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Monthly Events -

View Fireworks with Nordics July 4 at Nathan Hale High School

Tuesday, July 4, 8:30 pm

Last year would have been the 15th year of Gary Braun and Paula Brookmire's Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee outing to view a multitude of fireworks from the bleachers at Wisconsin's State Fair Park. Rain cancelled the display.

This year construction issues are moving the fireworks out of State Fair Park completely. They will be held Tuesday, July 4, at Nathan Hale High School in its West Allis Athletic Complex. The school address is 11601 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis, but people use 117th St. to enter the large parking lot for the school. There's a \$10 charge for parking, to support the school.

Our plans at this point are to meet on the grass between 8:15 and 8:30 pm. Since we don't know if we can get a bleachers seat, we suggest you bring either a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

Coming Up:

***Potawatomi State
Park Camping Trip
September 1 - 4,
2023***

***Wisconsin River
GSP Paddling &
Camping Trip
September 14 - 17,
2023***

Contact Us:

Please call or text Paula at 414-491-4636 when you get to Nathan Hale and we'll try to direct you to where we are sitting. We'll bring a cross-country skier banner held up by ski poles. The band called *Failure to Launch* will play about 8:30 pm, and the West Allis fireworks start at 9:30 pm.

Please call Paula to let her know if you're coming: 414-491-4636. Wear red and/or blue if you can. To avoid the parking charge, you could park in the pavilion parking lot at Greenfield Park, walk a few blocks along the northern section of Park Dr. to Rogers to 116th St. Follow 116th south a block to Lincoln Ave. and Nathan Hale High School.

Namekagon River GSP Paddling and Camping Trip

Wednesday July 5 - Sunday, July 9

Join us on a canoe base camping trip on the Namekagon River from Wednesday, July 5 through Sunday, July 9. The base camp will be at the Trego Town Park & Campground. This clear and clean river is one of Chris' favorites, and is part of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. Chris has done this river six times and water levels were always adequate.

The 3 paddles from Hayward to Trego average 10 miles per day with a very easy shuttle route on Highway 63. Paddlers can expect numerous turns, occasional riffles & Class 1 rapids. There are numerous landings and primitive campsites (with pit toilets & picnic tables) along the river. These sections are in the Mike Svob paddling book, Namekagon River Sections 1 and 2.

Due to campground site size, we're limiting this event to 12 people total. We have reserved two sites at \$27 per night with a maximum of 8 people and 3 tents at each site. We can get extra tent sites for a fee.

For more info, or to sign up, call or text Chris Locher at 414-510-8964.

Milwaukee River GSP Twilight Paddle

Wednesday, July 19, 5:45 pm

Enjoy a summer evening with a twilight paddle on the Milwaukee River. Join other Nordics and Glacier State Paddlers members Wednesday evening on July 19 starting at 6:00 pm and ending at dusk, so please bring a flashlight.

We'll paddle the Milwaukee River through downtown Milwaukee. Launch site is the Kiwanis Boat Landing at 2135 N Riverboat Rd, on the river side of the street with street parking. Arrive by 5:45 pm to help get canoes and kayaks into the water before the 6:00 launch.

Let GSP trip leader Debbie Luetzow know you are attending by calling or texting her at 414-333-0064. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member.

Red Cedar River GSP Paddling & Camping Trip

August 3 - 7

Experience the scenic Red Cedar River in NW Wisconsin. Our group campsite has been reserved for Thursday, August 3 through Monday, August 7. We will be camping at Myron Park; this is a private campground just north of Sand Creek and has showers and flush toilets. The 2023 rate for each tent has been negotiated to be \$23 per night/per tent at the

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<p>group campsite.</p> <p>Myron Park is a very desirable private campground within a popular recreational area. The 37-acre campground is right alongside the Red Cedar River and nestled among mature log pole pines.</p> <p>The Red Cedar State Trail is another option for you to enjoy the beauty of the area. The trail passes by prairies, forests, marshlands and farmlands, including bluffs and unique rock formations. A state trail pass is required.</p> <p>A Friday Fish Fry is planned at nearby Chetek. On Saturday evening some campers may decide to venture slightly north 12 miles to explore the privately owned Valkyrie Brewing Company in the small town of Dallas, Wisconsin. As shown on "Around the Farm Table", this venue for beer aficionados in our group will not disappoint. Expect to take home a few bottles of the craft brew rather than sipping at the brewery. Of course, a bit of a taste will help you decide.</p> <p>Paddling, camping, biking, site seeing, nature and more all in one trip. To join your friends on this event, contact Carol at tortoiseski@wi.rr.com. Preferably, sign-up by July 31st.</p> <p>Note: GSP member Mary Kay will also be leading this trip.</p>	<p>Historian: Paula Brookmire (414) 527-0040</p> <p>Newsletter: Send Articles to: newsletter@nordicskiclub.org</p> <p>Facebook Chair: Ellen Riley ellenriley612@gmail.com</p> <p>Facebook Link: https://www.facebook.com/Nordic-Ski-Club-of-Milwaukee-NSCM-111282934088979/</p> <p>Membership Chair: Pat Doornek 414-906-0629</p>
<p>Lulu Lake GSP Paddling Trip <i>Wednesday, August 9, 10:00 am</i></p> <p>Join the Glacier State Paddlers on Wednesday, August 9th for an easy, social paddling trip. This trip will start and end behind the Eagle Springs Pub on Eagle Spring Lake west of Mukwonago, so no car shuttling will be needed. The trip will begin at 10:00 am 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.</p> <p>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 miles to Cty E. Turn left and go a short distance to Eagle Springs Pub.</p> <p>Call or text either GSP trip leader Bob Housey at 414-573-0415 or Anne Housey at 414-241-7376 to reserve a spot on the trip or for more information. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member.</p>	<p><i>New memberships or renewal forms may be mailed to:</i> Pat Doornek 3463 N. Newhall St. Milwaukee, WI 53211</p> <p>Contact Us:</p> <p>Volunteers</p> <p>The Nordic Ski Club runs on volunteers. Please contact Renee Couture at acoutrr@att.net if you are interested in learning more.</p>
<p>Waukesha to Dousman Bike Ride and Picnic <i>Saturday, August 12, 9:30 am</i></p> <p>Join Paul and Rita for a 32.5 mile bike ride starting at their home on the NW side of Waukesha. We will proceed thru city streets to the Waukesha bypass bike trail and from there to the Glacial Drumlin bike trail and some lightly traveled roads heading to Dousman. We'll take a break at Cory Municipal Park in Dousman with modern bathrooms. We will head back on the Glacial Drumlin bike trail, taking a break at the Wales rest stop before heading back to Waukesha.</p> <p>The first half of the ride will be fairly easy with a couple of big hills on the way back. A Wisconsin State Trail Pass is required on the Glacial Drumlin bike trail. A daily pass costing \$5 can be purchased from a machine in Wales if you don't have an annual pass.</p>	<p>Club Membership</p> <p>Membership Renewals due Oct. 1. Renew online. Then pay through PayPal or mail check to Pat Doornek.</p> <p>Dues - Individual \$25 Household \$35 Must be a current member to book ski trips at member rate.</p> <p>Web Tips Adjust your profile settings</p>

After the ride, join Paul and Rita in their backyard for a picnic lunch. Please bring a dish to pass. We will provide hamburgers, chicken, and drinks. Be ready to start the ride at 9:30 am. Bike helmets are not required, but are strongly recommended.

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Retzer Nature Center Beer Garden

Friday, August 18, 6:00 pm

Join other Nordics on Friday, August 18th to enjoy seven tap beers and Diamond Hard Seltzer also made by Raised Grain at Retzer Nature Center. Raised Grain Brewing Company is teaming up with Waukesha County Park Systems to host Pop-Up Beer Gardens throughout the summer.

Retzer Nature Center is located at S14 W28167 Madison St, Waukesha, WI 53188. There is no entrance fee.

Join your fellow Nordics for some outdoor fun and fresh air. Enjoy a sunset hike on their 7 different hiking trails from .25 to 2.6 miles in length ([Waukesha County - Retzer Trails Map](#)).

There will be a food truck available.

The Planetarium will be hosting hourly laser light shows to music beginning at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$5. For more details and ticket information please click on this link:

[Retzer Nature Center Pop-Up Beer Garden — Raised Grain Brewing Co.](#)

The NSCM gathering will begin by 6:00 pm; however the beer garden opens at 4:00 pm. Questions, email Rita at rheber@milwpc.com or call 414-627-7659.

Labor Day Camping Trip at Potawatomi State Park

Friday, September 1 - Monday, September 4

Plan to join us for the annual Labor Day camping trip at Potawatomi State Park and get to know the southern part of Door County. This beautiful 1,200 acre park near Sturgeon Bay (off Highway 42) has so much to offer with 2.5 miles of shoreline, 9 miles of hiking trails, kayak/canoe/paddleboard rental, and 8 miles of off-road biking. The park roads and country roads outside of the park are good for road biking. The Eastern Terminus of the Ice Age Trail is located here. Sturgeon Bay is home to Crossroads at Big Creek nature preserve, the Door County Maritime Museum, and the Ship Canal nature preserve and lighthouse. Cave Point

so that fellow Nordic Members can see your name, address and phone numbers. Select "Members Only" to protect the information from the general public. That is the default for new members. 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.

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@gmail.com

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

County Park and Whitefish Dunes State Park are about 20 miles away. Vehicles must have an annual WI state park sticker or daily pass.

We'll be in site A of the group campsites, with the Hemlock Trail adjacent for easy hiking. Parking, water, and vault toilets are at the site; it's a short drive to shower facilities. Enjoy nightly campfires and the traditional Saturday night potluck at 6:00 pm. Trip cost is only \$15 per person (non-members \$16.50). Please make checks payable to NSCM and mail to Mary Mueller, 4862 N. Shoreland Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53217. Include your email address for the trip letter in late August along with name and phone number of an emergency contact not on the trip.

Plan ahead to join us for end of summer fun and be ready to explore some new places. Bike routes will be available; Paul Keber will lead a ride on one of the days. This is the best lodging deal in Door County for three nights (or just one or two)!

Contact Mary Mueller at mjmueller.uef@gmail.com for more information. Check out dnr.wi.gov for park information.

Nordic Ski Club Awards \$2,200 in Grants to Seven Groups

At the April 21 general meeting of the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee, members donated \$308 to the club's 2023 fundraising project. Another \$40 donation came in after the meeting, for a total of \$348. The fundraising total as of May was \$1,600.

Seven ski or friends groups submitted grant proposals by the deadline of April 28. Proposals were reviewed at the May 8 NSCM board meeting. Paula Brookmire, NSCM grant coordinator, moved and Julie Amundson seconded that the NSCM board donate \$600 from club assets to the grant amount so that we could help all seven groups. The motion passed. That brought available grant funds up to \$2,200. The board decided to distribute the grants as follows:

Friends of Lapham Peak State Forest for its ongoing snowmaking project: \$600

Peak Nordic youth ski group for transportation to XC ski camp: \$120

Valley Spur Friends for new rental ski sets for kids, with free rental: \$380

Swedetown Trails Club, to build cubbies to hold ski gear at Swedetown lodge: \$300

Keweenaw Trails Club for new signs at all Maasto Hiihto trail intersections: \$300

Minocqua Winter Park, new large sign and kiosk near Silver Strider trailhead: \$300

Superiorland Ski Club, Marquette, maintenance for Blueberry Ridge lodge: \$200

Total Grants: \$2,200

In a thank-you letter to the club from Minocqua Winter Park Foundation, executive director Adriane Morabito noted: "We had close to 16,000 skiers, snowshoers, race and program participants visit Minocqua Winter Park this season.... As stewards of the largest conservation easement in the state of Wisconsin, we serve a region of outdoor enthusiasts by maintaining 100 km (65 miles) of year-round trails.... We sincerely appreciate the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee's long-standing annual dedication to visiting Minocqua Winter Park."

Welcome New NSCM Treasurer, Pam Gestwicki

Pam Gestwicki has volunteered to serve as treasurer of the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee. She has been learning the ropes from Dave Herrewig, who has served as club treasurer for the last seven years. At its June 12 meeting, the NSCM board elected Pam treasurer and Dave assistant treasurer on an interim basis.

Save These Dates for NSCM Meetings

Put the following dates in your calendar for Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee meetings for October through December. The club's fiscal year starts Oct. 1.

Besides four bus trips up north and numerous events, the club holds several member meetings each year featuring presentations or activities. (For details on monthly outings, check our website at www.nordicskiclub.org.)

If you are willing to do a presentation at one of our meetings, lead a hike or ski event on one of the dates below, pick a place for our February 2024 fish fry or help coordinate food at our picnics, please email club President Carol Doebler at tortoiseski@wi.rr.com.

Here are upcoming NSCM meeting dates for your calendar:

- **Oct. 13, 2023:** Member meeting at Elks Lodge 400 on Springdale Rd., Waukesha. Presentation to be determined.
 - **Dec. 2, 2023:** Holiday picnic and hike, Lapham Peak State Forest, Trecker Lodge.
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2024 Ski Trips Update

If you like reruns, you'll love the following ski trips that have been scheduled for next winter.

Keweenaw Peninsula: Friday, December 29 (8 am) – Monday, January 1 (No US National Championships at MTU)

Valley Spur: Friday, January 19 (8 am) – Sunday, January 21

Minocqua Winter Park: Friday, February 9 (8 am) – Sunday, February 11

ABR Trails: Friday, March 1 (8 am) – Sunday, March 3

Lodging for all ski trips will be the same as last winter's lodging including the Comfort Inn & Suites in Munising for the Valley Spur ski trip where everyone will have a lakeside room and be able to keep their room until we leave for home on Sunday.

A week-long ski trip to Vermont will potentially be led by Stan Rosenstiel next winter. Stay tuned for more details.

Edna Pfeiffer Obituary

Avid bicyclist, hiker and cross-country skier Edna Pfeiffer died May 28 outdoors in a courtyard. That peaceful passing was so appropriate since Edna loved nature, noted her son Jim Fuller at her memorial service.

At least 14 members and former members of the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee (NSCM) attended the June 9 service at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Waukesha.

Edna, 89, was formerly an active member of NSCM, as well as of the Wisconsin Go-Hiking Club and Spring City Spinners. She is survived by three children and her sister, Martha Walter, of Des Moines, Iowa. A memorial bike ride was held for Edna June 10, with several NSCM members participating.

Edna's obituary appeared in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel June 5, 2023:

<https://www.jsonline.com/obituaries/mjs078506>

The Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee (NSCM) continues to practice social distancing and the use of face masks, as recommended by the CDC and Wisconsin authorities. Know that your participation in any event is at your own risk. Before attending any NSCM outing or event, please check with the event leader. Use good judgment and continue to keep us all safe.

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