

## JUNE PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

A huge *THANK YOU* to all who donated items for the 2009 Service Auction. And a special thank you to Jean Jantzen and Anne Riendl for chairing the event and coordinating all the donations. As usual, the baked goods seemed to be the most popular but Edna Pfeiffer's plants and Renee Couture's pastel of Jack Pine Trail at ABR fetched handsome sums. All in all, \$2631 was raised to fund the charitable donations of the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee. The funds will be distributed to Minocqua Winter Park, Valley Spur, Lapham Peak, a portion earmarked for individual sponsorships which include the Kortelopez program to cover application fees for high school students and a donation to Waukesha native, Maria Stuber's pursuit of her Olympic dream.

The 2008/9 ski trips were outstanding this year. Many thanks to the trip leaders and program committee. And to the club members for supporting the Nordics and for making the trips so much fun. See the calendar insert for our busy summer plans. Hope to see everyone on the trail or in the water! Have a safe and fun summer!

-- Katie Bivens

## SIP & GLIDE CANOE / KAYAK CAMPING TRIP

Friday, June 26 - Sunday, June 28  
Backup Date: Friday, July 31 - Sunday, August 2



You're invited to Jim and Paul's Excellent Wisconsin River Adventure in our warm-weather, easygoing, drift-downriver mode! Our plan to "sip and glide" on the Wisconsin River from the historic river town of Spring Green to Muscoda, a total of 21 river miles.

Meet us Friday, June 26 in the afternoon or evening at our campsite in Tower Hill State Park which is located on Hwy C just east of Hwy. 23 on the river's south bank near Spring Green. (A State Park admission sticker is needed for your vehicle: annual \$25; daily \$7.) Alternatively, meet us Saturday morning at 9:30 am at the boat landing on the southeast end of the Highway 14 bridge over the Wisconsin River (just south of Spring Green) to arrange vehicle shuttles.

On Saturday night, we'll camp on a wooded, sandbar island. Please bring your own boat, paddle, P.F.D., tent, bedding, clothing, food, and drink. Remember sun protection, mosquito repellent, and rain gear, too. Glass bottles and containers are prohibited to keep the Lower Wisconsin River clean and safe for bare feet!

For pictures and detailed information about paddling this stretch of a great midwestern river, you can visit this website: <http://www.eriksadventures.com/camping-canoe-information-wisconsin-river-trip.html>.

No canoe or kayak? Not a problem. Contact one of these canoe rental businesses in the Spring Green area: River Run Ranch & Canoe Outfitters (888) 550-3174, Wisconsin Riverside Resort (608) 588-2826, Trader's Bar and Canoe Rental (608) 588-7282 or Sandbar Canoe Rentals (608) 753-2615. We highly recommend that you reserve a rental boat early.

To ensure appropriate accommodations for everyone, please let the trip leaders know if you will be joining us at Tower Hill on Friday or at the boat launch Saturday morning.

To RSVP and/or ask questions, please contact trip leaders: Jim Walsh, [jimandcali@milwpc.com](mailto:jimandcali@milwpc.com), (414) 228-8229; or Paul Erspamer, [shystr@wi.rr.com](mailto:shystr@wi.rr.com), (414) 963-4081 or (414) 617-7235.

# 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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## MILWAUKEE RIVER AYH MOONLIGHT PADDLE

Wednesday, June 17

What better way to enjoy an early summer evening than a moonlight paddle on the Milwaukee River? Join other Nordics and AYH members Wednesday evening on June 6 starting at 6:00 pm and ending at dusk. We'll paddle the Milwaukee River from the Schlitz Office Park through downtown Milwaukee. Please bring a light for your canoe. Call AYH trip leader Bill Ross at (414) 332-1889 to reserve a spot on the trip and to get trip details (where to meet, etc.). Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member. Canoe rental cost is \$6.00 per person. There will be a small AYH activity fee of \$2 for those who bring their own canoe or kayak. Money should be paid directly to Bill.

## BARK RIVER AYH CANOE TRIP

Sunday, June 28

On Sunday, June 28, the Nordics will join the AYH (American Youth Hostels) canoe trip on the Bark River from Lower Nemahbin Lake to Genesee Lake Road or Hwy 67 near Dousman. This is an easy scenic trip on a surprisingly clear "close to town" river. A gentle current over a sand and gravel bottom will invite you to take a cooling dip as we'll be stopping to swim. Enjoy a small lake, a winding marsh channel and wooded shoreline. We'll be starting at 1 pm from Sugar Island Road off Cty P, ½ mile south of I-94. Call Mike Craig, AYH trip leader and NSCM member, at (414) 552-5011 to reserve a spot on the trip and to get trip details such as where to meet. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member. Trip cost is \$12.00 per person for canoe rental or a \$3 activity fee if you have your own canoe or kayak. Money should be paid directly to Mike. There will be a potluck dinner at Cushing Park in Delafield after the trip is over. Please bring a dish to pass.



## NORDIC FIREWORKS EXCURSION

Friday, July 4

See more than 20 fireworks displays at once! On a clear July 4th night, you can view the fireworks of more than 20 Milwaukee-area suburbs while admiring the West Allis display right in front of you. Climb high into the bleachers at State Fair Park to join Nordic Ski Club members for the third annual July 4th outing with Gary Braun and Paula Brookmire. You get a 180-degree view of the eastern sky. July 4th is a Saturday this year, and that's when most suburbs do their fireworks. It's fun trying to guess which city's fireworks pop up in the distance between 9 and 10:15 pm. At State Fair Park (which has indoor bathrooms) you don't have to fight the crowds or stand in Port-o-Potty lines as you will on Friday, July 3rd, at Milwaukee's main fireworks at Lake Michigan. We'll be sitting fairly high up in the comfortable blue seats (with full backs, not just bleachers). We plan to sit in the center area, but call us beforehand to get an exact location and to R.S.V.P.: (414) 527-0040. Please bring a red hat, red scarf, red top or something else red so we can stand out as a group. Parking is free on State Fair Park grounds. It's best to get there by 8 or 8:30 pm for a parking spot and to find our group while it's still light. There's entertainment on the grounds as early as 7:00 pm. West Allis fireworks start at 9:20 pm, but others start earlier. State Fair Park faces Greenfield Ave. and is east of 84th St.

## NORDIC GEAR 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.

## EISENBAHN STATE TRAIL BIKE RIDE



*Saturday, June 13*

Check out one of the newest local recreational trails. The Eisenbahn, which is German for railroad, is a 25 mile recreational trail built on an old railroad corridor which runs through Washington and Fond du Lac counties. Five miles of the West Bend trail is paved and the rest is packed crushed limestone. We will meet in West Bend and head north on the Eisenbahn Trail for 15-20 miles. From there, we can decide if we'd like to return on the trail or take a more challenging route back through the scenic North Kettle Moraine. Afterwards, we will stop for drinks or a bite to eat at a local restaurant.

The ride will start at 10 am from where the Eisenbahn crosses Hwy 33. Go north on 45 from Milwaukee. Exit on 33 and go east about 1 mile. Turn right on the first street after you cross the bridge, which is Veterans Avenue. There is a parking lot on the right after about 2 blocks. Please call Nancy with questions and to RSVP at (414) 254-0523.

## ROLLERBLADE AT VETERANS PARK

*Sunday, June 14*

Bring your Roller Blades, Skates, Cat Skis or anything with wheels to Veterans Park on Sunday, June 14. Meet Katie Bivens at 11 am for a skate along the lake-front and lunch afterward at



Alterra. Let's meet at the McKinley Marina North Lot (off Lincoln Memorial Drive at the base of Lafayette Hill and across from the Alterra Coffee and the tennis courts). If you are running late or lost, call Katie at (262) 327-4899. If the weather looks iffy, we'll make alternative plans. If you want to get out, give a shout.

## HIKING THE ICE AGE TRAIL

Most Nordics are familiar with Waukesha County's scenic Lapham Peak State Park. It is a jewel of a natural park containing many glacial features that Wisconsin's last ice age carved out more than a mind boggling 10,000 yrs. ago.

I have enjoyed this multifaceted, forested area nestled in the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine in a variety of ways. During the winter months, I have experienced countless blissful hours of cross country skiing on the undulating 17.2 miles of tree lined trails. I have explored the Park in other ways as well . . . .

*(Just a tease! .... Look for Jane Stoltz's full article "Hiking the Ice Age Trail" on the Nordic website)*

## WINTER SKI TRIPS PAST AND FUTURE

We hope everyone had a great time on last winter's ski trips. The Program Committee appreciates your ski trip evaluations that we use to help plan future ski trips. How did each ski trip fare? Keweenaw rated highest in skiing and group meals and 2nd highest in lodging. ABR rated highest in lodging, 2nd highest in skiing, and 3rd highest in group meals. Minocqua rated 2nd highest in group meals and 3rd highest in skiing and lodging. Telemark rated 4th highest in each of the three categories. Valley Spur rated last in each of the three categories.

What does this all mean? The good news is that there were very few "poor" ratings in each category on any of the trips. And even though Valley Spur ranked last, the majority of the responses ranked skiing and lodging "good" with group meals divided between "good" and "OK". It appears the skiing category depends mainly on the snow conditions, but grooming also has a big effect on this rating. The Valley Spur trip has limited lodging and group dinner options because most people like staying in Munising so that they can walk around town. Unfortunately, snow conditions weren't the best for the Valley Spur trip this year, but next year they could be excellent!

There are always people asking that all trips leave at 8 am. This year 4 of the 5 trips had an early morning departure. Please keep in mind that there are club members who are unable to get off of work and would not be able to go on many or any trips. We decided to make ABR Trails one of these trips since there is rarely any place to ski on the drive to ABR and 3 days of skiing at one area is a little bit too much. Finally, there were many comments thanking the trip leaders for doing a great job. I also thank all of the trip leaders for the time and effort they spent leading our great ski trips.

Here's a look at next winter's ski trip schedule. Look familiar?

**ABR Trails** Fri., Dec. 11 (6 pm) – Sun., Dec. 13  
**Keweenaw Peninsula** Thu., 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

Give Paul Keber a call at (262) 547-4827 or e-mail him if you are interested in being a ski trip leader or an assistant ski trip leader for one of these trips.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS TODAY!**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JUNE

- 13 Eisenbahn Trail Bike Ride  
- Nancy Zoltowski (414) 254-0523
- 14 Rollerblade at Veterans Park  
- Katie Bivens (414) 321-5487
- 17 AYH - Moonlight Paddle  
- Bill Ross (414) 332-1889
- 26-28 Sip and Glide Canoe / Kayak Trip  
- Paul Erspamer (414) 963-4081  
- Jim Walsh (414) 228-8229
- 28 Bark River AYH Canoe Trip  
- Mike Craig (414) 552-5011

## JULY

- 4 July 4th Celebration  
- Gary Braun (414) 527-0040  
- Paula Brookmire (414) 527-0040
- 11 Local Bike Ride  
- Barb Johnson (414) 762-0741
- 12 Upper Rock River AYH Canoe Trip  
- Mike Craig (414) 552-5011
- 15 Exploring Cuisines Restaurant  
- Cindy Wiktorek (414) 483-5912
- 18 Local Bike Ride  
- Jim Aveni (414) 371-9628
- 25 Ravinia Concert  
- Cindy Wiktorek (414) 483-5912
- 26 Pike Lake Summer Picnic  
- Nancy Zoltowski (414) 254-0523
- 7/31 - Sip and Glide Canoe / Kayak Trip Backup Date  
8/2 - Paul Erspamer (414) 963-4081  
- Jim Walsh (414) 228-8229

**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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## SAVE THE DATE!

- July 26* **Pike Lake Summer Picnic**  
See the July Newsletter for more details.
- September 4-7* **Hartman Creek State Park Camping Trip**  
See the July and August Newsletters for more details.
- September 25-27* **Up North Fall Weekend Trip**  
See the September Newsletter for more details.

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