

**Copper Country**

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# TIGERS

*Youth Cross Country Ski Program*

*All Ages and Abilities*

## Thank you!!!

Another successful and fun Ski Tigers season will come to an end with the Pool Party on April 13. A big round of applause and thank you to people who made it possible: parents, coaches, board members and most importantly Ski Tigers. A special thanks to Barbara Wheeler for coordinating the PIP Program. A large coordinated volunteer effort was the reason Ski Tigers was so successful.

## Pool Party - April 13, 1-5pm

This is the end of the year pot-luck and awards presentation at Finlandia University's Paavo Nurmi Gym. Bring your swim-suit or gym clothes and shoes, and a dish to pass. Finger type foods work best. Please provide items that do not spoil quickly when unrefrigerated. Ski Tigers can swim or play basketball from 1-3pm and the pot-luck will start about 3pm. The awards ceremony will start shortly after the pot-luck. Please park and enter from the upper parking lot of the Paavo Nurmi Center.

## Ski Tiger Photos

Thanks to Bill Fink for sharing his time and talents with Skiers throughout this season and at the Junior Bear Chase. Photos of individual skiers and the race event may be viewed and ordered at [www.galleryonline.com](http://www.galleryonline.com). Bill generously supports Ski Tigers by donating a portion of the proceeds back the organization.

## Junior Bear Chase Results

The Junior Bear Chase was held March 10th with many Ski Tigers as participants. Thank you to the team of race volunteers for making this event so enjoyable for all. Results may be viewed at [www.keweenawtrails.com](http://www.keweenawtrails.com).

## Gear Swap/Team Fundraiser

Support the Ski Tiger/ Copper Country Nordic Ski Team at their 3rd annual Gear Swap on April 26th. The swap is held at the Houghton High School multi-purpose room and provides an opportunity to buy and sell outdoor gear: bikes, camping, fishing, kayaks, canoes, hiking, skis, etc. AND support the junior race team at the same time. The team retains a 15% commission on all sales, and a holds a 50:50 raffle – winners need not be present. They will also put a summer wax coat on your skis for \$5.00 (cross-country) or \$10.00 (downhill) per pair. This is a great deal and great for your skis! Watch for details at the pool party and on [www.keweenawtrails.com](http://www.keweenawtrails.com).

## Junior Olympics Update

Congratulations are in order to five Ski Tigers who recently competed in the 2008 Junior Olympics in Anchorage, Alaska. This four-race event is the national championship for skiers ages 14-19. Team members included Olivia Orr, Jay Woodbeck, Kai Sharp, Madelyn Shoup and Ruth Oppliger and former club members Christina Mishica, now at Michigan Tech and Mariah Featherly skiing for St. Cloud State. Qualification for this event includes participating in a number of specified races and earning points based on time and place.

## Thanks, Rick!!!

Thanks to Rick Oikarinen, owner of Cross Country Sports in Calumet, for the continued support of Ski Tigers. Rick sponsored the annual Picnic in the Snow again this year. Next time you see Rick be sure to offer a kind word of thanks to let him know how much we appreciate the event.

**Ski Tiger Board President**  
Betsy Rossini @ 482-4824

**Parent Involvement Program Coordinator**  
Barbara Wheeler @ 487-9695

# Parent Survey

**Do you have some suggestions to make Ski Tigers a better program?** Please complete the attached parent survey and bring it to the Pool Party or mail it to: Ski Tigers, P.O. Box 512, Hancock, MI 49930. Your feedback shapes the program and makes you eligible for a raffle prize to be awarded at the pool party.

**All surveys received at or before the pool party will be entered into a drawing to win Ski Tiger apparel!**

1. Did the Ski Tigers Program meet your expectations as an educational and community organization?

Yes      No

If not, please offer suggestions for improvement:

2. Do you believe that your children got the appropriate ski instruction for their ability level?

Yes      No

If not, please offer suggestions for improvement:

3. Did you receive information about programs, calendars and events in a timely manner?

Yes      No      Sometimes

If not, please offer suggestions for improvement:

4. Check all the ways that you used to find information about Ski Tigers.

Newsletter      website      phone tree      email list

5. Please offer suggestions for improvement if you have any for the following areas.

PIP Program:

Kilometer Club

Schedule and logistics of Saturday Meetings ( i.e. locations, nametags, time etc.)

Annual Apparel/Clothing Item:

Iditarod Award:

Junior Bear Chase (race format, location, other)

Picnic in the Snow:

Other:

6. Would you be interested in becoming a board member of Ski Tigers?

Yes      No      Maybe

7. What activities, services or educational opportunities not currently offered by the club would you value?

8. Any other positives or negatives about Ski Tigers that you would care to comment on?

Optional:

Name:

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**Enter my name in the raffle – write name below for entry in pool party raffle.**

**Name:**