

Community ski group grooms trails, offers events

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The nonprofit Meissner Nordic community ski group is grooming trails five days a week now and posting reports online to let people know about conditions.

The group had been grooming trails four days each week but added Wednesday to its schedule this year. From December through March, the group grooms trails on U.S. Forest Service land around Virginia Meissner SnoPark on Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. When groomers finish the work early in the morning, they post reports to the group's Facebook page and website. The additional grooming day comes in response to the additional skiers using trails, according to Steve Roti, vice president at Meissner Nordic.

The community group also plans a few events in coming weeks. XC Oregon will host the free Learn to Ski on Jan. 15 with mini-clinics, along with free rentals for participants at Village Bike and Ski in Sunriver and Webskis and Sunnyside Sports in Bend. The annual Meissner Luminaria will take place Feb. 4. The nighttime fundraiser entails skiing and snowshoeing along a trail lined with flickering lights to a bonfire at the Meissner shelter. The group also plans a Feb. 12 waffle feed.

"Come on out and ski with us," Roti said.

For more information, visit www.meissnernordic.org (<http://www.meissnernordic.org>) or email info@meissnernordic.org. (<mailto:info@meissnernordic.org>)



Andy Tullis / The Bulletin Anne Harris, left, leads her friend Megi Morishita, both of Bend, on a classic cross-country ski trip on the groomed trails at Virginia Meissner Sno-park.