

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING

SNOWMAKING PROJECT AT LAPHAM PEAK

THURSDAY
January 14

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

Times:
6:30 pm - Socializing
7:00 pm - Business meeting
7:30 pm - Snowmaking Presentation

“Snow making at Lapham Peak got off to a good start last night. We started up the first gun at 7 pm and had seven guns total running by 11 pm. We ran them until 10 am when we had to shut down due to warm temps. Plan is to make more tonight, starting around 7 pm, though it's iffy for Sunday night as temps might not get low enough. We need low temps and humidity, under 20 degrees with humidity around 80% or lower.” (Ed Muzik, December 5, 2009)

What are they talking about? The Friends of Lapham Peak and the DNR have been working for the last 4 years to develop a snowmaking system for the cross country ski trails at Lapham Peak. The project is being funded by donations – many from members – and grants; and has been driven by a dedicated volunteer effort to design, fund, construct, and operate the system. Three years of successful operations, with as much as 1.2 kilometers of snowmaking trail, have shown that it can be done. Fellow club member, John McCarthy, who has been closely involved in the design of the system, will make a presentation on the planning, design, permitting, construction, and operation of the system. Please join us at our January Monthly Meeting for a comprehensive review of this snowmaking project at Lapham Peak. How can you not be excited about this meeting! This is snow we're talking about!

WINTER SKI TRIP SIGNUPS

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. 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.

Last Chance!

KEWEENAW PENINSULA SKI TRIP

Thursday, December 31 - Sunday, January 3

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 8

Join fellow Nordics 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. Cover charge is \$5. 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 Ave.) 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 6* at (414) 651-0695 or awburrill@earthlink.net.

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NORDIC SKI CLUB



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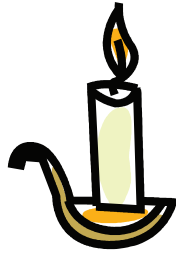
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CANDLELIGHT SKI EVENTS



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

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).

EXPLORING CUISINES

Tuesday, January 12



Join us for some Creole, Cajun, Carolina cooking on Tuesday, January 12.

We will be dining at Maxie's

Southern Comfort, 6732 W Fairview Ave., Milwaukee. The restaurant is right off the freeway at I-94 and 68th St (NE corner) and there is both street parking and a parking lot. We will meet at the restaurant at 6:30 pm. Maxie's has soups and salads, appetizers like Fried Green Tomatoes (\$6.95), entrees like Jambalaya (\$16.95) and Pulled Pork (\$13.95). There are also sandwiches, vegetarian options and desserts. Maxie's doesn't take reservations but call Cindy at (414) 483-5912 *by Sunday January 10* if you are interested in joining us.

WEBMASTER NEEDED

No experience required. We will train and supply software. The Nordics are looking for a new Webmaster to keep the website up-to-date. This is a monthly commitment to add the current newsletter to the site and update the calendar and events pages. A lot of "cut and paste" and some minor maintenance. Links do need to be checked. For more information, email MaryLee at marylee_blodgett@yahoo.com

Also looking for committee members to redesign the website. Beth Donnelly is a gifted artist and will head the committee. Guidance is needed for content and layout. If interested in either position, please contact Katie Bivens at katiebivens@sbcglobal.net.

MINOCQUA WINTER PARK SKI TRIP

Whhee!

Friday, January 22 - Sunday, January 24

Time is running out to 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, may still have a few spots available. 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.

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. For more information, contact trip leader Craig Sanford at (262) 370-3322 or email him at craig.sanford@indiana-ins.com

YUM! VALLEY SPUR SKI TRIP A HEAVENLY SKI



Friday, March 5 - Sunday, March 7

For years, the Nordics have offered a variety of Winter cross country ski weekends to members and nonmembers. Topping my list of favorite destinations is Valley Spur. In my opinion, there may be other Midwest ski locations equally as splendid, but none surpasses Valley Spur. Many other Nordics agree as the trip has been popular, typically filling every year. There seem to be many reasons. One major enticement is the intertwining 26 mile trail system located on a patch of land in upper Michigan's scenic Hiawatha National Forest. These highly regarded and well laid out trails are designed for all levels of skiers. Another trip amenity is the annual Taste and Glide offered by Valley Spur volunteers on the Saturday of the trip. This event features chocolate covered strawberries and warm soup as well as other delectable fare in the lodge or while skiing on the trails. Sharing these enjoyable and remarkable moments with other participants usually has led to an early interest in Valley Spur each ski season, however, this year is different. Currently, signup for this two bus trip is lagging. In fact, the second bus leaving at 6 pm requires a lot more sign ups in order for it to be viable. The first bus leaves at 8 am allowing us to ski for a day on the way up. If at all possible, I would not wait to sign up as the word is out about this outstanding cross country ski destination. Valley Spur is a winner on all counts so be among those of us who will be there again this year, March 5 - 7, 2010. We will be staying at the cozy Holiday Inn Express in Munising with breathtaking views of Lake Superior and the world famous Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. If you have questions, contact Jane Stoltz (414) 378-1691.

VALLEY SPUR BUS 2 - GO OR NO GO - BY JANUARY 15

Friday, March 5 - Sunday, March 7

Valley Spur Bus 2 (6 pm) has very few sign-ups, and Bus 1 (8 am) still had many openings as of press time. Therefore, the club must consider canceling Bus 2 since it is not being supported. If you are planning to come on the ski trip to Valley Spur, now is the time to sign up. The Valley Spur Bus 2 "go" or "no go" decision will be made by **January 15**. Tell your friends!

SIGN UP TODAY!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Doebler 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 Northern Kettle Moraine Ski Outing
- Nancy Zoltowski (414) 254-0523
- 17 Whitnall Park 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 Nordic Trail Ski/Hike 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

MARCH

- 5-7 Valley Spur Ski Trip (Munising, MI)
- Jane Stoltz (414) 378-1691
- 13 Canoecopia Day Trip (Madison, WI)
- Beth Donnelly (414) 476-3025
- 18 Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner
at Greenfield Park

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PLENTY OF OPENINGS!
SIGN UP TODAY!**

Keweenaw Peninsula

Thurs., Dec. 31 (8 am) – Sun., Jan. 3

Minocqua Winter Park

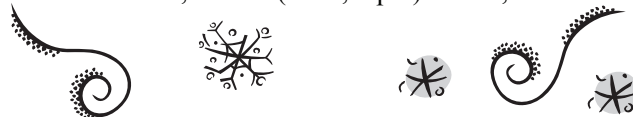
Fri., Jan. 22 (8 am) – Sun., Jan. 24

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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