



MEMBERSHIP PACKET

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Little Crow Ski Team Membership Packet

This packet will serve as the 2013 Little Crow Ski Team Membership Packet. In it, you will find information such as how to join, important times and dates, membership expectations, and general information to help you through your ski season. This year we will require all members to fill out a Little Crow membership form, located at the end of the packet. In addition to filling out the form, we will require a copy of your CURRENT USAWS membership card. No one will be allowed to practice or ski at any ski team function until these requirements are met. **There will be no exceptions.**

Introduction

In 1979 a small group of energetic, excited and talented young water skiers from West Central Minnesota brought together a unique desire to water ski. Within this small group of water skiers, the legend of Little Crow Ski Team began.

It started with an original membership of 15 plus water ski team members, the Little Crow Water Ski Team has grown to over 70 skiers dedicated to demonstrate, support and enjoy the sport of "water skiing!" The local performances began in Spicer, on Green Lake and in New London on the "Mill Pond" to carry on the tradition of Water Ski Shows that date back to the 1940's. Since 1985 the Little Crow Water Ski Team upholds this long and proud tradition as we perform at our home site "Neer Park." Located in New London, MN; Neer Park is nestled up against the calm and beautiful waters of the Crow River.

Safety/USA Water Ski

The safety of our team members along with the audience members is our number one priority. Every member should have their safety and the safety of others around them in mind. For new/younger members we know it is a very exciting joining the team, but we do ask that you seek help from the veteran members. They will be able to coach you through some of the skills that you will need to perfect before skiing in the shows. It is important to note that there will be no recreational swimming at Neer Park. There is too much activity around the ski site with the boats and skiers and this is one less way to get hurt.

Keeping safety in mind, **all members of the Little Crow Ski Team (skiing and support) MUST join USA Water Ski.** USA Water Ski (USAWS) is an organization that oversees the

competitive sport of water skiing and provides the team with insurance for all practices, shows, tournaments or any other USAWS sanctioned events.

Before you are allowed to ski, you must have proof of your USAWS membership. Your membership will need to be valid throughout the entire ski season (through the first week of September). Although your current membership may be valid partially through the summer, you must renew it to cover the entire ski season (through the first week of September). Tracking the status of each USAWS membership for each and every member of the Little Crow Ski Team would not be feasible. This is also to ensure there is not an untimely lapse in membership, disqualifying the member from either the regional or national tournaments.

Joining USA Water Ski or renewing your membership can be done by visiting www.usawaterski.org/pages/join.html. This site will allow you to apply online or print out a form to submit by mail. You will need to be signed up as an active member with either an “Individual Active” or a “Family Plan” membership. Family plans offer a reduced rate for up to 5 members in a household. When registering you will need to specify Little Crow Water Ski Team as your Club/Team and Show Ski as your Sports Discipline.

Benefits

Joining the Little Crow Ski Team is not just about giving you the ability to ski for a two-time national champion ski club; it also gives you the opportunity to gain friendships that will last a lifetime. Little Crow also helps you to acquire many new skiing abilities from experienced members, many of these skills you may not have known existed.

Joining also gives you the opportunity to use the following professional grade equipment:

- Boats
 1. Two tow boats (one equipped with triple 225hp outboards the other equipped with triple 150hp outboards)
 2. Three 2011 Ski Nautique 200's each equipped with 409hp Engines
 3. Two safety boats used to ensure safe show operations
- Gas is provided for the boats (These powerful boats can be very thirsty)
- Equipment transportation to away shows and tournaments (There is a very extensive caravan that is required to transport all of the needed equipment to put on a show)
- Park area with an extensive dock setup and stage (We are grateful to have the opportunity to perform and practice at Neer Park in New London, MN).
- Ski Jumps (We have one permanent jump located at our ski site and one travel jump used at away shows)
- Costumes to be worn during the shows

- Assortment of skis needed to develop our unique set of skills
 1. Pyramid skis
 2. Jump Skis
 3. Ballet Skis
 4. Swivel Skis
 5. Shoe Skis
- Ski ropes and harnesses needed for each skiing discipline
- Jump Helmets and other safety equipment (**This excludes wetsuits/floatation devices**, due to a variety of body sizes each member will be responsible for providing their own. Current ski members can provide assistance in the specific floatation device needed.)

Membership Expectations

- Complete USA Water Ski membership. Every ski team member is required to carry a USA Water Ski Membership that is current throughout the entire ski season, through the first week of September.
- Attend full team practices. Team Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays and optional skill development practices are on Mondays.
- Practice starts at 6:30. This means you need to be at the ski site a minimum of 15 minutes prior to help set up the acts and change clothes. **Acts should be ready to be on the water at 6:30.**
- Attend every home show. Typically every Friday in New London, even if you are not yet skiing in the show, there are many jobs that need to be filled to put on a show.
- Help set up before the show and help with the tear-down after. Members should arrive at least 30 minutes before every show and expect to spend 15 minutes after the show to setup/put away equipment.
- Attend the away shows. This year we have away shows in Willmar and Litchfield.
- Attend any tournaments that we are entered in. This year the Midwest Regional Tournament is held in Evansdale, Iowa and Nationals is held in Rockford, Illinois.
- Each team member is responsible for their own hotel rooms at a tournaments; the club does not cover this cost for tournaments. We do however reserve a block of rooms at each tournament. Reserve a room in our block by contacting a Little Crow Ski Team board member.
- There are numerous projects and chores that we need help with each ski season. Members are expected to help with these tasks.
- It is encouraged that any team member under the age of 16 has a parent/guardian(s) that is active in shows and practices. There are numerous responsibilities that are needed for shows/practices, both on and off the water. We would appreciate family members being involved to help during practices and shows. Parent/guardian(s) will also need to be a USA Water Ski member.

How to Join

Thank you for showing interest in one of the most competitive show ski teams in the nation. The Little Crow Ski Team is a non-profit organization that strives to put together a national championship caliber show each year. To accomplish this, we need your help. There is always room in the show for anyone that is hard working and willing. Whether it is skiing in the show, performing comedy acts on stage, helping in the boats, setting up ski acts (behind the scenes), or various other jobs needing to be filled, Little Crow could use your help.

First and foremost, we do not charge a fee for you to ski with us. We are truly blessed with awesome sponsors and dedicated attendees that help us with the cost of operation. The only fee for joining the ski team is that you pay your own AWSA membership fee. This can be found at usawaterski.org. We are a very unique team in that we do not charge an additional fee for a member to join the team. Almost every team in the nation charges a fee to ski on the team.

We strongly recommend that any team member under the age of 16 joins with a parent or guardian. The show has many positions during the show/practice that need to be filled such as boat riders, concessions stand workers, dock crew, and safety personal.

You do not need to know how to ski in order to join Little Crow, but knowing how is always helpful. We are always open to all talents and age groups. If you would like to be a part of this team, we can find a place that's right for you.

Please ensure that your "Little Crow Ski Team – Membership Form" is completed and turned into either the President, Vice President or Show Director. This form will be located on the very last page of the membership packet.

Important Dates and Times





As a Little Crow Ski Team member, you are expected to be at all full team practices, home and away shows.



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-  - Developmental Practice (Optional)
-  - Team Practice (Mandatory)
-  - Home Shows (Neer Park)
-  - Away Shows

-  - Regional Tournament
-  - National Tournament

Little Crow Ski Team - Membership Form

Individual Member or Head of Household:

Name: _____ Skier/ Support Date of Birth: _____
 Address: _____ USA Water Ski #: _____ Exp Date: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Primary Phone: _____ Home/ Work/ Cell Alt. Phone: _____
 Email: _____ Alt. Email: _____

Additional Family Members:

Skier/ Support	Name	Date of Birth	USA Water Ski #	Expiration Date	Phone	Email
Skier/ Support	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Please check that you have completed the following befor turning in your Membership Form

- Read and aggre to the terms in the membership packet
- Have given proof of USA Water Ski Membership (valid thru the first week in September)

Skiing member signature _____ X _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature if under 18 years of age _____ X _____ Date: _____