



# Sandpoint Nordic Club

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## FALL FEELS

It's that time of year again. Halloween decor is up. Pumpkin Spice Lattes are back. And Nordic skiers everywhere are dreaming about being back on skis.

According to the Farmer's Almanac, "precipitation will be above normal, with above-average snowfall in the far north". Sounds like we could have another stellar season :).

Registration for your 2022/23 Season Membership is live, be sure to sign up soon at [www.sandpointnordic.com](http://www.sandpointnordic.com).

As a reminder, membership fees help us groom PSW trails, support our ski rental program, and offer affordable lessons for all ages and ability levels.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Sandpoint Nordic Club!

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# WINTER WELCOME

November 5, 2022

Join us at the Outdoor Recreation Center in Pine Street Woods for our fourth annual Winter Welcome event from **1-4pm**.

This is a family friendly event. We'll have food, beverages, fire pits, and a raffle with sweet prizes.

Nellie Lutzwolf of Wolf & Bell has designed our poster again this year! Just make a \$30 or more donation when registering for your Season Membership and you'll get your poster at Winter Welcome.



# SCHOOL PROGRAM

January - February 2023

Run by the one-and-only Rick Price, a retired school teacher, SNC's School Program is aimed at getting kids outside and active in the winter months through xc skiing.

**"IT IS OUR FAVORITE FIELD TRIP OF THE YEAR! WE LOVE CROSS COUNTRY SKIING AT PINE STREET WOODS." -4TH GRADE TEACHER**

This off-site field trip is for local 3rd - 6th grade classrooms. The coolest part about this program is that it is run by volunteers. If you become a volunteer, you are guaranteed to have a good time and we are looking for more volunteers this season :) Please contact us if you're interested.

# ADULT LESSONS

Beginning in January

Whether you've never xc skied before or are a seasoned skier, we have a lesson for you.

For brand new skiers, we host **Learn to Ski Days** on both January 7th and 21st.

For skiers who have skied before but are still fairly new to the game, we'll have **Beginner Classic & Skate lessons**. Dates tbd.

For the avid skiers, we're excited to offer **Intermediate / Advanced lessons** again this season. Stay tuned for dates.



# YOUTH SKI LEAGUE

November 15th Registration

Our Youth Ski League is an after school ski program for kids aged 6-18. Our **Little Steppers** team is perfect for 6-8 year olds new to skiing. Our **Recreational Teams** are for 8+ year olds with all ability levels.

**"SNC'S YOUTH SKI LEAGUE WAS A GREAT WAY FOR MY SON TO GET OUTSIDE THIS WINTER, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT SKIING."**

For the more competitive kids check out our **Development Team**, this is the stepping stone team to eventually being on the Race Team. The **Race Team** is for competitive skiers who want to attend regional races. Check our website for more information on our Youth Ski League.

# SKI RENTALS

Beginning in December

The Sandpoint Nordic Club has a large selection of adult and youth cross country skis available for **daily, weekly and seasonal rentals**. Please note, you must be a SNC member to purchase a seasonal rental.

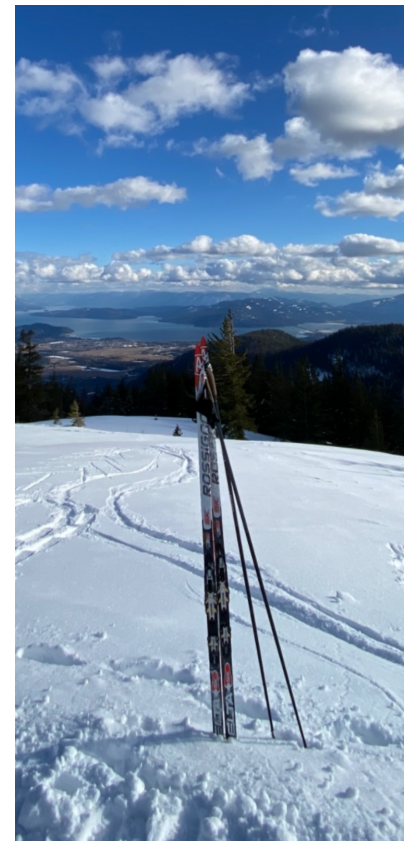
Rentals are available during staffed hours at the Outdoor Recreation Center in Pine Street Woods beginning when snow permits.

Do you have skis already but need boots? We got you covered. You can rent poles, boots and skis individually. Check out our website for a full list of rental options.



## 2022/23 RENTAL RATES

<u>Seasonal</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Youth</u>
Classic Package	130	90
Skate Package	160	110
<u>Weekly</u>		
Classic Package	50	40
Skate Package	60	40
<u>Daily</u>		
Classic Package	17	12
Skate Package	22	15
Snowshoes	10	6





# THE LONGHINI SCHOLARSHIP

The Sandpoint Nordic Club's goal is to get as many kids outside skiing as possible.

The Longhini Scholarship was created in 2020 to support Sandpoint families who participate in our Youth Ski League.

Families can apply for the Longhini Scholarship to help cover costs of Youth Ski League registration, ski rentals, ski gear purchases, trail passes, and race registrations.

We are currently accepting applications with a deadline of **December 15, 2022**. All applications are confidential.

Visit [www.sandpointnordic.com](http://www.sandpointnordic.com) to learn more about how to apply.

## TRAILS UPDATE

**Pine Street Woods** - The wide trails are fairly overgrown from the summer - we will be working away this fall to get the trails in shape for our first snowfall. If you go hiking up there soon, look out for signage to steer clear of angry bees!

**"DONATE TO HELP MAINTAIN PSW TRAILS. TEXT "LOVEPSW" TO 44321. "**

**Schweitzer Trails** - Make sure to purchase your Nordic trail pass for this season. I know we all love the short Schweitzer roundabout trail, but this trail will no longer be an option this winter as Schweitzer continues their mid mountain development plans.

**Watershed Trails** - The City of Sandpoint has hired International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) to develop a recreation plan for the Little Sandcreek Watershed. We are hopeful that this plan will include wide trails to be groomed for Nordic skiing :). To show your support, please attend the public meeting held in conjunction with POP's monthly meeting on **Wednesday, October 12th** at 5:30pm at Matchwood Brewing.



## Renee Nigon, President

As a Wisconsinite, Renee's love for Nordic skiing grew with her Birkie fever. She's excited to grow the Nordic opportunities for all and to serve the Sandpoint Nordic community.



## Susan Jordan, Treasurer

Susan is new to Nordic skiing and loves being outdoors. She currently serves on the Board of the Blue Skies Foundation and PAFE. She's passionate about youth education programs in the community.



## Heather Lien, Trails

Since moving to Sandpoint 18 years ago, Heather has been excited to see our Nordic skiing community grow. She's energized to be a part of this continued growth and development!



## Rick Price, Rental Center

Rick is a seasoned and dedicated member of the board. As a retired teacher, Rick is passionate about sharing and teaching Nordic skiing in the community. Catch him in the rental center this season.



## Kara Waters, Secretary

Kara is a soccer / Nordic skier mom and has been nordic skiing since she was a little kid. She loved it even more when she learned you can go really fast on Nordic skis!



## Dig Chrimer, Instruction

Dig is a fan of all things winter. She's been slowly upping her Nordic game and has fallen in love with skate skiing. She's looking forward to being part of the SNC board and encouraging other to get out on the trails.



## Leanna Lynch, Executive Director

Leanna tried skate skiing for the first time in 2020, thought it was the hardest things she's ever done, and was hooked! She's excited to explore the Methow Valley trails this winter.

