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29km Skate  
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28th

# CANADIAN BIRKEBEINER SKI FESTIVAL

February 10-11, 2017

Edmonton & Strathcona County, AB

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NORDIC SKI EVENT!



Be a part of Western Canada's Premier Nordic Ski Event! Family and competitive events—train, register, ski and celebrate!



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The Canadian Birkebeiner is a two-day celebration of cross country skiing and nordic legends. It is Western Canada's Premier Nordic Ski Event and one of only three Birkebeiner Loppets in the world, with Norway and the USA hosting the other two.

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## DAY ONE: FEBRUARY 10 (FRIDAY)

**Location:** Strathcona County Community Centre, Agora Room, 401 Festival Way, Sherwood Park, AB

### OPENING CEREMONIES: 11:45 A.M.

The legend that the Birkie recreates each year is described and the Birkie Baby (representing the infant prince that is rescued) is introduced. We recognize our fabulous sponsors and then the Festival is officially opened by supporting dignitaries.

### NORDIC FAIR: 12-8 P.M.

Visit our sponsors' and partners' booths, pick up some Birkie souvenirs and enjoy a sample of Alley Kat beer as you catch up with ski friends.

### REGISTRATION PACKAGE PICK-UP: 12-8 P.M.

Participant package pick-up during these hours is highly recommended. Get updates on courses, the latest waxing advice, weather forecasts and much more.

## DAY TWO: SKI EVENTS - FEBRUARY 11 (SATURDAY)

We offer family and competitive ski events with various distances for all levels and abilities. Events start from 9 am.

- 2.5 km / 4 km
- 13 km
- NEW: 29 km skate ski
- 31 km
- 55 km with or without pack

## SKI EVENT LOCATIONS

The longer events (55, 31 and 29 km) start at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village and finish at the Waskehegan staging location in the Cooking Lake – Blackfoot Recreation Area.

All other ski events start and finish at the Waskehegan staging location in the Cooking Lake – Blackfoot Recreation Area.

## VIKINGS' FEAST – FEBRUARY 11 (SATURDAY)

In true Birkebeiner tradition, join our Vikings' Feast! Enjoy great food and drinks, awards, door prizes and more. A chance to relax with new and old Birkie friends and to share your tales of the day. Visit the website to register.

**Location:** Strathcona County Community Centre, Agora Room, 401 Festival Way, Sherwood Park, AB

**Time:** Doors at 6 p.m. FEAST at 7 pm!

**Cost:** \$40 (*not included in registration fee*)

## REGISTER NOW!

Visit [canadianbirkie.com](http://canadianbirkie.com) for more details and to register for your event.

## TRAINING

Get in shape for the Birkie. We have programs to cater to your level of interest and ability. For more information, see our website.

## VOLUNTEER

Love the Birkie but not ready to ski? Join our team of 500+ volunteers needed to make the event a success! There are various fun roles and positions available.

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