

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday February 21st



The February Outing will be a return to a very popular outing, last experienced in 2024 – an afternoon/evening at the Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre (SLNC). For those that are energetic, we will start with a snowshoe hike that will reveal the beauty of the forest in the winter. After the snowshoeing, we will have dinner in the Old Day Lodge at SLNC, followed by getting creative with long exposure light painting. If we get a clear evening, there may also be an opportunity for some night sky photography. Please note that participating in the snow shoeing is not required to enjoy this outing. We would love for you to come for the Golden Hour photography, dinner and the light painting if that is your preference.

Here are some of the details for the February outing:

• Date – Saturday, February 21, 2026

• Location – This outing will be taking place at the Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre up Silver Star Mountain

– when driving up Silver Star Road, turn left onto the Sovereign Lake Road a couple of kilometers before you reach Silver Star Village.

• Time – If you plan on participating in the snow shoeing, the hike will be starting at approximately 4 PM. For those that would like to come for the dinner and the light painting, dinner will be out at approximately 5:30 pm, with the light painting to follow dinner.

• Cost – Dinner and hot beverages will be supplied by the Club. SLNC is generously providing the venue free of charge however we are exploring ways in which donations may be made to the SLNC LodgeLegacy Fund – more details to follow.

• Snowshoes – There will be no snowshoe rentals available when we have our hike as the the Lodge closes at 4 pm. Many members have several sets of snowshoes, and we will try to make sure that we

have some available for those without the equipment but want to go on the hike. If you need snowshoes, please let me know at vpcoutings@yahoo.com. Conversely, if you have extra sets of snowshoes that you could lend out for the afternoon, also please let me know.

• What to bring – It will probably be cold on the mountain, especially after sunset, so dress warmly with good gloves, boots and hat. As we will be using long exposures for the light painting, a tripod will be required (and a remote trigger if you have one). The cold will eat up your battery life, so be sure to bring some extra charged batteries. A wide angle lens will be helpful for some of the shots.

We look forward to seeing you on the Outing!

