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September Meeting

Friday, September 15

Please come out and join us on Friday September 15 at Lapham Peak State Park at the Hausmann Nature Center. The building will open for us at 6:30 pm, with the meeting to follow at 7:30. If you'd like to hike beforehand, meet up at 5:45 at the building.

To get to the nature center, go west on I-94 and take the Delafield, Cty C exit. Turn right (south) and proceed one mile to the park entrance on the left (east) side of Cty C. Follow the signs to the nature center parking lot that is on the left just before the tower parking lot. Check out the <u>Lapham Peak Friends Hausmann Nature Center web page</u> that has a map to the center.



We'll have our traditional ice cream social, socializing, and sharing of summer stories. Hope to see you there!

P.S. Remember you'll need a state park sticker, if you don't already have one. A daily state park sticker costs \$8.

Harrington Beach State Park Camping Trip

Friday September 1 - Monday September 4, 2017

Now is the time to reserve your spot for the annual Labor Day camping trip at Harrington Beach State Park. The group camp has plenty of room for 25-30 people. Only 35 miles north of Milwaukee off Highway 43 near Belgium, this park has one mile of scenic Lake Michigan shoreline to explore and short hiking trails within the park. The surrounding area has great kayaking, hiking, and biking opportunities (close to the Interurban Trail). Come for all three nights, or just one or two. Vehicles must have an annual state park sticker or day pass. There is parking for 15 cars in the group camp area.

The group campsite has drinking water and a very nice vault toilet, and it's a short walk to shower facilities in the family campground. A potluck on Saturday evening and nightly campfires are planned. Camping trip cost is only \$14 per person (non-members \$15.50). Please make checks payable to Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee (NSCM) and mail to Mary Mueller, 4862 North Shoreland Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, 53217, along with your

Volunteers

The Nordic Ski Club runs on volunteers. Please contact Renee Couture at acoutrr@att.net if you are interested in learning more.

Club Membership

Membership Renewals due Oct. 1. Renew online. Then pay through PayPal or mail check to Pat Doornek. Dues -Individual \$25 Household \$35 Must be a current member to book ski trips

Web Tips

at member rate.

Adjust your profile settings so that fellow Nordic Members can see your name, address and phone numbers. Select "Members Only" to protect the information from the general public. Go to

www.nordicskiclub.org and login to your profile. The login is in the upper right-hand corner. From there, the Member Tab will appear on the menu. Full instructions are located on that page in a PDF file.

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email address for the trip letter.

Special invitation: Non-campers may want to come and play for a day, or join campers for the traditional Saturday 6 pm potluck-- please let Mary know you are coming, and bring your own tableware and a dish to pass.

Contact Mary Mueller at 414-477-5710 or <u>mjmueller.uef@gmail</u> for more information. Check out the park website for park information. Join us for end-of-summer fun!

Walking Tour of Sculpture Milwaukee

Sunday September 10, 1:00 pm

Come for some "culcha" with some "sculpcha"! Join our walking tour of Sculpture Milwaukee, the outdoor sculpture gallery along Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Milwaukee. Featured are 22 breathtaking sculptures by 21 renowned artists from all over the world, including Santiago Calatrava, Sol LeWitt, and Dennis Oppenheim. Sculpture Milwaukee is a gift to the city brought to life by Steve Marcus and curated by Russell Bowman. Get ready to enjoy culture without the cost, as this free, urban exhibition adorns Wisconsin's grandest avenue only from June through October 22.

Meet at 1 pm on Sunday, September 10 at Sixth Street & Wisconsin Avenue on the northeast corner near the Wisconsin Center. Milwaukee Art Museum docent and former longtime NSCM member, Nancy Rubly, will be our tour guide for about 1.5 hours as we stroll east one mile, ending at O'Donnell Park near the lakefront. You can then return to your vehicle, or perhaps continue to the Milwaukee Art Museum or Indian Summer festival. The Packer game starts at 3:25 pm.

Please call or text Ann at 262-642-3741 if you plan to attend. There is no charge. Generally on Sundays, downtown street parking is not metered and has no time limits. Raindate is Sunday, September 17.

Delafield to Sullivan Bike Ride

Saturday September 23, 10:00 am

Join Paul and Rita Keber for a 36 mile bike ride starting at Cushing Memorial Park located at Main Street and Cushing Park Rd in the city of Delafield. We will be biking through the Waukesha County countryside to the town of Sullivan before heading back to Delafield. The route consists of a variety of flat to rolling terrain with moderate hills. Cue sheets and maps will be available.

To get to the start, take the Cty C (Delafield) exit from I-94 north ½ mile to Main Street. Turn left and go ½ mile to Cushing Park Rd and turn right into the park. Please be ready to start the ride at 10:00 am. Bike helmets are not required, but are strongly recommended. After the ride is over, we'll head to the Lumber Inn in Delafield for food and drink. For additional information call Paul at 262-547-4827. On the day of the ride you can reach me on my cell phone at 262-309-1918.

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. For summer events, contact matteoni.paul @gmail.com

Next Month, Look For:

Ski Trip Leader Training October 5 Paul Keber

First Fridays at Five October 6 Juanita Becker

Lake Geneva Trail Hike October 14 Mike Craig

Ski Trip Signup Meeting October 20

Nordic Trail Hike October 21 Julie Amundson

Zillmer Trail Hike October 28 Mike Craig

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

Pat Doornek 414-906-0629

New memberships or renewal forms may be mailed to: Pat Doornek 3463 N. Newhall St. Milwaukee, WI 53211

Nordic Trail Hike

Saturday September 30, 11:00 am

Join other Nordics for a scenic hike on the rolling hills of the Nordic Trails in the Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest. The hike will begin at 11:00 am at the trailhead and will be about 7 miles.

After the hike we will head to the La Grange general store for refreshments. To get to the trails, take I-43 southwest to Highway 20 (East Troy) and go west on Highway 20 to Hwy 12. Go west on Highway 12 to County H (La Grange), then head north on County H several miles to the parking lot on the east (right) side of the road.

People who live in Milwaukee may wish to carpool from the Hales Corners Park & Ride lot. Plan to leave the Park & Ride by 10:15 am. Call Mike Craig at 414-552-5011 if you have any questions or to let him know you are coming.

Ski Trip Flyers to Arrive Mid-September

Let's plan now for skiing! Flyers for the 2017-2018 Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee cross-country ski trips will arrive via email in mid-September. This will give you more than a month before the October 20 signup meeting to decide which trips to register for. Before last year, we sent paper copies of the flyers by mail, which often arrived close to the October meeting.

Emailing the flyers means you'll get them sooner, have anytime access and will save a tree by printing only the flyers you need. If you register online (opens on October 21, the day after the signup meeting), you won't need to print anything. The October 20 club meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. at Greenfield Park Pavilion.

Do you also want paper copies of the trip flyers mailed to you? Please notify Program Committee chair Paul Keber at pkeber@milwpc.com by Sunday, September 10. Mailed flyers will arrive after the emailed versions.

We hope you'll continue to enjoy this environmentally friendly flyer distribution that results in less paper, printing, postage, and mailing costs for our club. If you're a current NSCM member, just sit back and wait for your ski trip flyers to arrive electronically and early! If you're not a member, look online for the flyers in mid-September. Questions or feedback? Please contact a Program Committee member.

Save Money! Sign Up Early for Ski Trips

Save \$20 on any of this year's cross-country ski trips. Just sign up at least 30 days before the start of each trip. The Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee wants to make it easier for both trip participants and trip leaders to plan and to avoid having to cancel a trip at the last minute. So please help us

out by signing up at the early bird price. This way trip leaders won't have to send out their ski trip letters multiple times and can complete a rooming list early enough to meet the lodging requirements.

Worried about losing your large trip payment if you have to cancel? We have a solution.

In the past, we charged any unrecoverable costs or a minimum \$10 cancellation fee. In a few cases, people lost much of the trip cost. Starting this year on a trial basis, the maximum cancellation fee will be \$60 and the minimum remains at \$10. So if you cancelled a trip with \$30 in unrecoverable costs, you would lose \$30. But if you cancelled a trip with \$100 in unrecoverable costs, you would only lose \$60.

We'll email all club members five days before the \$20 savings deadline for each ski trip. But we encourage you to sign up even sooner, preferably at the Oct. 20 club meeting. That starts at 6:30 p.m. at Greenfield Park Pavilion in West Allis, Wisconsin. For questions about this new policy, please contact Program Committee Chair Paul Keber at pkeber@milwpc.com or 262-547-4827.

Ski Trip Highlights for 2017-2018

- NEW! Keweenaw trip lodging is now centrally located in downtown Houghton, Michigan on the main street.
- NEW! Minocqua Winter Park trip lodging returns to the Best Western Plus Concord Inn with its in-house bar.
- NEW! Valley Spur's Taste & Glide event fee is now included in the trip price.

Mark Your Calendar!

Holiday party: Saturday, December 16 at Delafield Brewhaus.

2017-2018 ski trips:

- Keweenaw Peninsula 8 am Fri., Dec. 29 to Mon., Jan. 1.
- -ABR 8 am Fri., Jan. 26 to Sun., Jan. 28.
- -Minocqua -8 am Fri., Feb. 9 to Sun., Feb. 11 (Five extra lodging rooms are being held for carpoolers who cannot leave at 8 am.)
- -Valley Spur 8 am Fri., Mar. 2 to Sun., Mar. 4.
- Snow Mountain Ranch, Colorado (YMCA of the Rockies) This trip has been postponed to a future year.

Join/Renew Online

Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee Inc. (NSCM) is a membership-based outing association active year-round since 1971.