



# Sandpoint Nordic Club

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## WINTER IS COMING

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Hey there, reader. We at the SNC have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming cross-country ski season.

**Here's a challenge for you:** get a loved one out on skis this winter. I got my start Nordic skiing because of a friend. You can be that friend or family member for someone else!

Renting skis is easy at the Outdoor Recreation Center in Pine Street Woods. Join us at our Winter Welcome event on October 23rd from 2-5pm where you can learn more.

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# WINTER WELCOME

October 23, 2021

Join us at the Outdoor Recreation Center in Pine Street Woods for our third annual Winter Welcome event on October 23rd from 2-5pm.

The event is family friendly - bring the kids! We'll have food, beverages, fire pits, and swag plus information on how to become a member.

Remember that awesome poster from last year designed by Wolf & Bell!? We're giving away another one with a new design this year with a \$30 or more donation to our matching grant fund.

We're excited to see you there.



# SCHOOL PROGRAM

January - February 2022

Nothing brings more joy than getting kids outside in the winter! Our goal is to introduce kids to Nordic skiing and to provide education on the history, conservation and trails of Pine Street Woods.

**"I REALLY LOVED IT. IT HELPED ME LEARN HOW TO SKI AND THE INSTRUCTORS WERE SO NICE. IT WAS ONE OF MY FAVORITE FIELD TRIPS! IT WAS SOOO MUCH FUN!" -6TH GRADER**

Is your little one a 3rd, 5th or 6th grader? Stay tuned as we begin working with schools in the area to organize the School Program for 2022 which includes an off-site field trip to PSW and complimentary ski outfitting for the day.

# ADULT LESSONS

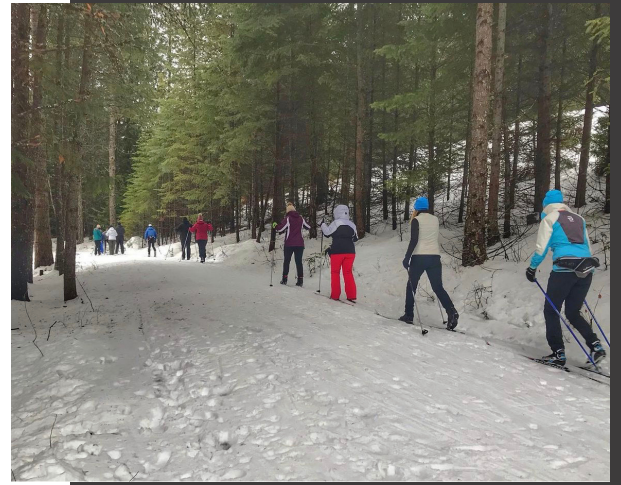
Beginning in January

Adults - you can still learn to ski too! Picking up a new sport as an adult keeps us young :).

We host **Learn to Ski** days on January 8th and 22nd. Stay tuned for more details.

Already been on skis but want to brush up your skills? Join one of our **Beginner Classic or Skate Ski Clinics** lead by experienced coaches.

There's more where that came from. We'll be adding additional adult events and activities as we get closer to winter.



# YOUTH SKI LEAGUE

December 15th Registration

Our Youth Ski League offers something for all ability levels. The Little Steppers is designed for 6-8 year olds who are new to skiing whereas the Recreation Program is designed for kids with some experience on skis.

**"WHETHER YOUR KID IS NEW TO CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING OR DREAMING OF SKI RACING, THIS PROGRAM IS PERFECT FOR THEM."**

For the more competitive kids, check out our Development & Race Team programs. The Development program is to develop kids to eventually be on the Race Team. The Race Team involves travel and local races.

# 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.

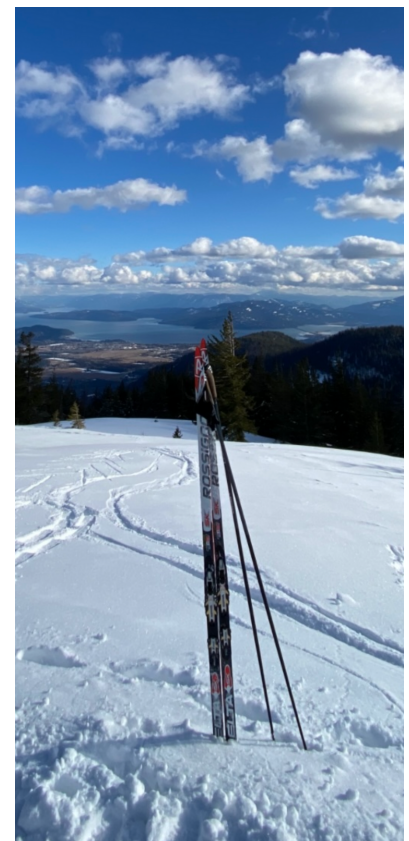
Rentals are available during staffed hours at the Outdoor Recreation Center in Pine Street Woods beginning in December.

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



## 2021/22 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

We are currently accepting scholarship applications! The application deadline is **October 10th, 2021.**

The Longhini Scholarship is a scholarship devoted to perpetuating the positive impacts of Nordic skiing on youth ages 14 to 18.

**Visit our website**, [www.sandpointnordic.com](http://www.sandpointnordic.com) to learn more about the scholarship and how to apply.

We are announcing awardees at our Winter Welcome event.

## TRAILS UPDATE

**Pine Street Woods** - help us get trails ready for the upcoming season. Join one of our upcoming trail work parties (dates tbd) or donate.

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

**Schweitzer Trails** - Make sure to purchase your Nordic trail pass for this season. The short Schweitzer roundabout trail will continue to be a free option for beginner skiers this year.

**Watershed Trails** - The City of Sandpoint has hired a Park Planning and Development Manager, Maeve Nevins-Lavtar, who is spearheading the development of trails in the Little Sand Creek Watershed. The SNC is pushing for Nordic trail development which will give us access to higher-elevation trails with more snow!



**Lakeshore Trails** - Part of the property has changed hands and the SNC is working with new owners to determine if the trails here will be usable for members this season. Stay tuned!

**Other Local Trails** - Check out our website for other local trails to explore this winter.

## 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!



## Ross Longhini, Former President

Ross and his wife, Vicki, have spearheaded the growth of the SNC for the last 10 years. While they have recently moved to Bozeman, MT, Ross remains an instrumental member of our board.



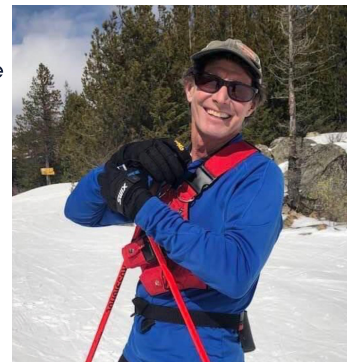
## Kara Waters, Secretary

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!



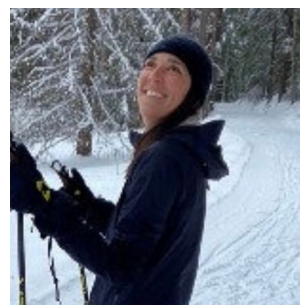
## Rick Price, Rental Center

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.



## Leanna Lynch, Executive Director

Leanna tried skate skiing last season for the first time, thought it was the hardest thing she's ever done, and was hooked! She's excited to get to know the Nordic community in Sandpoint.



## Dig Chrismer, 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.

