

## LABOR DAY CAMPING TRIP: DOOR COUNTY PENINSULA STATE PARK

*Friday, September 2 - Monday, September 5*

**CELEBRATE** the end of summer with some of your closest Nordic comrades. Yes, we're talking about the annual Labor Day Camping trip. This year's destination is the most awesome: Door County Peninsula State Park. We'll be at the OGC Group Campsite.

There is something for everyone: hiking, biking: road and trail, Kayaking, and/or visiting other local Door County parks. No Bike? No Kayak? No Problem! Rentals are available just outside (bikes) and inside the park (kayaks). Saturday at 6 p.m. we will enjoy our traditional Nordic buffet; while waking Sunday morning to a group breakfast, featuring Tom S. on skillet, cooking bacon and eggs.

A state park sticker is required for your vehicle. If you plan to bike the trails, a trail pass will be required as well. Cost of the trip is \$15 per member or \$16 per non-member.

To confirm your place on the trip, please call Carol at 262.250.7688 to reserve your spot, ask questions, obtain the address to send your trip money with a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope), or provide your email address for the return trip letter.

For more information about the area, here are a few websites to visit for ideas and inspiration:  
<http://www.doorcounty.com/BEACHES-MAP.HTM>  
<http://www.peninsulaplayers.com/>  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/specific/peninsula/map.htm>  
<http://www.kayakdoorcounty.com/nicoletbeach.htm>

**Hurry! Don't delay! There is a 30 person / 20 car limit.**

## BREWERS BASEBALL & TAILGATE PARTY **CANCELLED**

Bad news. On July 17 when I tried to purchase tickets for the Saturday, August 13 Milwaukee Brewers game I was told that standing room tickets were all that remained! Since that option wouldn't work for a large group, I sadly decided to cancel this event. If you were planning on purchasing your own tickets and joining us for the tailgate party, it's time for you to make new plans. ~ Paul Keber

## ROCK RIVER AYH CANOE TRIP

*Saturday, August 6*

On Saturday, August 6, the Nordics will join the AYH canoe trip along a scenic section of the upper Rock River. Meet at the Rock River on County MM at 9:30am about a mile east the town of Lebanon. Take Hwy 67 almost 10 miles north of Oconomowoc and turn left on Cty MM. The river is about 3 miles west of Hwy 67. The canoe trip will be about 12 miles long with an option for a 6 mile trip. This trip is suitable for beginners. You will need to bring along a bag lunch for the trip. Please call Mike Craig, AYH trip leader and NSCM member, at (414) 552-5011 to reserve a spot on the trip and to have any questions answered. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member. Canoe rental cost is \$12 per person or a \$3 activity fee if you have your own canoe or kayak. Money should be paid directly to Mike.

## LAKE COUNTRY BIKE RIDE

*Saturday, August 20*



Come join your fellow Nordics for a fun day in the Lake Country area.

Start the morning with a 30 mile bike ride around some of the local

lakes. Once the bike ride is over, we can all enjoy a BBQ and some yard games. We plan to start the bike ride at 9 am from our house and ride approximately for 3 hours. Or if biking is not your thing, perhaps the Oconomowoc Arts Festival would be of interest. Then come over for the BBQ at approximately 1pm. For more information, you can visit this website:  
<http://www.oconomowocarts.org/>.

We will provide the main food and au gratin potatoes. If you wish, you can bring a side dish. Don't forget to bring your own beverage. Bike helmets are not required, but are strongly recommended. Please contact Chris Pantazon at (414) 852-4155 or (920) 474-3203 with questions or to let her know you would be coming. She needs to get a rough count for the food. At that time, she will give you directions to her home in Oconomowoc. If the weather is questionable, we will hold the BBQ and games indoors.

**Visit our New Updated Website!**

**Update your profile today! <http://www.nordicskiclub.org/>**

# 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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**414 299-9639**

**[www.nordicskiclub.org](http://www.nordicskiclub.org)**

For membership information, call  
Betty Schraith (414) 453-2350

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## CAN YOU HELP?

The Nordics are in great need of volunteers for the position of Club Treasurer and for the position of Newsletter Editor. Both are 12-month a year positions and are vital to keeping the Nordics a strong club. Becky Yakes and Beth Donnelly have graciously worked in these positions for a good few years and are ready to step down. Best news – They are willing to train their replacements. If you can help, please contact either Becky ([r\\_yakes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r_yakes@sbcglobal.net)), Beth ([badonnelly@gmail.com](mailto:badonnelly@gmail.com)) or Katie Bivens ([katiebivens@gmail.com](mailto:katiebivens@gmail.com)) for more information about the jobs.

## RAVINIA

*Saturday, August 6*

On Saturday, August 6, we will head to Ravinia to hear the Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Itzhak Perlman. The concert will feature pianist Leon Fleisher. We will meet at the Southwest College Ave. Park and Ride at 2:30pm. From there we will drive to Waukegan, IL to catch the 4:10pm Metra that takes us directly to Ravinia. Round trip tickets are \$7 and purchased on the train. This concert is free but you need to get tickets ahead of time. Visit [www.ravinia.org](http://www.ravinia.org); click on Calendar and Tickets, go to August 6, Perlman Conducts Fleisher and click on Lawn Seats Buy Now. You will be directed to getting tickets. Two tickets are allowed per household. As usual with Ravinia, you can bring chairs or rent them there. You can also bring your own food and drink or buy items there. This is a lovely way to spend a summer evening. If you plan on going, please call Cindy at (414) 483-5912 so we can look for you at the Park and Ride.

## OCONOMOWOC RIVER AYH CANOE TRIP

*Saturday, August 27*

Enjoy an interesting rural route paddle on the Oconomowoc River by joining the AYH canoe trip on Saturday, August 20. The trip will start in Oconowoc at Concord Rd. and will follow the river west and northwest to North Shore Drive. We will meet at 9:30am and shuttle vehicles before beginning the trip. Please bring a bag lunch and beverage for the trip.

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 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.

## GOT FRIENDS? OTHER THAN CURRENT NORDICS?

Invite your friends to any of our monthly meetings, events or social get-togethers. That's one of the best ways to get people you *already like* to join our cross-country ski club. And any friend of yours is a friend of ours!

To help you promote the club, we have "business cards" listing the Nordic Ski Club hotline and the Web site. Extra copies of the newsletter can be emailed from the website or printed and handed to your friends with an invitation to join. Please get extra cards from club President, Katie Bivens or Membership Chair Betty Schraith. Give them out liberally or post them wherever you think there might be interest. Remember: we're a year-round recreation club.

## LULU LAKE AYH CANOE TRIP

*Sunday, August 7*

Join AYH (American Youth Hostels) on Sunday, August 7 for an easy, social canoe trip. This trip will start and end at the Eagle Springs Pub on Eagle Spring Lake, so no car shuttling will be needed. The canoe trip will begin at 10am and will cross Eagle Spring Lake, traverse a marshy channel, and enter Lulu Lake. We will take a lunch break on a nice sandy beach, so please bring along a bag lunch and beverage and wear your swimming suit for a dip in the lake.

After a nice break, we will return to our starting point where you can get refreshments at the pub. Eagle Spring Lake is on Cty E southeast of Eagle, WI. From I-43, take the Hwy 83 Mukwonago exit and follow it thru town a little over 1 mile to Cty LO. Turn left on LO and go about 5 mi to Cty E. Turn left and go a short distance to Eagle Springs Pub. Call Marge Brewer, AYH trip leader, at (414) 873-4565 to reserve a spot on the trip and for more information. Please hurry if you need to rent a canoe since this is a popular trip. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member. Canoe rental cost and activity fee is \$12 per person, or \$3 activity fee if you have your own canoe. Money should be paid directly to Marge



## MILWAUKEE RIVER AYH TWILIGHT PADDLE

*Wednesday, August 17*

What better way to enjoy a late summer evening than a moonlight paddle on the Milwaukee River with dinner at the Milwaukee Ale House? Join other Nordics and AYH members Wednesday evening on August 17 starting at 6 pm. We'll paddle the Milwaukee River from the Schlitz Office Park to downtown Milwaukee where we will dine at the Milwaukee Ale House. After dinner we will return to our starting point. Please bring a light for your canoe since it will be dark on the return trip. 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 \$4 per person. There will be a small AYH activity fee of \$1 for those who bring their own canoe or kayak. Money should be paid directly to Bill.

## KEWASKUM MOONLIGHT ICE AGE TRAIL HIKE

*Friday, August 12*

*Enjoy spectacular views of the setting sun and rising moon from the hills above Sunburst ski area.*

Join your fellow Nordics and the Washington / Ozaukee County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance for a moonlight hike. Our 2.4 mile hike (one way) will begin at 7:30pm. Meet at the IAT parking lot on Ridge Road near Sunburst Ski Hill. We will carpool to Hwy H and Hwy 45, cross under Hwy 45, then hike up the ski hill runs to reach the upper hills of the Otten property before heading back to the parking lot. Hike is rated easy to moderate due to several hills. Bring along a flashlight, as the woods get dark when the sun goes down and the moon comes up. On all hikes, please bring water, hiking boots, and a snack.

For more information and directions, contact Craig at (262) 370-3322 or [craigsan@wi.rr.com](mailto:craigsan@wi.rr.com) or check out our website at [www.iceagetrail.org](http://www.iceagetrail.org).

## 28th ANNUAL CREAM CITY CYCLE CLUB CENTURY

*The Cream To Top Your Summer!*

*Sunday, August 28*

As summer's end approaches, here's a bicycle tour of SW Racine and Walworth County back roads that shouldn't be missed. This is a family-friendly event for riders of all ages with 30, 56, 78, and 100 mile routes. Plan to arrive at the Waterford Union High School, 100 Field Drive, Waterford, WI between 7am & 9am. Look for Katie Bivens, Nordic Ride Leader. [katiebivens@ymail.com](mailto:katiebivens@ymail.com).

Rest stops feature homemade treats, fruit and Gatorade. Roadside support by "sag vehicles" and Wheel & Sprocket. After the tour, shower facilities are available and a spaghetti dinner is served.

*Options for registration:* download registration form at [www.creamcitycycleclub.com](http://www.creamcitycycleclub.com), or register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). or day of event registration starts at 7 am. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids 13 or under. This includes a spaghetti dinner. Commemorative tee shirts and water bottles will also be available for purchase.

Who Benefits? This is a fund-raiser for Cream City Cycle Club and the Waterford Band Boosters, Love, Inc a local food pantry and the Wisconsin Bicycle Federation. Cream City Cycle Club is an active supporter of the Boys and Girls Club.

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# HAVE A WONDERFUL SAFE SUMMER!!!

(Wheeeeeeee!)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## AUGUST

- 6 Upper Rock River AYH Canoe Trip  
- Mike Craig (414) 552-5011
- 6 Ravinia Concert  
- Cindy Wiktorek (414) 483-5912
- 7 Lulu Lake AYH Canoe Trip  
- Marge Brewer (414) 873-4565
- 12 Kewaskum Moonlight Ice Age Trail Hike  
- Craig Sanford (262) 370-3322
- 13 **CANCELLED** - Brewers vs. Pirates Game  
- Paul Keber (262) 547-4827
- 17 Milwaukee River AYH Twilight Paddle  
- Bill Ross (414) 332-1889
- 20 Oconomowoc Bike Ride & Cookout  
- Chris & John Pantazon (920) 474-3203
- 27 Oconomowoc River AYH Canoe Trip  
- Mike Craig (414) 552-5011
- 28 Cream City Century Bike Ride  
- Katie Bivens (262) 327-4899

## SEPTEMBER

- 2-5 Peninsula State Park Labor Day Camping Trip  
- Carol (262) 250-7688
- 16 Monthly Meeting
- 18 Pedal the Kettle Bike Ride  
- Katie Bivens (262) 327-4899

## OCTOBER

- 1 Local Hike  
- Kayleen Kauffman (262) 549-2389
- 5 Winter Ski Trips Leader Training  
- Paul Keber (262) 547-4827
- 8 West Bend Fall Colors Ice Age Trail Hike  
- Craig Sanford (262) 370-3322
- 15 Local Hike  
- Barb Johnson (262) 385-8102
- 21 Annual Ski Trip Sign Up Meeting
- 29 Board Games Night  
- Al Burrill (414) 651-0695

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*Address Service Requested*

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



## THINK SNOW IN AUGUST? 2011-2012 SKI TRIPS

### ABR Trails

Fri., Dec. 9 (6pm) – Sun., Dec. 11

### Keweenaw Peninsula

Fri., Dec. 30 (8am) – Mon., Jan. 2

### Minocqua Winter Park

Fri., Jan. 20 (8am) – Sun., Jan. 22

### Medford Car Pool Trip

Fri., Jan. 27 – Sun., Jan. 29

### Marquette, MI

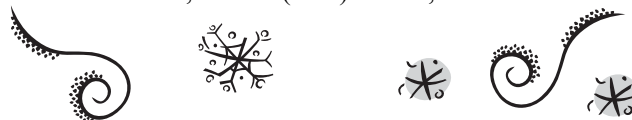
Fri., Feb. 10 (8am) – Sun., Feb. 12

### Waupaca B&B Car Pool Trip

Fri., Feb. 24 – Sun., Feb. 26 - **NEW DATE**

### Valley Spur

Fri., Mar. 2 (8am) – Sun., Mar. 4



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