

Copper Country

SKI

YOUTH CROSS COUNTRY SKI PROGRAM



TIGERS

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 18TH – GROUP PHOTOS

On February 18th, we would like to take a group photograph of all of our Ski Tigers. Meet outside of the Swedetown Chalet at 12:55 sharp! 4 x 6 photos of your child's ski group will be available later in the season. More information in the March newsletter. A big thanks to **Mike Hyslop**, Ski Tiger Photographer!

MARCH 11TH – JUNIOR BEAR CHASE

Races for age 16 and under at MTU Trails, sponsored by Ski Tigers. More info can be found at www.bearchase.org/junior.htm. Separate awards for boys and girls in each age class. Registration closes 30 minutes before each race start.

Age	Distance	Style	Start time
5 & under	0.8 km	Classic	3:00 p.m.
6-7	1.6 km	Classic	3:10 p.m.
8-9	3 km	Freestyle	3:25 p.m.
10-11	3 km	Freestyle	3:25 p.m.
12-13	6 km	Freestyle	3:50 p.m.
14-16	6 km	Freestyle	3:50 p.m.

NO SKI TIGERS MARCH 11TH DUE TO RACE

OTHER RACES	
Feb. 23	Barnebirkie, Hayward, WI www.birkie.com
Feb. 24	Junior Birkie, Cable, WI www.birkie.com
March 5	Lakeland Loppett, Minoqua, WI www.xcskimwp.org

HAVE YOU THANKED A VOLUNTEER LATELY? Thanks to everyone for volunteering and making this the best ski club around. A special thanks to coaches and parents for their huge commitment to the club!

MARCH 18TH – PICNIC IN THE SNOW – the last Ski Tigers of the year is the annual picnic sponsored by **Rick Oikarinen**, owner of **Cross Country Sports**. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Swedetown Chalet and ski down with your group (a 6 k gentle downhill) or drive to the site, along M-203, and ski in 100 meters. It helps if a few people with vans can shuttle the younger skiers back to Calumet after lunch. Bring your appetite, Rick will provide hot dogs, etc. The next time you see Rick, make sure you say thanks.

APRIL 8TH – POOL PARTY

From 1-3 p.m., our end of the year potluck and awards at Finlandia University's Paavo Nurmi Gym. Bring your swimsuit or gym clothes and shoes, and a dish to pass. Gym open from 1-5.

APRIL 29TH – GEAR SWAP FUNDRAISER

Support the Ski Tiger/ Copper Country Nordic Ski Team at the Houghton High School multi-purpose room for the 1st annual Gear Swap. Just in time for spring - a place to buy and sell outdoor gear: bikes, camping, fishing, kayaks, canoes, hiking, skis, etc. AND support the junior race team at the same time -- with a 15% commission on all sales, and a 50:50 raffle (you won't have to be present to win). Watch for details at the pool party or on www.keweenawtrails.com.

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This is where you can find information about Ski Tigers such as KM Club, schedule, events, group lists, PIP duties, newsletters etc. From the home page, click on "Clubs" link found on the left hand side.

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The 2006 JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Starting on March 5th, skiers from all over the U.S. will be competing at the Michigan Tech Ski Trails to see who are the best junior skiers in the nation. Ceremonies start with a Parade of Athletes from the Memorial Union Building to the Rosza Center on Sunday, March 5th at 1:00 p.m. followed by opening ceremonies in the Rosza Center. Everyone is welcome.

You can watch all the racing excitement at the Tech Trails on March 6th, 8th, 10th, and 11th. This is a great chance to get out with your family and enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The final awards banquet is at the SDC on Sunday, March 11th and tickets will be available.

More information about this world-class event can be found at www.2006juniorolympics.org.

HELP SUPPORT YOUTH SKIING IN THE COPPER COUNTRY VOLUNTEER AT A SKI RACE!

Want to improve your skiing technique? Would you like to be entertained with exciting sprint races? Come out and volunteer at one (or more) of the local ski races. No skiing expertise required - Call **Wendy or Ray Sharp** (482-0902) wsharp@pasty.net Volunteers desperately needed for the following events:

- February 18/19 Michigan Tech Trails**
Michigan State High School Nordic Ski Championships and Collegiate Regionals
- March 5-11 Junior Olympics Tech Trails**
www.2006juniorolympics.org
- March 11 Junior Bear Chase - Tech Trails**
Contact **Rich Featherly** 482-7534

SKI TIGER ARRAREL FOR SALE

Prior year clothing and equipment items will be on sale at the conclusion of Ski Tigers each Saturday. There are a variety of items available such as Ski Tiger hats, sweatshirts, ski bags and water bottles. Call **Ruth Archer** at 482-4957.

Kilometer Club

It isn't too late! Join the Kilometer Club. Keep track of your kilometers from 1st day you ski this season until April 2, 2006 on the Kilometer Club sheet. Then mail your completed Ski Tigers Kilometer Club Chart by April 4, 2006 to: **Chelley Vician**, 1918 Sherwood Drive, Houghton, MI 49931. Everyone in the Kilometer Club will receive special recognition and prizes will also be given to the top 3 distance skiers in each group.

Clarification of Safety Policy

Our safety policy cites that children 7 and under need to have a parent or adult skier with them during their Ski Tiger lesson. This applies to all green skiers and all skiers age 7 and under regardless of what color group they are assigned to unless you have been given clearance from this requirement by your child's coach.

SAFETY NOTICE

Please make sure that all armbands are turned into the parent helper at the conclusion of ski tigers each Saturday. This ensures that all skiers are safely back and accounted for.

Win an Iditarod Hat

Ski Tigers who complete two races in the Ski Tigers season earn the coveted Iditarod Hat. If you have already won a hat in a previous season, you will receive a racing patch/year bar. Contact **Pallavi Gupta** at 487-6502 or pallavigupta@sbcglobal.net with your race info.

2006 Ski Tigers Schedule

DATE	LOCATION
Feb. 11	Michigan Tech Trails
Feb. 18	Swedetown Trails
Feb. 25	Michigan Tech Trails
March 4	Swedetown
March 11	Jr. Bear Chase – MTU Trails
NO SKI TIGERS MARCH 11TH	
March 18	Swedetown – Picnic In the Snow
April 8	Pool Party- Finlandia University