

ANNUAL SKI SWAP SET FOR NOVEMBER 6

Leaves have changed, the first freeze is long past, and many people are beginning their annual rummaging through garages and basements. What's going on? You're right! People in the Brainerd Lakes Area are preparing for the annual BNSC Ski Swap, which again will be held in the Brainerd High School cafeteria on Saturday, November 6.

Do you have any winter sports equipment that you'd like to upgrade or replace? If so, the Brainerd Nordic Ski Club (BNSC) sponsored SKI SWAP is the place to do so. The SWAP is also where you can find those special back country skis or snowboard or downhill poles...the list goes on and on!

Registration of items will be Saturday morning from 7:30-9:00. Special tags will be provided to mark all items with BNSC members there to help with tagging and pricing questions. If you're coming to purchase only, doors will open at 9:00 and the SWAP will run until 12:00. Between 12:00-1:00, people return to either collect money from sold items and/or pick up unsold items. Unclaimed goods will either be discarded or become property of the BNSC.

A little advice...if you're looking for a really great deal or have a specific item in mind, arrive as close to 9:00 as possible – the buying is fast and furious during the first hour and the choice items go quickly! For people who only selling equipment, the SWAP is the perfect opportunity to get a little something back on your older equipment and accessories.

Similar to past years, the BNSC will collect 15% of the merchandise sales from all non-club members. However, any current member (or those that join at the SWAP) will pay only 10% - another special advantage to club members and another reason to tell your skiing friends to join the club!

As usual, local ski shops will have new and rental items for sale. We always ask participating retail shops to bring an extra supply of youth/teen equipment as this is the area that usually receives the most interest. So check your X-C stuff and other winter sports items like downhill skis, snow boards, figure/hockey skates, car top carriers, etc. Decide what you'd like to bring as well as what equipment you'd like to buy.

PLEASE...share the information about the SWAP with all of your winter enthusiast friends. We'll inform the public through newspapers and radio/TV. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 6 and show up ready to find some fantastic deals! There will be many BNSC and downhill personnel on the floor to help with your questions.

If you'd like to help out with the many jobs needs to run an event of this size, please call Jeff DeVaney at 218-829-7472. Thanks much and we'll see you at the SWAP!