



# Korkki Nordic

Ski Center News

Fall 2021

## Events

(Register early online or the day of the event)

### Bangin' in the Brush

September 18th, 2021

Registration 9-10:30

Kids race 10:50

10k 11:00

### Two Harbors High School Invitational

TBD January 2022!

### Erik Judeen 10k Classic Ski Race

Sunday March 6, 2022!

### Balsam Basher 20k Fat Tire Bike Race

March 12, 2022?

Event and trail updates on **Facebook:** Korkki Nordic Ski Center

#### Email:

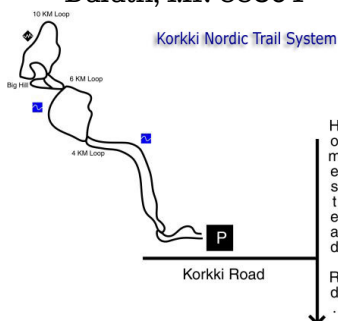
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## Oh, the tracks we leave...

So many things. We look upon the advent of a new season. The trail is mowed (thanks Mark, Craig, and Mike!) and ready for foot traffic. The leaves are already changing. The smoke is blowing away. We have all added to our personal 'been there' list the past year, and Korkki remains. For your past and future it is here, but best of all the present. Korkki, too, has endured the ups and downs and come out swinging. Thanks to our Korkki volunteers that keep the trails prepped, the driveway flat, and the administrative efforts going, we look forward to returning to a full season of trails, races, and gathering. There will be some hiccups, for sure. Stay tuned to the Korkki Facebook page for details and updates. But because of the support of you, the Korkki family, Korkki is here.

Join us Saturday Sept 18th, for the return of in IN-PERSON Bangin' in the Brush with food, awards, and fun!

## Ski Korkki, save airfare

I haven't been to Finland, but I have friends who've been there. They are cross-country skiers, of course.

They tell me about their Finnish friends who take them north, where they find miles and miles of rolling ski trails. I listen with a certain amount of envy as they tell me about the exquisite tracks, the long climbs and exhilarating descents, the families out together, everyone gliding through the countryside. Along the way, they stop at little warming huts full of happy skiers with red faces and mugs of hot coffee or tea. I can almost see the kids with their ruddy cheeks and bright wool stocking caps. I can hear the lively conversations among adults, their quiet laughter, the chatter about trail conditions and perhaps a reindeer seen along the way.

And I think: Why haven't I been to Finland?

Ah, yes -- because I can find most of that on an extra-blue day at Korkki Nordic. The quaint chalet full of old Peltonens and the photos of legendary skiers past and present. A local college ski team cooling down and gobbling orange segments. Moms and dads helping pint-size kids into their ski boots. The room is full of light and laughter and life. Skiers come. Skiers go. As we step into our bindings and let the trail take us in once again, some of us think about the simple words of Charlie Banks, who carved out these trails more than 50 years ago.

"Just go around," Charlie would say.

And so, that's what we do. Up Erkki's Hills, around Salmela's Curve, up through Johann's Gate to Heaven. And, if you're feeling confident, down Iso Maki.

No, I haven't been to Finland. But I've been to Korkki.

-- Sam Cook

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**Korkki Nordic Ski Center Annual Membership - Join Us!**

We hope you'll consider becoming an annual member of Korkki Nordic to help support the ski center's operations and continued existence. Membership dollars and other donations keep our trails open.

Visit our online registration page at [www.KorkkiNordic.org](http://www.KorkkiNordic.org). You can also mail the form below to: Korkki Nordic, c/o John Thomas, 6219 E Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55804.

**Why should you become a member?**

Korkki Nordic Ski Center Members are people who commit to supporting Korkki through financial support and/or through volunteering. They receive annual newsletters and other updates about the Ski Center's happenings. Korkki operates entirely on donations and volunteers; we have no paid employees. We hope that you'll join us in supporting Korkki Nordic!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Level:

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual. \$20    \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$30

\_\_\_\_\_ Nordic Center Sponsor. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us!

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Folks of good character have been enjoying the trails at Korkki for over fifty years, and no one has ever sued anyone over anything. I understand that if I ski or hike or hang out at these trails, I might get hurt, but I probably won't, and won't sue if I do, because I willfully agreed to participate in these activities. And, if I do sue, I will pay for my own attorney and Korkki Nordic's. I agree to the above conditions to be part of the Korkki Nordic Ski Center.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_