



Hello All!

We hope everyone has been enjoying this mild fall we've been having. We sure have had some beautiful days but it won't last much longer. Snow season is upon us and we soon will start seeing the white fluff come and stay.

5th Annual Snow-Ball

Our "parent organization", the Noquemanon Trail Network will be holding their 5th annual Snow-Ball fundraiser on December 4th, 2009 from 7-11pm at Upfront and Company in Marquette. There will be live music, a silent-auction, and great food! They expect to have outdoor gear, handcrafted art, skis and much more available at their silent auction. Tickets are \$25 and are available at Downwind Sports, Sports Rack, or call 906 235-6861. All proceeds will benefit the Noquemanon Trail Network non-profit organization.

This is also a great opportunity for the Friends of Valley Spur to raise some money too as all silent auction items donated by us that are sold in the auction will see those funds coming back to us. So if you have anything you would like to contribute to the silent auction, please contact either David Worel at 387-2865 or myself, Donna Shields at 202-1926 by December 1st. This auction is a great opportunity to get started on your Christmas shopping too. We hope to see you at the event!

Snowman Triathlon & Eki Loppett

It is with sadness that we must announce that the 2010 Snowman Triathlon has been cancelled.

This traditionally fun event has always been low on participants though we had been trying to get our numbers up, especially by adding the 12k Eki Loppett for those who may not wish to do a Tri. Our past records have primarily shown a loss for this particular event, though we do understand that it takes some time to get an event established as well and have been trying to accomplish that task.

In light of the fact that the Great Bear Chase has changed their race date in 2010 to be on the same day as our Snowman Triathlon, we feel we simply can't compete with that.

Looking over our list of registrants from last year, we already know that half or more will be attending the Bear Chase.

We apologize to those that would still participate in our event, but it simply doesn't make financial sense for us to carry on with the event let alone expect all our volunteers to spend the time it takes to put on this event. We have looked at the possibility of moving it to another weekend as well, but unfortunately the only weekends that would be open would be either side of the Noque and we feel that would just be too close to make it a successful event.

The 12K event of our annual Ski Bash (January 9, 2010) will be renamed to the "Eki Loppett".

See you on the trails..... and remember, think snow!

Donna Shields

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