

Bus Schedule

for MGHS Noquemanon Ski Marathon,
mBank Half Noquemanon
and Forestville 12k ski and 10k snow shoe races
January 28, 2012

Where to find the busses: Busses will be at the circular drive on the west side of the Dome, off Presque Isle Ave., as in years past. It is the racer's responsibility to make sure you are on the right bus going to the right race start. Each bus will be marked as to where they are going.

Hotel pick-up: As initiated last year: Busses as listed below will stop on way to Dome at our 4 sponsor hotels; the Country Inn and Suites, Cedar Motor Inn, Ramada Inn and the Landmark Inn between 6:15-6:45, 7:15-7:45, 9:20-10:00, and 10:05-10:35. These busses will then go to the Dome and pick up more skiers. Please expect at least one hour minimum from time of hotel pick up until you get to your race start.



MGHS Noquemanon Ski Marathon 50K race (located in Ishpeming): Birchview School will be open in the morning as a place to keep warm. The start of the race is 30 minutes from the Dome, so we recommend you take a bus no later than one hour prior to the start of your race. Busses will leave the Dome approximately every 15-20 minutes starting at 7:00 until 9:00. Skiers doing the classic marathon are strongly encouraged to take one of the first two busses, leaving at either 7:00 or 7:15. **NOTE: Timing chips will be handed out at the start of the 50km race inside Birchview School. So, you may want to get to your start a bit earlier than normal.**

Mbank Half Marathon (located off of CR 510): There is **no parking** available at the start of the mBank half marathon. Bussing is your only option unless you have arranged a ride. There will be no busses returning here after the race, although a bus will be available to take spectators from the start of the race back to the Dome after the last race starts. Busses will leave the Dome approximately every 15-20 minutes starting at 10:00 until approximately 12:00. **NOTE: Timing chips will be handed out at the start of the 25km race.**

Forestville race starts: There will be two busses going to the Noquemanon Trail Network Trail Head at Forestville, one leaving at approximately 8:20 and another at approximately 9:00. Due to road conditions busses will drop racers at the bottom of the hill by the stop sign prior to the drive to the Pole Barn, approximately a ¼ mile walk. The Pole Barn will be open as a warming house, so bring all your stuff. There will be no transportation back to Forestville after the race, so racers are encouraged to take a bus from the Dome, or arrange their own transportation back to the start line. **NOTE: Timing chips will be handed out at the start of the 12km/10km race inside the FV Pole barn.**

Return busses: Starting at 1:00PM a bus will run on the hour from the Dome to our 4 sponsor hotels and then to Ishpeming to shuttle racers back to the start of full marathon. The last run will be at 5:00 pm. There is no transportation back to the start of the ½ marathon or to start of the 12k ski race at Forestville.

The Ski Race Bussing coordinator is Carol Stienhouse. She will be available at the Dome after 6:45 AM. She will try to make sure everyone gets to where they need to go, but please remember she is a volunteer. She works hard for free. Treat her kindly and with the respect she deserves.

SUNDAY EVENTS: There is no busing to the start of the Sunday events at Forestville. However, beginning at Noon, there will be a van shuttle from the finish line to the Forestville start area for those participants that need to pick up a vehicle. This service will run continuously from noon until approximately 2PM. Estimate 30 minutes between trips.