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of course. Last-minute outings are possible.

These "ITSWG" events will not involve much effort by the organizer. In conjunction with the Program Committee chairperson (Paul Keber), you'll decide where to ski, eat, and stay overnight (if applicable) and write a brief paragraph describing the details that will then be emailed to club members. Participants will be responsible for their own expenses.

Are you interested in volunteering? Please contact Paul Keber at pkeber@milwpc.com or 262-547-4827 with your date and destination ideas.

Local Ski Trip at McMiller

Sunday, February 4

Join the Nordics at 10 am on Sunday, February 4 for a local ski outing at the McMiller ski trails located in the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Southern Unit. There are 6 ski loops with 22 miles of trail rated from beginner thru expert consisting of rolling Kettle Moraine terrain. The trails are groomed for both skating and striding. A heated trail shelter with a changing room is open for use.

Directions: 45 miles southwest of Milwaukee and southwest of Eagle. At WI-67 & WI-59 in Eagle, take WI-67 south for 3 miles, turn right/west on County Road NN for a half-mile, turn right/north at the McMiller Sports Center entrance sign, and trail head parking lot is on the left/west. S103 W38754 County Road NN, Eagle, WI. Note: A Wisconsin state park sticker is required for your vehicle and a state trail pass is required for each skier.

If there is not enough snow to ski at McMiller, an email blast will be sent to club members several days before the outing detailing a different ski trail. On the way home we will stop for a bite to eat at Coyote Canyon in Eagle. Contact Paul Keber at 262-547-4827 or pkeber@milwpc.com for more information.

Minocqua Winter Park Ski Trip

Friday-Sunday, February 9-11

There's still time to sign up for some great skiing at Minocqua Winter Park. There is still room on the bus. Departure is Friday, February 9th at 8 am with a stop to ski at Nine Mile Forest ski trails near Wausau, with 30 km of trails. We plan to ski Saturday and Sunday at Minocqua Winter Park, which has 90 km of beautifully groomed trails as well as 11 km of snowshoe trails. Accommodations are at the Best Western Plus Concord Inn and at the AmericInn, both in downtown in Minocqua, and each with a swimming pool, whirlpool, free continental breakfast, and a microwave and refrigerator in each room. Contact trip leader John McCarthy at 414-412-0331 or johnnymac1952@gmail.com for more information.

Exploring Cuisines

Sunday, February 18, Noon

Add Photos To The Nordic Website

As a member of the Nordics, you may upload photos to your personal photo album or to the public albums. Simply log-in so all member privileges are available. Then the upload and edit buttons are visible for you to add to the fun. Need help? katiebivens@ymail.com

Next Month,
Look For:

**Annual Meeting & Potluck Dinner
March 16**
The Board

If you are interested in leading a Nordic Event, or have a great idea for a member event, please contact a member of the Program Committee or Paul Keber, pkeber@milwpc.com

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A mid-winter Sunday is a good time for a change of pace. Join us at Antigua Restaurant, 5823 W. Burnham in West Allis on Sunday Feb. 18 for a Latin inspired brunch. Some of their offerings are Perico De Venezuela (\$10.95), a popular breakfast choice in Venezuela, Pineapple Coconut Pancakes (\$7.25) and Tortilla Esparola (\$10.95), a typically Spanish breakfast. We will meet at the restaurant at noon on the 18th. Since brunches are popular I need to make reservations. Please call Cindy at (414) 336-8695 by Saturday Feb. 17.

Board Games Night

Saturday, February 24, 7:00 pm

Enjoy lighthearted, good company at the very popular Nordic board games night. This edition will be hosted by Katie & Bob Bivens. There is room for several tables of games to be played at the same time; so enjoy an old favorite or try something new. Bring your favorite games and an appetizer or dessert to share. If you are new to the club, games night is always a wonderful way to meet other members in a small group setting. Please RSVP by Friday, February 23 to 414-321-5487 or katiebivens@ymail.com.

Directions: 3245 S. 83rd Street, Milwaukee, which is two blocks south of Oklahoma and one block east of 84th Street. Turn east on Ohio and north one house on 83rd Street.

Nordic Night at Lapham Peak

Tuesday, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:30pm

Lapham Peak is the premiere location for cross country skiing in Southeast Wisconsin for many reasons, including 5 kilometers of lighted trails, of which 1.7 kilometers are served by snowmaking. Weeknights at the Peak are alive with activity, with the Peak Nordic Kids on Monday, and adult and high school racing on Wednesday.

This year, we are once again designating Tuesdays as NSCM Night. The event is very informal. Just show up when you feel like. Meet your friends in the Evergreen Shelter, head out and stride or skate a couple of loops around the lighted or snowmaking trails, and then come back to the Evergreen shelter building to have refreshments with the group. Bring something simple to share – your beverage of choice, and an easy snack. No advanced sign-up is required, but if you have questions or suggestions, contact John McCarthy at 414-412-0331 - but you should expect to leave a message, because he'll probably be out at Lapham, skiing.

Valley Spur Ski Trip (Munising, MI)

Friday-Sunday, March 2-4

Join us for our popular ski trip to Valley Spur near Munising, MI. There are no openings at this time, but contact trip leader Stan Rosenstiel at 262-694-2206 or mrstanmr@yahoo.com to be placed on the waiting list.

We will leave Friday morning at 8 am and will ski at Brown County Reforestation Camp near Green Bay (30 km of ski trails and chalet) or at

Valley Spur.

We plan to ski Saturday and Sunday at Valley Spur Ski Trail which has 45 km of trails that are some of the most scenic to be found anywhere. Valley Spur Ski Trail is in the Hiawatha National Forest outside of Munising MI. Picturesque, 3-km snowshoe trails are also available, as well as a cozy log cabin.

The highlight of the trip is probably Saturday when the annual “Taste and Glide” event, which benefits Valley Spur, will occur. This is included in the trip price. Lots of delicious food and beverages will be at several stops along a beginner trail as well as in the log cabin.

Accommodations are at the Holiday Inn Express near Munising with sauna, whirlpool, swimming pool, free continental breakfast, plus microwave and refrigerator in each room.

All ski areas have both skating and striding trails for all skiing abilities.

Cost Includes: Motor coach transportation, trail fees, and two nights’ accommodations at the Holiday Inn Express.

Nordics Ski on a Cold Jan. 1

Among 85 cross-country skiers who braved wind chills of 17 to 34 below zero on Jan. 1, 2018, were several Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee members. Anne Riendl, club president Carol Doebler and past president Paula Brookmire (left to right in photo) all skied at Wisconsin’s Lapham Peak State Park for the 2018 Skiathon. This was the eighth annual event at Lapham, and it was part of a national and Wisconsin DNR effort to get people to use their state parks on the first day of the year. The 85 skiers completed a total of 914 kilometers, with another 17 km added by runners, walkers and people on fat bikes. Also helping organize the event were the Peak Nordic Ski Club and the Lapham Peak Friends Snowmaking Committee, said Riendl, who’s a member of both groups as well as of the Nordic Ski Club. The 7 a.m. temperature on Jan. 1, 2018, was minus 8, with a wind chill of minus 34, she said. But the wind died down by afternoon, the temperature climbed above zero, and the sun made it a nice ski on the beautifully groomed, 35-foot-wide swath of homemade snow at Lapham.

March 16 Potluck Has Irish Theme

Get out the green for the annual potluck dinner of the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee. It’s March 16, the Friday before St. Patrick’s Day. We’ll have it at Greenfield Park Pavilion again, starting at 6:30 p.m. (in Greenfield, Wis.) We hope you’ll wear green and add a little green to your potluck dish or dessert. Please call Paula Brookmire to let her know what you’re bringing: 414-527-0040. The event is open to all, even non-members as long as they bring a dish to share. A tip of the hat to ya.

Keweenaw New Year’s Trip a Rousing Success!

By Sally Heuer

Skiers in Southeastern Wisconsin crave snow, and eagerly welcome the first bus trip up north where lots of snow is guaranteed. The four-day Keweenaw Peninsula New Year's bus trip was sold out, with 54 people plus a waiting list.

We welcomed six skiers on their first Nordic bus trip: James and Kate, Donna, Helena, Geriann and Stephanie. We hope to see them again soon!

Our first stop on Friday was the Brown County Reforestation Camp near Green Bay, which offered good skiing.

We skied at Swedetown near Calumet, both Saturday and Monday. Heavy snowfall on Saturday made it challenging to keep the trails clear, but the groomers did a fine job. Skate skiers reported slow conditions. Everyone agreed the scenery was dazzling, and we didn't let subzero wind chills stop us from enjoying the bounty of snow. Swedetown is a favorite for the variety of trails, plus homemade soup and pasties at the lodge. More than 140 inches of snow had fallen in the Keweenaw Peninsula by January 1.

On Sunday, skiers were offered two choices: Michigan Tech Trails (skating and striding) or striding only trails (plus dogs) at Maasto Hiihto.

Volunteers at the Maasto Hiihto lodge had prepared a variety of tasty homemade soups for our hungry group. Arlen's dogs made friends with many of us. Here's a link to Sunday's trail mutts report:

<http://trailmuttreports.blogspot.com/2017/12/skiing-and-socializing.html>

This year we stayed at the Quality Inn on Sheldon in downtown Houghton. We appreciated the convenience of being right across the street from local restaurants, especially with the colder-than-usual temperatures. Although the Quality Inn is not right on the canal, there are nice views of the Houghton/Hancock bridge from the upper floors.

Many thanks go to our intrepid trip leader Julie Amundson, who also led morning yoga practice; Joy Chen who led afternoon yoga practice; Jim, our bus driver; and all the volunteers who made this first Nordic trip of the season a rousing success!

If you were on this trip, please post your favorite photos by logging onto the Nordic website. Check out the snowy photos posted here: <http://nordicskiclub.org/Keweenaw-2018>

Mark Your Calendar

Annual Meeting, Board Elections, and Potluck – Friday, March 16.
Summer Picnic – volunteer leader needed.
Peninsula State Park Camping – Thursday, August 30 to Monday, September 3 – volunteer leader needed.

[Join/Renew Online](#)

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