

UW cross-country ski team will host pursuit

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While there's still more snow on the ground than wind in the tree tops, the Cowboys cross-country ski team will host the sixth Cowboy Chase Nordic Pursuit Race at Tie City/Happy Jack Recreation Area. The women are defending their national championship and the men were runners-up in last year's two-day competition.

Teams from Air Force, Colorado Mountain College will join the UW skiers along with skiers from around Wyoming and Colorado.

Saturday, the 7.5K skate ski race begins at 10 a.m. and Sunday's activities begin at 9:30 a.m. with a 15K classic pursuit. Saturday's times will be applied to Sunday's start making for an interesting and challenging race requiring skiers to show their abilities in both areas.

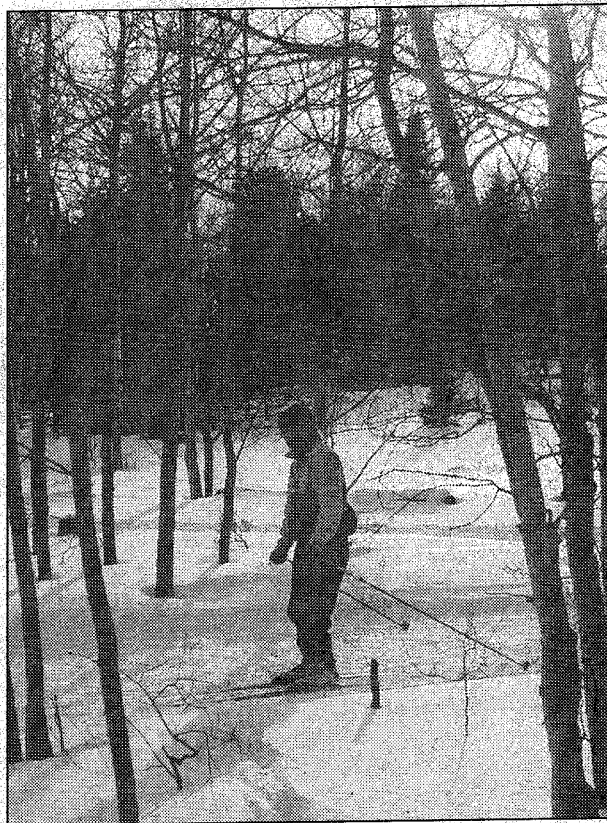
Non-competing skiers are encouraged to race, or support the UW cross-country ski team.

"We get quite a few people from Laramie and Cheyenne," UW cross-country ski coach Christi Boggs said. "We get a lot of people from the Front Range. We try to get as many people as we can because this is a really awesome fundraiser for us."

According to Boggs, both the men's and women's teams are stronger and faster than last year.

Proceeds from the race and a pasta dinner help finance the trip to national competitions. UW hopes to send five men and five women to compete.

Participants should park in the Tie City parking lot.



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UW's cross country ski team is hoping the snow stays long enough for their annual meet, held this year at the Tie City/Happy Jack Recreation Area on Saturday.

Entry fee is \$15 for one race or \$20 for both.

Skiers can register online at the team's Web site at <http://ed.uwyo.edu/gradstudent/ski>.