## MINOCQUA FOREST RIDERS

## Badger State Winter Games - Torch Ride Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

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Dear Members.

Once again it's time to join together in support of a Central Wisconsin tradition; The Badger State Winter Games (<u>facebook.com/BadgerStateGames</u>). Even though much of the game activities take place outside of our immediate area, there's one event that is close to our club. During World Championship Snowmobile Derby Weekend, the Youth Snowmobile Races take place on January 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

On Friday evening of Derby Weekend, there's also an Opening Ceremony for the Winter Games, including lighting a cauldron flame to signify the beginning of the events. The torch used to light the cauldron is transported from the Wausau Visitor's Bureau to the track during a two day event, leading up to Derby Weekend.

On Thursday, January 13th, at around 1:45 PM at the Hazelhurst Pub, our club is responsible for receiving the Olympic Torch from the Northern Trails Unlimited club representative and transporting it to the Cross Country Cruisers club representative at the Bearskin Trailhead in Minocqua.

This year, Larry and Nancy Schum will be our club honorees, responsible for transporting the torch to its next destination. But, this doesn't mean that you can't participate in the ride festivities as well.

You're invited to be a part of the Passing of the Torch ceremony at the Hazelhurst Pub and/or at the Bearskin Trailhead. Additionally, you're also welcome to ride along with Larry and Nancy as they deliver the torch. Either way, showing your support of this important event, while also being a proud snowmobile owner, helps to send a message around the state that snowmobiling in the North Woods is alive and well!

Please mark your calendar and plan to meet us January 13th, at 1:30 PM, at the Hazelhurst Pub.

To learn more about this activity, please visit:

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