



Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee

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<p>Nordic Calendar</p> <p>SEPTEMBER- 2-5 Peninsula State Park Labor Day Camping Trip Carol, 262-250-7688</p> <p>16 Monthly Meeting</p> <p>18 Pedal the Kettle Bike Ride Katie Bivens, 262-327-4899</p> <p>OCTOBER - 1 Colorama Orienteering Hike Kayleen Kauffman, 262-549-2389</p> <p>5 Ski Trip Leader/Assistants Training Paul Keber, 262-547-4827</p> <p>8 West Bend Fall Colors Ice Age Trail Hike Craig Sanford (262) 370-3322</p> <p>11 Exploring Cuisines Restaurant Cindy Wiktorek 414-483-5912</p> <p>15 Autumn Hike In The South Kettle Moraine Barb Johnson, 262-385-8102</p> <p>21 Annual Ski Trip Sign Up Meeting -</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting And Events</p> <p>It's a Beautiful Day! Let's Go Out And Play! <i>Friday, September 16 - Link to event</i> Let's get together and enjoy the evening! Although the club has had dozens of activities this summer, the monthly meetings remain a great place to catch up with each other. The weather should be gorgeous and still light enough to get out and play, so we moved the September meeting to an active place.</p> <p>Located on the Oak Leaf Trail and Milwaukee River, the Urban Ecology Center is a gem in the city and a past recipient of Nordic Ski Club donations. Bring your bike, hiking shoes, kayak, croquet mallet, binoculars and your sense of adventure for a couple hours of playtime outdoors, followed by the general membership meeting and Ice Cream Social.</p> <p>Bring your friends. Introduce them to the club and to fellow members. Everyone has been snapping pictures this summer at Nordic events; so bring photos for show-and-tell. If you have extra prints, you may wish to bring them to share.</p> <p>Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Here's hoping for a long Indian Summer followed by great snow!</p> <p>Date: Friday, September 16 Playtime: Until 7:30 pm Meeting & Ice Cream Social: 7:30 – 9 pm in the Community Room Bring: Your friends; your bike and helmet, hiking shoes, kayak, croquet mallet, binoculars, etc.; photos to show and extra prints to give away. Location: Urban Ecology Center 1500 E. Park Place Milwaukee, WI 53211 414-964-8505 www.urbanecologycenter.org Directions: Exit I-43 at Locust Street and head east toward the lake. After you cross the Milwaukee River bridge, continue to the traffic light at the corner of Oakland and Locust. Turn right/south on Oakland Avenue. Go 3 blocks to Park Place. Turn right and travel west for 2 blocks. The Urban Ecology Center is located at the end of this street on the right. Street parking is available on Park Place, as well as on other side streets.</p> <p>20th Annual Pedal The Kettle <i>Sunday, September 18 - Link To Event</i> This year will mark the 20th anniversary of the</p>	<p>Short Notes</p> <p>Volunteers The Club still needs a newsletter editor and treasurer. Beth Donnelly and Becky Yakes have been doing a fantastic job but are ready to step down. Call Beth, Becky or Katie Bivens if you are interested in learning more.</p> <p>Club Membership Membership Renewal due Oct. 1. Must be an current member to sign up for ski trips. Renew online and mail check or pay through Paypal. Dues - Individual \$25 Household \$35 Yes, they increased slightly. It's been about 10 years since the last increase.</p> <p>Web Tips Add Events to your calendar - Click the "Add To My Calendar" Link</p>



Greenfield Park Pavillion

29 Board Games Night

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Spring City Spinners annual fund raiser event. Pedal The Kettle is a fully supported bicycle tour exploring the back roads of scenic Waukesha and Jefferson Counties.

This event begins at a new location - UW-Waukesha Campus, 1500 N. University Drive, Waukesha, WI. Rides of various lengths, 100, 60 or 30 miles, heads through historic Waukesha and then ventures west into the gently rolling glacial drumlin landscape of the beautiful Kettle Moraine.

Routes will be clearly marked and there will be cue sheets and maps provided. Sag wagons offer emergency and mechanical assistance. Rest stops will be well stocked with water, high energy beverages and snacks including; fresh fruit, bagels, and the Club's famous home baked cookies. After the ride, enjoy a delicious meal and hot showers back at the school.

Options for registration: download registration form or register online at: <http://www.springcityspinners.org/ptk.html>. Day of event registration starts at 7 am. BICYCLE HELMETS ARE MANDATORY.

Look for Katie Bivens, Nordic Ride Leader. katiebivens@ymail.com

Colorama Orienteering Hike

Saturday October 1 - [Link To Event](#)

Enjoy Lapham Peak when there is no snow on the ground. Venture off the trails with map & compass in hand. **Try the sport of Orienteering!**

Saturday October 1st is Colorama day at Lapham Peak State Forest, with a variety of activities going on. As part of this fall event, the Badger Orienteering Club is hosting a competition, and this is your chance to give it a try.

We'll meet at 12:00 at the Homestead Hollow area for lunch and lessons. Starting around 1:00 we'll break up into groups of two (or solo if you wish) for staggered starts on the course. The goal for all is to find the control points (flags) hidden in the woods, and, for the serious competitor, to do it in record time.

You'll need a State Park Sticker and around \$15/team for a map & entry fee. Bring your lunch, water to carry, and a compass if you have one. Comfortable shoes or hiking boots, a long sleeved shirt & long pants are recommended. For more information, contact Kayleen Kauffman at 262-549-2389 or kgkauffman@yahoo.com. Some links for further information are: www.laphampeakfriends.org and <http://userpages.chorus.net/kevin/>

Ski Trip Leader/Assistants Training

Wednesday, October 5 - [Link To Event](#)

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 5. 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 7:00 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.

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*Did you know that by clicking the **RSS link** on an event, forum or blog page, you will get updates forwarded to your Google Reader or any other reader?*

Program Committee

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

ABR Trails

Fri., Dec. 9 (6 pm) –
Sun., Dec. 11

Keweenaw Peninsula

Fri., Dec. 30 (8 am) –
Mon., Jan. 2

Minocqua Winter Park

Fri., Jan. 20 (8 am) –
Sun., Jan. 22

Medford Car Pool Trip

Fri., Jan. 27 –
Sun., Jan. 29

Marquette, MI

Fri., Feb. 10 (8 am) –
Sun., Feb. 12

Waupaca B&B Car Pool

Fri., Feb. 24 –
Sun., Feb. 26

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Have We Said "Thank You" Lately?

The Nordics would like to recognize the many volunteers who have led day trips, hosted social events and worked towards the fun and success of the Nordic Ski Club. In addition to our heart-felt "Thank You!" and warm appreciation, there will be some tangible prizes. At the October Sign-up meeting and the March Potluck, we will draw 2 names from the Volunteer Hat*. In October, we will award 2 x \$50 vouchers towards a Nordic Ski Trip and in March, 2 x \$50 gift certificates from a local store.

***Lead a trip and earn a chance!** The names of those who have led trips/outings/events or volunteered on the board or program committee will be entered into the drawing. March – September events will be drawn from the October Hat and October – February events will be in the March Hat. There's one chance per event – Lead 10 canoe trips, get 10 chances. Leaders who receive discounted ski trips or other Nordic compensation are not eligible.

We hope this will add to the fun and will be a cool way to say **THANKS** to all who make our club great. Mark your calendar to come to all of our monthly meetings, but especially in October and March!

Autumn Hike In The South Kettle Moraine

Saturday, October 15 - [Link To Event](#)

The gentle rolling hills of the South Kettle Moraine are wonderful for hiking and enjoying nature. On this hike we will explore the Ice Age trail that crosses through the Scuppernong area. The length of the hike will be decided by the group that assembles that morning. It can be any length from 8 to 12 miles.

Meet in the Scuppernong parking lot on the north side of ZZ (east of the intersection of Hwy 67 and ZZ) October 15 at 9 am. State park stickers are required to park in this lot and can be purchased there if you do not have one. Bring water and a snack.

I recommend wearing some blaze orange or bright colors. Hunting times and zones have been changing constantly the past few years. Sturdy shoes help to safeguard feet and ankles although this part of the kettle region is not as rocky as the north. See you there. Barb Johnson 262.385.8102.

Blizzard Challenge Match

Through October 31

The Lapham Peak Friends, in cooperation with the DNR and community businesses, have embarked on an ambitious project to bring snow-making capabilities to the ski trails at Lapham Peak. Donate by October 31 and double your money. Blizzard Donors are ready to match your funds. [For more information.](#)

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(NSCM) is a membership-based outing association active year-round since 1971.

Valley Spur
Fri., Mar. 2 (8 am) –
Sun., Mar. 4