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Letter from the Trailhead

Why We're Here

The seasons of Northern Michigan are captivating. In spring, muddy brown gives way to glistening green, and the return of regular sunshine brings tears to the eyes. In summer, we swim in crystal lakes and paddle winding rivers, grow bountiful food, and take respite in vibrant green forests bustling with wildlife. In fall, the leaves of the maples, birches, aspens and oaks shock us with their (cont. on pg 38)



Bob and Lynne warming by the wood stove ~1977

Voices of the Founders

Bob and Lynne look back on 50 years

Stu: So Bob, what was the inspiration for starting Cross Country Ski Headquarters in 1974?

Bob: Well, I had gone out to Jackson Hole Wyoming to go downhill skiing and it was so cold, the hydraulic fluid in the chairlift froze, so they closed the lift. So my friend Archie Macgillivray and I found, in the corner of a downhill ski shop, some cross-country skis to rent and that started the whole thing. I came back to Michigan the next year and found a source for cross-country skis realizing that Michigan is a much more desirable place to cross-country ski, because Michigan has rolling hills and not big steep mountains.

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Minneapolis World Cup Recap



For most of us, the only experiences we have with FIS World Cup races are watching the inspirational athletes skiing at faraway European venues on our screens. However, once every twenty years or so, the FIS World Cup comes to America. For many of us, the idea of attending a World Cup race is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity – and that is how we felt when we were generously invited by Salomon to join their corporate team to attend the races in Minneapolis last February. (cont on pg. 37)

New Year, New Gear Here's What's New:

We're excited to be carrying some new gear this year, starting with a few new skis from Fischer. We were lucky enough to demo the Orbiter Crowns last winter and found them to be just a riot! They are a short cut ski with Fischer's reliable "Vario-Crown" pattern for grip, which is cut to be less aggressive at the tips and tails (to increase glide), but more aggressive right under the foot (for kickin' grip). They're super light and speedy, (cont on pg 39)



CLASSIC NO-WAX SKI PACKAGES

These skis have a traditional "fish-scale" style base, requiring no grip wax and very little maintenance. Super easy, Super fun!

SALOMON SNOW 59 POSI PACKAGE: ~~\$420.93~~ \$299.95 | 29% OFF

Good balance of grip and glide for winter fun!



- **2025 Salomon Snow 59 Posi No-Wax Skis.** Side Cut 59/55/51/55 mm. Sizes: 163cm Small (skier weight 85 to 120 lbs), 173cm Medium (110 to 145 lbs), 183cm Large (140 – 175 lbs), 193cm XL (165 – 200 lbs), and 193cm Stiff XXL (200+ lbs) . A perfect ski for beginners who want a stable, versatile ski. The G1 base, paired with Posigrip no-wax grip provides great kick and consistent glide. Use on/off trail: 50/50. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.
- **2025 Alpina T5 (Mens) and T5 Eve (Womens) NNN Boots.** Warm and supportive touring boots. Read more on page 19.
- **2025 Salomon Prolink Auto Bindings.** Easy, automatic step-in bindings.
- **2025 Swix ST102 Trail Poles.** Universal basket, sturdy aluminum shaft, and adjustable straps.

Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Boots for more warmth and comfort: \$14.21.

ROSSIGNOL EVO TOUR XT 60 PACKAGE: ~~\$440.93~~ \$319.95 | 27% OFF

The most versatile, best-selling, best-performing recreational ski package available.

– **2023 Rossignol Evo XT 60 Tour IFP No-Wax Skis.** Side cut 60-50-55 mm. Sizes 165cm (skier weight 100 to 120 lbs), 175cm (120 to 150 lbs), 185cm (150 to 180 lbs), 195cm (180 to 230+ lbs). Our most popular touring skis, the Evo XT 60 Tours offer the best performance for in- and out-of-track skiing. Sophisticated base with Positrack grip pattern provides exceptional kick and glide, and side cut ensures stability and maneuverability on nearly every terrain. Use on/off trail: 50/50. HQ Demo Rating 5 out of 5 stars.

–**2025 Alpina T5 (Mens) and T5 Eve (Womens) NNN Boots.** Warm and supportive touring boots. Read more on page 19.

– **2025 Turnamic Tour Step-In Bindings.** Adjustable, automatic step-in binding with manual release for optimized grip and glide.

– **2025 Swix ST102 Trail Poles.** Universal basket, sturdy aluminum shaft, and adjustable straps.

Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Boots for warmer, more comfortable boots: \$14.21.



FISCHER ADVENTURE 62 XTRALITE PACKAGE: ~~\$458.98~~ \$378.98 | 17% OFF

This Fischer package is ready for adventure, with skis designed for maximum control and traction.



– **2025 Fischer Adventure 62 IFP No-Wax Skis.** Side cut: 62-52-60mm. Sizes: 169cm (less than 144 lbs), 179cm (145 to 196 lbs), 189cm (176 to 231 lbs), and 199cm (220+ lbs). Fischer's best ever Off track Crown no-wax base gets incredible grip even on steep terrain. Long grip zones and wider side cut make them easy to control through turns and tight spots. Use on/off trail: 50/50. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2025 Alpina T5 (Mens) and T5 Eve (Womens) NNN Boots.** Warm and supportive touring boots. Read more on page 19.

– **2025 Turnamic Tour Step-In Bindings.** Adjustable, automatic step-in binding with manual release for optimized grip and glide.

– **2025 Swix ST102 Trail Poles.** Universal basket, sturdy aluminum shaft, and adjustable straps.

Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots: \$47.46

More package details available at [CrossCountrySki.com](https://www.crosscountryski.com)

SALOMON ESCAPE OUTPATH 60 PACKAGE: ~~\$565.99~~ \$371.98 | 34% OFF

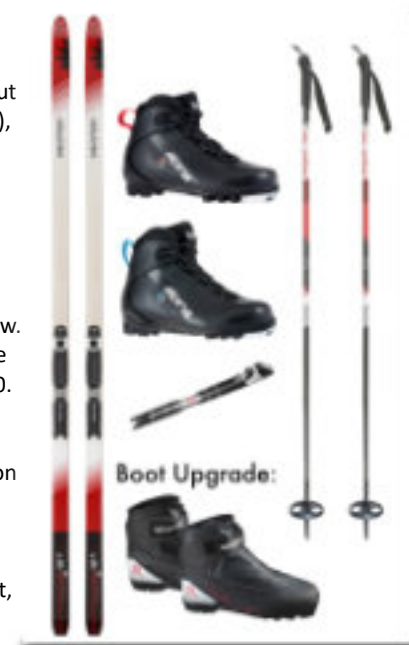
A metal-edged recreational ski offering exceptional versatility and control.

– **2023 Salomon Escape Outpath 60 No-Wax Skis** Side Cut 60-50-55 mm. Sizes: 170 cm (skier weight 110 to 140 lbs), 180 cm (140 to 165 lbs), 190cm (165 to 195 lbs), 200cm (185 to 220 lbs), & 210cm (200 lbs and above). The Salomon Escape Outpath 60 ski comes with a full steel edge, making it one of the most versatile touring skis available in a recreational cross country ski package. The Air Channel Poplar Core is very durable and responsive, and embossed MGE base glides smoothly across the snow. Now you can fearlessly enjoy the groomed track AND the back country on the same skis! Use on and off trail 50/50. XC Ski HQ Demo Rating: 4¼ out of 5 stars.

– **2025 Alpina T5 (Mens) and T5 Eve (Womens) NNN Boots.** Warm and supportive touring boots. Read more on Page 19.

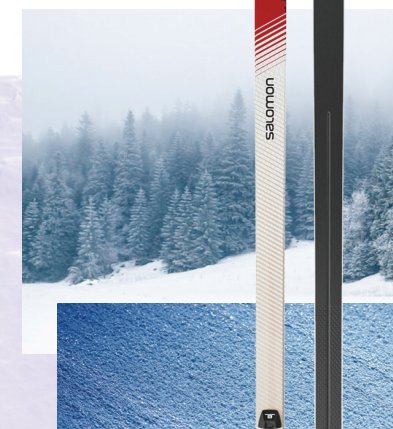
– **2025 Salomon Prolink Automatic Bindings.** Easy, step-in automatic bindings.

– **2025 Alpina ST Snowflake Poles.** Round powder basket, aluminum shaft, and adjustable strap.



Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots \$47.46.

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Escape 60 Outpath Skis

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FISCHER ORBITER CROWN SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$539.98~~ \$438.88 | 19% OFF



These nimble speedsters are the life of the party!

– **2025 Fischer Orbiter Crown No-Wax Skis.** Side cut 48-44-46mm. Sizes: 164cm(80-120 lbs), 174cm(120-175 lbs), 184cm(175-210 lbs), and 189cm(210 lbs and above). We are very excited to be carrying the Orbiters this year after demo-ing them last winter and having a BALL! Fischer's Vario Crown pattern, combined with Efficient Forward technology gives both amateurs and seasoned pros an extraordinary skiing experience. Shorter lengths make these skis nimble and highly maneuverable, while maintaining excellent stability. Use on/off trail: 70/30. HQ Demo Rating 5 out of 5 stars.

– **2025 Alpina T5 (Mens) and T5 Eve (Womens) NNN Boots.** Warm and supportive touring boots. Read more on page 19.

– **2025 Turnamic Control Step-In Bindings.** Adjustable, automatic step-in binding with manual release for optimized grip and glide.

– **2025 Swix ST102 Trail Poles.** Universal basket, sturdy aluminum shaft, and adjustable straps.

Upgrade to the Fischer RCS Classic Boots for less bulk and a more refined fit: \$99.71.

FISCHER SPIDER 62 XTRALITE TOURING PACKAGE: ~~\$533.98~~ \$440.70 | 17% OFF

Our best selling, all terrain ski package!

– **2025 Fischer Spider 62 Xtralite No-Wax Skis.** Side Cut 62-52-60mm. Mid length Sizes: 169cm (less than 144 lbs), 179cm (145 to 196 lbs), 189cm (176 to 231 lbs), and 199cm (220+ lbs). Full length metal edge, plus shorter-than-most sizing give these skis excellent control and stability for on- and off-track adventures. This positive molded base climbs and glides better than any no-wax base that Fischer ever put on a metal edged ski. These skis give you stability, easy turning, and great glide with very little effort! Use on/off trail 40/60. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.

– **2023 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 19.

– **2025 Turnamic Tour Step-In Bindings.** Adjustable, automatic step-in binding with manual release for optimized grip and glide.

– **2025 Swix ST102 Trail Poles.** Universal basket, sturdy aluminum shaft, and adjustable straps.

Upgrade to the Salomon Escape Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, and supportive boots: \$33.25.



FISCHER SUPERLITE CROWN PACKAGE: ~~\$593.99~~ \$483.45 | 19% OFF



High quality construction makes this one of the funnest sport fitness skis ever.

– **2025 Fischer Superlite Crown IFP No-Wax Skis.** Side cut 48-44-46 mm. Sizes 179cm (skier weight less than 130 lbs), 184cm (121-152 lbs), 189cm (132-163lbs), 194cm (154-185 lbs), 199cm (163 -198 lbs), 204cm (187-220 lbs), 204cm extra stiff (+220 lbs). A top choice for in-track performance. Fischer's Vario Crown "Grip Meets Glide" pattern, plus narrower side cut than other recreational skis, give it an exceptional amount of glide while maintaining stability. Use on/off trail 80/20. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2023 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 19.

– **2025 Turnamic Control Step-In Bindings.** Adjustable, automatic step-in binding with manual release for optimized grip and glide.

– **2025 Alpina ST Plus Poles.** Lightweight, durable, tapered aluminum shaft, comfortable rubber grip, and easy adjusting wide loop strap.

Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots: \$33.25. Upgrade to the Swix Focus Comp Poles for a carbon composite shaft with adjustable wrap-around strap and cork grip: \$14.25.

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SKIN SKI PACKAGES

Skin skis have a micro-fiber mohair strip attached to the base which provides grip without the use of grip wax!

ROSSIGNOL R-SKIN XC 55 PACKAGE: ~~\$470.93~~ \$349.73 | 26% OFF



Skin grip zone and sporty side cut for exceptional groomed-trail performance!

– **2025 Rossignol R-Skin XC 55 No-Wax Skis.** Side Cut 55-48-52mm. Mid length Sizes: 165cm (90 to 120 lbs), 175cm (120 to 150lbs), 185cm (150 to 180 lbs), and 195cm (180 to 230+ lbs). Rossignol Evo R-Skin XC 55 skis have a mohair R-Skin grip zone instead of a traditional "fish-scale" grip zone, offering increased speed. They also have a slightly higher quality base material at tip and tail for even more glide. The ski's shorter length enhances maneuverability and control for increased confidence, and perfect for the sporty recreational skier. Use on/off trail 70/30. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2025 Alpina T5 (Mens) and T5 Eve (Womens) NNN Boots.** Warm and supportive touring boots. Read more on page 19.

– **2025 Turnamic Control Step-In Bindings.** Adjustable, automatic step-in binding with manual release for optimized grip and glide.

– **2025 Swix ST102 Trail Poles.** Universal basket, sturdy aluminum shaft, and adjustable straps.

Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Boots for warmer, more comfortable boots: \$14.21.

ROSSIGNOL EVO R-SKIN XC 60 PACKAGE: ~~\$490.93~~ \$389.73 | 21% OFF

Great glide and stability make these skin skis the most versatile for off track skiing.

– **2023 Rossignol Evo R-Skin XC 60 No-Wax Skis.** Side cut 60-50-55 mm. Sizes 165cm (skier weight 90 lbs to 120 lbs), 175cm (120 to 150 lbs), 185cm (150 to 180 lbs), and 195cm (180 to 230+ lbs). These skis are similar to the Rossignol Evo XT 60 Positracks, except that they have a mohair R-Skin grip zone instead of a traditional "fish-scale" grip zone and slightly faster tip and tail which gives them better glide in tracks. Use on and off trail 55/45. XC Ski HQ Demo Rating 5 out of 5 stars.

– **2025 Alpina T5 (Mens) and T5 Eve (Womens) NNN Boots.** Warm and supportive touring boots. Read more on page19..

– **2024 Turnamic Control Step-In Bindings.** Adjustable, automatic step-in binding with manual release for optimized grip and glide.

– **2024 Swix ST102 Trail Poles.** Universal basket, sturdy aluminum shaft, and adjustable straps.

Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots: \$47.46.

ATOMIC SAVOR 48 SKINTEC PACKAGE: ~~\$535.98~~ \$394.15 | 26% OFF



A staff favorite! Easy to control and fabulous glide.

– **2025 Atomic Savor 48 Skintec Skis.** Side cut 51-46-48 mm. Sizes 174cm (skier weight 110 to 143 lbs), 184cm (121 to 154 lbs), 194cm (154 to 187 lbs), 194cm X-Stiff (176 to 209 lbs), 204cm (176 to 209 lbs), & 204cm X-Stiff (198 to 254 lbs). Thanks to a hydrophobic coating on the mohair skin and High Densolite core, the Savor 48 Skintec is fast and gets great grip, and makes it easy to maneuver on the downhills. A staff favorite! Use on/off trail 70/30. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2023 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 19.

– **2025 Salomon Prolink Shift Pro Classic Bindings.** Sleek, adjustable, lightweight bindings with manual entry.

– **2025 Swix ST102 Trail Poles.** Universal basket, sturdy aluminum shaft, and adjustable straps.

Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots: \$33.25.

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ATOMIC PRO C2 SKINTEC PACKAGE: ~~\$603.99~~ \$432.15 | 28% OFF

Hands-down, the best value for a high performance, in-track skin ski package.

– **2023/25 Atomic Pro C2 Skintec Skis.** Side cut 45-45-45 mm. 181cm (110-132 lbs), 188cm (121 to 154 lbs), 195cm (132 to 165 lbs), 202cm (154 to 187 lbs), 209cm (176 to 209 lbs), & 209cm X-Stiff (198 to 242 lbs). BL 4K base and Race Grind provide excellent glide, and an ultra High Densolite core make these skis stable, durable and dynamic. A great value for in-track fitness skiing or racing, they deliver a fast and fun ride without the hassle of waxing. Use on/off trail 90/10. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2023 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 19.

– **2025 Salomon Prolink Shift Pro Classic Bindings.** Sleek, adjustable, lightweight bindings with manual entry.

– **2025 Alpina ST Plus Poles.** Lightweight, durable, tapered aluminum shaft, comfortable rubber grip, and easy adjusting wide loop strap.

Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more comfortable, more supportive boots: \$33.25.



FISCHER TWIN SKIN SUPERLITE PACKAGE: ~~\$623.99~~ \$499.95 | 20% OFF

The best gliding package available for fitness and sport skiers!

– **2025 Fischer Twin Skin Superlite IFP Skis.** Ski weight 1260 grams for size 194cm. Side cut 48-44-46 mm. Sizes 179cm, 184cm, 189cm, 194cm, 199cm, 204cm. Skis are hand picked by flex and length to fit the skier. These lightweight skis combine the easy power transfer of Efficient Forward construction with the secure grip of the Twin Skin giving them great grip and glide in all snow conditions. Use on/off trail 80/20. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.

– **2023 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 19.

– **2025 Turnamic Control Step-In Bindings.** Adjustable, automatic step-in binding with manual release for optimized grip and glide.

– **2025 Alpina ST Plus Poles.** Lightweight, durable, tapered aluminum shaft, comfortable rubber/cork grip, and easy adjusting wide loop strap.

Upgrade to the Salomon Escape/Vitane Plus Boots for warmer, more supportive boots: \$33.25. Upgrade to the Swix Focus Comp Poles for a carbon composite shaft with adjustable wrap-around strap and cork grip: \$14.25.



FISCHER TWIN SKIN PRO PACKAGE: ~~\$653.99~~ \$540.45 | 17% OFF

The perfect skin ski for the citizen racer.

– **2025 Fischer Twin Skin Pro Skis.** Ski weight = 1330 grams for size 197cm. Side cut 41-44-44 mm. Sizes 182cm, 187cm, 192cm, 197cm, 202cm, and 207cm, in Medium and Stiff flexes. We will hand-pick the appropriate ski length and flex based on skier height, weight, and experience level. The Fischer Twin Skin Pro EF ski is the perfect ski for citizen racers as well as High School racers. Unlike all other Twin Skin racing skis, the Pro offers Fischer's Efficient Forward (EF) construction, which adds elasticity to the body of the ski, meaning almost effortless kick on both hills and flats; a much more user-friendly racing ski! Use on and off trail 95/05. XC Ski HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.

– **2023 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling touring boots! Read more on page 19.

– **2025 Turnamic Race Classic Bindings.** Adjustable, automatic step-in binding with manual release for optimized grip and glide.

– **2025 Alpina ST Plus Poles.** Lightweight, durable, tapered aluminum shaft, comfortable rubber grip, and easy adjusting wide loop strap.

Upgrade to Fischer RC5 Classic boots for a lighter, more performance driven boot: \$85.50



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FISCHER TWIN SKIN CARBON PRO PACKAGE: ~~\$1018.98~~ \$830.50 | 18% OFF

Best in class for no-wax race performance.

– **2025 Fischer Twin Skin Carbon Pro Skis.** Ski weight = 1080 grams for size 197cm. Side cut 41-44-44 mm. Sizes 187cm, 192cm, 197cm, 202cm, and 207cm, in Soft, Medium and Stiff flexes. Skis are hand picked by flex and length to fit the skier. This Fischer ski combines revolutionary Twin Skin technology with top-end features that Fischer is known for, such as cold base bonding and Aircore Carbon core for incredibly lightweight, responsive, and consistent ski feel. WC Plus base. Use on/off trail 95/05. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2025 Fischer RC5 Classic Boots.** Great fitting and lightweight race boots. Read more on page 19.

– **2025 Turnamic Race Classic Bindings.** Adjustable, automatic step-in binding with manual release for optimized grip and glide.

– **2025 Swix Focus Composite Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Upgrade to the Fischer Carbonlite Boot for feather light race quality: \$104.50.



WAXABLE CLASSIC PACKAGES

ROSSIGNOL DELTA SPORT CLASSIC WAX PACKAGE: ~~\$544.94~~ \$440.70 | 19% OFF

A fast, fun and affordable classic race package!

– **2025 Rossignol Delta Sport Classic Wax IFP Skis.** Ski weight 1260g for size 196cm. Side Cut: 44-44-44-40mm. Sizes 176cm, 186cm, 196cm, 201cm, and 206cm. Skis are hand picked by flex and length to fit the skier. A perfect classic waxable ski for high school and citizen racers, fitness skiers, and skiers who enjoy high performance recreation. Racing profile and K7000 base provide great glide, while softer tip and tail, plus a thinner core profile offer easy and precise kick. Use on/off trail 95/05. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2023 Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots.** Our best-selling boots! Read more on page 19.

– **2025 Turnamic Race Classic Bindings.** Adjustable, automatic step-in binding with manual release for optimized grip and glide.

– **2025 Alpina ST Plus Poles.** Lightweight, durable, tapered aluminum shaft comfortable rubber grip, and easy adjusting wide loop strap.

Upgrade to the Rossignol X-6 SC Combi boot more ankle support, a race fit, and speed-lacing. \$69.890



FISCHER SPEEDMAX 3D CLASSIC PACKAGE: ~~\$1,299.98~~ \$1,072.16 | 18% OFF

The proven winner in the classic racing category.

– **2025 Fischer Speedmax Classic 3D Plus IFP Skis.** Ski weight 1030 grams for 197cm. World Cup side cut 41-44-44 mm. Sizes 192cm, 197cm, 202cm, and 207cm, Medium and stiff flexes available. Skis are hand picked by flex and length to fit the skier. The Speedmax is Fischer's fastest classic race ski. Revolutionary Cold Base Bonding gives the Fischer Speedmax Classic unprecedented gliding properties, wax absorption, grindability, and overall speed. Use on/off trail 95/05. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.

– **2025 Fischer RC5 Classic Boots.** Great fitting and lightweight race boots. Read more on page 19.

– **2025 Turnamic Race Pro Bindings.** Extremely lightweight, manual bindings with tool-less adjustment for optimized grip and glide.

– **2025 Swix Dynamic D1 Poles.** Very light, stiff, durable, carbon composite shaft, thermoplastic cork grip, ProFit 3D strap, 97 TBS baskets.

Upgrade to the Fischer Carbonlite Classic boot for a feather-weight race boot: \$104.50



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BACK COUNTRY SKI PACKAGES

FISCHER SPIDER 62 BACK COUNTRY PACKAGE: ~~\$669.99~~ \$521.48 | 22% OFF



The best gliding, most versatile metal edged ski package available.

- **2025 Fischer Spider 62 Xtralite No-Wax Skis.** Side Cut 62-52-60mm. Mid length Sizes: 169cm (less than 144 lbs), 179cm (145 to 196 lbs), 189cm (176 to 231 lbs), and 199cm (220+ lbs). Full length metal edge, plus shorter sizing give these skis excellent control and stability for on- and off-track adventures. Narrower than most metal edge skis, the Spider 62 fits in a groomed track, and has unbelievably good glide for a metal edged ski! Plus, you'll climb with ease on Fischer's Offtrack Crown base. Use on/off trail 40/60. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.
- **2025 Alpina Snowfield BC Boots.** Warm and supportive back country boots. Read more on page 20.
- **2025 Rottefella BC Auto Bindings.** Step-in, automatic back country bindings.
- **2025 Alpina ST Snowflake Poles.** Round powder basket, aluminum shaft, and adjustable strap.

Upgrade to the Rossignol BC X6/X6FW Boots for more warmth, and support: \$37.96.

ROSSIGNOL BC 65 PACKAGE: ~~\$650.94~~ \$524.33 | 19% OFF

A favorite for great glide off the tracks!

- **2025 Rossignol BC 65 Positrac Back Country Skis.** Side cut 65/53/60mm. Sizes 165cm (skier weight 100 to 120 lbs), 175cm (120 to 150 lbs), 185cm (150 to 180 lbs), 195cm (180 to +230 lbs). The Rossignol BC 65 is one of our favorite back country skis of all time. The Wood Air core makes them springy and responsive, and the best ever Positrac base climbs like a mountain goat. Shapely side cut offers excellent control and stability, and makes them especially easy to turn going down hills. Ideal for primarily off track skiing, but narrow enough for "skied-in" tracks. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.
- **2025 Alpina Snowfield BC Boots.** Warm and supportive back country boots. More on page 20.
- **2025 Rottefella BC Auto Bindings.** Step-in, automatic back country bindings.
- **2025 Alpina ST Snowflake Poles.** Round powder basket, aluminum shaft, and adjustable strap.



Upgrade to the Rossignol BC X6/X6FW Boots for more warmth, comfort, and support: \$37.96.

FISCHER OUTBACK 68 BC PACKAGE: ~~\$810.94~~ \$617.39 | 24% OFF



One of Outside Magazine's Best Nordic Skis for 2024.

- **2025 Fischer Outback 68 Positrac Back Country Skis.** Side cut 68/59/64mm. Sizes: 169cm (less than 144 lbs), 179cm (145 to 196 lbs), 189cm (176 to 231 lbs), and 199cm (220+ lbs). Enjoy exploring on the wide, stable Fischer Outback 68 Crown/Skin Xtralite skis. Featuring full length steel edges for enhanced downhill control and an Offtrack Crown pattern for reliable grip, this ski is also Easy Skin compatible (sold separately). HQ Demo Rating: 4¾ out of 5 stars.
- **2025 Rossignol BC X6 Boots.** Warm and supportive boots with lace cover and ankle support. Read more on page 20.
- **2025 Rottefella BC Magnum Bindings.** Heavy duty manual BC bindings.
- **2025 Alpina XT Poles.** Durable poles with a lightweight aluminum shaft round powder basket, cork grip for warmth, and wide, padded, adjustable straps.

ROSSIGNOL BC 80 PACKAGE: ~~\$810.94~~ \$617.39 | 24% OFF



The go-to package for deep snow, off-track skiing.

- **2025 Rossignol BC 80 Positrac Back Country Skis.** Side cut 80/60/70mm. Sizes 166cm (skier weight 90 lbs to 120 lbs), 176cm (120 to 150 lbs), 186cm (150 to 180 lbs), 196cm (180 to +230 lbs). The Rossignol BC 80 is made for those who like to get off the beaten track. Designed with wider dimensions and more pronounced sidecut, these skis are an especially great performer on downhills. Rocker tip and single camber profile keep the tips floating in deep snow. Positrac base climbs even steep terrain extremely well. Optional climbing skins available. HQ Demo Rating: 4¾ out of 5 stars.
- **2025 Rossignol BC X6 Boots.** Warm and supportive boots with zipper lace cover and added ankle support. Read more on page 20.
- **2025 Rottefella BC Magnum Bindings.** Heavy duty, manual BC bindings.
- **2025 Alpina XT Poles.** Durable poles with a lightweight aluminum shaft, rubber grip for warmth, and padded, adjustable straps.

SKATE SKI PACKAGES

ATOMIC PRO S1 SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$587.98~~ \$444.95 | 24% OFF

Great performance for the budget-conscious beginner!

- **2025 Atomic Pro S1 Skate Skis.** Ski weight 1420g for 186cm. Sidecut 43/43/43 mm. Sizes: 167cm (skier weight 99lbs to 143 lbs) 173cm (skier weight 110 to 165 lbs), 180cm (132 to 187 lbs), 186cm (165 to 220 lbs) & 192cm (187 to 242+ lbs). Easy to learn on, these skis have a double groove base for optimal stability. These are easy to maneuver up and down hills; an ideal skate ski for beginners at a great value. HQ Demo Rating: 4 out of 5 stars.
- **2025 Alpina T40 Skate Boots.** A warm, comfortable, recreational skate boot. Read more on page 21.
- **2025 Atomic Prolink Shift Skate Binding.** Lightweight, adjustable, manual bindings.
- **2025 Swix Focus Composite Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Upgrade to the Fischer RC3 Skate/RC Skate WS (Womens) Boot for more comfort, stability, power transfer, and overall performance \$33.21.



ROSSIGNOL DELTA SPORT SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$625.93~~ \$449.00 | 28% OFF

A top seller for an affordable recreational race package.

- **2025 Rossignol Delta Sport Skate Skis.** Ski weight 1280 grams for size 186cm. Sidecut 40/44/43/43 mm. Sizes: 163cm (skier weight 85-110 lbs), 173cm (skier weight 100-132 lbs), 180cm (121-155 lbs), 186cm (143-175 lbs) & 192cm (165 to +225 lbs). These skis are designed for the recreational and fitness skate skier, and very popular for High School racers. Easy to learn on, these skis track well and are super stable due to their dual base grooves and famous "Cobra Sidecut". A winner in our rental program. HQ Demo Rating: 4¾ out of 5 stars.
- **2025 Alpina T40 Skate Boots.** A warm, comfortable, recreational skate boot. Read more on page 21.
- **2025 Rottefella R-Skate Bindings.** Lightweight, manual bindings with tool-less adjustment.
- **2025 Swix Focus Composite Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, cork grips and wrap-around straps.

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FISCHER AEROLITE 60 SKATE PACKAGE: ~~\$603.98~~ \$489.95 | 19% OFF

Fischer's entry-level skate skis are perfect for beginner and recreational skating.

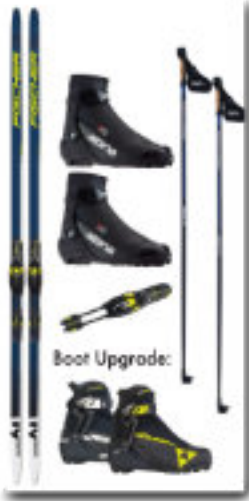
– **2025 Fischer Aerolite 60 Skate Skis.** Ski weight 1300 grams for 186cm. World Cup Side Cut 41-44-44 mm. Sizes 171cm (skier weight 99–141 lbs), 176cm (121–152 lbs), 181cm (143–174 lbs), 186cm (165–196 lbs), and 191cm (176 lbs and above). The Aerolite Skate 60 is built on the superior Air Core Basalite frame. It also features Speed Grinding 2.0 for improved glide in all snow conditions. These skis are stable, easy to learn on, and are perfect for a first set of skate skis. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2025 Alpina T40 Skate Boots.** A warm, comfortable, recreational skate boot. Read more on page 21.

– **2025 Turnamic Race Skate Bindings.** Adjustable, automatic step-in binding with manual release for optimized grip and glide.

– **2025 Swix Focus Composite Poles.** Light, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Upgrade to the Fischer RC3 Skate/RC Skate WS (Womens) Boot for more comfort, stability, power transfer, and overall performance: \$33.21.



ROSSIGNOL DELTA COMP SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$725.93~~ \$593.69 | 18% OFF

A Demo Center favorite for fitness skiing and racing.

– **2025 Rossignol Delta Comp Skate IFP Skis.** Ski weight 1240 grams for size 186cm. Sidecut 40/44/43/43mm. Sizes 173cm (skier weight 90 to 125 lbs), 180cm (120 to 150 lbs), 186cm (145 to 175 lbs), and 192cm (170lbs and above). We will hand-pick the best pair of skis according to your weight, ability, and height. The Rossignol Delta Comp features “Cobra Sidecut”, Dual base grooves and Nomex Honeycomb construction, making them very stable and very light. A winner in our demo center because of their stability and quick acceleration! HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2025 Alpina T40 Skate Boots.** A warm, comfortable, recreational skate boot. Read more on page 21.

– **2025 Rottefella R-Skate Bindings.** Lightweight, manual bindings with tool-less adjustment.

– **2025 Swix Focus Composite Poles.** Light, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Upgrade to the Fischer RC3 Skate/RC Skate WS (womens) Boot for more comfort, stability, power transfer, and overall performance: \$33.21



FISCHER AEROLITE 80 SKATE PACKAGE: ~~\$723.98~~ \$543.29 | 25% OFF

One of the best gliding, mid-range packages available.

– **2025 Fischer Aerolite 80 Skate Skis.** Ski weight = 1270 grams for 186cm. World Cup Side Cut 41-44-44 mm. We will hand-pick the best pair of skis according to your weight, ability, and height to ensure optimal performance. These Fischer skis have Air Core Basalite Pro construction and Power Edge, which makes for stable riding and smooth power transfer. World Cup Pro Universal Base means they will perform in all conditions. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2025 Alpina T40 Skate Boots.** A warm, comfortable, recreational skate boot. Read more on page 21.

– **2025 Turnamic Race Skate Bindings.** Adjustable, automatic step-in binding with manual release for optimized grip and glide.

– **2025 Swix Focus Composite Poles.** Light, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Upgrade to the Fischer RC3 Skate/RC Skate WS (Womens) Boot for more comfort, stability, power transfer, and overall performance: \$33.21.



SALOMON RS8 SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$645.93~~ \$516.74 | 20% OFF

A light and stable package for recreation, fitness and light racing.

– **2025 Salomon RS8 Skate Skis.** Side cut 44/43/45mm. Ski weight 1330 grams for size 191cm. Sizes 174cm (skier weight 85-120 lbs), 179cm (110-155 lbs), 179cm Stiff (155-200lbs), 186cm (130-175 lbs), 191cm (155-200 lbs), 191 Stiff (200+ lbs). The RS8 Skate skis are stable, fast, and ideal for recreational and fitness skiers as well as citizen racers. They feature a user friendly sidecut, providing perfect balance of speed and stability. G5 base and World Cup Grind ensure great glide. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2025 Alpina T40 Skate Boots.** A warm, comfortable, recreational skate boot. Read more on page 21.

– **2025 Salomon Prolink Pro Skate Bindings.** Lightweight, manual bindings.

– **2025 Swix Focus Composite Poles.** Light, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Upgrade to the Salomon RS8/RS8 Vitane(Womens) Skate Boots for lighter weight, more comfortable, more supportive boots that perfectly match the skis: \$66.46.



RS 8 SKATE

A lightweight, versatile and fast ski w/prolink pro bindings that is easy to ski on, providing the ideal balance between stability and speed.

The RS8 skate boots, designed to offer reliable edge grip, greater stability and easy access to longer gliding times.

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FISCHER AEROLITE 90 SKATE PACKAGE: ~~\$818.98~~ \$692.46 | 15% OFF

Light, fast skis, and high-end components make this skate package a top performer for citizen racing.

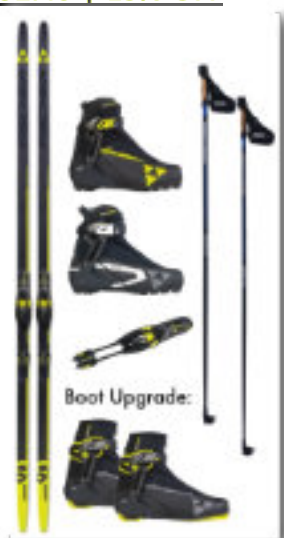
– **2025 Fischer Aerolite 90 Skate Skis.** Ski weight 1190 grams for size 186cm. World Cup sidecut 41/44/44mm. We will hand-pick the best pair of skis according to your weight, ability, and height. The Fischer Aerolite 90 Skate skis come with Diamond Tuned Grinding World Cup Plus base (new upgrade for 23/24), Power Edge, and Fischer's Finish First attention to detail making these skis very fast, plus easy to climb and maneuver. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

– **2025 Fischer RC3 Skate/RC Skate WS Boots.** Performance skating boot, also available in womens specific fit. Read more on page 21.

– **2025 Turnamic Race Skate Bindings.** Adjustable, automatic step-in binding with manual release for optimized grip and glide.

– **2025 Swix Focus Composite Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Upgrade to the Fischer RC5 Boot for a lighter boot with a more refined fit: \$42.75. Upgrade to the OneWay Storm 5 Mag Pole for a lighter, stiffer shaft and quick release strap: \$52.20



SALOMON S/MAX CARBON SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$945.88~~ \$779.20 | 18% OFF

Elite performance at a great value!

– **2025 Salomon S/Max Carbon Skate Skis.** Ski weight 1260 grams for size 192cm. Side cut 44-43-44 mm. Sizes 177cm, 182cm, 187cm, 192cm, & 192cm Extra Stiff. We will hand-pick the best pair of skis according to your weight, ability, and height. The lightweight Salomon S/Max Skate ski is built for speed, and features many components found on Salomon's World Cup level skis, including Thin Ply carbon construction for amazing torsional rigidity. Lightning fast World Cup G5 Universal Base with universal grind makes the S/Max highly versatile and very fast. HQ Demo Rating: 4¾ out of 5 stars.

– **2025 Salomon RS8/RS8 Vitane (Womens) Skate Boots.**

Performance skate boot with comfy fit. Read more on page 22.

– **2025 Salomon Shift Race Bindings.** Lightweight manual bindings with tool-free adjustability.

– **2025 Swix Focus Comp Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Upgrade to the Salomon RS10/RS10 Vitane Skate boots for lighter, stiffer, more streamlined boots: \$47.50. Upgrade to the One Way Storm 5 Mag poles for lighter-weight, stiffer poles with a quick-release strap: \$52.20



FISCHER RCS SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$1003.98~~ \$838.80 | 16% OFF

Loaded with world-cup level features, the RCS package will take your skiing to the next level.

– **2025 Fischer RCS Skate Plus Skis.** Ski weight 1090 grams per pair for 186cm. World Cup Skate Side Cut 41-44-44. We will hand-pick the best pair of skis according to your weight, ability, and height. Cold Base Bonding allows the base to retain its original molecular structure. Add the signature Hole Ski Tip, and you've got a ski that is quite comparable to the Speedmax, but without the price tag. HQ Demo Rating: 4¾ out of 5 stars.

– **2025 Fischer RC5 Skate Boots.** Light, comfy. Read more on page 22.

– **2025 Turnamic Race Skate Bindings.** Adjustable, automatic step-in binding with manual release for optimized grip and glide.

– **2025 Swix Focus Comp Poles.** Lightweight, carbon composite shaft, high stiffness and durability, cork grips and wrap-around straps.

Upgrade to the Fischer RCS boots for a streamlined, stiff race boot with an even more comfortable fit: \$52.25. Upgrade to the Turnamic Race PRO binding for a lighter weight and more secure connection: \$19.95 Upgrade to the OneWay Storm 5 Pole for a lighter-weight, stiffer shaft, plus quick release strap: \$52.20



ATOMIC REDSTER SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$1,449.94~~ \$1050.92 | 28% OFF

The most stable, high-end skate ski package available.

– **2025 Atomic Redster S9 Gen S Skate Skis.** Ski weight 1100g for 183cm ski. Sidecut 47/40/47 mm. Sizes 173cm, 183cm. After several years in development, this race skate ski brings together a whole package of innovation called Redster Gen S technology to help you race faster: Speedline is a revolution in sidecut design: its wider tip and tail makes the ski arc forward in each stride rather than fading away, generating longer strides and more stability and efficiency, with shorter ski lengths for agility. Racewall is a sidewall breakthrough that generates an even closer connection between ski edge and snow for more direct power transmission, while a bonded plate and binding system delivers an even more direct transmission. These newer generation skis are the pinnacle of skate ski technology, and the ski of choice for all Atomic pro racers. Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.

– **2025 Salomon RS10 Skate Prolink Boots.** A sleek, stiff, and comfortable race boot. Read more on page 22.

– **2025 Atomic Shift Race Skate Bindings.** Lightweight, manual bindings with turn-dial adjustability.

– **2025 Swix Dynamic D1 Poles.** Light, stiff, durable, carbon composite shaft, cork-filled thermoplastic grip, ProFit 3D strap, 97 TBS baskets.

Upgrade to the Salomon S/Race skate boot for a lighter, stiffer boot: \$81.03. Upgrade to the KV+ Bora pole for an ultra high performance pole: \$128.30



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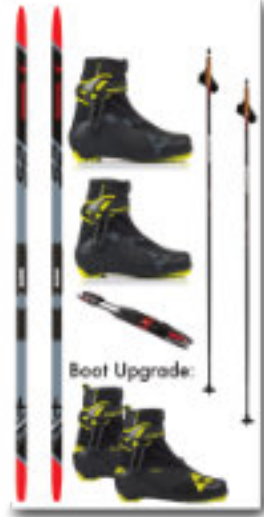
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ROSSIGNOL XIUM PREMIUM SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$1284.93~~ \$1054.91 | 18% OFF

Rossi's World Cup level skis deliver ultimate skate performance.

- **2025 Rossignol Xium Premium S2 Skate Skis.** Ski weight 1000 grams per pair for 188cm. Side Cut 40-44-43-43. Lengths: 183cm, 188cm, 193cm. We will hand-pick the best pair of skis according to your weight, ability, and height. This Demo Center favorite features hard-to-believe light weight, stability, glide, and overall power. Perfect for skiers who want effortless glide, maximal stability, and tremendous performance in all snow conditions. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.
- **2025 Fischer RC5 Skate Boots.** Light, comfy. Read more on page 22.
- **2025 Turnamic Race Pro Bindings.** Top-performing, lightweight, manual binding with tool-less adjustment.
- **2025 Swix Dynamic D1 Poles.** Light, stiff, durable, carbon composite shaft, cork-filled thermoplastic grip, ProFit 3D strap, 97 TBS baskets. Upgrade to the Fischer RCS boots for a streamlined, stiff race boot with an even more comfortable fit: \$52.25. Or, upgrade to the Fischer Carbonlite Skate boot for a more light-weight, race oriented boot: \$161.55.



SALOMON S/LAB CARBON SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$1434.89~~ \$1131.42 | 21% OFF

Full carbon construction delivers disruptive skate technology and groundbreaking performance.

- **2025 Salomon S/Lab Carbon Skate Skis.** Universal base. Ski weight 980 grams for size 192cm. Side cut 44-43-44 mm. Sizes 177cm, 182cm, 187cm, 192cm & 192 Extra Stiff. This is the history-making, Olympic Gold Medal winning ski that deserves every bit of fame it has received. Both '24 and '25 models have the same ski, but with different styles of adjustable bindings. Unbelievably light and fast. G5% base and SL22 grind make them even faster! HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.
- **2025 Salomon RS10 Skate Prolink Boots.** A sleek, stiff, and comfortable race boot. Read more on page 22.
- **2025 Shift Race Binding** Top-performing, lightweight, manual bindings with tool-less adjustment.
- **2025 OneWay Storm 5 MAG Poles.** Light, stiff, carbon composite shaft with click release straps

**Some ski selections will be the 2024 model, which is the same ski, with a different style adjustable binding. We will select skis based on the individual skier. 2024 package price: \$1045.92*

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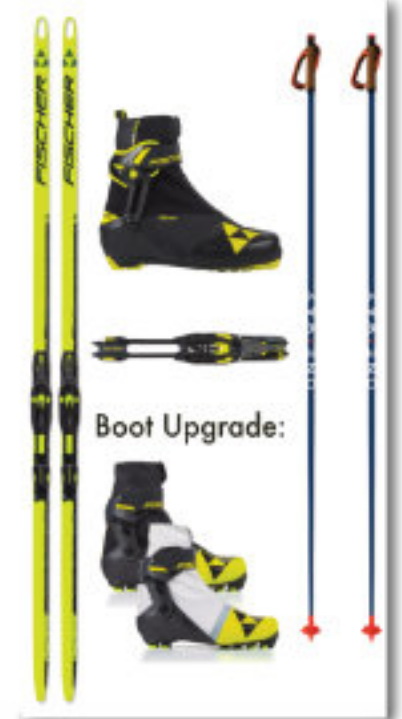
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FISCHER HELIUM SKATE SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$1503.99~~ \$1217.66 | 19% OFF

The lightest skate skis on the market. Prepare for liftoff!

- **2025 Fischer Speedmax Helium Skate Skis.** Plus base. Weight: 950 grams for 186cm. World Cup side cut 41-44-44. Sizes 176cm, 181cm, 186cm, and 191cm in Medium and Stiff flexes. The Fischer Speedmax Helium Skate Ski is Fischer's new Olympic class racing ski. Better, Lighter, & Faster. New Bidirectional Air Core technology and helium shield shell translate to maximum performance at a revolutionary weight of 950 grams. The lower and shorter tip construction follows the demands of real racing, and provides faster turnover and better climbing by reducing the skis swing weight. These skis will have you feeling like you're skiing on air! HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.
- **2025 Fischer RCS Skate Boots.** A streamlined, stiff race boot with comfortable fit. Read more on page 22.
- **2025 Turnamic Race Pro Skate Bindings.** Top-performing, lightweight, manual binding with tool-less adjustment.
- **2025 OneWay Storm 5 MAG Poles.** Light, stiff, carbon composite shaft with click release straps.

Upgrade to the Fischer Speedmax Skate boots (see page 23) \$389.30.
Upgrade to the One Way Storm 2 MAG for a lighter, stiffer shaft: \$84.60



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The current building of XC Ski HQ was first constructed in 1977, and every 7 years or so, a new addition was added. The funny thing is, no matter how many additions are added, we're still 'always running out of room'!



CLASSIC BOOTS

All our boots are NNN Prolink

Alpina T5 (Mens) and T5 Eve (Womens) Boots

This Sport Touring boot looks great and has features found on boots costing much more, including a reinforced heel counter, Thinsulate insulation, and a soft collar. The soft boot flex makes for ideal classic skiing performance, and the lace hooks on the upper offer great ankle support. Use on and off trail 60/40. XC HQ Demo Rating: 4 out of 5 stars.

List Price: \$120. **OUR PRICE: \$99.99**



Salomon Escape (Mens) and Vitane (Womens) Prolink Boots

This warm, comfortable boot is our best seller for recreational classic skiing. Famously comfortable, they feature the Salomon Touring fit, Lace cover with central zip to keep feet dry, and insulation throughout the entire boot. Recommended use on and off trail 60/40. XC HQ Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

List Price: \$135. **OUR PRICE: \$114.95**



Salomon Escape Plus (Mens) and Vitane Plus (Womens)

Get the best fit possible with the Salomon Escape Plus Prolink boot. It's a confidence-building touring boot with an ergonomic and supportive touring cuff with velcro closure, quick lacing, extra-thick Thinsulate (the warmest touring boot we've found!), and central zip lace cover. Use on and off trail 50/50. XC Ski HQ Demo Rating: 4¾ out of 5 stars. List Price: \$175. **OUR PRICE: \$149.95**



Fischer RC5 Classic Boot

Targeted at training and racing, the RC5 Classic is built on a classic sole flexed for easy striding. Featuring an external injected heel cap for enhanced stability and power transfer, along with Speed Lock lacing and a Thermo Fit heel pocket for a secure, comfortable fit. The breathable Triple-F Membrane repels the elements while letting moisture escape to keep feet dry.

XC HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

List Price: \$219. **Call for sale price.**



Salomon RC9 Classic Boots

Developed for endurance skiers, the Salomon RC9 Nocturne Classic Prolink boot combines performance with a generous fit. The heel box rigidity, adjustable heel strap and perfect flex offer stability and easy grip access. The SensiFit™ with Quicklace™ and Thinsulate™ lining provide warm, precise foot wrapping. XC Ski HQ Demo Rating: 4¾ out of 5 stars. List price: \$280. **Our Price: \$168**



Fischer Carbonlite Classic Boot

This feather-light race boot has all the World Cup technologies WITH comfort! Equipped with the Turnamic Race Classic sole with soft, classic flex and stable, wide underfoot, Internal Molded Heel Cap, plus Triple-F Membrane outer allowing for a breathable and comfortable in-boot climate, Speed Lock lacing, and sealed zipper over easy entry loops. Turnamic sole is compatible with all NNN, Turnamic, and ProLink bindings.

XC HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.

List Price: \$359. **Call for sale price.**



COMBI BOOTS

Rossignol X-6 SC Combi Boots



This is a comfortable, great performing boot that can be used for skating and classic skiing. It comes with a supportive, articulated cuff with Velcro strap for skating stability and support, but with a sole soft enough for efficient classic technique. This boot fits all current NNN, ProLink & Turnamic bindings.

XC HQ Demo Rating 4½ out of 5 stars.

List Price: \$249.95. **OUR PRICE: \$179**

Salomon Pro Combi SC Boots

A superior boot that can be used for skate and classic. It comes with a supportive, articulated cuff with Velcro strap for skating stability and support, and a combi sole soft enough for efficient classic technique, but still stiff enough for recreational skate performance. This boot fits all current NNN, ProLink & Turnamic bindings.

XC HQ Demo Rating: 4¼ out of 5 stars.

List Price: \$259. **Call for sale price.**



BACK COUNTRY BOOTS

Alpina Snowfield Back Country Boots

This back country boot from Alpina is well equipped to provide warmth, support, and comfort for your back country skiing adventure. The supportive high collar provides stability and control, especially on downhills and turns, and Thinsulate insulation plus toe box protection makes sure feet stay toasty and dry. Anatomic foot bed and soft collar ensure comfort, and speed lacing and entry loop makes these very easy to get on and off. NNN-BC sole fits all Rottefella NNN-BC bindings.

XC HQ Demo Rating: 4 out of 5 stars.

List Price: \$175. **OUR PRICE: \$144.99**



Alpina Outlander (Mens) and Outlander Eve (Womens) Boot

This highly comfortable and supportive boot is one of our favorites. Features neoprene zip-up lace cover for added insulation, Thinsulate insulation, anatomic footbed, articulating ankle cuff for added support. Womens boot features womens-specific fit. Fits all NNN-BC bindings.

XC HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.

List Price \$225. **OUR PRICE \$184.99**



Rossignol BC X6 (mens) and BC 6 FW (womens) BC Boot

Fully waterproof and insulated, the BC X6 has a zippered lace cover to keep feet dry and warm all day long. A sturdy, 3D bi-injection, hinged ankle cuff with Velcro strap secures the ankle in place, allowing for safe and efficient power transfer to the ski. Stiff boot flex provides support for turning, and allows ample range of motion for striding on the flats and uphill. This boot is comfortable, supportive and durable. NNN-BC Sole fits NNN-BC bindings only.

XC HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.

List price: \$224.95. **OUR PRICE: \$199.95**



SKATE BOOTS

Alpina T40 Skate Boots

This Alpina boot is a favorite in the recreational skating boot category. The T40 comes with Thinsulate insulation to keep feet warm, extra padding, and anatomic footbed for a comfortable fit. Medium boot flex, plastic heel counter, and ankle cuff with Velcro power strap ensure optimum stability and support for skating. The NNN sole is compatible with all current NNN-compatible bindings. The T40 is a highly durable skate boot, perfect for recreational skate skiing.

XC HQ Demo Rating: 4 out of 5 stars.

List Price: \$200. **OUR PRICE: \$169.99**

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Fischer RC3 Skate / RC Skate WS (Womens Specific) Boots

This 23/24 skate boot from Fischer features a stiff sole, Thinsulate insulation for excellent warmth, thermo fit foot molding, and articulating hinged polymer cuff for stability. A great choice for recreational and fitness skiers, as well as casual racers. XC HQ Rating: 4¼ out of 5 stars. List Price: \$219.

Our Price: \$204.98



Salomon RS8 / RS8 Vitane Skate ProLink Boots

Salomon's robust Energyzyr ankle cuff provides lateral support and stability. The Salomon RS8 skate boot offers an extremely precise and comfortable foothold, advanced 3D chassis, sensifit envelopment, plus Quicklace for a secure fit. XC HQ demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars. List Price: \$259.95. **Call for sale price.**



Fischer RC5 Skate Boots

The RC5 has all the features of the RC3 but with weight-reducing construction, added ankle cuff padding/comfort, and a more refined fit. Other features include Thinsulate insulation for excellent warmth, Triple-F Membrane for a breathable in-boot climate, thermo fit foot molding and articulating hinged polymer cuff for stability. A great choice for race and sport skiers. Fits all current NNN, ProLink & Turnamic bindings. XC HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars. List Price: \$279. **Call for sale price.**



Salomon RS10 / RS10 Vitane Nocturne Skate Prolink Boots

Model year 23/24. This ultra comfortable, high performance skate boot comes equipped with a carbon skating plate, Sensifit envelopment for maximum comfort, Dissociated Quicklace, Performance Energyzer Cuff, Advanced 3D Chassis for faster ski return, and a Custom Fit liner with thermo-molding sole. An excellent boot for fitness skiers, racers, and those who want great performance and lasting comfort without paying top dollar. The RS 10 Vitane has a womens last. Fits all current NNN, ProLink & Turnamic bindings. XC HQ Demo Rating: 4¾ out of 5 stars. List Price: \$339.95. **Our Price: \$237**



Fischer RCS Skate Boots

The Fischer RCS Skate Boots are lightweight, comfortable, and are ideal for aggressive skate skiers. Stiff boot flex provides exceptional torsional rigidity for efficient power transfer, and hinged polymer ankle cuff with velcro strap offers ample lateral stability and generous forward-back range of motion. Other features include Fischer's Speedlock Lacing system and Triple-F climate controlling membrane. These boots have a race fit, yet are extremely comfortable and provide top-level skating performance. XC HQ Demo Rating: 4¾ out of 5 stars. List Price: \$349. **Call for sale price.**



Salomon S/Race Carbon Skate Prolink Boots

A sleek, high performance race skate boot. Salomon's Carbon Loaded™ shell and cuff provide a super anatomic, close fit that maximizes precision. It also offers up to 20% more flexion and torsion stiffness for maximum power transmission at every stride. The innovative SensiFit™ Race system is strategically positioned on the shell to perfectly hold the liner and offer perfect foot wrapping and precision. Custom Fit Lab ensures 100% fit with fully thermo-formable liner adapting to the heel, ankle and toe areas. 3D Construction (vs. traditional 2D pattern) solves instant pressure points around ankle and heel to offer unmatched foothold, and ClimaSalomon™ WP Membrane makes this boot waterproof. XC HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars. List Price: \$499.95. **Our Price: \$319**



Salomon S/Race BOA Skate Boots

Same great features as the S/Race carbon, plus a BOA lace system, which allows uniform tightening for a superior fit and feel. XC HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars. List Price: \$529.95. **Call for sale price.**



Fischer Carbonlite / Carbonlite WS Boots

This new generation of the Carbonlite takes cues from the next level Speedmax boot, offering lighter-weight performance in a less bulky design. Fischer has added the speedmax sole to the carbonlite boot making the sole and heel more stable, secure and solid. Triple-F membrane technology is Fischer's innovation that keeps feet warm, protects them from water, and allows them to breathe. Other features: New Carbon-Fused technology for support, stiff Turnamic sole, plus Fischer's Race Fit. Fits all current NNN, ProLink & Turnamic bindings. Womens boot comes with womens-specific fit. XC HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars. List Price \$499. **Call for sale price.**



Salomon S/Lab Carbon Skate Prolink Boots

For skiers chasing the fastest glide, this boot has been developed in collaboration with World Cup athletes. The anatomic, Carbon Loaded™ cuff and bootie liner provide the closest fit needed for outstanding performance, while the carbon shell delivers unmatched precision and energy transmission. Salomon's well-known one-pull lacing system provides precise and snug fit. Custom Fit Lab ensures 100% fit with fully thermo-formable liner adapting to the heel, ankle and toe areas. 3D Construction (vs. traditional 2D pattern) solves instant pressure points around ankle and heel to offer unmatched foothold, and ClimaSalomon™ WP Membrane makes this boot waterproof. XC HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars. List Price: \$839 **Our Price: \$499 40% OFF**



Salomon S/Lab BOA Skate Boots

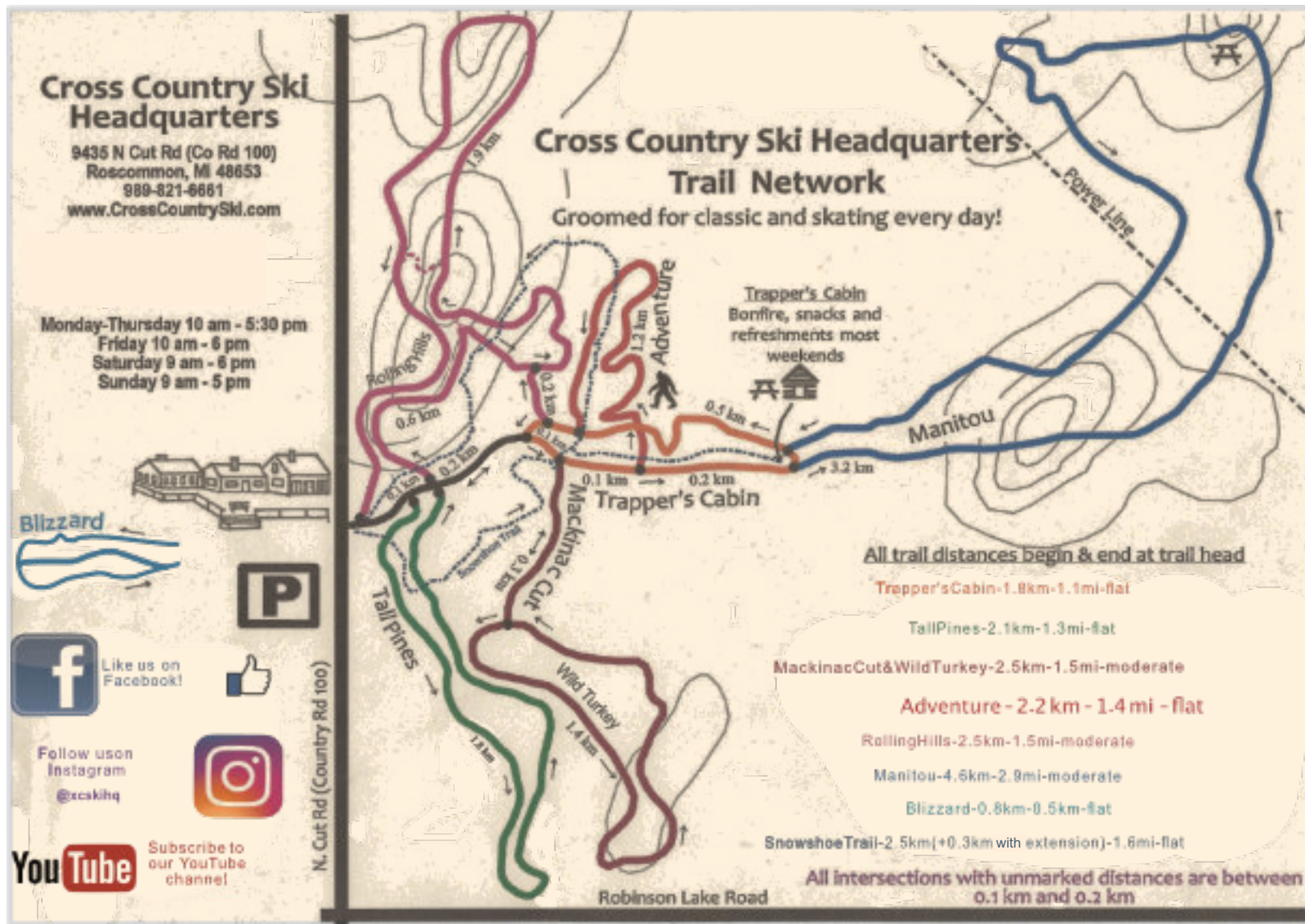
Same great features as the S/Lab Carbon plus a BOA lace system, which allows uniform tightening for a superior fit and feel. XC HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars. List Price: \$799.95. **Call for sale price.**



Fischer Speedmax Skate Boots

These boots define a new level of performance for skate skiing. Seamless carbon fiber molding and minimalist approach give you unparalleled light weight and skating performance, allowing you to go farther and faster than you thought possible. Staff favorite. XC HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars. List price: \$850. **Call for sale price.**





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3 Day Rental*	\$60	\$50	\$70	\$54	\$50

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TAKE A SKI LESSON

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced racer, our friendly, experienced instructors will help take your skiing to the next level. Available every day - call 800-832-2663 to schedule.

Private Lesson Rates (1 hour): \$50: 1 Person, +\$15 each additional person

Plus, join us for a FREE Beginner Ski Lesson, every Saturday during the ski season at 10:30am.

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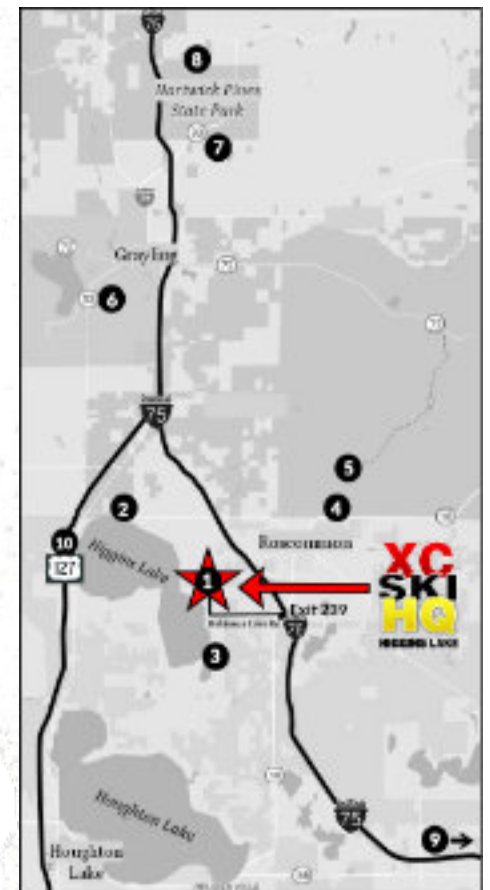
Heart of Northern Michigan Cross Country Ski Guide

1. Cross Country Ski Headquarters is a nationally recognized Nordic ski destination, with 18 kilometers of trails, groomed daily, snowshoe trails, plus award winning retail, rentals, lessons, cafe, day lodge, and bathrooms.

2. North Higgins Lake State Park Trails. Featuring a 6-mile loop, 4-mile loop, and shorter loops, these trails are beautiful and are occasionally groomed.

3. The Marl Lake Trails start from the parking lot at Marl Lake, across from the South Higgins Lake State Park. The longest of the 3 loops is 5.5 miles. Ungroomed, "skied-in" tracks can usually be found.

4. Tisdale Triangle trails in the village of Roscommon has 4 loops ranging from 3 to 6 miles near the AuSable River. They are occasionally groomed for classic skiing.



5. The Mason Tract is a gorgeous single-track pathway, most of which is along the AuSable River. It is a point-to-point trail, roughly 9 miles one-way, and groomed weekly for classic skiing.

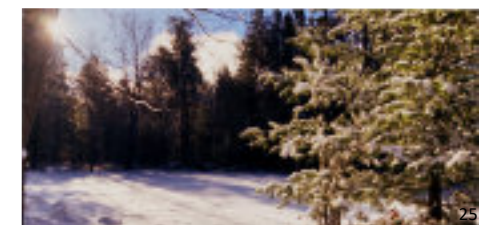
6. Hanson Hills has a heated lodge with bathrooms and a small snack bar, a designated classic ski trail, a designated snowshoe trail, plus over 20 miles of combined classic and skating trails. Groomed daily.

7. Hartwick Pines offers over 6 miles of trails, and is a favorite for many who wish to escape into the quiet of the woods. Occasionally groomed.

8. Forbush Corner features one of the best groomed trail experiences in the state. A cozy lodge with a potbelly stove, kitchen, bathrooms, and a 2km Snowmaking loop. Forbush offers a unique XC ski experience.

9. Ogemaw Hills Pathway consists of numerous loops that wind through 15 miles of the AuSable State Forest, usually with groomed classic tracks.

10. The West Higgins Lake Cross Country Ski Trail in Lyon Township is a 5 km loop, not usually groomed, but there are often skied-in classic tracks.



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JUNIOR SKI PACKAGES

SALOMON AERO JUNIOR GRIP NO-WAX SKI PACKAGE: ~~\$340.89~~ \$270.66 | 21% OFF



The gateway to endless winter fun for your kiddo!

- 2025 Salomon Aero Junior Grip No-Wax Skis. Side cut 51/47/50mm. Ski lengths: 91cm to 161cm (10cm increments). Sized to height of skier for easy learning and maneuverability. The Salomon Aero Junior Grip skis are the best in the industry, because they are durable, easy to maneuver, and wide enough to offer great stability. With the Salomon G2 Plus Nowax base, kids can get very easy kick and fast, controllable glide. This ski package includes membership in our Kids Trade-In Program (see details below). Use in and out of trail 50-50. HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.
- 2025 Salomon RC Prolink JR Boots. US sizes: Youth 7K to mens 8. Comfy lining and wool forefoot ensure warmth, over the ankle upper for support, and a zip-lace cover.
- 2025 Prolink Access Junior Bindings. Durable, manual binding.
- 2025 Salomon Escape Junior Poles. Aluminum shaft, adjustable strap.

JUNIOR TRADE-IN PROGRAM: Included with purchase of a Junior CLASSIC ski package. When child grows out of the boots, trade them in for larger boots from our trade-in program for the cost of \$25. To trade in for larger skis (but still junior length), the cost is approximately \$25. When the child grows into adult sized skis and boots, the cost to trade up is more. Full details at crosscountryski.com

SALOMON RS JUNIOR SKATE PACKAGE: ~~\$460.89~~ \$360.52 | 22% OFF

A great entry-level skate ski for kids who want to fly!

- 2024 Salomon RS Junior Skate Skis. Sidecut 44/42/44mm. Junior ski sizing is recommended for approximate height of skier for more user-friendly control and maneuverability. Ski lengths: 126cm to 158cm. Light and consistent core made with unidirectional fiberglass wrap and preshaped Densolite foam. With the Salomon G2 Plus Nowax base, kids can get a fast, controllable glide. Get your kids involved in one of the healthiest, life-long, outdoor activities there is! HQ Demo Rating: 4½ out of 5 stars.
- 2025 Salomon R/Combi Junior Boots. Faux fur lining and wool forefoot ensure warmth, and over the ankle support.
- 2024 Prolink Race Junior Bindings. A durable, easy-to-use junior binding with manual opening.
- 2025 Salomon Escape Junior Poles. Tapered aluminum shaft, wide loop strap, comfy foam grip.



FISCHER RCS JUNIOR SKATE PACKAGE: ~~\$543.94~~ \$446.41 | 18% OFF



Our favorite junior skating package.

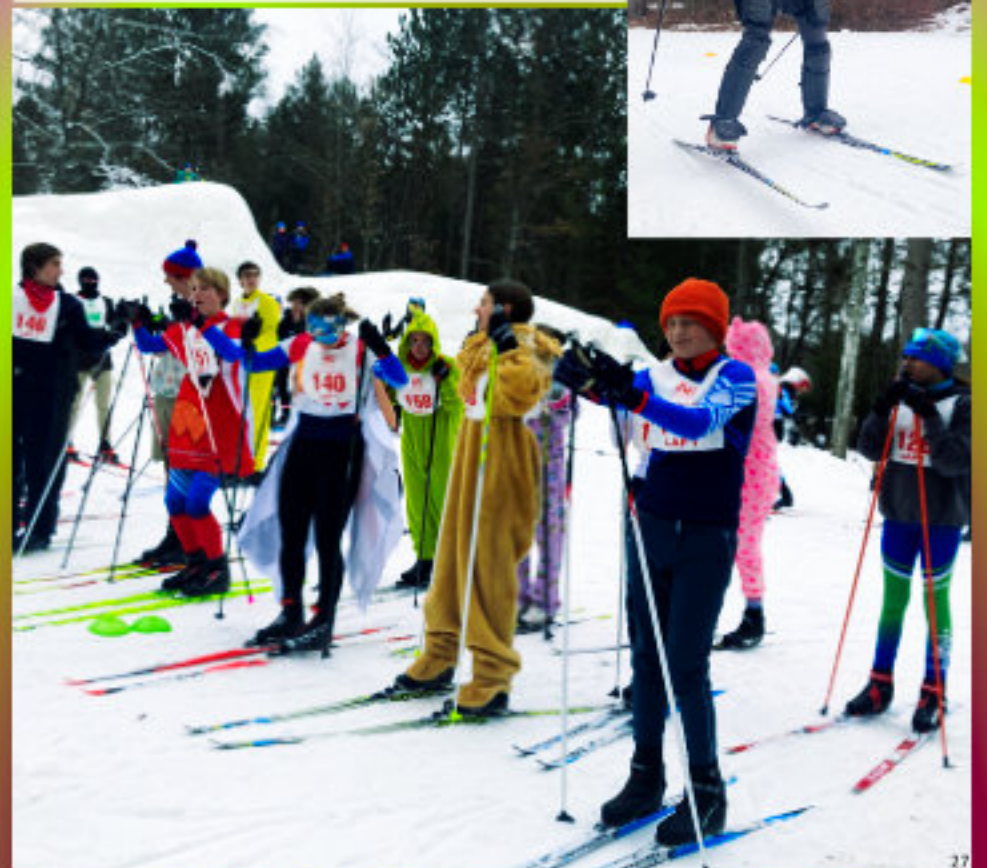
- 2025 Fischer RCS Junior Skate Skis. Sidecut 41/44/44mm. Junior ski sizing is recommended for approximate height of skier for more user-friendly control and maneuverability. Air Core Basalite gives a combination of Air Core material and extremely lightweight wood with air channels for efficient weight saving. Power Edge, The Fischer RCS junior skate skis offer Speed Grinding 2.0 for perfect gliding properties in all snow conditions. HQ Demo Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.
- 2025 Fischer Junior Combi Boots. Faux fur lining and wool forefoot ensure warmth, and over the ankle support.
- 2025 Turnamic Race Skate Junior Bindings. A durable, easy-to-use junior binding with automatic opening.
- 2025 Salomon Escape Junior Poles. Tapered aluminum shaft, wide loop strap, comfy foam grip.

32nd Annual Junior Muffin Race!!!

Sunday, Feb 23rd

A Relay Ski Race for kids... in full costume? That's right! Join us for this year's Junior Muffin Race! Juniors ages 13-19 compete in a Team Sprint 5Km Relay, with awards for top 3 teams in each division (girls, boys, co-ed). Kids ages 0-12 compete in the Mini Muffin Freestyle races, featuring distances of 0.5Km (6 and under), 1.5Km (7-9, and 2.5km (10-12). All Mini Muffins receive a handmade medal! Cost for Junior Muffins is \$10, and for Mini Muffins there is no charge. Make sure to wear a costume to be entered into the costume contest! All racers are treated to a hot meal on the sundeck after the race.

Sign up at www.crosscountryski.com!



CROSS COUNTRY SKI JACKETS

Bjorn Daehlie Davos Jacket

The Bjorn Daehlie Davos Jacket is a perfect cross country ski jacket for almost any skier. This wind-resistant and water-repellent, softshell hybrid jacket is laminated with a TPU membrane, ensuring that snow and sleet run off, giving you added protection during your ski outing. Its moisture-wicking and quick-drying 4-way stretch fabric keeps you dry and



comfortable during high or low intensity skiing. The brushed inside fabric placed at the neck ensures that this exposed zone is kept warm throughout your session. The strategically placed elastic panels and articulated sleeves provide full range of movement, as well as ensuring maximized ventilation properties. This jacket is ideal for recreational skiers, fitness skiers, and everyone in between.



List Price: \$120. 30% OFF Our Price: \$84

Swix Infinity Hybrid Insulated Jacket

This Swix Infinity Hybrid Insulated Jacket is body mapped with insulation in parts where needed the most when out cross country skiing. In other front facing parts, the Infinity is wind proof while the back section is made with stretch for ease of movement and ventilation. Made with recycled fabrics and filling. This jacket can of course also be worn as a warming mid-layer for any occasion when extra warmth is needed. Comes with two hand warmer pockets, cord adjustable bottom hem and partly elasticated sleeve cuffs for instant fit. Also featured is a tab with snap button at center front that provides air flow when needed.

List Price: \$160.

Our Price \$136.



Swix Mayen Quilted Jacket



Comfortable and convenient, the Swix Mayen Jacket was designed to be versatile and allow for a full range of outdoor activities, especially cross country skiing during the winter months. Developed with a unique quilted pattern, the Mayen provides optimal performance in colder conditions, preventing after-chill. The compact synthetic insulation keeps you warm on the run. The stretch panels under the sleeves and on the back gives you exceptional ease of movement and temperature regulation.

List Price: 180. **OUR PRICE: \$153.**



More colors and styles at CrossCountrySki.com Call 1-800-832-2663 to speak to a skier!

Bjorn Daehlie Challenge Jacket

The Bjorn Daehlie Challenge Jacket is an ideal cross country ski jacket for skiers who like to stay warm. This wind- and water-repellent soft-shell jacket has a brushed interior, and front insulation for extra warmth. Bionic Finish Eco technology on the fabric surface ensures that the light rain and sleet run off. The front of the jacket is padded with Thermore Ecodown fiber, a 100% recycled fiber with highly effective insulation properties that feels plentiful



and stays clump-free after washing. Elastic panels under the arms and in upper back provide optimal mobility and ventilation. Elastic cuffs with glued seams prevent chafing. Two zippered hand pockets and bottom drawstring round out the features on this awesome cross country ski jacket!

List Price: \$180.

OUR PRICE: \$144.

Swix Navado Hybrid Jacket

Skiers who want a little extra warmth for their winter adventures need to look no further than the Swix Navado Jacket. With wind- and snow-resistant, insulated panels on the front and shoulders, the Navado jacket ensures warmth in the chilliest conditions. Softshell panels at the waist offer stretch and freedom of movement, as well as



protection from the elements. Stretchy panels on the back provide ample range of motion and breathability, so you don't get too hot. This feature-rich jacket is an ideal cross country ski jacket, and includes two zippered hand pockets, zippered back stash pocket, aux cord compatibility, zipper garage, and reflective taping.

List Price: \$190.

30 % OFF Our Price \$133



Rab VR Summit Jacket

The Rab VR ("Vapor-Rise") Summit is one of our absolute favorite cross country ski jackets. Made for aerobic pursuits in cold conditions, this jacket manages your internal climate and keeps you protected from the elements like no other. Whether it's a quick training session, a full day back-country adventure, or a leisurely stride with friends, the Rab VR



Summit jacket has you covered. This protective, wind resistant and highly breathable jacket manages moisture efficiently while keeping you warm. Lined with lofted, warm-yet-wicking mesh, the VR Summit has an incredibly lightweight yet cozy feel to it. Feature-loaded and ideal for XC skiing, you'll be reaching for it all winter long!

List price: \$220.

OUR PRICE: \$198.



CROSS COUNTRY SKI PANTS

Craft Essence Tight

Unleash your true potential with our athletic Craft Essence Warm Wind Tight! Designed for pro athletes and everyday heros, these highly functional tights offer unbeatable performance during intense workouts in cold and windy conditions. The windproof front provides optimal protection, while the soft jersey fabric ensures maximum comfort. With a draw-cord at the waist and a zip back pocket for safe key storage, you can focus solely on reaching your goals. Break free from the daily routine and improve your performance with these game-changing tights.

List Price: \$100. **OUR PRICE: \$89.99**



Swix Infinity Pant



The Swix Infinity Hybrid Wind FZ pant are functional, all-around ski and training pants. The ski pants have a classic design that complements the Infinity Light 1/2 zip baselayer and the Infinity Hybrid Insulated jacket. Built for durability, the Infinity hybrid pant is a stretchy 2-layer softshell with fleece backer and treated with Eco-friendly water repellent to keep you dry from the elements. Also featured are two zippered hand pockets, side zippers from the knee down, articulated knees, and a partly elasticated waistband with a draw-cord.

List Price: \$100. **OUR PRICE: \$84.99**

Bjorn Daehlie Power Pant

Bjorn Daehlie Power Pants are the perfect choice for anyone who like a light weight pant with a tailored fit. The Power Pants are water resistant and have light soft-shell fabric panels to help keep you warm from the wind. Comfortable stretch material along the back provides good mobility while the wide silicone waistband and drawstring ensures they stay put. Silicone material has been placed at the bottom of the ankle for a better grip on your ski boots. The Bjorn Daehlie Power Pants are also equipped with a small zippered pocket for your keys and/or chap-stick. List Price: \$120. **OUR PRICE: \$96**



Swix Reine Hybrid Pant



The cross country ski trail is calling for the style, feel and comfort of the Swix Reine Hybrid Pant. Water resistant, breathable, and durable, they are exactly what you are looking for on a day of touring. Nylon construction with 4-way stretch all around keeps you comfortable, to reach new heights and enjoy the great outdoors.

List Price: \$120.

Our Price: \$102

Shop and view more styles at CrossCountrySki.com, or call 1-800-832-2663!

Swix Corvara Pants

Warm, comfortable, and great looking, the Swix Corvara Pants are loved by many skiers for their warm, comfortable fit. These pants are made of slightly thicker soft shell panels on the front than our other hybrids, so they protect from the elements exceedingly well. The stretchy, breathable panels on the backs of the legs are brushed with cozy fleece on the inside, so they feel like a warm hug all the way around your legs. The seat has a double layer of fabric for extra warmth, too. Other features include snap and zipper fly, two zipper hand pockets, and ankle zips. These pants are warm enough to be a stand-alone pant, and they also make a great snowshoe pant!

List price: \$120. **OUR PRICE: \$102.**



Sporthill 3SP Pants

Our best selling line of XC ski pants. Based in Eugene, Oregon, Sporthill changed the game in XC ski clothing by creating their signature fabric called 3SP. This densely woven, polypropylene / spandex knit is windproof up to 35 mph. Brushed on the inside for softness, it dries fast, sheds rain and snow, and keeps its wearers warm and protected from wind.

Tested and proven worldwide since 1991, these pants have been worn by thousands of cross country skiers who swear by this unique fabric, ideal for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Try it in these styles:

<< Sporthill Winter Fit Pant Featuring slim, straight legs, mid-rise, elastic drawcord waist, reflective piping along sides, chafe-free flatlocked inseams, ankle zips with gripper elastic inside the cuffs, and zippered hand pockets. Flattering "skinny jean" fit looks great on both women and men! Black. Men's: S-XXL Short: M,L. Long: M,L. Women's XS-XL. Petite: S,M,L. Long: S,M,L. List Price: \$160. **OUR PRICE: \$128.**



Sporthill XC Pant >> Relaxed classic fit, tapered ankles with 12" offset leg zips, flat fit waist band

with drawstring, zippered hand pockets, classic stitched front leg crease, and chafe-free flatlock stitching along the inseams. One of our best selling pants of all time! Black. Men's S-XXL Short length in M & L. Long in M,L,XL. Women's: XS-XL Petite in S,M,L. Long in S,M,L. List Price: \$160. **OUR PRICE: \$128.**



<< Sporthill Terrain II Pant and Traverse II Pant The men's Terrain II

Pant features a clean, straight roomy fit with slightly tapered leg. The women's Traverse II pant (the most popular womens 3SP style) has a wide leg, cut straight from the hip, and a flat front waistband with great fitting elastic back waist. Both pants come with drawcord waist, chafe-free flatlocked inseams, 2 zippered hand pockets, and no ankle zips. Black. Mens S-XXL Short: M,L Long: M,L,XL. Women's XS-XL Petite: S,M,L. Long: S,M,L. List Price: \$160. **OUR PRICE: \$128.**

Mountain Hardwear Yumalino / Yumalina Pant

A favorite for cold weather XC skiing, snowshoeing, and everyday life, this pant has a cult-like following for good reason. Stretchy soft shell fabric on the outside offers serious protection from snow, wind and cold, while lightweight fleece keeps you cozy on the inside. Tough enough for back country adventures, classic styling keeps them looking great when you come back indoors. The Yumalino (mens) has hand pockets, back pockets and a zipper side pocket, and is available in Black and Dark Storm. The Yumalina (womens) has a zipper side pocket. Waist sizes 28-42 (evens only plus 31 & 33), and in lengths: Short (30"), Reg (32"), Long (34"). Womens Sizes 2- 16 and lengths: Petite (30"), Reg (32"), Tall (34"). List Price: \$89. **OUR PRICE: \$75.65**



GLOVES AND MITTENS

Lighterweight

System 1: Toko Classic Glove

Our favorite lightweight glove is just warm enough for skiers whose hands are always hot, or for warmer weather skiing or racing. The polyester/Lycra outer shell protects from wind and cold while still allowing for lots of breathability, and the Chamude palm with silicon offers comfort and grip. Reinforced thumb patch adds durability, and tapered, stretchy cuff means no chilly air creeping in around the wrists. They're also washable! List Price: \$50. **SALE PRICE: \$44.99.**

System 2: Auclair Skater Glove

Auclair is one of our favorite manufacturers of gloves and mittens. With lightly brushed fleece lining, 5mm of thermal foam insulation, plus wind-blocking barrier on the back of the hand, the Skater gloves keep hands warm and cozy. The 4-way stretch mesh outer fabric makes for a great fit, as does the adjustable velcro wrist strap. Their best feature is the goatskin palm. Highly durable and very comfortable, goatskin keeps hands warm while gripping cold pole handles! The Skaters are sleek and easily fit into pole straps. List Price: \$55. **SALE PRICE: \$48.**

System 3: Auclair Lillihammer Glove/Gigatex Mitten

This glove and mitten is exactly like the Skater (it even looks the same!), except warmer. They have 150 grams of 3M Thinsulate Platinum insulation in them, so you can ski when it's too cold for most. Glove List Price: \$70. **SALE PRICE: \$56.** Mitten List Price: \$65. **SALE PRICE: \$52.**

Toko Thermal Split Mitt

Toko's warmest nordic glove and mitten use Primaloft insulation and Windblocker Outershell, and are made specifically for cross country skiing. These gloves/mittens move and flex with your hand, while maintaining optimal warmth and protection. Other features include Chamude Palm and reflective accents. Split Mitt List Price: \$62. **SALE PRICE: \$55.80.**



Big News at The Stone Turtle Cafe!!



Where does our food come from? Once we started asking that question, and learning the answers, we started a journey towards trying to serve food that was better for us and the planet. Our plant-based menu options, including chipotle veggie chili, mediterranean grain and veggie bowls, and veggie paninis - are some ways we've attempted to reduce our impact. This year, we're upping the ante on our protein sourcing, too! We are excited to be partnering with Anavery Fine Foods from Weinrich regenerative farm near Traverse City, who will be providing us with turkey, lamb, and beef this winter. We hope you enjoy the taste of local, regenerative meat from animals raised on pasture, without antibiotics, in an ethical and humane way.

AREA LODGING

Odder's Den Cross Country Skiers' Rental Home – located on XC Ski HQ trail system. A beautiful rental house right on the ski trails! Minimum two-night stay. Call 989-745-4741 or email mcclure333@gmail.com.

North Winds Lodge – 2 minutes from XC Ski HQ. Newly remodeled rooms, flat screen TV's, in-room coffee makers, and WiFi. Just 1/4 mile south of XC Ski HQ. 989-965-1398

Shamrock Hill – 4 minutes from XC Ski HQ, Gorgeous lakefront home with 6 bedroomss + 3 bathrooms. Watch the sunset from the four-season porch. Contact Liz @ 734-274-1379 or John @ 312-498-3078

Fought's Resort – 15 minutes from XC Ski HQ. Eight rustic cabins on the north shore of Houghton Lake. 989-366-8253. XC Ski & Stay deal: 20% off regular nightly rate, and ½ Off Facilities Pass at XC Ski HQ.

Springbrook Inn – 15 minutes from XC Ski HQ. 989-366-6347. XC Ski & Stay deal: Two night stay (Sunday through Thursday) for \$269. Includes hot breakfast served to your room, and ½ Off Facilities Pass at XC Ski HQ.

Grayling Super 8 Motel – 15 minutes from XC Ski HQ. A clean, affordable motel between Higgins Lake and Grayling. 989-348-8888. XC Ski & Stay deal: 10% off regular nightly rate, and ½ Off Facilities Pass at XC Ski HQ.

Woodland Motor Lodge – 15 minutes from XC Ski HQ. A clean, quiet family motel that has served its customers well for over fifty years. Enjoy privacy in wooded, scenic surroundings in Grayling. 989-348-9094.

Sunset Resort – 15 minutes from XC Ski HQ. Rustic Lodge and cabins on Houghton Lake. 989-366-5512

Houghton's North Sky Resort – 20 minutes from XC Ski HQ. New resort located in Houghton Lake. 989-302-8006. XC Ski & Stay deal: 10% off regular night rate, and ½ Off Facilities Pass at XC Ski HQ.

Beachfront Hotel – 20 minutes from XC Ski HQ. Very clean, indoor heated pool and spa, complimentary continental breakfast, fitness room, game room, free wifi. Located in Houghton Lake. 989-202-4700.

Lakeside Resort – 20 minutes from XC Ski HQ. Clean and modern hotel w/indoor water park and restaurant on Houghton Lake. 989-422-4000. XC Ski & Stay deal: 10% off regular nightly rate, and Half Off Coupons for Facilities Pass at XC Ski HQ.

Houghton Lake Super 8 Motel – 20 minutes from XC Ski HQ. Clean and affordable. Indoor pool. 989-422-3119. XC Ski & Stay deal: 15% off regular nightly rate, and Half Off Facilities Pass at XC Ski HQ.

Borcher's AuSable River B&B – 20 minutes from XC Ski HQ. Quaint B&B right on the AuSable River. Located in Grayling. 800-762-8756. XC Ski & Stay deal: 10% off regular nightly rate, and ½ Off Facilities Pass at XC Ski HQ.

Gate's AuSable Lodge – 25 minutes from XC Ski HQ. Rustic and cozy lodging with views of the AuSable River. 989-348-8462. XC Ski & Stay deal: 10% off regular nightly rate, and Half Off Facilities Pass at XC Ski HQ.

Riverview Lodge & Cabins – 30 minutes from XC Ski HQ. A huge 7 bedroom lodge, plus 6 cabins on the AuSable River in Grayling. 810-845-8128 or cabins@ausablecabins.com for reservations.

Copper Fox Lodge – 40 minutes from XC Ski HQ. This furnished 3 bedroom log cabin, originally constructed in 1948, is located literally on the banks of the world renowned Au Sable River. 703-964-7533. XC Ski & Stay deal: 10% off regular nightly rate, and Half Off Coupon for Facilities Pass at XC Ski HQ.

AREA RESTAURANTS

Stone Turtle Day Lodge & Cafe - Onsite at XC Ski HQ, famous homemade chilis, panini sandwiches, fresh baked cookies, weekend specials, vegetarian options. Huge fireplace and outdoor fire rings. (989)821-6661

Mel's Pine Pantry - Breakfast, lunch, and Friday Night Fish Fry. ¼ mile from HQ.

The Cut River Grille - Handcrafted cocktails, craft beer, lunch and dinner, 2 miles away (989) 821-1300

Beechwood Cafe - Charming breakfast and lunch joint right in Roscommon, brunch on Saturdays and Sundays. (989) 281-1484 beechwoodcafe.org *Best Breakfast*

Fred's - Reliably good food with bowling and bar. In Roscommon. (989)-275-6565 fredsofroscommon.com

Matt's Lake Street Grill & Pizzeria - Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Downtown Roscommon. (989)-281-1136

BC Pizza - They deliver to Higgins Lake area. Downtown Roscommon. (989)-275-1500

The Bird & The Bear - Cafe in Roscommon. Breakfast, lunch and coffee. (989)-281-1168

The Silver Dollar Bar - Pizza, burgers and nightlife on the west side of Higgins Lake. (989) 821-9475

Paddle Hard Brewing - Craft beer, fun ambiance, stone fired pizzas and tacos. Downtown Grayling. (989)-745-6388. paddlehardbrewing.com

Spike's Keg O Nails, Great burgers and drink. Downtown Grayling. (989)-348-7113. spikes-grayling.com

Ray's Barbeque, Brews and Blues – Great food and cocktails, modern joint with a rustic feel and nice ambiance. On the AuSable River in downtown Grayling. (989)-348-1515

The Spikehorn - "Up North" restaurant with friendly staff. Northeast side of Houghton Lake. (989)-366-9698.

East Bay Grille and Frog Tiki Bar Casual Fine Dining and fun at the Springbrook Inn. 21+ Only Thurs - Sat only. 565 W West Branch Rd, Prudenville. (989)-366-6347 springbrookinn.com

Lakeside Bar & Grill - Great fish tacos, pasta, and more. Located on Houghton Lake. (989)-422-4000.

Buccilli's Pizza - Great pizza! 2949 W Houghton Lake Dr (M-55), Prudenville. (989)-366-5374.buccillispizza.net

Willow Tree - Casual fine dining for traveling along I-75. .SKIER SPECIAL: Show your XC Ski HQ pass or store receipt and get 2 appetizers, 2 entrees, 1 bottle of wine to share, and 2 desserts for \$56. 633 Court St (M-33), West Branch. (989)-345-0660. willowtreedining.com.

24/25 Michigan Cup Race Schedule

Date	Race	Distance/Designation	Location
DEC			
14	Winterstart	10K F	Lakes of the North, Mancelona
15	Forbush Time Trial	7K F	Forbush Corner, Frederic
JAN			
4	Winter Wolf Skiathlon	5K C/5K S	Hanson Hills, Grayling
11	Frosty Freestyle	7.5-15K	Huron Meadows, Brighton
12	Krazy Klassic	10K C	Huron Meadows, Brighton
18	Cote Dame Marie	6K(J), 13K(W), 26K(M)	Hanson Hills, Grayling
19	Boyne MT Classic	11KC	Boyne MTN, Boyne Falls
19	Flying Squirrel F JR Race		Crystal MTN, Thompsonville
26	Beechnuts JR Race		Boyne MTN, Boyne Falls
FEB			
1	White Pine Stampede	10(J), 20(WM), 50(WM), C & F	Shanty Creek, Bellaire
2	Memorial Classic	10K C	Forbush Corner, Frederic
7-9	Michigan H. S. Champs		Hickory Hills, Traverse City
8	N. A. Vasa Freestyle	12K, 25K, F	Timber Ridge, Traverse City
9	N. A. Vasa Classic	6K, 16K, C	Timber Ridge, Traverse City
15	Hanson Hills Classic	17K F	Hanson Hills, Grayling
16	Forbush Freestyle	12K C	Forbush Corner, Frederic
23	Junior Muffin Race	5K Relay	XC SKI Headquarters, Roscommon
MAR			
1	Black Mountain Classic	30K C	Black MTN, Cheboygan
2	Black Mountain Freestyle	10K F	Black MTN, Cheboygan
9	Michigan Cup Relay	3x5K Relay	XC SKI Headquarters, Roscommon

Schedule subject to change. Check NordicSkiRacer.com for up-to-date Michigan Cup race schedule and results!

XC SKI HQ Wins MI Cup Again!

After the closest race in Michigan Cup history in 2023, the Cross Country Ski Headquarters Team showed up in force in 2024 to stake its claim on the Michigan Cup for yet another year. With the cancellation of many up-North races, the season openers were in Team NordicSkiRacer's backyard. The Headquarters Team spotted Team NordicSkiRacer a sizeable led after the Frosty Festival of Races and then began their pursuit in earnest.

23/24 Michigan Cup Final Standings

Rank/Team	MI Cup	Brumbaugh Cup
1. Cross Country Ski HQ	22,169	742
2. Team Nordic Ski Racer	15,593	415
3. VASA Ski Club	11,992	757
4. Grand Rapids Nordic Ski Team	10,493	474
5. Hanson Hills/CCSS	8,876	663
6. University of Michigan Nordic	743	840



Stu: How did XC Ski HQ change when Lynne became your partner in 1977?

Bob: Lynne's major at MSU was travel and tourism management and she brought to the business the knowledge of that discipline. She also started the presentation of clothing to the business and was so instrumental in growing the business to the point that in 1977 we actually built our own cross-country ski center.

Lynne: Bob quickly taught me how to do a lot of jobs at the shop right away: sales, binding installation, lessons, pricing strategy and more. I loved the clothing and accessories part of the business too and there was great pleasure in learning all about this new sport! Both of us were eager to pursue growth possibilities and I liked what the future looked like with Cross Country Ski Headquarters in it!

Stu: XC Ski HQ started just as a rental business and a "passion project" and grew from there. When and how did you know that XC Ski HQ became your full time jobs?

Bob: The ski business provided winter income for the family. In the summertime, we manufactured permanent boundary markers, and delivered them to surveyors all over Michigan. We kept the cross-country ski business as a fun outdoor business that we really liked. We got a lot of satisfaction from introducing many people to a great outdoor winter activity that can be so much fun and so warm, in such cold conditions! It officially became full-time around 2001 when we sold the survey boundary marker business.

Lynne: We also realized that this passion was on a growth path when we purchased 9.9 acres next to the Sports Barn. We built a Bellaire Log Cabin in 1977 (with the help of Bill James) and made it our "new HUGE shop." That investment meant we were committed! The business grew in every way and we made several more additions over time, to accommodate our customers growing needs. When we sold the Monument business, we put ourselves into the ski business full-time.



Stu: So what makes XC Ski HQ special in the XC world?

Bob: I think Cross Country Ski Headquarters is still a passion project. The evidence is the tremendous participation in the free ski lessons on Saturdays and the continued generational participation in the sport which we help foster. It is the true reward for the business and that's what makes XC Ski HQ so special.

Lynne: I think there are several things, actually! First of all, we're a specialty shop; only selling XC ski equipment and clothing.

We're a XC ski area where skiers can come spend the day, have lunch, socialize and shop. We're a "mom & pop" operation and we try make sure our customers get the personal attention they deserve each time they visit our store. We invested in snowmaking to try and ensure a quality ski experience even in the driest of winters.

Stu: What was the best innovation in XC ski equipment that you remember, and why?

Bob: There was a fellow in the 1970s named Bill Danner, who, for his project at Harvard business school, figured out how to make fish scales that go on the bottom of cross-country skis so you don't have to wax them for grip. The skis were pretty slow, but at least you didn't have to put on grip wax or get frustrated and you could always have traction. That enabled anyone to try out the sport. At that time, there were over 1 million pair of cross-country skis sold in the USA in a year. (cont. next page)



Lynne: Agreed. No-wax patterns evolved and became a really great alternative to waxable XC skis. Along with innovation in equipment, came innovation in XC clothing. Wicking base layers like Helly Hanson's Lifa, layering options and lightweight breathable, vented fabric technology for outerwear made dressing for XC skiing much more comfortable, efficient and dialed in. After all, somewhere along the line, we heard that Eskimos don't sweat; they layer their clothing.



Stu: Amazing! So what was the worst innovation in XC ski equipment that you remember?

Bob: The worst innovation I can remember is the same company that invented the fish scale base came out with a ski that had laser etched grip pattern in the base and they would not glide or grip much. We sent them all back to the company.

Lynne: I also remember a ski base called the Mica base by Bonna. They felt like you were basically skiing on a sand paper base. Seemed like a great idea but we were glad we didn't have many of those...

Stu: XC Ski HQ is known for having fun events throughout the ski season. What was the most memorable event that you can remember?

Bob: The two events that come to mind right away are the Bavarian Festival which Ski Headquarters has every year and the Michigan Cup Relays.

Lynne: Though not a skiing event, the Cajun Gumbo Eating Event was a blast. Pat and Bob Hagerman came to the shop and made the gumbo from scratch, complete with file powder. It was a major cooking feat and quite delicious. We always appreciated their efforts and hoped there would be leftovers to freeze!

Stu: XC Ski HQ has gone through a lot of changes and additions since 1974. Was there one change in the business that was a "game changer" bigger than the others?

Bob: The biggest game changer was the decade when you and Mariah purchased the business. You've done a tremendous job.

Lynne: No doubt; that was huge. The innovations, energy and overall attitude toward success has taken the business to another level! I think Bob's idea to purchase crosscountryski.com in the mid 1990's, was also a game changer. The ability to provide information and generate sales from a website was major.

Stu: Well, thanks! Now, what are your reflections on celebrating the 50th anniversary of founding HQ?

Bob: I think it's so important to continue the passion and the love of cross-country skiing and make that the primary goal of Cross Country Ski Headquarters. Come ski with us!

Lynne: When I think about the last 50 years; the successes and the challenges, the XC ski community and all the facets of running a long lasting family business, I think of something my dad once told me long ago: that we should try and make the world a better place. So

when I think about the lives that were touched over the course of 50 years, the staff and the skiers who crossed paths, made life long friends and became healthier because of XC skiing, I have a feeling that cross country skiing in general and Cross Country Ski Headquarters specifically, in a small but wonderful way, have helped to make the world a better place. Cheers to the next 50 years!



Diggins, Johannes Klæbo, and so many more athletes that every spectator had a chance, with the right amount of determination and patience, to get a picture with or get an autograph. With a smile on his face, Klæbo, after winning Saturday's sprint race, met the huge crowd who had waited patiently after the awards ceremony to sign EVERY autograph that was asked of him. What a generous spirit!

World Cup Recap (cont.)

While we knew we'd have an awesome time, we didn't know how up-close we'd get to be with the athletes. As part of their gracious invite, Salomon put us up at the same hotel as all of the World Cup athletes, and invited us to the World Cup welcome reception, where all of the athletes and sponsors gathered to ceremonially kick off the weekend. A highlight for us was chatting with Kikkan Randall about the adventures of training and motherhood!

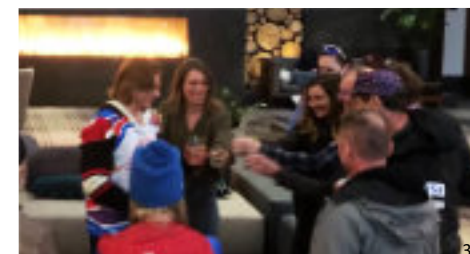
When it was time to head to the race venue, we were once again awestruck that we got to ride the athletes' shuttle buses with them for the weekend. They'd load their duffel bags and board in their puffy coats, seating themselves all around us and getting into the zone, or chatting with teammates or competitors. We would sometimes hear several different languages being spoken, making it feel like we'd stepped into a different country altogether.

Just like any big sporting event or concert, there is the buzz of excitement from the cumulative high vibrational energy and anticipation from all the forty thousand (!) spectators who traveled from near and far to cheer on the athletes, most of whom would be competing on American soil for the first and only time. This buzz was palpable from the moment we first stepped off the shuttle, and continued as we pre-skied the course, another surprise. The inclines were every bit as steep as you'd imagine, tight curves, and a meticulous trail surface. While challenging, the crowds sure did make us ski faster!

The entire weekend was infused by the excitement of being in the close physical presence of these celebrity skiers, who we've only ever seen before on a screen: Jessie

The obvious crowd favorite was Jessie Diggins, the World Cup leader going into the weekend, and America's best chance at getting on a podium. The cheering was deafening, but not just for Jessie; the crowd produced bombastic energy and volume for all the races. But before Jessie's podium performance on Sunday even started, the unthinkable happened, and the spectators lost their minds. Gus Schumacher (Alaska), whose previous best WC performance was an 8th place in 2021, put together the best race performance of his life, winning 1st place that Sunday. The entire US team was freaking out. The crowd was freaking out. We were freaking out. It was the cherry on top. Jessie did indeed podium in the 10K, taking 3rd place.

For the most part on this trip, we played it cool and didn't blow our cover as giddy fans. However, everyone was so pumped after Sunday's races, that we couldn't hold back any longer... spotting Gus across the lobby, Stu mused, "No one can say 'no' to a celebratory shot of tequila after winning, right?" Right. Mariah ordered some shots of Patron from the hotel bar, walked into the sphere of the US Team, and presented Gus with a shot of tequila. He accepted, and the group of us toasted with him. We're still celebrating him and the entire US Ski Team, and are invigorated by the spirit of all the athletes and support staff who make the World Cup possible.



fiery and final hurrah, and we begin to prepare for the coming cold, the quiet, the snow.

The vividness of the seasons envelops us in an inescapable embrace. If you're like us, no matter the season, you're constantly beckoned to be outdoors, to feel the breeze on your cheeks, feet on the earth, sky over head.

Why does it feel so good to be in nature? There are many fascinating and important biological reasons. There is also a reason that enters the philosophical realm (one of our favorite realms, for the record), which is that nature does not ask us to be anything but ourselves. Something in us seems to remember that we innately belong, that we are enough just as we are.

Just by breathing, we are giving and receiving in the cycle of life: we take in the oxygen given to us by the plants when we inhale, and we give the carbon dioxide they need to flourish.

If we stay in nature for long enough, we start to experience ourselves as part of our environment, not separate from it. In this oneness, it is possible to feel both infinitesimal and enormous. The unique instrument that is our sovereign being gets to ring freely, and harmonizes perfectly with the giant, universal symphony of existence.

Look at any child in nature and you'll know that this feeling is innate to humanity; they frolic in the vastness of a wild beach or a star filled sky, while dancing to their own unique rhythm that comes from within.

Perhaps this is also why we ski! When we kick and glide through the forest, we embody this inner rhythm and express it into each stride, each arm swing. This rhythm emanates from us, pounds into the earth and radiates from our hips, shoulders and heads, and soon we feel flow, harmony, and an elated state of oneness. We are that child once again!

Nature also reminds us that change is the only constant. Nothing in nature stays the same; it is constantly cycling through growth, abundance, decay, death, and new life. So as fall turns into winter, we find ourselves embracing the change with readiness and excitement. We look forward to another opportunity to step more authentically into connection with nature, with ourselves, and with you, our incredible XC community. Thank you for all the ways in which you inspire us with your Nordic Spirit. See you at HQ, and don't miss our 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, Feb 22nd, 2025!

All the best- Mariah and Stu and the crew:
Bob, Lynne, George, Missy, Erin, Krista, Will, Alex, Mitch, and Donnie



BOB AND LYNNE SKIING INTO THE 80'S!



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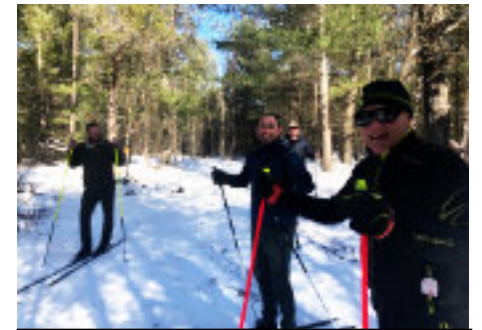
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The 4H Legacy at XC Ski HQ

The 4-H Program at Cross Country Ski Headquarters is entering its' 45th year! We're very happy to continue this tradition of getting young people on skis and out into the winter wonderland. As an instructor, one of the coolest things is seeing kids come back year after year and not only getting better at skiing, but getting more and more excited about it! We believe that instilling a love of the outdoors, and in particular, the winter season, is vital for kids growing up, especially in Northern Michigan. Being able to help facilitate this relationship between the youth and the snow is a source of pride for us here at HQ, and not only do the kids experience real joy when having fun on their skis and learning new things, but we do as well. The past several years of 4H have maxed capacity in



terms of participants, which is a testament to both the enthusiasm of the kids and the appreciation of the parents. For the 2025 enrollment, thanks to a generous donation from Paul Bertand, in honor of his brother Charlie, each participant will receive a full scholarship to cover enrollment costs resulting in free tuition for all 40 kids! Open to kids K-12. Visit v2.4honline.com to register. See you on the snow!



GEORGE AND STU DEMOING SKIS WITH FISCHER NORDIC GURU, RICK HALLING

New Year, New Gear (Cont.)

while also incorporating Fischer's 'Efficient forward' technology, which means the ski has an extra flexibility pocket right under the ball of the foot which allows for easy grip. Come demo them and you'll end up walking out with your new favorite pair of skis!

The Fischer Outback 68's are an exciting new addition as well, mostly because of the detachable skin strip that clips on and off with ease for long climbs. The ultimate BC Ski for northern Michigan terrain, the Outback 68 will take you anywhere you want to go.

In the racing world, the Olympic level Salomon boots have incorporated a BOA lacing system, a trend that will most likely be followed by a few other manufacturers as well. Both the S/Race and the S/Lab boots now have the BOA lacing system. The main advantage is the ability to uniformly tighten the whole boot without over-tightening one section, all done with a simple dial. The S/Race is still carbon loaded like the previous year, and the S/Lab is still on a full carbon frame. At Xc Ski HQ, we ski on everything we sell. Head to our demo counter when the snow flies, or call 1-800-832-2663 to chat with a skier!



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EVENT CALENDAR

WINTER 24/25



Saturday, Oct 26th: Opening Weekend and Pre-Season Sale!

As of today, we are open 7 days a week for the season! Shop the largest selection of 2024-25 cross country ski equipment and winter clothing all year at the Pre-Season Sale. Save up to 34% off ski packages, skis, boots, bindings, and poles from Fischer, Salomon, Rossignol, Alpina, Atomic, Swix, One Way, and KV+. Work with a ski fitting expert to shop over 40 custom ski packages, with complete packages starting at just \$287. Plus, last year's clothing is on clearance for 30 to 50% off. All summer pants, shorts, and dresses are 70% off, and yoga apparel is 40% off. Explore the new clothing lineups from Swix, Kari Traa, Kuhl, Mountain Hardwear, Bjorn Daehlie, The North Face, Columbia, Patagonia, Smartwool, Craft, Sporthill, Skhoop, Darn Tough and more, all on sale this weekend at XC Ski HQ!

November 1st through 30th: Black Friday Month!

Purchase a Ski Package in the month of November, and receive a FREE XC SKI HQ custom neck buff! Free Shipping to the lower 48 states on all ski packages and mail orders over \$199.

Saturday, Nov 2nd -10:00-11:30am Roller Ski Clinic W/Jordyn Ross

Join us for a roller ski clinic with Jordyn Ross! This clinic will focus on skating and double poling techniques to prepare you for ski season. A course will also be set up to work on cornering and other agility skills. XC Ski HQ has roller skis available to borrow if you do not have your own. Please let us know in advance if you need to borrow roller ski equipment, so that we have time to prepare it for you. Call 800-832-2663 to register. Participants will meet at XC Ski HQ to check in, then head over to the Roscommon High School parking lot for the clinic. Prior roller skiing experience required.

Friday, Nov 29th - Monday, Dec 2nd: Thanksgiving Weekend Sale

Shop our famous Black Friday Sale, starting at 9am! Skip the craziness of big box shopping, and peruse our award-winning retail selection for a new XC ski outfit, winter jacket, and holiday gifts. Purchase a ski package, and get a FREE XC SKI HQ custom neck buff. Spend over \$500, and pick your own prize from our dealers' swag bin. On Saturday, join us for our annual Smartwool Small Business Saturday Sale, with Buy-2-Get-1-Free Smartwool Socks (limit 2 free socks per customer). Prepare for a winter on snow at the Thanksgiving Weekend Sale!

Saturday, Dec 7th – 10:30am: Stone Turtle Cafe Opens & Free Beginner Ski Lesson*

The Stone Turtle Cafe opens for the season! Check out our new menu, featuring more Michigan-based foods than ever before. Plus, learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! You will learn the basics of traditional (classic style) XC ski technique, plus hill climbing, descending, and turning. You will even learn how to get up when you fall down! Free lessons are limited to 25 people. Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (no reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour. *Snow Permitting



Saturday, Dec 7th - 6:00pm: XC Ski HQ Ski Team Kick-Off Dinner!

The XC Ski HQ Ski Team will kick off the race season this weekend with a team dinner party! This party is on the same weekend as the first two Michigan Cup races of the season, Lakes of the North and Forbush Freestyle, making it a perfect weekend to kick off the ski season. We will feast, introduce new and existing team members, discuss the race schedule, and talk strategy for holding onto the Michigan Cup after last season's nail-biting victory. An entree will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass or a beverage to share. The HQ team is known for its great camaraderie amongst members, and is very welcoming to new members, so if you're considering racing this season and joining our team, please join us for the team dinner!

What's the XC Ski HQ Racing Team, anyway?



It's a fun-loving group of skiers that spans all ages and abilities, who love to get together and cross country ski race. Sound interesting? Join our team! Even if you are new to racing, or can only make it to one ski race this season, or think you're slow, we STILL want you on our team! If you would like the opportunity to get to know a super fun and welcoming group of skiers from around the state, join our team and see how fun ski racing can be. Call the shop for more info at 800-832-2663!

Saturday, Dec 14th – 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! Free lessons are limited to 25 people. The free lesson lasts 1 hour. *Snow Permitting*

Saturday, Dec 21st – 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! Free lessons are limited to 25 people. The free lesson lasts 1 hour. *Snow Permitting*

Sunday, December 22nd: George Frye Live

From 2:00pm to 4:00pm, enjoy live guitar by George Frye! Kick back by the fire, bring your friends and relax with a snack and a hot toddy from the Stone Turtle Cafe.



December 24th: Open until 2pm.
December 25th: Closed for Christmas,
parking lot and trails open, on the house.
Merry Christmas!



Saturday, Dec 28th - 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! Free lessons are limited to 25 people. The free lesson lasts 1 hour. *Snow Permitting*

Sunday, December 29th: Joe Frye Live

From 2:00pm to 4:00pm, enjoy live guitar by Joe Frye! Kick back by the fire, bring your friends and relax with a snack and a hot toddy from the Stone Turtle Cafe.



Saturday, Jan 4th - Sunday, Jan 5th: Skate and Classic Ski Clinics with Jordyn Ross

Northern Michigan University Nordic Team Alum and top Michigan Cup racer, Jordyn Ross, is back for another outstanding clinic series. Divided into two days, this updated clinic series will be geared towards beginner, proficient beginner, and intermediate skiers on Saturday, and advanced-intermediate and expert level skiers on Sunday. Cost for a clinic is \$20. Please sign up in advance on our website (space is limited), or call 800-832-2663. *Snow permitting. Clinic will be rescheduled to January 11-12 in the event of inadequate snow.

JORDYN ROSS CLINIC SCHEDULE:

Saturday 10:30-11:30am: FREE Beginner Classic Lesson*
Sunday 10:00-11:30am: Advanced Classic Clinic

Saturday 11:45am-1:15pm: Intermediate Classic Clinic
Sunday 12:30-2:00pm: Advanced Skate Clinic

Saturday 2:00-3:30pm: Beginner Skate Clinic
**Free Beginner Classic Lesson will be taught by HQ Staff*

Saturday 4:00-5:30pm: Intermediate Skate Clinic



January 6th - 31st: Discover Michigan Cross Country Skiing Program

Cross Country Ski Headquarters has teamed up with Michigan Ski Industries Association to offer a very affordable introduction to the sport of cross country skiing! Discover Michigan is designed to introduce this healthy, fun, outdoor activity to anyone with an interest in outdoor winter recreation. The program includes a beginner group ski lesson, full day ski equipment rental, and XC SKI HQ facilities pass for the day. The price is \$40 for adults and children 6 years and older. At the end of the program, participants can submit their program completion form online at GoSkiMichigan.com for a \$20-off coupon, valid at participating Michigan Ski Industries Association ski shops! Call 800-832-2663 to schedule your Discover Michigan Lesson!

Saturday, Jan 11th: "Pure Michigan" Winter Trails Day with the Great Lakes Winter Trails Council

Entering its 27th year, Winter Trails Day invites adults and children for a free Facilities Pass and cross country ski lesson, plus a complimentary hot cocoa and hot dog cookout on the ski trails. Bring your friends and family for a fantastic day on the snow, and discover how fun winter in Northern Michigan can be!

Check-in is at 10:00am. Please make sure you are pre-registered. Check-in is followed by outing in rental snowshoes or XC skis for a reduced rate of \$9 per adult and \$6 per child.
10:30am: X-C Ski & Snowshoe group lesson. Learn the basics of cross country skiing and snowshoeing, including going up and down hills, and how to fall down and get back up!

11:30am: Ski out to Trappers Cabin for Hot Dogs, a bonfire and Hot Cocoa, all on the house. After lunch at the Cabin, skiers will have the choice of exploring more trails, or heading back to XC Ski HQ.

5:30pm (or earlier): Skiers return from their tours and return boots, skis & poles. They are invited to relax in front of the fireplace in the Stone Turtle Day Lodge anytime throughout the day. *Space is limited for this event, and pre-registration is required. Please email your name, phone number, to info@crosscountryski.com, or call 800-832-2663.

Saturday, Jan 11th - 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Saturday, Jan 11th - Sunday, Jan 12th: Bob's Bean Bomb at the Stone Turtle Cafe

Back in the early 2000's, founder Bob Frye created a culinary concoction that eventually became a legend in the XC ski industry: Bob's Bean Bomb. He went so far as to sell it to ski shops and specialty markets throughout the country. He has since retired the project, but on occasion, he makes a big batch of it for friends and family... and it never lasts longer than a few minutes. This cheesy, spicy, addictive bean dip is served hot, with sturdy chips. Cold drinks recommended. Available until it sells out!

Sunday, Jan 12th - 10:30am: Golden Years Ski School

Intended for both beginners and people who have not skied in many years, the Golden Years Ski School is an introduction (or reintroduction) to the sport of cross country skiing for people aged 55+. This learn-to-ski workshop is tailored to each participant's goals and ability levels, and aims to teach participants the skills required to truly enjoy cross country skiing. Participants will begin the workshop at 10:30 with indoor introductions and instruction, then head outside for an on-snow lesson. They will debrief inside afterwards, and break for lunch in the Stone Turtle Cafe and Day Lodge from 12pm to 1pm. After lunch, from approximately 1pm to 2pm, instructor Jim Bradley will take skiers on a guided ski tour on the XC Ski Headquarters trails. Cost is \$55 and includes a full-day ski rental and facilities pass, learn-to-ski workshop, and guided ski tour. Please arrive at 10:00am to get fitted for rental equipment. This event is limited to 20 people, so make sure to sign up in advance. (\$35 if you have your own equipment)

Monday, Jan 13th - Friday, Jan 17th: Silver Streak Week

At XC SKI HQ, we believe in honoring our elders, even if they're not that old! If you are age 60 or older, you are entitled to a complimentary XC SKI HQ Facilities Pass, plus a coffee or hot cocoa on the house, all week long! Enjoy our meticulously groomed trails, relax in our cozy Day Lodge, peruse the menu at the Stone Turtle Café, and try out a pair of new skis for FREE at our demo center!

Saturday, Jan 18th - 12 to 3pm: Gourmet Lunch at Trapper's Cabin

Join us for a hearty lunch of beef stew and rustic bread at Trapper's Cabin! Warm your body and spirit around the bonfire, enjoy your meal under towering white pines amidst the peace of the forest. We will also have a Mac'n'cheese bar for lunch in the day lodge all weekend!



Saturday, Jan 25th - 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! You will learn the basics of traditional (classic style) XC ski technique, plus hill climbing, descending, and turning. Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Saturday, Jan 25th: Bavarian Ski Festival

Dust off your Lederhosen and join us for a taste of the Alps! Enjoy a day of XC skiing on the HQ trail system, then test your strength at Masskrugstemmen, with stein-holding contests for men and women starting at 2:00pm. Make a team of three, and ski in unison atop our giant pair of "Team Skis" in the Team Ski Time Trials, beginning at 3:00pm. Of course, we encourage all guests to dress in their best German attire for a costume contest at 4:00pm. Special guest German Dave will be serving delicious Bavarian fare, including soft pretzels, sausages, sauerkraut, and of course, German beer. Don't miss this celebration of heritage and winter fun!



Sunday, Jan 26th - 11:00am: Learn to Skate Ski Clinic

Have you been thinking about trying skate skiing, but aren't sure how to get into it? Join us for our Learn How to Skate Ski Clinic, which includes a Facilities Pass, and 90 minute group skate ski lesson. Cost for the clinic is \$20. Ski rentals are available at our normal rates. The lesson starts at 11:00am, and skiers are welcome to pick up rental equipment as early as 9am. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required – visit www.crosscountryski.com or call 800-832-2663 to book.

Sunday, Jan 26th: Eric McDonald Live at the Stone Turtle Cafe

From 2:00pm to 4:00pm, get down with some live musical entertainment by Eric McDonald! Kick back by the fire, bring your friends, relax with a snack and a hot toddy from the Stone Turtle Cafe, and enjoy a mix of covers and original songs sure to warm the soul. Special guests may be included as well!

Friday, Jan 31st - 6:00pm: Winter Feast

Indulge in a gourmet feast in the rustic Stone Turtle Day lodge at Cross Country Ski Headquarters. This five-course meal will feature classic and exquisite dishes to satiate your soul on a cold winter's night! Bring a date or some friends and enjoy this delicious meal in a beautiful setting, complete with a crackling fire. Fine wine, craft cocktails and beer are available. Reservations required: 800-832-2663.

*Please note that due to table size, small parties may be seated with other guests.

Saturday, Feb 1st - 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first- served basis. The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Sunday, Feb 2nd: 12:00pm and 2:00pm: Paella on the Sun Deck



A favorite XC Ski HQ tradition, Paella on the Sun Deck celebrates a world-renowned Spanish rice dish, and offers skiers a hearty, flavorful feast. Prepared in a massive cast iron pan over an outdoor fire pit, this lunch comes from an authentic Spanish recipe from Paella master Ayo from Nerja, Spain, and is served piping hot with Saffron-spiced chicken, shrimp, mussels and vegetables, this dish will be presented in 2 seatings: 12:00pm & 2:00pm. 44

Sunday, Feb 2nd - 2pm: Live music with Kat and Will

Jam to the fun sounds of this great local duo. Warm up by the fire in the Stone Turtle Day Lodge and Cafe with a beverage and a snack, and let the music move you!

Saturday, Feb 8th - 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! You will learn the basics of traditional (classic style) XC ski technique, plus hill climbing, descending, and turning. You will even learn how to get up when you fall down! Free lessons are limited to 25 people. Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Saturday, Feb 8th - Sunday Feb 9th Superbowl Foodie Face-Off!

What two teams will be in this year's Super Bowl, and what food is their city known for? Last year, it was the Kansas City Chiefs (barbeque) vs. the San Francisco 49ers. (clam chowder and sourdough). This year, the chefs at the Stone Turtle Cafe will prepare the culinary specialty that represents each city that makes it to the Super Bowl, and let YOU enjoy the flavor! Join us for a face-off of FOOD that will prepare you for the big game.

Sunday, Feb 9th: Wade Whittington Live

Kick back to an Americana extravaganza with live music from Wade Whittington from 2:00-4:00pm! Indulge in a hot toddy and hot pretzel from the Stone Turtle Cafe.

Sunday, Feb 9th - 11:00am: Learn to Skate Ski Clinic

Have you been thinking about trying skate skiing, but aren't sure how to get into it? Join us for our Learn How to Skate Ski Clinic, which includes a Facilities Pass, and 90 minute group skate ski lesson. Cost for the clinic is \$20. Ski rentals are available at our normal rates. The lesson starts at 11:00am, and skiers are welcome to pick up rental equipment as early as 9am. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required – visit www.crosscountryski.com or call 800-832-2663 to book.

Friday, February 14th - 10:00am -5:30pm : Winter Fest Kick-Off

For only \$5, visitors to the Higgins Lake/Roscommon area can purchase a Winter Fest badge and enjoy a day of cross country skiing or snowshoeing at XC Ski HQ. The badge gets you an XC Ski HQ facilities pass for the day, plus complimentary hot cocoa and bonfire at Trapper's Cabin from 3:30-5:30. It also gets you access to lots of other fun local events throughout the weekend. Equipment rentals are available on Friday for badge holders for the special rate of \$5. Check the Roscommon-Higgins Lake Chamber of Commerce website for more information on all there is to see and do on Winter Fest weekend!



Saturday, Feb 15th - 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! You will learn the basics of traditional (classic style) XC ski technique. Free lessons are limited to 25 people. Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour. 45

Saturday, Feb 15th - Monday Feb 17th - Noon to 4:00pm: Gourmet Mac 'n Cheese Bar

Prepare to indulge in this decadent classic comfort food, complete with a toppings bar that includes onions, tomatoes, spinach, jalapenos, feta cheese, hot dogs, and bacon. So delicious, this mac-sterpiece lunch is the perfect complement to a day on the ski trails!

Saturday, Feb 22th - 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first- served basis. The free lesson lasts 1 hour.

Saturday, Feb 22th - 1:00pm: 50th Anniversary Party w/Ribs & Blues

Help us celebrate 50 years of Nordic Spirit! Join us for our famous ribs, incredible live blues music from Rhett's Eastside Blues Band, and MUCH merriment. Come dressed in your favorite vintage ski costume from any decade, OR as your favorite snowy animal! Raise a glass with us as we kick off another 50 years.

Sunday, Feb 23th: 32nd Annual Junior Muffin Race

Join us for the longest standing juniors race in Michigan! The Muffin Race celebrates the fun of youth skiing with a Junior Girls and Boys 5km Team Sprint Relay Race. This 13+ freestyle relay race will feature two skiers per relay team. Each skier will ski a total of 3 laps around a 1.5km course, handing off to their teammate between each lap, totaling 6 laps per team. Registration begins at 9:30am on Sunday, with a 10:30am start. This is a Michigan Cup Junior Race, and registration fee is \$10. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams in the Girls, Boys, and Co-Ed divisions. Awards will also be given for best costumes! After the Muffin Team Sprint Relay Race, we will hold three Mini Muffin freestyle races: Ages 6 years old and under, 7 to 9, and 10 to 12. All racers 12 and under will be awarded a medal. There is no entry fee for the Mini Muffin racers. All racers receive a post-race lunch, which costs \$5 for any non-racer. All racers and family members who partake in the lunch receive a complimentary Facilities Pass.



Saturday, Mar 1st - 10:30am: Free Beginner Ski Lesson

Learn how to cross country ski at our FREE beginner ski lesson! You will learn the basics of traditional (classic style) XC ski technique, plus hill climbing, descending, and turning. You will even learn how to get up when you fall down! Free lessons are limited to 25 people. Ski rentals are available at the rental desk on a first-come, first-served basis (we do not take rental reservations). The free lesson lasts 1 hour.



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Sunday, March 9th - 9:30am: Michigan Cup Relays at XC Ski HQ

Join us for one of the most exciting ski races in Michigan! This grand finale race for the Michigan Cup Race Series features a relay race with 3 skiers per team: 2 legs freestyle, and 1 classic leg. Each skier skis approximately 4-6km per leg. You do not have to be a Michigan Cup racer to participate! If you do not have a team but would still like to ski, we will try to find a team for you. Registration starts at 9:30am, and the race starts at 11:00am. The entry Fee is \$20 per racer. All race entries score Team Points. After the Relays, stick around for the Michigan Cup awards ceremony, and enjoy

a hearty post-race meal, and music included with your registration fee. Each racer receives a commemorative pint glass!





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Prices, availability, and event details in this publication are subject to change.