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**Saint Croix Valley Ski Club to Host
Marine O'Brien Cross Country Ski Race on January 26**
Oldest ski race in the Midwest offers Nordic races for all ages

MARINE ON SAINT CROIX, Minn. – Nov. 20, 2019 – The Saint Croix Valley Ski Club is hosting their Annual Marine O'Brien Cross-Country Ski Race on Sunday, January 26, 2020. Skiers are invited to William O'Brien State Park located north of Marine on St. Croix, Minn. All proceeds from the race benefit the St. Croix Valley Ski Club youth skiing program.

"We're excited to be celebrating our 49th year on the William O'Brien trails!" said Katie Brekke, race coordinator. "This race is a significant fundraising opportunity for our ski club and we're hoping for a strong turn out this year."

Race Registration:

Participants can register online through January 22, 2020, at <http://marineobrien.com/>. There is a reduced registration rate for those who register by Dec. 15, 2019. Day-of registration and packet pickup opens at 9:00 a.m. and will close 30 minutes prior to race start. The first 100 registrants for the 25 km and 12.5 km races will receive a custom Ski Mo race hat.

Races and Start Times:

The races begin with the 8 km wood ski tour over mostly flat and moderately hilly terrain. Adult races include a 12.5 and 25 km (single and double loop), circling the park on both flat and hilly terrain.

Race Schedule:

- 10:10 a.m.: Wood Ski (8 km)
- 10:30 a.m.: Adult Classical (12.5 and 25 km)
- 11:00 a.m.: Adult Skate (12.5 and 25 km)
- 1:45 p.m.: Children's Races:
 - Ages 3 and under: 100 m "dash"
 - Ages 4 and 5 : 1/2 km "sprint"
 - Ages 6-9: 2 km "thriller"
 - Ages 10-13: 6 km "mad dash"

Results and Awards:

Race results will be posted on Skinnyski.com and PickleEvents.com. The top three places in the 12.5 and 25 km skate and classical races, male and female, will receive an artisan crafted mug and a custom "woodal" (wooden medal) to commemorate their victory. The adult and children's awards ceremony will take place immediately following the races. All adult racers are eligible to win prizes donated by local businesses via raffle.

More Information

Visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MarineO'BrienSki/>, or register online at <http://marineobrien.com/>. For further information or media inquiries, contact [Tara Tierney](#).

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