from. Additionally, the lodge features restaurants, convenient skiing from your door, indoor pool, and whirlpool. The 8 am departure on Friday ensures a day of skiing as we head north. It is likely that we will stop to ski at Tower Ridge in Eau Claire, a popular destination due to the pleasant wooded trails and scenic panoramic view of the area. There still is room available on this trip occurring just one week before the world-renowned Birkebeiner ski race at the same location. If you have questions or wish to mail a deposit, contact trip leader Jane Stoltz at (414) 486-0185.

SKI TRIPS SIGNUP

Space is still available on the remaining 2008-09 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.

LAPHAM SKI LESSONS, WINTER PICNIC AND CANDLELIGHT SKI

Saturday, January 10



Hone your skiing skills and then enjoy a relaxing picnic at Lapham Peak in Delafield. Meet at 10 am in the Homestead Hollow area for skiing lessons from club instructors. Lessons are free and open to the public, so you are encouraged to invite future members to try skiing and learn about our club. Wheel & Sprocket may rent skis at a small building along the road to the Evergreen Shelter; call ahead for hours and ski availability, (262) 646-6300. Please contact Carol Doebler at tortoiseski@wi.rr.com with questions about the lessons.

At 12 noon, a winter picnic will be held only for NSCM members at Trecker Lodge near the Homestead Hollow parking lot. The club will provide your lunch – IF you make a reservation by **Wednesday, January 7** with Rita Keber at (262) 547-4827.

From 6 to 9 pm, there is a public Candlelight Ski/Hike starting at Trecker Lodge. Ice-skating may be available, weather permitting.

Directions: Kettle Moraine State Forest-Lapham Peak Unit is one mile south of I-94 on County Hwy C at the Delafield exit. You will need a 2009 State Park Sticker for your vehicle (annual \$25; daily \$7) and a 2009 State Trail Pass for each skier (annual \$20; daily \$4), which can be purchased at the Lapham entrance station. Lines can be long at the entrance, so arrive early.

CANDLELIGHT SKI EVENTS

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

LAKEFRONT SNOWSHOE / HIKE

Sunday, January 18

Let's try this snowshoe/hike again and hope that it isn't the coldest weekend of the year! Discover the quiet charm of the south side lakefront woods on a winter snowshoe outing. We'll hike if there's no snow. Meet at 10:30 am in the Cudahy High School parking lot. The south entrance to the lot is off of south Lake Drive and east Pulaski Avenue (marked by a Warnimont Golf Course sign), on Jerry Benka Drive behind the high school, city hall, and water utility buildings. Plan to 'shoe or hike 4 to 5 miles. If you would like to eat afterwards, Sheridan House, a nouveau-style American bistro, is just one block away. Call Barbara Johnson at (414) 762-0741 if you have questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
- 15 Monthly Meeting (Thursday night)
- 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
- 19 Monthly Meeting (Thursday night)
- 21 Board Games Night
- Katie Bivens (414) 321-5487

MARCH

- 6 - 8 Valley Spur Ski Trip
- Jim Aveni (414) 429-0827

**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.
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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://wsacld.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=296&Itemid=171

CONDITIONS AT S.E. WIS. SKI TRAILS

www.laphampeakfriends.org/ViewSkireportsExpanded.php

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