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Ski on the Gunflint Trail at Pincushion Mountain Winter Festival Feb. 17

GRAND MARAIS, MINN. (Jan. 3, 2019) – Two miles north of Grand Marais, Minn. on the Gunflint Trail, cross-country skiers of all athletic abilities and spectators will gather for the Pincushion Mountain Winter Festival on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019.

This one-day event includes eight skiing events throughout the day for beginners, intermediate and advanced skiers in classical, freestyle and skijoring, and ranging from .5k to 30k, and is open to both adults and children.

“Many cross-country skiers enjoy warming up during the Pincushion Festival for the American Birkebeiner, which takes place the following weekend near Hayward, Wis.,” says Linda Jurek, executive director of Visit Cook County.

Schedule of Events:

9 a.m.	30K Classical Ski Race (Registration Fee \$35)
9:30 a.m.	10K Freestyle Ski Race (Registration Fee \$20)
9:40 am.	10K Classical Ski Race (Registration Fee \$20)
2 p.m.	.5K Kids’ Classical Race (Beginner) (Registration Fee \$5)
2:15 p.m.	1.5K Kids’ Classical Race (Intermediate) (Registration Fee \$5)
2:30 p.m.	3K Kids’ Classical Ski Race (Advanced) (Registration Fee \$5)
3 p.m.	7K Skijoring Single Dog Race – Interval Start (Registration Fee \$20)
3:10 p.m.	3K Skijoring Single Dog Race – Interval Start (Registration Fee \$20)

Sponsoring Organization

North Superior Ski and Run Club is celebrating it's 40th year. The club is responsible for all trail maintenance of Pincushion Mountain. They sponsor many youth skiing and running programs for Cook County, including the high school teams.

For additional information and to register for the Pincushion Mountain Winter Festival, please visit this link: <https://www.visitcookcounty.com/event/pincushion-mountain-winter-festival/>

About Visit Cook County

Visit Cook County encompasses the northeastern Minnesota communities of Lutsen, Tofte, Schroeder, Grand Marais, the Gunflint Trail and Grand Portage, commonly referred to as “the Arrowhead” and the “North Shore of Lake Superior”. Grand Marais, Minn., has earned several national accolades -- most recently it was named *USA Today's* [Best Midwestern Small Town](#), Outside Magazine's [The 16 Best Places to Live in the U.S. 2016](#), and Budget Travel's 2015 [Coolest Small Town in America](#). Rekindle your sense of adventure by exploring the Superior National Forest or paddling through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Discover what makes the communities of Cook County, Minn. “Naturally Unforgettable.” Connect on social media using [#visitcc](#), Twitter [@CookCoVisitors](#), [Facebook](#), or Instagram [@donorthmn](#). Learn more at www.visitcookcounty.com.

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