

Canadian Birkie News

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Give the gift of outdoor fun

A \$20 Virtual Canadian Birkie is the perfect gift for the outdoor enthusiasts on your list. Buy four for only \$15 each. The result is a gift that is on time, cost \$0 for shipping, and gives physical and mental health to your loved ones! They also the chance to win cool prizes and share their excitement online with participants around the globe. [Check out prizes here.](#) Nine countries, 1,110 participants and 37 diverse teams were represented. Click on the **red Sign up a friend** button. [Click here to sign up.](#)



Get the 4 for 3 deal!

Sign up four people in an in-person or virtual Birkie ski event and get 25% off your total registration. You don't have to all be doing the same distance. Register four people in the same cart and follow the instructions for the [Four for Three](#) deal.



Board jumping for joy

Our board is so excited to put on the 2022 Canadian Birkie Ski Festival, they are jumping for joy! After having to postpone the in-person Birkie due to the pandemic, they are eager to host this incredible loppet for the ski community. To create a fun and safe experience for you, we will be following all health regulations and Nordiq Alberta protocols. Please note:

- Full proof of COVID-19 vaccination and proof of identification are required for all skiers and volunteers
- No third-party pick up of registration packages; bibs represent proof of vaccination and identity
- Aid stations will only have pre-packaged water, snacks and nutrition
- No indoor Festival Tent, only take-away beverages and sandwiches at Finish Line
- No clothing change trailers
- Awards and medals will be mailed by post and results can be viewed online only

[Register](#) for the in-person Birkie before December 31 to benefit from our early bird pricing.



2021 skiers need to re-register!

If you registered for a 2021 in-person Birkie ski event, your registration will be carried forward to the same 2022 in-person ski event. To activate this, you must fill in this year's registration form for the same in-person event. We sent your promo code in October and November emails to use when you register. If you did not receive your code, please [contact us](#) and we will help you out.



Full moon fun

Enjoy cross country skiing the Birkie trails under the light of the full moon! The [Full Moon Birkie](#) ski event is back! It will take place Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 6 pm to 10 pm at the Waskahegan Staging Area of the [Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area](#). Mark your calendar and sign up soon.



Support Birkie sponsors this holiday

For creative stocking stuffer ideas, please shop at our Birkie retail sponsors:

- [Ally Kat Brewery](#)
- [Fast Trax Run & Ski Shop](#)
- [Imperial Esso Mobil](#)
- [Madshus](#)
- [Salomon](#)
- [Totem Outdoor Outfitters](#)
- [Track 'N Trail](#)



Call for a Birkie baby

Do you know someone with a baby? We are looking for someone to represent our legend's crown prince, Haakon Haakonson. This little one will not have any official royal duties this year due to the pandemic, just get the 2022 Birkie Baby title. Please contact the [office for more information](#).



George: Lord of the Trails

It is with great sadness that the Board of the Canadian Birkebeiner Society must share with you news of the sudden passing of our good friend, George Foxcroft, our Chief of Course and board Vice President. He passed away last week in one of his favourite places, the [Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area](#). George's passion for the Birkie was beyond measure, one that he has shared with us all and that will always remain with us in our memories. We are collecting stories and photos of George to create a printed and on-line memory book. Please send your stories and photos to ski@canadianbirkie.com.



Learn to Loppet moved to 2023

We could not find enough instructors to run our Learn to Loppet classes in January 2022 and the course has been cancelled. We will be redesigning this historical part of the Birkie and offering it to you in 2023 with instructors in place!



Teach for the Birkie 2022-2023

Interest in Birkie ski classes has exploded since COVID! If you are interested in teaching for the Birkie next year (2022-2023), have a minimum CANSI Level 2 certification, and have skied at least one 31 km or 55 km Birkie, please [contact our office](#) for information about teaching for us. Planning for classes will begin in August.



Snowy holiday to you

On behalf of our volunteers, staff and board, we wish you a snowy holiday. We hope you are able to get outside and enjoy our winter with your friends and family. Please note that between Christmas and New Years our office will be closed. We will be checking messages during that time. If you have questions, please [contact us](#).

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