

Winter in the forest is coming soon and I have some great news regarding our upcoming ski season!

Registration is now open for both the Winona Forest Try-It races as well as the Tourathon for 2023. You can link to the registrations at www.winonaforest.com and at skireg.com.

The Try-It race will once again consist of our classic cross-country race (9K), and the skate ski race (9K/18K) The date for these races is Saturday, January 21st. This is a perfect day for people looking for a day to explore the forest with family, friends or just to have fun outdoors. There is no pressure in these races! It also is a great preparation day for the upcoming Tourathon. This is always a fun day, and this year there will be the option to hang around the bonfire and relax. Bring your favorite beverage to pour into your commemorative glass. We will also have some hot cocoa on hand to warm you up!

The WFRA Tourathon will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023. The traditional race distances are 12.5/25/50K. Details regarding start timing and race protocols will be found on the website. This year we are bringing back our awards ceremony, in addition to an array of hot soups that will warm you up after the race. We will have a bonfire at this event as well, so feel free to bring beverages and hang out after the race.

As always, it takes a village to put on these races – from grooming to volunteers making soup and manning the race loop. Please consider joining WFRA and/or donating your time to help us keep our events going strong! We appreciate your support!

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding our upcoming ski season. pmoyer2@yahoo.com

Fingers crossed for lots of snow in the forest.... see you on the trails!

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