October Members Minute
By MiBCA board members

I don't even need to say it, we are getting excited for what's around the corner. I personally have cleaned out the part of my basement where the gear is stored. Emptied all my bins that hold the gear… and checked all my pockets for last year's lost change and smushed up granola bars. Question: Jack links beef sticks unopened have over a 5 month shelf life, right?

The month started with the MI Outdoors Summit held at Timber Ridge Resort, it was a rainy event but seemed just fitting for outdoor gurus in their outdoorsy element. Matt Emeott representing MiBCA partnered with Caleb Garon representing Leelanau Conservancy gave a presentation in a packed tent about the growing interest in MI winter rec. (alpine touring, splitboarding and powsurfing) We were able to connect with D.N.R., Nonprofits, and other rec. Organizations!

We had a members meeting Oct. 8th, discussions included next work bee day for Leelanau Conservancy at Sugar Loaf Sunday November 8th. I highly recommend going to get a good feel for the hill, its terrain and its easy to notice the deep love the locals have for this area! You can sign up to volunteer on any of the dates here: Sugarloaf Workbee Sign Up - BC Ski Run Clearing. You will also need to fill out a volunteer waiver form here: LC Volunteer Waiver Form. Don't let the paperwork deter you - the forms only take 2-3 minutes to complete and it is well worth the time to resurrect a beloved mountain for backcountry skiing and riding to Michigan. Spots are limited so act quickly!

At Mt. Frederic located north of Frederic, MI. where Twin peaks Rd and Kolka Creek Rd. meet. We have been engaged in ongoing collaboration with the Michigan DNR and had our first work day there! We got a lot of lanes opened up and it is shaping up nicely. Stay tuned for more details. We hope to have another day or two in November. Please sign up on the groups page on the MiBCA website to get notifications.

Thumb Lake work is still ongoing but at a slow pace, hopefully November will be a good productive month. The land is privately owned by Lake Louise Christian Community but leased to DNR CFA so that opens it up to hunting, fishing and trapping also Skiing! While it's not listed in the terms we have documentation from DNR Commercial Forest Act that this is a permissible activity! Though trimming and maintenance will be a bit of a dance.

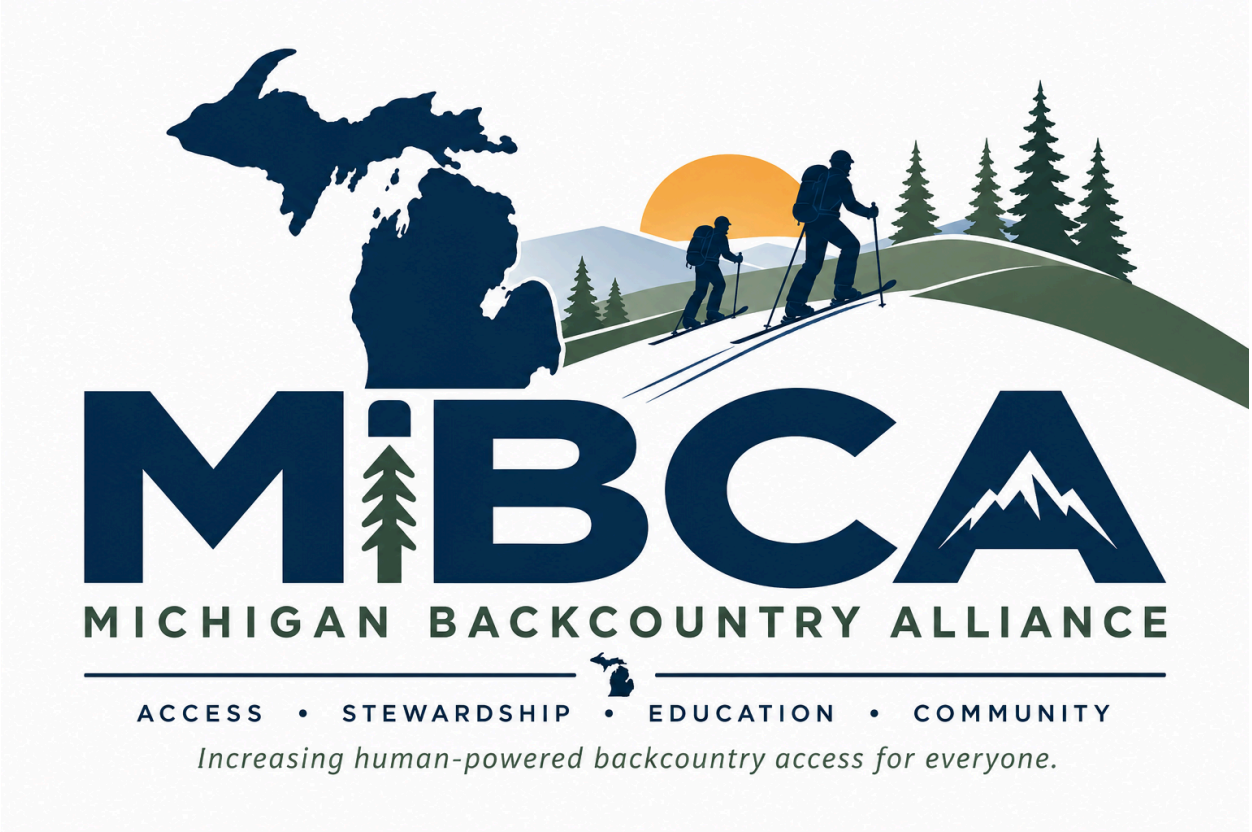
MiBCA x Mt. Bohemia Backcountry Summit March 12-14 is in the works! Just a few details…
(during the day) group tours,possibly demos or hands on gear, hidden prizes on the hill and a Ski-Mo race with prize money!
(evenings) photos displayed from the day, education/talks and michigan films. So much to discuss, hopefully plans will be laid out soon!

Merchandise is finally in the works! Helping us with this endeavor is The WUB Store can't wait to see what we create!

MiBCA is looking for volunteer help in web design and management.
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All of this work takes time and money and we could use your support. We have recently purchased insurance to cover our work days and are also incurring costs to travel and attend conferences, meetings, and ski sites. Your donation would go a long way in helping us continue to bring dedicated backcountry ski areas to Michigan - Click here to donate to MiBCA.

Be sure to join us for our next members meeting on Thursday, November 5th at 7:30. Use the link below to access the meeting:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82131279138?pwd=nIgaS3riW9YZ83vf3wpI9UaoKnQFqQ.1
Meeting ID: 821 3127 9138
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