

OCTOBER SKI TRIP SIGNUP MEETING

Which trips will I take?
Will the snow be fast?
Can I try that tricky trail?
Should I get new gear?

Ohhh, the questions. Do it all! Sign-up for as many trips as you can and have fun. What is the purpose of all the lovely snow we get if not to go out and play? I can't wait for ABR. The Hemlock and Jack Pine Trails are so lovely. And a lot of easy skiing for those quacky knees. Come to the October meeting. Get signed up and stay for our speaker. . . .

I'm basically kind of a shy person and my 15-year Kortolopet Song performance at the Moccasin Bar has been fueled by post-race exuberance and lots of beer. I am evangelical about the Birkie and Korte though and would be happy to preach on the subject . . . Well our Guest Speaker will remain shy a bit longer. Although the gentleman has agreed to speak at our October meeting, we weren't able to confirm things by press time. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

— Katie Bivens

Thursday, October 15

Location:
Greenfield Park Pavilion
2028 S. 124th St.
Greenfield, WI 53227

Times:
6:30 pm - Socializing
7:00 pm - Signup starts for winter ski trips
7:45 pm - Club announcements
8:00 pm - Guest Speaker
9:15 pm - Trip signup continues, socializing

Bring: Checkbook for ski trip deposits. If needed, a self-addressed, stamped envelope for EACH ski trip you sign up for. (Note: we will have envelopes and stamps for sale)

Snacks and beverages will be provided. This meeting is **free** and open to everyone.

NORDIC SKI CLUB ON FACEBOOK . . .



Look for the Nordic Ski Club on Facebook and please join! If new to Facebook, email Katie at 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 your fellow club members for last minute events and activities.



WINTER SKI TRIP SIGNUPS

Flyers for the Nordic Ski Club's 2009-2010 winter ski trips are included with this newsletter. The schedule is similar to last winter's, with a morning and evening bus for the Valley Spur trip and only a Friday morning bus for the Minocqua trip. **DO NOT MAIL THE FORMS IF YOU WILL ATTEND THE OCTOBER 15 SIGNUP MEETING**, as that meeting is the **FIRST** opportunity to sign up for these trips.

You can bring signup forms from others who cannot attend the October meeting, **but please note the signup order:** 1st) Program Committee Members, Board Members and ski trip leaders. 2nd) People physically present at the signup meeting. One member of a household membership can bring all the registrations for their household. 3rd) Signups brought to the meeting but the participants are not present in the signup line, as well as those ski trip registrations received by the ski trip leader no later than the day prior to the signup meeting date will be placed in a random drawing. 4th) Mailed registrations arriving on or after the signup meeting date.

Please complete the signup form, make your check payable to NSCM for the deposit amount, and include a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope (9 1/2" x 4 1/8") for each trip *before* coming to the October signup meeting. **NEW! All ski trips, except for the Minocqua trip, offer an option of receiving the trip letter via e-mail. If you select this option on the ski trip flyer, you do not need a self-addressed, stamped envelope.**

Signups begin at 7 pm on Thursday, October 15 on a first come, first served basis. Please note that four to a room means that there are four people and two beds, with two people sharing each bed.

--Paul Keber, Program Committee chairperson

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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LAPHAM PEAK HIKE

Sunday, November 1

Nope, this event is not a misprint. Since I know we'll have such a great time on our October 10th Lapham Peak Hike (see page 3), I decided to do this same hike again on Sunday, November 1st!

We will once again meet at 9 am near the Evergreen shelter in the first parking lot on the right after you enter. The hike will take about 2 hours. Call trip leader Mary Polk at (414) 243-2373 if you have any questions.

Directions: Kettle Moraine State Forest-Lapham Peak Unit is one mile south of I-94 from the County Hwy C/Delafield exit. You will need a State Park admission sticker for your vehicle (annual \$25; daily \$7).

LAPHAM PEAK TRAIL CLEARING & CHILI DUMP

Saturday, November 7



On Saturday, November 7, the Nordic Ski Club will be working with the Friends of Lapham Peak to help clear the trails in preparation for the winter ski season. We will start at 9 am at the Evergreen Shelter parking lot (the first lot to the right after entering the park). Tools will be provided by the park rangers. You may want to bring your own work gloves. After the clearing, at about noon, we will participate in a chili dump. You are welcome to bring a dessert or another item to share. *Directions:* To get to Lapham Peak, go west on I-94 and exit at the second exit, Cty Hwy C, for Delafield. Proceed south for one mile on Cty. C, the park entrance is on the left (east) side of Hwy C. For more information, please contact Dick Fischer at (262) 349-1359.

BOARD GAMES NIGHT

Saturday, October 24

Join us for a Nordic games night starting at 7 pm. Bring your favorite board games and an appetizer or dessert to share. This is an excellent opportunity for newer members to meet other Nordics in a small group setting! If you have any questions, please contact Al Burrill at (414) 651-0695 or awburrill@earthlink.net.

Directions: 2302 S. 82nd Street, on the southeast corner of 82nd and Lincoln in West Allis.

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!

SAVE THE DATE!

HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 5



Milwaukee Public Market is the festive setting for this year's Nordic Ski Club holiday party, hosted by Dave & Kathy Herrewig. Drinks and socializing begin at 6 pm with Dinner at 7 pm. Watch for the flyer in next month's newsletter.

EXPLORING NATURAL WISCONSIN:

PAGE CREEK MARSH

Saturday, October 3

The final Exploration of Natural Wisconsin for this year will be October 3rd at Page Creek Marsh. About 18 miles north of Portage, Page Creek Marsh is part of a Central Sands Transition ecosystem. Page Creek winds through native prairie, oak savannah, sedge meadows, prairie fens and marshes to provide cover for large numbers of birds, including willow flycatchers and green-backed herons. It is staging area for sand hill cranes during the fall migration and home to beaver and red fox. Visitors can also see rare plants such as the downy willow-herb and bog reed grass. We can also visit the very nearby John Muir Memorial Park for our picnic lunch and to hike around beautiful Ennis Lake while passing through 4 distinct ecosystems. We will meet at the *southwest* Watertown Plank Park and Ride Lot (at Highway 45). Be sure to bring a snack, beverage, picnic lunch, binoculars, camera and bird or flower identification books. Please call Crystal Hoecherl (414) 873-3034 by **Wednesday, September 30** to let her know if you are coming. For those hardy folks who wish to extend the camping season after the exploration, Mirror Lake State Park is a nearby option. If you wish to camp, please let Crystal know no later than **Friday, September 25** so she knows how many camp sites to reserve.

NORTHERN KETTLE MORAINES FALL HIKE

Saturday, October 17

The popular Zillmer trail seems different when you begin your hike from the north access. We'll meet at the Ice Age Center in the Northern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, not the usual starting point, and hike the trail from there. A full round trip is 5.5 miles, however, there's a cutoff that could shorten the distance if you prefer a shorter route. Afterwards, we can drive to nearby Kewaskum for lunch.

Parking in the Ice Age Center parking lot does not require a state park sticker on your car (as long as that's the only place you park in the Forest). To carpool, meet at the Good Hope Rd. Park and Ride Lot on the southwest side of Hwy 45 at 8:45 am. Otherwise, meet at the Ice Age Center parking lot at 9:45 am. The hike will begin at 10 am sharp.

Please R.S.V.P. Dave Herrewig at (414) 358-0098 or kathy.herrewig@gmail.com.

Directions: From Milwaukee, take Highway 45 north, past West Bend and through the town of Kewaskum (29 miles from Good Hope Rd.). Continue north on Hwy 45 and take a right on Hwy 67 to the Ice Age Center on the right. (about 3 miles from Hwy 45).

WINTER SKI TRIP LEADER / ASSISTANTS TRAINING

Wednesday, October 7

If you are leading a winter ski trip, want to be an assistant trip leader, or want to find out what's involved in leading or assisting on a ski trip, then mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 7. That's when our trip leader training session for next winter's ski trips will be held. You'll also discover the rewards of leading or assisting on a trip. The meeting starts at 7 pm at Paul Keber's home at 2000 Cobblestone Ct. in Waukesha (1 mi. south of I-94 off the Cty T exit). Please call Paul at (262) 547-4827 to RSVP and for directions, or if you have any questions.

LAPHAM PEAK HIKE

Saturday, October 10

Enjoy a challenging 6 to 7-mile hike at Lapham Peak in Delafield without worries about deer gun hunting season. The hiking trail will be steep with many hills to climb, so wear comfortable hiking shoes/boots and remember to bring a bottle of water. Meet at 9 am near the Evergreen shelter in the first parking lot on the right after you enter. The hike will take about 2 hours. Call trip leader Mary Polk at (414) 243-2373 if you have any questions.

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PARNELL TOWER TRAIL HIKE

Saturday, October 24

The scenic Parnell Tower loop trail is a 3.5 mile segment of a hike featured in the book Hiking Wisconsin, by environmentalist and Nordic Club member Eric Hansen. Eric describes this hike as "one of my favorites", with a "woodland ambiance" that is "a pleasure for the eye". At the beginning of the hike you can climb the 60 foot Parnell tower for a birds eye view of the glacial landscape that we'll be traversing. After the hike you can optionally join us for lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Meet at 9 am at Parnell Tower parking lot on County Road U, in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest (annual state park sticker required, or you can purchase a daily pass as you enter the lot).

A map of the state forest and of the trail is at: http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/specific/kmn/PDFs/km_nmap.pdf

RSVP is not required, but if you have questions, need detailed directions, or would like to drive or ride in a car pool, please contact trip leader Greg Wyder at wyder@sbcglobal.net or (414) 962-8562.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 3 Exploring Page Creek Marsh Hike
- Crystal Hoecherl (414) 873-3034
- 7 Winter Ski Trip Leader Training
- Paul Keber (262) 547-4827
- 10 Lapham Peak Hike
- Mary Polk (414) 243-2373-5912
- 15 Ski Trip Signup Meeting at Greenfield Park
- 17 Zillmer Trail Hike
- Dave Herrewig (414) 358-0098
- 24 Parnell Tower Trail Hike
- Greg Wyder (414) 962-8562
- 24 Board Games Night
- Al Burrill (414) 651-0695

NOVEMBER

- 1 Lapham Peak Hike
- Mary Polk (414) 243-2373-5912
- 5 Wheel & Sprocket Ski Waxing Clinic
- Carol Doeblner tortoiseski@wi.rr.com
- 7 Lapham Peak Trail Clearing
- Dick Fischer (262) 349-1359
- 8 Ice Age Trail Hike
- Becky White (262) 392-4132
- 14 Red Cross Winter First Aid Class
- Jean Lufburrow (262) 337-1641
- 19 Monthly Meeting at Greenfield Park
- 21 Exploring Cuisines Lunch
- Cindy Wiktorek (414) 483-5912

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

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414-299-9639



WINTER'S A COMIN'! 2009-2010 SKI TRIPS

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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