North Fork Landowners' Association
Fall Membership Letter 2026

North Fork Landowners' Association *Membership Sign-up/Renewal Form*

The North Fork Landowners' Association was founded in 1947. The Association owns Sondreson Hall at Whale Creek that serves as a center for business and social functions on the North Fork. **Only property owners of record, their spouses and adult members of their immediate families are eligible to vote.** Associate Members (non-property owners) may not vote. Annual dues for Active Members are $15 per person; dues for Associate Members are $10 per person. Dues may be paid by mail, on line (nflandowners.org), or in person at any NFLA meeting. **Additional contributions are welcome.**

Name(s) of applicant(s) _____Date _____
(Must be property owner(s) shown on deed, spouse, and/or adult member of immediate family)
Name(s) of non-voting associate members_____
Mailing address (if new, or write "same") _____
North Fork property address (if new, or write "same") _____
E-mail address_____
Telephone #(s)_____

Members ($15 per person)	
Associate Members ($10 per person)	
Additional donation	
Total Amount Enclosed	
***Online donate Button! **(dues and/or donations)** https://nflandowners.org	If you prefer to pay your dues and/or donate online, please go to our https://nflandowners.org home page. The Donate Button will be prominently displayed.

Please return above Membership form to North Fork Landowners' Association, P.O. Box 1603, Columbia Falls, MT 59912

Dear NFLA Members,

As fall settles over the North Fork, I wish you all an enjoyable fall and winter, wherever you may be spending them. For those staying in the North Fork year-round, this newsletter's calendar offers plenty of ways to stay active and connected through the winter, with favorites like game nights, cross-country skiing, and snowshoe softball.

You'll also find a short poll about our monthly meeting start times, and we hope every member will take a moment to respond. Our meetings begin with an hour-long presentation, followed by a business meeting, and currently start at 7 p.m. in June, July, and August and 6 p.m. in September and October. Please tell us whether you'd prefer to keep that schedule, start at 6:30 p.m. in all five months, or start at 6 p.m. in all five months. Your input will help us choose a schedule that works best for our membership.

Thank you for all you do to make the North Fork such a welcoming and connected community!
Jim Rittenburg, President NFLA

TO RESPOND TO POLL, simply email Cheryl Crane by using the link below to her email, and state one of the three choices that follow:

"No change" to continue with the current times (explained above)
"6:30 start" to change all presentation and meeting times to a 6:30 start time
"6:00 start" to change all presentation and meeting times to a 6:30 start time

cherylcrane@comcast.net

*** North Fork Patrol Sign-up Form ***

We of the North Fork Patrol hope you return to the North Fork to find your place intact. If you find a problem with criminal mischief, theft or burglary, report it immediately to the Flathead County Sheriff's office at (406) 758-5585 and to North Fork Patrol Chairman Mark Heaphy (406-890-5043 or m-mheaphy@hotmail.com).

In addition to checking on properties, the North Fork Patrol also pays a reward of up to $500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any wrongdoers on the North Fork. The Patrol is not a law enforcement authority nor is it a full-time security provider; it is a neighborhood service of volunteers helping to keep an eye on their neighbors' properties as best as they can. For additional information regarding the patrol, please see the NFLA website at www.nflandowners.org.

*** An annual donation of $10 or more will help provide funds for rewards and to compensate patrollers for gasoline and other expenses. To participate in the North Fork Patrol, please complete the **entire** form below:

Mail to:
North Fork Patrol
c/o Mark and Margaret Heaphy
11530 North Fork
Road Polebridge, MT
59928



(Please do not send the form and check to the NFLA Secretary/Treasurer, these are separate accounts)

***I, _____, give the North Fork Patrol permission to enter my property to inspect the **exterior** of all buildings for evidence of physical damage or criminal activity. If any such damage is detected, it will be reported to the landowner. In cases of criminal activity where the landowner cannot be contacted, the proper authorities will be notified.

Signature _____ Date _____

Fill in the following IF NEW INFORMATION, otherwise write "same":

Property address and directions to property:

_____

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Mailing address

_____

E-mail address _____ Telephone _____

Amount Contributed _____

*Please make check payable to **"North Fork Patrol"**

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Fall 2026 and Winter 2027 North Fork Community Calendar

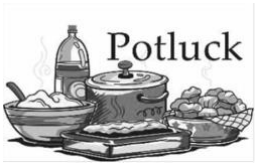


Printed Calendars *will be available in the NFLA mailbox attached to the Rittenburg mail post at the top of Vance Hill. Any changes or updates will be posted on the NFLA website and the North Fork Residence Facebook page.*
Ski and Tea: *beginning January 2027,* ***Thursday*** *afternoon* ***Meeting places decided weekly,*** Text Beth 860 960 6103 to be placed on the **Winter Activity Text** thread
Potluck Game / Card Night Winter Series *held November through March the* ***second and last Wednesday*** *of every Month starting at 6 pm. Have you got a table or two? Hosts needed.*
Text Beth 860 960 6103 to be placed on the Winter Activity Text thread for updated information on ski and game nights as these are TBD

Nov 26th, Thursday Sondreson Hall at 3pm	**Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner** Doors open at 3pm for social hour, potluck dinner served at 4pm. Turkey & Ham provided. Bring side dish & your own place setting. Please bring food ready to be served (plated and a serving utensil), label gluten free or dairy free, or vegan or vegetarian if applicable.	For more info & to offer help call Zoe 406-955-1017
Dates to be determined 1 in Dec and 1 in Feb	**Cooking Tim Good! Join a fabulous North Fork cook in the kitchen to learn a few new recipes and gather with friends for some savory delights! More info will be posted on the website, watch for details!**	
Dec 12th, Saturday 4pm Moose Creek	**Christmas Caroling** Come share your voice and help spread holiday joy to the community! Contact Karina if you would like the carolers to stop by your home and for further details	Karina Pettey 406-890-5655
Dec 25th, Friday Sondreson Hall at 3pm	**Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner** Doors open at 3pm for social hour; Pot Luck dinner served at 4pm. Turkey & Ham provided. Bring a side dish & your own place setting. Please bring food ready to be served (plated and a serving utensil), label gluten free or dairy free, or vegan or vegetarian if applicable.	Beth & Kevin Ulrichsen and helpers! 860-960-6103
Dec 31st, Thursday Sondreson Hall at 8pm	**New Year's Eve Party** Dancing and music! Bring finger foods, desserts, and BYOB. Enjoy conversation with friends, music by Debo, dancing and… FIREWORKS at 10pm.	Dan & Dawn Jacobson 406 261 9527
January 16th, Saturday	**Special Potluck** at **Sondreson Hall at 3pm** More details to follow on North Fork, Montana Residents Facebook page and on the cover of the fall newsletter	Military hosting, contact Beth Ulrichsen 860-960-6103
January 17, Sunday Sondreson Hall at	**BINGO! 6.30pm** Come join the fun and play Bingo using our vintage ball cage and cards! Fun for all ages! Bring any unneeded items to donate to the "prize" table!	Kevin & Beth Ulrichsen 860-960-6103
January 20th, Wednesday Blue Moon	**The North Fork goes to town! CFalls 7 to 9.30pm** Free Country Dance Classes at the Blue Moon. Dances include line, two step and more. Fun and welcoming.	See winter text thread for car pooling
January 31st, Sunday 2pm	**Snowshoe Softball** Spectators and players of all abilities are welcome. Followed by a potluck. Please bring any extra snowshoes. 1276 Long Bow Trail	Jim & Lorna Rittenburg 267-992-0881
February 8th, Monday Sondreson Hall 6:30pm	**BINGO** Come join the fun and play Bingo using our vintage Bingo cage and cards! Fun for all ages! Bring any unneeded items to donate to the "prize" table!	Beth & Kevin Ulrichsen 860-960-6103
February 10th, Wednesday	**Interlocal** Hosted by Glacier National Park. More info on the website. nflandowners.org as it becomes available. **Location TBD, 10am**	Bill Walker Wkwalker@nvdi.net
February 14, Sunday Paradise Ridge 1pm	**Tobogganing Party on the Ridge** Bring your sweet heart and come sledding at 1 pm. Soup provided	John & Tami Stone 406-405-5209
February 16, Tuesday 2:00-2:30	**Ice Skating at Stumptown Ice Den** , Whitefish. Snacks will be provided and ice skates, too. Please pass the word along to everyone. Hope you can join in on the fun!	Ray Brown
February 28th, Sunday 1276 Long Bow Trail	**Snowshoe Softball 2pm** Spectators and players of all abilities are welcome. Followed by a potluck. Please bring any extra snowshoes.	Jim & Lorna Rittenburg 267-992-0881
March 7th, Sunday Sondreson Hall, 6:30pm	**BINGO** Come join the fun and play Bingo using our vintage Bingo cage and cards! Fun for all ages! Bring any unneeded items to donate to the "prize" table!	Beth & Kevin Ulrichsen 860-960-6103
March 14th, Sunday Sondreson Hall. 4pm	**3.14 Pi Night** Bring a savory or sweet pie to share with friends. Pi and Pie trivia to Spring Forward	John and Tami Stone 406 405 5209
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March 28th, Sunday Sondreson Hall 6pm	**International Potluck Dinner** Bring a favorite dish from your family heritage, travels or NF Cuisine. Please bring photos (max 10) to share from an international adventure.	Rachelle & Ted Losey 909-754-4476

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P.O. Box 1603
Columbia Falls, MT 59912

Potluck Hosted by the Military, Held at Sondreson Community Hall



The North Fork community is invited to a special potluck event where you can meet the cadre of the 10th SFG(A) Winter Warfare Detachment and learn about our winter training programs. 10th SFG(A) Winter Warfare Detachment will be conducting winter training throughout the North Fork area form 17 January to 31 March to prepare our soldiers to operate in austere winter environments.

Event Details:
- Date: 16 January 2027
- Time:
Meet and Greet/Food Drop Off: 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Winter Training Presentation: 3:45 PM - 4:00 PM
Dinner: 4:00 PM onwards

Bring your favorite side dish to share and enjoy an afternoon of good food, conversation, and insights into our winter training operations. This is a great opportunity to connect with our team and learn how we prepare for the challenges of winter warfare.