



Please help support the Northern Kettle Moraine Nordic Ski Club's Nordic Storm youth ski team! The NKMNSC Nordic Storm team brings together youth skiers in 5th through 12th grades from numerous school districts throughout Sheboygan and Fond du Lac counties. Some skiers have been skiing competitively for years and are looking to compete in major ski races such as the Kortelopet or American Birkebeiner, and some skiers are trying on cross country skis for the first time looking for a new winter hobby. All are welcome, and all come away from each ski season having developed:

- Improvement in cross country skiing skills
- A greater appreciation for the beautiful Wisconsin winter landscape
- And a ridiculous amount of fun and camaraderie!

The ski team has grown and improved in recent years, but up until last year, our uniforms have not! Our uniforms were originally purchased in the early 2000's, and have become faded and outdated. When we attended ski competitions with other regional ski teams, our group did not look as comparatively cohesive and confident. We still have more skiers than uniforms; in the past, skiers needed to swap uniform pieces depending upon who was skiing in what race! **Last year, through donations received, we were able to purchase 35 new/updated uniforms.** This year, in the final year of our two-year fundraising cycle, we are looking to purchase the remainder of the uniforms (25 total). We would like to raise enough funds **by October 15th** to accomplish the following goals:

- **To purchase the remainder of new uniforms for skiers**
- **To replace equipment (skis/poles) that are worn out or broken beyond repair from the end of last season**
- **To provide funding for hardship case scholarships**

If you have children involved in select or club sports, you know the hefty price tag that comes along with it. However, our ski club has the OPPOSITE philosophy. One of the guiding principles of the NKMNSC is that everyone should get the opportunity to ski. This is why participant program and rental fees are kept low, with financial assistance available to those that need it. Our dedicated coaches volunteer their time developing our ski program, mentoring each skier, and traveling to each race.

If you are in a position to be able to contribute to the NKMNSC this year to help us achieve our uniform and equipment goals, please do. This is a great way to thank our coaches for all they do for all of the kids! You will receive a thank you letter from our Booster Club 501(c)(3) organization, and your contribution will be fully tax-deductible. If this is not the time for you to contribute, please don't feel obligated. However, if you know of any friends, relatives, cross-country ski aficionados, Wisconsin outdoorspeople, or simply anyone interested in developing the next generation of outdoors-appreciating cross country ski fanatics, that might be interested in making a tax-deductible donation, please pass along our Go Fund Me link: www.gofundme.com/NKMNSC-Storm. All contributions are appreciated in any amount! Thank you!