

Official Newsletter of the Cyclists of Gitchee Gumee Shores



COGGS TALK



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CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

COGGS Vision for the Future

As an organization, we are committed to helping improve cycling opportunities for the community around us. Currently we have a large number of opportunities to take a huge leap forward to fulfill this mission. Below is our Vision for the Future and ideas on how you can help. Please take part in making the Twin Ports into the cycling community we've always wanted it to be.

Trail Development Goals

Fall 2009

Build beginner trail in Keane's Creek

Build singletrack connector through North part of Brewer Park

Make Lester continuous singletrack loop pending City approval

2 Year

Begin development of Mission Creek, our largest project to date

Build beginner trail at Coffee Creek

Develop intermediate level trails within Spirit Mountain's Nordic system

Build trail near Wrenshall school

3 Year

Finish Mission Creek project

Develop more trails in Lester Amity

5 Year

Develop trails in Magney-Snively park

Develop singletrack trails in Jay Cooke

Make Pokegama a continuous 8 mile loop

10 Year

Have continuous singletrack from Wrenshall to Lester Park

Organizational Goals

Achieve 501-C3 status (non-profit)
by 2010

Offer three mountain bike instructional classes yearly

Have a trained Bike Patrol

Have a volunteer hour software system

Improve visitors experience by having every trail mapped effectively and a comprehensive website with all trails and all needed information

Races:

Have 2 MNSCS races that draw over 350 people

Have Lincoln Park Challenge draw over 300 with successful festival

3+ free, community based races such as relay races in Keane's Creek

Develop a point to point race with potential to draw thousands of participants

As you can see, our goals are extensive and will not be achievable if our organization doesn't change into a larger and more effective one. So how can you help? Here are some ideas:

⇒ Volunteer for trail work days, donate money, donate high quality wood for trail building, assist in grant writing once 501-C3 status is achieved, attend local government meetings to be a voice for COGGS, race the races we put on, or invite friends and family to join

If the whole cycling community comes together, the above goals can be achieved and we will have a great time doing it. I look forward to working with all of you to make the Twin Ports the cycling community we've always dreamed of.

Happy Trail Riding,

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COGGS EVENTS

Gitchee Gumme Gallivant on Saturday, August 22nd

This is a casual “unsupported” group ride across the whole city. You'll be responsible for yourself. At the end of the day you'll have pedaled 50 miles or more, so please plan according to your biking ability. There will be the Ski Hut vans supplying water at a couple different stops along the way, otherwise, make sure you have tubes, tools for repairs and plenty of water. Email adamsundbergdc@hotmail.com to sign up for this event or for greater details.

Timeline:

8 am- breakfast at McFadden's located on 4129 100Ave W (Off of Skyline Pkwy, past Spirit Mtn & before Magney ski trail parking lot)

9 am- begin ride

5 pm-end at Whitey's (4963 Maxwell Road) for a BBQ, including a Homebrew, Salsa and Guacamole Contest, with trophies awarded. Please bring your own meat to grill and a dish to share.

Fall Retreat at Telemark weekend of October 3rd

Mark your calendar and stay tuned to the list serve or website for more details as this event gets closer. Please join us for great riding and fun times in Cable, WI.