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## Warm Up for the 2019 Canadian Birkie Ski Festival with these Special Events

*(Edmonton, January 9, 2019)* The Canadian Birkie Ski Festival is Canada's premier classic-style cross country ski festival. Formed in 1985 the festival attracts hundreds of participants each year for three days of winter magic following a number of new events leading up to the main event from February 8 to 10, 2019 and even some after. Please join us in sharing the Birkie spirit.

### Delton Elementary School Cross Country Ski Day

**January 15, 2019**

The Canadian Birkebeiner Society will be holding two free 45 minute cross country ski lessons at Delton Elementary School, one of Edmonton's inner city schools, on Tuesday, January 15. We will provide cross country skis, lessons and winter games for the two grade four classes and donate free tickets to the students for our Birkie Sunday ski events.

Encouraging kids to get outside and be active in the winter, is a small step towards their goals of

improving mental and physical health.

Tuesday, January 15

10:30am to noon

Park to the north of Delton Elementary School: 12126 89 St NW, Edmonton

In attendance: Councillor Scott McKeen, Delton teacher Anne Bradley, and Canadian Birkebeiner Society President, Dave Cooper

For the safety of the children, if the temperature drops to -21 degrees Celsius with a windchill, the event will be postponed to January, 29, 2019.

## Full Moon Birkie Ski Series

**January 18 to March 22, 2019**

Enjoy cross country skiing on the Birkie trails under the light of the full moon! The next event takes place Friday, January 18, 2019 from 6 pm to 10 pm at the Waskahegan Staging Area of the Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area.

Friday, January 18, 2019

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Friday, March 22, 2019

Time: 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

- 2 to 12 km ski tour on classic-style track set trails
- Fat Bike demo courtesy of United Cycle
- Live owl exhibit courtesy of Beaverhill Bird Observatory
- Alberta Parks Wildlife Interpreter on Feb 17
- Patrollers and sweep
- Hot chocolate and snacks

Cost: \$10 per person

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[Check out the Full Moon Birkie Series](#)

## Birkie Hot Chocolate Sundays

**January 20 to February 3, 2019**

Bring your cross country skis and train on the track-set trails in Birkieland. On the three Sundays leading up to our Birkie ski festival, the Friends of the Blackfoot and the Canadian Birkebeiner Society will provide participants with a warm fire and complimentary hot chocolate! At the February 3rd event they will also provide participants with a hot dog too!

January 20, 2019 Celebrating World Snow Day!\*

January 27, 2019

February 3, 2019

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Place: Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area, Waskehegan Staging Area

Cost: Free

[Check out Hot Chocolate Sundays](#)

See more details about World Snow at: <https://world-snow-day.com/143-54/events/canada/edmonton-ab/birkie-hot-chocolate-sunday>

## Birkie Sunday Family Ski

**February 10, 2019**

We are excited to partner with Silver Skate Festival for the first time this year! Barnebirkie ski events will be at the Silver Skate Festival site at William Hawrelak Park, 9330 Groat Rd NW in Edmonton from 10 am to 1 pm on Sunday, February 10, 2019.

Birkie Sunday ski events are designed for children and their parents and family members.

[Check out Birkie Sunday](#)

## Score a Birkie Deal Before January 31

Our next registration cutoff date is January 31st. You will save up to \$20 on your sign up fee. This is also the deadline for the Ski Club Challenge, the Ski Four Pack, Ski Party Pack and Kids Ski Free deals. Snow conditions are the best in many years. There is a good thick base and a very workable tracking surface and we anticipate having great skiing conditions for the Birkie. We hope to see you, your family and your friends at one or all of our events planned with you in mind.

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For a complete schedule of all 2019 Birkie events and activities check out the website at: <https://www.canadianbirkie.com>.

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