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Your Nordic Legacy

Anderson Bluff & River Trail Foundation Inc.

Conduct Fun Ski Relay

Eric Anderson & Angela Santini Donate to an Outdoor Legacy

The Anderson Bluff & River Trail Foundation Inc. is conducting a fun cross country ski relay on February 20, 2021, from ABR Ski Trails in Erwin Township to finish in Ramsey via the interconnecting local trails. This relay will be divided into six segments and relay captains will organize small ski teams to complete that portion of the trail (teams will comply with COVID safety protocols). Captains are also Directors on the Foundation's Board. The six relay legs are:

1. Eric Anderson & Angela Santini – starting leg at ABR.
2. Melissa Santini – to Sulu's (Highill) warming cabin at ABR.
3. Chris Halverson – loop around Wolf Tracks trail at ABR.
4. Will Andresen – to Jack Pine Trail to Norrie Park gate.
5. Scott Erickson – to Foundation land (Woodward Trail) to Miner's Memorial Heritage Park Trail to Iron Belle Trail intersection with Easy Street.
6. Melanie Fullman – Iron Belle Trail intersection with Country Club Road across US 2 to Wolverine Nordic Trails spur.
7. Randy Ahnen – Iron Belle Trail from Easy Street to Ramsey finish line.

The purpose of the fun relay is of course to have fun and demonstrate that cross country skiers can navigate local trails connecting them from Erwin Township all the way to Ramsey. This event builds on the Foundation's vision is to:

“SUSTAIN ABR LEGACY AS THE MIDWEST'S PREMIER NORDIC SKI DESTINATION FOR GENERATIONS TO COME; AND CONNECT ABR TRAILS TO THE LARGER COMMUNITY”.

In order to secure the legacy of ABR for future generations, Eric Anderson and Angela Santini (owners of ABR) formed Anderson Bluff & River Trail Foundation Inc. (non-profit 501(c)(3)) on June 3, 2019.

ABR Ski Trails will continue to operate as previously enjoyed. Eric and Angela plan to donate a significant portion of their land to the Foundation between now and 2030 as their retirement nears. Skiers will enjoy a seamless transition in the future for their silent sports and start their skiing at the existing ABR warming cabin/trailhead. The River frontage and the connectivity of these trails/parcels and parks will be a very valuable asset to the community and enhance future development of outdoor recreational activities.

Eric has challenged the Foundation board to sustain the skiing experience and let families enjoy all Ironwood, Michigan, has to offer for the next 100 years. The Anderson Bluff & River Trail Foundation is a non-profit (501(c)(3)) organization with a mission to “Create & sustain the organizational foundation to ensure a lasting legacy for Nordic skiing in the Ironwood area”. The Foundation plans to form a future outdoor and environmental interpretive center and expand educational programs focused on silent sports activities.



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Anyone interested in more information to participate/volunteer or donate to the non-profit Foundation can visit the website at <https://andersonbluffsrivertrailsfoundation.org/> or contact the Foundation at AndersonFoundation13@gmail.com.

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