Leadership

It starts with Scouts.

Groom a Trail

Plan:
• Reach out to your municipal government to learn about local ski trails that are supported by volunteers. Is there an association your Crew can partner with?
• If there are no cross-country ski trails in your area, would your Crew be ready to create the first one?
• What tasks are involved in keeping the ski trails in good condition?
• How will you handle your ongoing responsibility for the trails?
• Agree on all the details and create your schedule.

Do:
• Maintain your ski trails over a winter
• Encourage local youth to take advantage of a great winter activity!

Review:
• What do you know now that you did not know before?
• How did your Crew handle this activity?
• How did you feel before, during, and after this project?
• What would you do differently in the future?
• Will this become a yearly project? Why or why not?

Safety note:
What specialized equipment is needed to maintain cross-country ski trails, and how can you learn to operate it safely?

Online Resources:
• Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club
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• Cross-country skiing in Calgary

The Adventure:
Organize your Crew’s contribution to your community’s cross-country ski and snowshoe trails. In many places, cross-country ski and snowshoe trails are maintained by local volunteers, and it’s a job that requires plenty of dedication to keep up with every snowfall. There’s even maintenance to be done on trails in the off-season.
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