

## New regulations for snowmobilers

# Plenty cross country events to keep the feet in gear

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Outdoors writer

The snow is great for cross country skiing, whether you do it for fun or in competition.

A ski tour of Kensington Metropark, a race at Independence Oaks County Park and a benefit for the American Lung Association are all on tap in Oakland County in the near future.

KENNINGTON'S first of three park ski tours begins at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Park naturalist Steve Horn will lead the 2 1/2-hour trek to examine animal tracks and plant life in winter. Others in the series are scheduled for Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. From 1-6, take the Kensington Road exit to the nature center on the west side of the park.

Register in advance by calling the nature center office at 685-1561. The ski tour is free, but there is a vehicle admission charge of \$2, or \$7 for the season permit.

## outdoors

"SNOW RUSH" is the name of the annual race at Independence Oaks County Park beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 1.

Entry fee is \$3. Advanced and novice skiers can participate in either a 15-km race, a five-km race or a two-km race for ages 13 and younger.

Call the county parks office at 858-5384 for registration information.

"SUPER SKI '81," scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, is a benefit to aid the A.L.A. It will be held at Red Oaks County Golf Course in Madison Heights.

It will include a short educational session on style, waxing and dress; a film, "The Cross-Country Experience"; skiing on a three-km course; hot refreshments; and an optional ski competition.

Participants in the race will compete on a timed basis in men's and women's categories and six age categories.

Skiers signing up sponsors for \$10 or more will be admitted free. Skiers turning in \$25 or more in pledges by March 6 will receive a ski hat. Those turning in \$50 or more will be entered in a special grand prize contest for which prizes are a weekend for two at

Traverse City and a car ski rack.

Entry fee of \$3 covers the lesson, movie, refreshments and competition.

For registration forms and sponsor sheets, call the association at 961-1697.

IF YOU TRY to buy a fishing license for 1981, you'll be out of luck. They won't be on the market until the end of March or early April. In the meantime, use your 1980 fishing license or 1979 sportsman's license.

SNOWMOBILES and booze don't

mix, as anyone who reads winter accident reports must have figured out. Gov. William G. Milliken has signed a package of bills to tighten rules against the lethal combination of snowmobiles, alcohol and/or drugs. The new laws:

● Prohibit operation of a snowmobile while under the influence of liquor or controlled substances and authorizes warrantless arrests at the scene of an accident where it is reasonable to believe a violation has occurred (HB 5041).

● Make the person in control of an off-road recreational vehicle responsible for preventing its operation by a person under age 12 or a person under the influence of liquor or a controlled substance (HB 5042).

● Broadens the power of police officers to arrest, without warrant, persons driving snowmobiles or off-road vehicles on highways and parking lots when it is reasonable to believe the driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs (HB 5043).

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The one session, 3-hour "Heart Saver" course will be offered Thursday, February 5, and Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in Classroom 203 on the second floor of the Botsford Professional Building which is located in front of the hospital. The CPR course will resume its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month thereafter.

To pre-register, please call 476-7600, Ext. 444 on Monday thru Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Class size is limited so please register early. Botsford General Hospital is located at 280 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills 48024 (north of 8 Mile Rd., behind the Botsford Inn).

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