Upper Peninsula Luge Club Membership Application

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2026-2027 Membership Valid through: September 30th, 2027

Check membership category: _____ Individual Membership - $75/yr

_____ Family Membership - $150/yr family of 2 adults, 2 children;
+$20 per additional household child

_____ Sustaining Membership - $50/yr; non-sliding, non-voting members; does not require mandatory volunteer commitments

Check Equipment fee (not applicable to new members):

_____Core club (yellow) sleds $0 _____Up-and-comers team $75 _____National team $100

MEMBERSHIP CODE OF CONDUCT

1) Follow safety policies & procedures 2) Be polite & courteous 3) Use respectful language 4) Maintain open lines of communications 5) Fulfill mandatory volunteer hours

CLUB MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Club membership fees are kept low because our members are the engines that run the luge track. We are a non-profit organization; every dollar from dues and public sliding goes directly back into our Luge Club. Without the hands-on help of our members for track maintenance, weekend public sliding, and fundraisers, the Upper Peninsula Luge Club simply would not exist. The participation of our club members is essential to our club's success.

Participating is fun. Most people have never seen an alpine luge track before. So we are here to teach you everything you need to know; from learning how to slide, to how to dress appropriately for sliding, to building and maintaining the track (that's fun too!). So, as a member, please consider participating as frequently as you can. Along with building a luge track, you find yourself building friendships too.

Track maintenance and icing are critical to safety and operations, therefore **daily 1-hour pre-slide tasks and the two 4-hour icing sessions are mandatory for all sliding members.**

MANDATORY VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

The Upper Peninsula Luge Club operates entirely as a volunteer-run co-op. Without member labor, the track cannot open or operate. By signing this application, you explicitly agree to fulfill the following seasonal volunteer requirements:

- **Daily Pre-Sliding Labor:** I agree to complete **1 hour** of volunteer track maintenance *before* sliding on any given day.
- **Seasonal Track Icing:** I agree to participate in at least **two (2) separate 4-hour track icing sessions** throughout the season (if I participate in on ice sliding).

[ ] I understand and accept that failure to meet these volunteer commitments may result in the suspension of my sliding privileges and/or club membership.

Applicant Initials: _____ (Parent/Guardian initials if under 18): _____

Name of applicant: _____ Date of Birth: _____

If applying for a family membership, name(s) and age (s) of other family member (s):

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Street Address: _____

City:_____State:_____ Zip Code: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email(s) for club updates:_____

Contact Person to notify in case of emergency:_____

Address: _____ Contact's Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Name of Insurance Company:_____

Policy#: _____

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Signature of applicant If under 18, signature of parent

Payment can be made at the club, mailed to address above, or on upluge.org / Membership *(a few extra dollars charged to cover fees from credit card processor)*

EXAMPLE UPLC MEMBER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

This is a small sample of ways you can help the UPLC. If you don't find something that fits your skill set, please ask us about other opportunities.

Weekly Public Slide Session

- Shovel the boards along track
- Clear snow: walking path from parking lot to finish one, path to timing hut, spotter locations, around fire pit, sled shed
- Snowshoe - pack down foot trail (at least 18" from the boards)
- Set out UPLC flags before public slide
- Fire tender during public slide
- Check public slide waivers
- Distribute helmets and cleats
- Distribute sleds and provide initial instruction
- Instruct/Start public slide sessions
- Spotter during public slide sessions
- Display merchandise for sale
- Scan printed signed waivers
- Manage reservations

Weekly Club Sliding

- Shovel the boards along track
- Clear snow: walking path from parking lot to finish one, path to timing hut, spotter locations, around fire pit, sled shed
- Snowshoe path up hill - pack down trail (at least 18" from the boards)
- Ice track
- Charge walkie-talkies and triangles
- Remove debris (sticks and leaves) from track
- Instruct afterschool programs
- Spotters
- Coach athletes

Off Season

- Workbees
- Remove debris from drainage ditches
- Mow around buildings
- Mow track (fall)
- Trim vegetation outside of the track next to the boards (prevent flower heads from falling into the track during the season)
- Wall/track maintenance
- Chalet cleanup/organization
- Sled repairs: finger guards, kufens, steels, seats, reins
- Medical training review
- AED training
- Officials training
- Inventory/refresh medical supplies
- Reorder merchandise and rack cards for distribution
- Race planning
- Recruit sponsors (summer)
- Remove leaves from track in fall

Preseason

- Distribute hay bales
- Distribute benches
- Reseat "proud" screws on deck
- Order shovels
- Acquire Tyveck
- Member Management - collect forms, fees, & training information
- Verify working AED & charged fire-extinguishers
- ResMark training (to check status of waivers for public sliders)
- Holiday camp organization
- Prepare base ice