
The SOLAR RAY

SOLAR Photo Competition Winners!

Congratulations go out to the winners of the
Annual SOLAR Photo Competition.

Best Overall went to Karen Bates (photo on right), which she took while in the backcountry of the Glacier National Park. *Scenery* went to Pete Lamb (1st), Douglas Lanyk (2nd), and Rob Mair (3rd). In the *Plants* category Margaret Martin took 1st and 2nd. The *Animal* category was taken by Pete Lamb (1st), Douglas Lanyk (2nd) and Margaret Martin (3rd). The people that walked away in the *People* category were Linda Perrine (1st) Douglas Lanyk (2nd), and Pete Lamb (3rd). The *Humor* category was no laughing matter when Margaret Martin took 1st place, Glen Krueger (2nd) and Douglas Lanyk (3rd). The *Seasons* went to

Margaret Martin (1st) and Douglas Lanyk (2nd). In the *Non-SOLAR* category, Karen Bates takes 1st, Sean Lennon takes 2nd, and a tie for 3rd went to Nancy Day and Clayton Lucey.

Remember to take your cameras with you, and save those photos for next year's Photo Competition.

May the "luck of the *iris*" be with you!



Glacier National Park
Sperry Backcountry Campground

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Previews of Coming Attractions

Laser Tag Challenge

The second friendly challenge between the SKIWI Ski Club and SOLAR will be held on Saturday April 24, 1999.

Armed with a LASER PISTOL and moving through a dark maze, find you opponent and fire! If you hit a few of the targets, you get closer to being the victors!

Fifteen members from each club is needed, and kids 15 and older are welcome.

The cost is \$18 per person, or \$20 after April 20. This includes 3 games, pizza, pop, and loads of fun!

The battleground is at *Laser Quest*. They are located at 31401 John R. Rd., in Madison Heights. This is 1/2 mile south of 14 Mile Rd. on the west side of the street.

The battle starts at 7:45 PM. Be on time to register your personal code name. Get creative here... Rambo, Terminator, well you get the idea.

Jeff Enterkin is coordinating this event, and can be reached at (248) 399-0696, or E-Mail him at jente69690@aol.com.

SOLAR memberships expire!

The 1998 SOLAR memberships have expired, and must be renewed to attend the exciting classes, events, and trips planned for the 1999 calendar.

The annual price remains unchanged from 1998 at \$30 for an individual, and \$45 for a family.

For lifetime memberships the fees are \$150 for an individual and \$225 for a family.

Remember paid memberships are necessary for all SOLAR events and classes.

Don't miss out! Sign up at the next monthly meeting.

Your sponsored event could be here next month!

Its easy, just arrange a trip or event and coordinate it! Make it even more fun by getting others involved with you!

Ask about the *SPECIAL BENIFITS FOR TRIP LEADERS*.

COME ON! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

More Previews of Coming Attractions

Free Backpacking Trips

Does free backpacking interest you? A planning get-together with interested parties will be held at each monthly SOLAR meeting to plan each month's trip.

Possible destinations include Pigeon River, Manistee River, Hoist Lake, and Nordhouse Dunes. If you have suggestions for other locations, bring copies of driving instructions, and trail maps for discussion.

Tentative dates is the weekend of February 26th.

The *Enjoying Michigan Winters* course is a pre-requisite for these trips.

These are *leaderless* trips, which means all attendees are responsible for all preparation and action. Lester Mok will oversee the meetings to assist the group in their decisions. A few assistants would be appreciated!

Attendees will be responsible for their own physical conditioning, gear, food, safety, etc. A first aid certification is recommended. No alcohol please.

Call Lester for details on (519) 256-0524.

Skiing at Blue Mountain, Ont.

Want to enjoy the snow some more? How about going skiing in the Great White North... Canada?

The place is Blue Mountain Resort in Ontario, Canada. The dates are February 19th-21st.

Catch this... condos with a full kitchen, jacuzzi bathtub, and great company! But, in SOLAR-style, we'll have to "rough it"... you have to share a room with someone else.

This year the resort has added a snow-tubing park to add more fun to your trip.

The cost is \$80, which includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, Saturday night dinner, and munchies Friday night. Skiing rates are from \$32 - \$38, depending on the pass you want.

There is still some room to sign up, but space is limited to 16 people.

Contact Jonnie Kostishak at (734) 398-5315 for information.

Let it snow, let it snow...

Winter Wilderness Survival

Winter Wilderness Survival will teach you how to survive in the wilderness.

Every year hunters and hikers die or are seriously injured as a result of an accident or becoming lost on their trip into the wilderness. Many of these mishaps may have been prevented with a basic understanding of wilderness survival. Learning about survival can also help you enjoy the outdoors more fully.

Enjoying Michigan Winters and *Beginning Backpacking* are pre-requisites for this class.

Class dates are February 17th and 24th, plus March 3rd and 10th. The survival practical location will be announced, and will be held on March 12th thru the 14th.

A minimum of 12 students are necessary to hold this class. The cost is \$60.00.

See or call Bob Westbrook for more information on (734) 513-8454.

And All Kinds of Stuff to Do!

Rollerbladding at the Dome!

Join SOLARites for *Rollerblading* at the *Pontiac Silverdome* from 6PM to 9:30PM.

Contact Douglas Lanyk or other rollerbladers and organize your own outing dates at the Dome!

ISAR with NASAR in OH

Search And Rescue anyone? The *National Association of Search and Rescue* is teaching an Introduction to Search And Rescue at the Hocking College in Ohio. Professionals and hikers that are interested in safety and preventive SAR operations should attend. The dates are March 6-8 and March 9-11. The fee is \$201 prepaid. Contact Connie Cassady on (740) 753-3591 ext 2330, or see Lester Mok at the SOLAR general meetings.

Coodinators and Trip Leaders Wanted

SOLAR WANTS YOU! Minimal experience is necessary to organize, schedule, and direct a SOLAR event.

Be one of the few, the proud, a leader! Be all you can be!

You can help to keep the club an exciting and educational organization for everyone.

Do you like photography? How about organizing a photo trek or a photo class? How about Crosscountry skiing? A day skiing with fellow SOLARites would be fun.

PLUS there are benefits to being a leader... see a committee member for details.

Don't just sit there... SIGN UP NOW!

D' ya have Rocks in yer head?

Here's your chance to experience the thrill of *Wall Climbing* and the great feeling of making it to the top.

Saturday April 3rd from 8PM to 11PM at *Planet Rock* in Pontiac, up to 20 participants can join in on the fun. Located at 34 Rapid Street, just west of Woodward Ave., Planet Rock has some of the best climbing in the Detroit area.

The cost is \$33 and includes a day pass, rental of climbing shoes and harness, basic instruction from Planet Rock, subs, pop, and munchies. **Checks are to be made out to Jeff Enterkin.**

Climbing is an excellent way to exercise, and for some people, to overcome the fear of heights, or more commonly, the fear of falling. Climbing is actually safer than most people think!

This function is in conjunction with SOLAR and the SKIWI Ski and Social Club, so this is a **Non-SOLAR** activity.

All are welcome to join us, kids must be 13 and older. You may just get bitten by the *bug* and sign up for the *SOLAR Rock Climbing Class*, held later this year.

The time is now, so don't put it off.

Contact Jeff Enterkin on (248) 399-0696 or you can e-mail him at Jente69690@aol.com

Activities

February

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| Fri-Sun 12-14 | VASA X-C Ski Race-Traverse Cty Debbie Wood (313) 521-2891 |
| Fri-Sun 19-21 | Cabin X-C Ski Wknd-Wilderness Laura Albin (810) 229-8283 |
| Fri-Sun 19-21 | Alpine & X-C Ski-Blue Mtn, Ont. Jonnie Kostishak (734) 398-5315 |
| Fri-Sun 26-28 | Hocking Hills State Pk-Logan, OH Karen Bates (810) 983-4147 |
| Fri-Sun 26-28 | Winter Backpacking Trip-TBA Lester Mok (519) 256-0324 |

March

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| Fri-Sun 19-21 | X-C Skiing-Wabos Loppet- Ont. Mike Banks (248) 926-8939 |
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April

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| Sat 3 | Rock Climbing - Planet Rock, Pont Jeff Enterkin (248) 399-0696 |
| Sat 24 | Laser Tag-Laser Quest, Madison Ht Jeff Enterkin (248) 399-0696 |

Education

February

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| Wed 3 | Enjoying MI Winters-Benchmark Douglas Lanyk (248) 634-4551 |
| Sat-Sun 6-7 | EMWC Practical 2-Pigeon River Douglas Lanyk (248) 634-4551 |
| Wednesdays 17, 24 | Winter Wilderness Survival-TBA Bob Westbrook (734) 513-8454 |

March

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| Wednesdays 3, 10 | Winter Survival Class-TBA Bob Westbrook (734) 513-8454 |
| Fri-Sun 12-14 | Winter Survival Practical-TBA Bob Westbrook (734) 513-8454 |

April

SOLAR

The School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure & Recreation

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The SOLAR CLUB is a non-profit organization of people interested in promoting appreciation of outdoor activities through education and practical experience. The club offers educational programs and various activities which are listed inside. We sponsor trips as well as informal gatherings to provide the exchange of expertise, experiences and information. All of these contribute to fellowship among the membership. SOLAR Club activities will enhance and further the skills and information taught in the basic and more advanced classes, through active participation.

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The SOLAR RAY

THE SOLAR RAY is a monthly publication of the SOLAR Club and is provided free of charge to current members. Contributions such as comments, trip reports, recipes, photos and original articles are welcome. The deadline for next edition of THE SOLAR RAY is 12 days after the monthly general membership meeting.

SOLAR meetings

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Colony Hall, located at 21780 Evergreen Rd., between 8 and 9 Mile roads in Southfield at 7:30 PM. **Visitors can attend meetings for free.** Membership dues are:

- \$30 individual, annually
- \$150 for individual lifetime
- \$45 annually for a family
- \$225 lifetime for a family

For more information about SOLAR, call:
SOLAR CLUB HOTLINE
24-hour Voice Mail (248) 988-6658
Or visit us on the web:
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Are you a Skier?

Check out the trips planned for the next few months!

Details inside!

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