

# The SOLAR RAY

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## Which way did he go, George?

by Susan Haggerty

For some of us older folk, we can chuckle knowing that phrase came from Willoughby, a foxhound, in the cartoon, "Of Fox and Hounds", a creature known to usually find his way!! So I ask myself, "If a dog can do this, why can't I?"

So here I was in a small classroom, amongst friendly faces and lots of talk of travel, an atmosphere I really enjoy, saying to myself, "Which way do I go, which way do I go?" Not only did I get that question answered after a few weeks of hands on training I also got to play with really cool water toys (you get to flood a mountain!!!), play-doh (now, I am no artist, but I think my hills looked like hills and not clumps of playdoh!), a compass (did you know something as small as a zipper can effect the direction the needle points? That a degree or two in long distance travel can put you off by many miles!! Won't hold that so close to me anymore!!), and lots of maps!! Oh, and you get a really cool book with lots of info in it!!

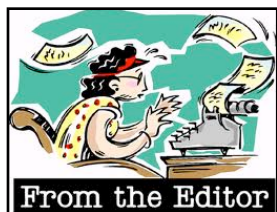
I can hardly express the words for how knowledgeable, experienced, friendly, and willing to teach all the instructors are!! (Why couldn't I have had them as my professors in my endless hours of accounting classes?) To hear all the tales of their travels and adventures definitely made learning how to read a compass and map all the easier. I mean really, what good is a GPS if you can't even read a map? North, South, East, West?? Hmmm...and don't tell me you haven't ever looked in the sky to see where the sun was so you could figure out which way you were traveling!! Yeah, I thought so...so have I. And it is not like you can just ask



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Happy New Year, Ya'll!



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## SOLAR Meeting Minute: Microinterviews

**Heather Hall** asked attendees of the September General Meeting at Colony Hall:  
*"What is your New Year's resolution?"*

Deanna O'Dea

**Have more fun!**



Jeff McWilliams

GET IN SHAPE FOR  
TOUGH MUDDER



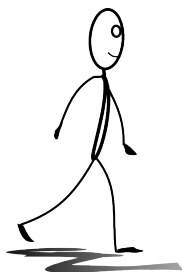
Glenn Newa

*Walk 20  
miles a week*



Judy Petrella

Coordinate an ice climbing activity





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## THE FACE(S) OF TWO FRIDAY HIKE(S)

BY CAROL ROGERS

After a day of parades, family, friends and lots of turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes and gravy, approximately 32 hikers met at Independence Oaks Park in Clarkston for the Anti-Black Friday Hike, previously known as the “after turkey trot”. I had been scheduling a hike the day after Thanksgiving for BS Hikers for several years and luckily 2 years ago another BS hiker (Colleen) took this over for me. Last year, I invited SOLAR and a few members came out to hike. This

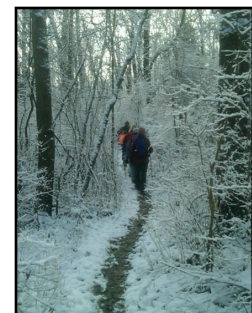
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What a beautiful day to hike – sunny, high 40 to 50 degree temps – and lots of wonderful people and smiling faces. We left the boat launch and hiked as a large group to the first turn-off. That’s when 3 of us on the “injured” list (SOLAR Members **Kevin Cotter, Carol Rogers** (me) and BS Hiker Shannon) broke away to continue on the easier, flat 2.3 mile lakeshore route while the rest of the group went into the interior of the park to tackle the Ted Gray hill, the look-out structure and the very pretty/scenic trails (probably envisioning what it’ll be like to x-country ski come snow).

Afterwards, about 19 of us went to lunch (& beer) at the Clarkston Tap.

Attending from SOLAR: **Jeff Enterkin, Rex Mathewson**(with flute), **Bill Pegan, Bonnie, Pat S, Pat C, Kevin Cotter, Carol Rogers, Mark Carson, Mary Dunn, Dan Butterworth, Cindy Taylor, Jim Hartig**

On December 2, the hike at Milford Bike Trail was much different. Snow on the ground, temperatures were maybe 35 degrees (warming to possibly 40) and there were only 6 hikers (+ 2 pups – Jade and Buddy). The trees were “gift-wrapped” in snow. The woods were pretty with the sun reflecting off the snow covered trees. Attending this hike: **Pat C, Carol Rogers, Lou Szakal, Meg Braun, Bonnie M and 2 BS Hikers.**



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### Parking at Colony Hall

by Ati Tislerics

Some people who responded to the survey back in March mentioned parking difficulties at Colony Hall (getting stuck in mud, snow, etc.) as one of the reasons

they don’t come to meetings more often. This was one of the little “Aha!” moments of the survey for me, something we hadn’t thought of when designing the survey but that really told us something specific. Even better, it seemed like something that might be rather easily remedied. We obviously can’t get the field paved, but here’s another option.

The school across Evergreen from Colony Hall (Southfield Regional Academic Campus) has no evening classes. I’ve spoken with the

principal, who said it won’t bother them one bit if SOLARites park there during the monthly meetings. (Just in case, I tried to confirm this with other Southfield schools authorities, but didn’t get a response.) So that’s an option when the field is muddy or snow-covered, or just full.

However, if you do choose to park there, PLEASE, PLEASE cross Evergreen at the light. We need you.

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## **Membership Matters**

*By Jennifer Tislerics, Membership Chairperson*

Have you ever found yourself telling someone you met on the trail (or in the water) about SOLAR, suggesting they check it out? Ever wished for a pen and paper, so you could write down the club's name or website address for someone? Well, we have JUST the item for you!

SOLAR has a "business card" with the club's logo and website address listed, which is available to members at the monthly meetings. We've already sorted them into plastic snack-size bags so you can toss them into your daypack or keep with your paddling gear. **Please stop by the Membership Table to grab a bag of cards**, and help spread the word about our fun club.

We ask all new members of the club how they heard about SOLAR. Answers often include "surfing the internet" and REI. But the most common response – by far – is through a current SOLAR member (a friend, coworker or someone they met on the trail).

In discussing our outdoor adventures, posting photos online, and comparing notes with strangers on the trail we may be inspiring a future SOLAR member to check out the club. Sometimes it takes people a few years to seek us out after they first learn of SOLAR, but many attend their first monthly meeting shortly after encountering a SOLARite.

Some club members have found creative ways to let others know about SOLAR. They've contacted authors of outdoorsy blogs, travel reporters, etc. If you're on a social media site, blog or other website and think the author or readers might be interested in SOLAR, mention it! Every person we tell about our club increases the likelihood we'll have more fun people to play with outside.

Please continue to spread the good word, and invite people to check out SOLAR.

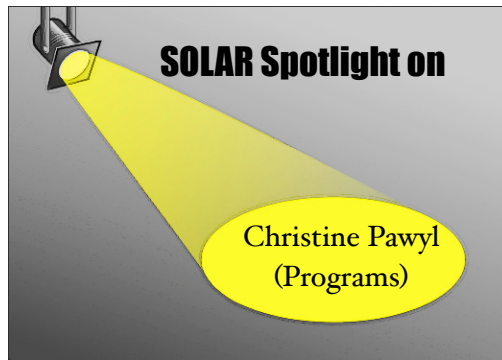
### **SOLAR WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:**



**Ann Riley-Gawura**

**Stanley Rarick (upgrade to Lifetime)**



**What motivated you to join SOLAR?**

In my 20s, I became interested in sailing with a friend through AYH. My brother bought a sail boat and I sailed several times a week with Sailing Singles (an AYH spin off), finally becoming a member of the Detroit Yacht Club. I was in the Port Huron to Mackinac race in 1981; we dropped out of the race at Tobermory due to storm damage. After some down time we sailed on to Mackinac and I will always remember seeing the Michigan shoreline from the water and going under the Mackinac Bridge.

Several AYH members were also kayakers, rock climbers and backpackers who joined SOLAR. A large group of people hanging out together, exchanging ideas and encouraging others to try something new interested me. I began to see that all of these ideas were good for developing character and I wanted some. After a few years absence, I recently re-joined SOLAR this past spring; I didn't get too involved until I saw that the club needed a programs chair.

**What has been your favorite trip/activity so far?**

When I first joined SOLAR, I took the fall backpacking class and went on a trip to the Smokies, which was amazing.

**What's the most challenging thing you've done through SOLAR?**

I took a 190-mile rafting trip down the Colorado River and was consistently amazed each day. The Grand Canyon is a whole other world. Later, I hiked the Grand Canyon down Bright Angel Trail. There is so much about the canyon to love.

Hiking and backpacking sometimes where very few people have gone, such as Pukaskwa

National Park in Canada at the northeast side of Lake Superior with John Kalam.

**What are some outdoor activities you enjoy?**

My biggest love is sailing in the Caribbean on a 16 ft Hobie catamaran.

**Tell us something about you that would surprise us.**

I am really afraid of heights. Upon taking the SOLAR Rock Climbing class we went to Rattlesnake Park (Canada) for our test climb and when I got to the top of my 50-ft climb, I threw up! I was shaking from fear. To add insult to injury, I went with the Steering Committee several months ago to do team building games and I had to climb 40 feet up; true to form I tossed my cookies again. I am determined to do it again without having my lunch come up!

**Do you have any pets? Kids? Significant Other?**

I am single with no children and a cat called "Izzy." She is a blue point Himalayan mix with blue eyes.

**What inspired you to run for a Steering Committee position?**

I am better at getting involved in the running of an organization before getting involved in the doing of rock climbing, backpacking, etc. I like being behind the scenes, so to speak.



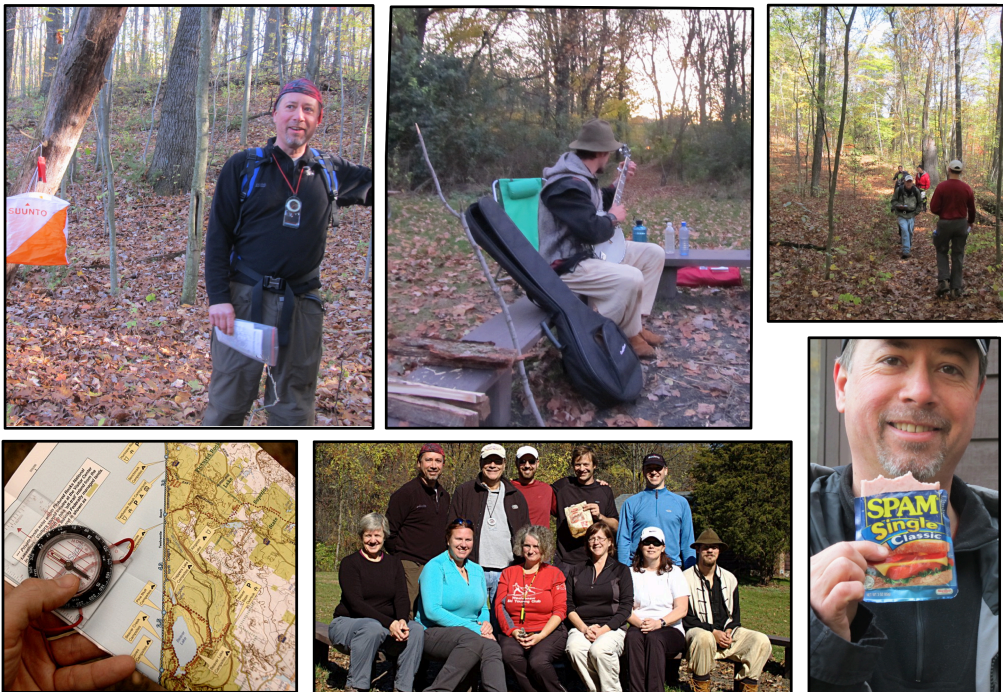
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Mother Nature to move the clouds over so you can figure it out. So why not learn to read a map?

One of the best things I have realized every time I read a map is that there are so many more places to venture to on that map. And knowing of how close or far these locations are to me, what type of terrain it may be, high or low ground, water or marsh, thicket or open grassy fields made it much easier for planning to travel to these places. Definitely giving knowledge on how heavy my pack should be, what equipment to bring, what clothes to wear, and of course how much food and water to have.

The instructors brought with them much more information than just compass and map reading. But I also must give credit to the other students and their vast knowledge of traveling, camping, hiking, and many other outdoor adventures. I now look at the stars in a different way (learned about astronomy by the fire). I have gotten to enjoy wild berries (we'll forget about the tart ones though). I realized the fastest way from one point to another isn't always a straight line (bushwhacking can be very tiresome and time consuming). And I now know that sometimes when I'm asked, "Are you sure that is where you are?", it doesn't mean I'm not going to get where I want to go!!

So next time someone asked, "Did you take Basic Land Nav (BLN) class?" I can not only answer yes, but can say I gained a lot of knowledge, made new friends and learned to know, "Which way do I go!!".



YOOHOO! YAHOO!

8 SOLARites and 1 guest hiked around Independence Oaks State Park on Black Friday, welcoming the "early" start time of 9:30ish. The weather could not have been better – high 50s and sunny! We stopped briefly on the trail to chat with another group of SOLARites and BS Hikers, who were on their way in as we were on our way out of the park. **Howard Weiss** coordinated this hike, which indeed fulfilled his promise of good hills. My legs ached for 2 days afterward! I will definitely go back and hike that park again.

"Not all those who wander are lost"

~ J.R.R. Tolkien





## WINTER WONDERLAND





## Winter Camping – March 1-5, 2012

Took Enjoying Michigan Winters five years ago but haven't camped in the cold and snow since? That's ok! We'll head to the north woods for a few days of camping, exploring, skill-building, and fun. Possible destinations are Pictured Rocks, Grand Island, Tahquamenon Falls, or Craig Lake in the U.P. or Wilderness State Park or Nordhouse Dunes below the bridge. Destination will depend on snow/ice conditions and on the consensus of the group going. EMW or winter camping experience a must.

Interested? Contact: Heidi Tietjen, [h\\_tietjen@yahoo.com](mailto:h_tietjen@yahoo.com)

## Porcupine Mountains Winter Camping

Have you taken the Enjoying Michigan Winters class, and finished the class thinking, "Wait, I was just getting the hang of it!?!?" Me, too. This trip will use those skills and add to them.

**When:** Sunday, February 26 – Saturday, March 3; five days/four nights in the backcountry.

**The plan** is to start from the west end of Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, hike in 6-8 miles along Lake Superior to the area between Little Carp and Big Carp rivers, base-camp there, spend three days day-hiking, building quinzees and/or goofing off, and hike back out.

**Cost:** \$200 per person includes backcountry permits, 2 nights lodging, and gas.

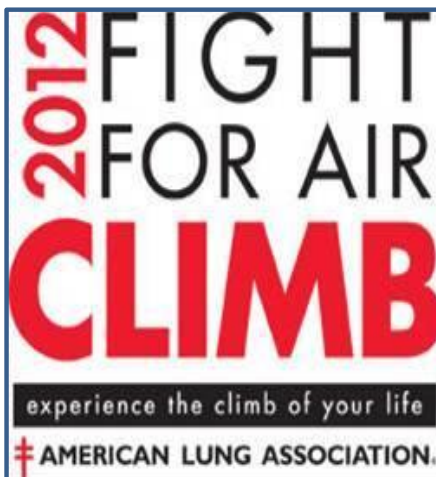
**Prerequisites:** Enjoying Michigan Winters, other intangibles. This trip is intended to be quite challenging, so for the good of the group and my own peace of mind I will be cautious about who I welcome aboard.

**Group size** will be limited to six initially; that could (and hopefully will) increase if there is enough interest from people with winter camping experience beyond the EMW class.

**Things I'm looking forward to** about this trip (results may vary!):

- ✧ Building a quinzee, now that I think I know what I'm doing
- ✧ Listening to the silence of a winter wilderness
- ✧ Snow deeper than I've ever seen before
- ✧ Stargazing in a clear winter sky
- ✧ Challenging myself to do something a bit outside of my comfort zone

**Contact:** Ati Tislerics, [atisleri@umich.edu](mailto:atisleri@umich.edu), 313-794-0164



Join the award-winning **SOLAR Stair Stars** in their annual trek up the stairs of the infamous Renaissance Center! The team trains indoors and outdoors during the winter to get ready to race up 70 flights of stairs.

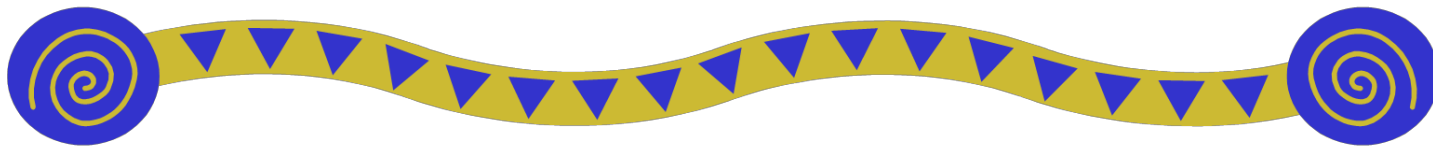
This year's stair climb is on **March 4, 2012**.

Can't join the climb? Support SOLAR Stair Stars fundraising efforts—by check or on-line:

<http://www.lungusa.org/pledge-events/mi/detroit-climb-fy12/>

Contact: Mary Donahue, [mldonahue824@gmail.com](mailto:mldonahue824@gmail.com)





# Whirlyball

## Tentative Date/Time:

Saturday, February 11, 2012, 1-3 pm

Organized by: Jeff Enterkin

jente69690@aol.com, (248) 224-4384

Whirlyball is a fast-paced game that combines basketball, hockey, bumper car, and jai-alai. There are 10 cars on the court with five person teams driving them. The court is set up like a basketball court with a vertically hung backboard at both ends. The backboard has a 15 inch hole in the middle with a swing gate. The object is to drive a bumper car to your opponent's net and using a (jai-alai style) plastic scoop throwing a whiffle ball at their net. The team with the most points wins. Each game typically runs 13 minutes long.



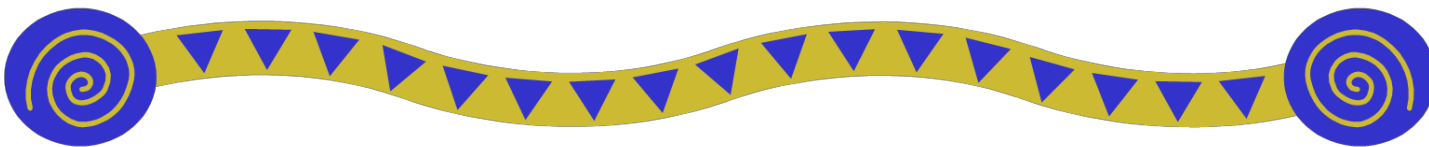
**When:** The tentative date and time will be Saturday February 11, 2012 at 1 pm going to 3 pm. I am using a Groupon for this event, so I cannot reserve that date and time until February 7, 2012. I will let you know if the date and time are confirmed or if I have to change it.

**Where:** Whirlyball Novi, 41550 Grand River Ave., Novi MI 48375. Tel: 248-788-8900. The building is located behind the mini mall on the north side of Grand River just west of Meadowbrook Rd. The Whirlyball entrance is located on the West side of the Total Sports Complex building.

**Cost:** \$22 per person. This includes 2 hours of playing time (four games per person), pizza, bread sticks, salad, and soda.

**Who:** SOLAR members, friends, and family. Children are welcome but all participants must be 54" tall. Looking for 20 people.

**From Whirlyball:** Remember, Whirlyball is a play at your own risk activity! As with any contact sport, there is the possibility of injury. While the risk of injury is minimal, Whirlyball assumes no responsibility for any injuries incurred while playing. Be careful and have fun! Persons with heart conditions, back or neck problems, pacemakers and pregnant women are not recommended to play! A height of 54" must be met to participate. No outside food or beverage permitted at any time.





# SOLAR JANUARY 2011 CALENDAR

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Click to get  
the details on  
Meetup.com!

Winner of the December Activity Organizer Drawing: Carol Rogers, Noel Nights and Afterglow

## SOLAR MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

1/3	Tues	<a href="#">Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm</a>	Colony Hall	Chuck Smith	<a href="mailto:SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org">SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org</a>
		<a href="#">Program: Annual Photo Contest</a>	Colony Hall	Christine Pawyl	<a href="mailto:SolarPrograms@SolarOutdoors.org">SolarPrograms@SolarOutdoors.org</a>
1/31	Tues	<a href="#">Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm</a>	TBD	Chuck Smith	<a href="mailto:SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org">SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org</a>
2/7	Tues	<a href="#">Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm</a>	Colony Hall	Chuck Smith	<a href="mailto:SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org">SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org</a>
		<a href="#">Program: Living in the Shadow of the Moon-Dog: A South Pole Diary</a>	Colony Hall	Christine Pawyl	<a href="mailto:SolarPrograms@SolarOutdoors.org">SolarPrograms@SolarOutdoors.org</a>
2/28		<a href="#">Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30</a>	TBD	Chuck Smith	<a href="mailto:SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org">SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org</a>
3/6	Tues	<a href="#">Monthly Meeting, 7:30 pm</a>	Colony Hall	Chuck Smith	<a href="mailto:SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org">SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org</a>
		<a href="#">Program: Through-Hiking the Buckeye Trail</a>	Colony Hall	Christine Pawyl	<a href="mailto:SolarPrograms@SolarOutdoors.org">SolarPrograms@SolarOutdoors.org</a>
3/27	Tues	<a href="#">Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30</a>	TBD	Chuck Smith	<a href="mailto:SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org">SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org</a>

## SOLAR RAY DEADLINES

1/20	Fri	February SOLAR Ray Deadline		Sheila Smith	<a href="mailto:SolarRayEditor@SolarOutdoors.org">SolarRayEditor@SolarOutdoors.org</a>
2/17	Fri	March SOLAR Ray Deadline		Sheila Smith	<a href="mailto:SolarRayEditor@SolarOutdoors.org">SolarRayEditor@SolarOutdoors.org</a>
3/16	Fri	April SOLAR Ray Deadline		Sheila Smith	<a href="mailto:SolarRayEditor@SolarOutdoors.org">SolarRayEditor@SolarOutdoors.org</a>

## ACTIVITIES

On-going	Multi	<a href="#">Build Your Own Kayak</a>	Harrison Twp, MI	Chuck Smith	<a href="mailto:cbryansmit@gmail.com">cbryansmit@gmail.com</a>
1/1	Mon	<a href="#">New Year's Gathering and River Paddle</a>	Proud Lake, Milford, MI	Matt Dalton	<a href="mailto:mdalton@ameritech.net">mdalton@ameritech.net</a>
1/13-16	Wknd	<a href="#">Lake Ann Cross-Country Ski Weekend</a>	Lake Ann, MI	Pete Lamb	<a href="mailto:petekandu@yahoo.com">petekandu@yahoo.com</a>
1/26	Thur	<a href="#">Chinese New Year's Dinner</a>	Garden City, MI	Leslie Cordova	<a href="mailto:lesliegene@aol.com">lesliegene@aol.com</a>
1/29	Sun	<a href="#">Ice Climbing for Beginners</a>	Fenton, MI	Kurt LaFrance	<a href="mailto:kklafran@comcast.net">kklafran@comcast.net</a>
2/9-12	Multi	<a href="#">Ice Climbing in Colorado</a>	Ouray, CO	Kurt LaFrance	<a href="mailto:kklafran@comcast.net">kklafran@comcast.net</a>
2/11	Sat	<a href="#">Whirlyball</a>	Novi, MI	Jeff Enterkin	<a href="mailto:Jente69690@aol.com">Jente69690@aol.com</a>
2/24-26	Wknd	<a href="#">Cross-Country Skiing on Mackinac Island</a>	Mackinac Island, MI	Linda Hill	<a href="mailto:riverwoman@comcast.net">riverwoman@comcast.net</a>
2/26-3/3	Multi	<a href="#">Porcupine Mountains Winter Camping</a>	Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, MI	Ati Tislerics	<a href="mailto:atisleri@med.umich.edu">atisleri@med.umich.edu</a>
3/1-5	Multi	<a href="#">Winter Camping Trip</a>	North! TBD	Heidi Tietjen	<a href="mailto:h_tietjen@yahoo.com">h_tietjen@yahoo.com</a>
3/4	Sun	<a href="#">American Lung Association Fight for Air Climb</a>	Detroit, MI	Mary Donahue	<a href="mailto:Mldonahue824@gmail.com">Mldonahue824@gmail.com</a>
3/11	Sun	<a href="#">Curling</a>	Ferndale, MI	Kurt LaFrance	<a href="mailto:kklafran@comcast.net">kklafran@comcast.net</a>
5/25-28	Wknd	Hocking Hills Memorial Day Weekend	Logan, OH	Nancy Prall	<a href="mailto:pralln@yahoo.com">pralln@yahoo.com</a>

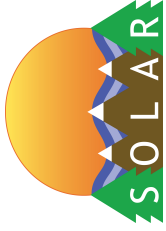
## CLASSES

1/20	Sat	<a href="#">Learn to Cross-Country Ski</a>	Roscommon, MI	Chuck Smith	<a href="mailto:cbryansmit@gmail.com">cbryansmit@gmail.com</a>
2/11	Sat	<a href="#">Snow Kiting Seminar</a>	Stony Creek Metro Park	Chuck Smith	<a href="mailto:cbryansmit@gmail.com">cbryansmit@gmail.com</a>

**SOLAR HAS A NO-REFUND POLICY.** IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND AN ACTIVITY, YOU MAY "SELL YOUR SPOT" TO ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER

**You Can Organize a Class or Activity!** If you would like to organize or suggest an activity to share with other SOLAR members, contact our Activities Chairperson, Heidi Tietjen at [SolarActivities@SolarOutdoors.org](mailto:SolarActivities@SolarOutdoors.org).

If you would like to teach or suggest a class, contact our Education Chairperson, Kevin Cotter at [SolarEducation@SolarOutdoors.org](mailto:SolarEducation@SolarOutdoors.org).



#### WHAT IS SOLAR?

SOLAR is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization with 400-plus members who enjoy the outdoors. Members share their knowledge and experience with each other by leading classes and coordinating activities/trips.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is only \$40 a year per person (\$55 per family) and includes free access to most club-owned equipment, a monthly newsletter, and a chance to meet hundreds of other like-minded adventurers drawn together by a common love of pristine lakes, breathtaking vistas, tranquil forests, scenic shorelines, and the experiences to be found there. Lifetime memberships are available for \$175 (single) and \$250 (family).

#### MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month in Southfield at Colony Hall, 21780 Evergreen (between 8 Mile & 9 Mile Roads) at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### SOLAR RAY NEWSLETTER

The SOLAR Ray is a monthly publication of SOLAR and is available online at [www.solaroutdoors.org](http://www.solaroutdoors.org). To receive a copy in the mail, please contact Jennifer Tislerics at [SOLARmembership@solaroutdoors.org](mailto:SOLARmembership@solaroutdoors.org).

#### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submissions for the SOLAR Ray are due on the Thursday three weeks prior to the monthly Membership meeting. Articles, poems, recipes, etc. should be submitted in electronic format. Please attach images separately as JPG files. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Smith at [SOLARrayeditor@solaroutdoors.org](mailto:SOLARrayeditor@solaroutdoors.org).

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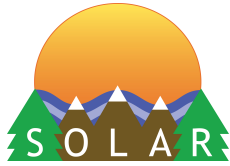
The Steering Committee meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. These meetings are usually open to the general membership. Anyone who is interested in learning about the decisions being made or contemplating running for a position on the Steering Committee is welcome to attend. If you are interested in attending the Steering Committee meeting, please contact Chuck Smith at [SolarPresident@solaroutdoors.org](mailto:SolarPresident@solaroutdoors.org).

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