

# Canadian Birkie E-News

## FEBRUARY 2 NEWSLETTER

We are so excited to announce that the 29th Birkie is scheduled to go ahead as planned February 9-11th, 2018.

The snow we have received in the past week has come at just the right time. Over the past few months the trails were cleared, brush removed, shrubs pruned and all was ready for a decent amount of snow, which we've received in abundance. This year's edition looks to be the best in years! Our Parks/Volunteer teams are on-site daily to groom and track trails. If you've already registered, get out on the trails! And if you haven't, [register](#) now!

## EVENT INFORMATION

**DAY ONE:** Friday, February 9th

- [Opening Ceremonies, Nordic Fair and Registration Package Pick-Up](#)

**DAY TWO:** Saturday, February 10th

- [55, 31, 13, 2/4 Ski Events](#)
- [Vikings' Feast](#)

**DAY THREE:** Sunday, February 11th

- [Birkie Sunday](#)

Please visit our [website](#) for all start times and Festival information.

For the latest on trail/snow conditions for Birkieland and surrounding areas, visit our [trail conditions](#) page.

**Final Registration** date has been extended to Friday, February 9th, 5 pm.



Goose Lake Start Area- look at this amazing snow!

## **BIRKIE SUNDAY**

The Vikings are on their way!

Don't miss out on this exciting new event February 11, 2018 at **Gold Bar Park** in Edmonton.

The Birkie is teaming up with Edmonton Nordic Ski Club to present a family day of skiing, games, scavenger hunts and costume fun.

Fat Franks, El Churro and SPUD will be on hand to provide great foodie experiences!

Visit our [website](#), see our [Birkie Sunday Flyer](#) for details and [Register](#) now!



# ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED!

Your source to all of the Birkie Ski Festival information. From course maps and greetings to sponsor ads and safety tips, the [Program Guide](#) provides not only great information, but good reading as well!

You can view or download it from the online link and print the pages that you need. This should have all the information you need about the 2018 Canadian Birkie!



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We can always use more volunteers! Please join us for a once in a lifetime experience! Visit the [Volunteer page](#) on our website to learn more and sign up.



Important Volunteer

# FESTIVAL TENT TIDBITS

Care for a cool drink after a long ski? Birkie 29 will feature a beer garden in the Festival Tent! Alley Kat is providing some delicious Birkie Brew. Tickets (cash, debit or credit card) will be available in the Festival Tent. El Churro Treats (Argentinian snacks) will be stationed outside the tent so that you can sample their delicious delicacies (cash, debit or credit card).



## ELK PUSH "HOT SPOT"

Try something a little different at the Elk Push Food/Aid Station.

Hot fires, hot chocolate, hot soup, brownies, chips, mini cinnamon rolls...who could resist this kind of rest station!

Elk Push is ideally located:

- At the 2/3 point if you're skiing a 55 km event
- Or, if you're skiing the 31 km, you only have 12.5 km left



## 10 FOR 10 CLUB CHALLENGE

It is not too late to join the other teams in this new Birkie Club Challenge.

Register 10 members on your team for cash prizes:

- 1st place \$1,000
- 2nd place \$750
- 3rd place \$500

Check out the challenge [here](#).



## SPIRIT NORTH

The Canadian Birkebeiner Society has chosen to partner with Spirit North this year to enhance the opportunities for Indigenous children and youth in the celebration of cross-country skiing.

Want more information on Spirit North? Click [here](#) to get more details on this wonderful program or email [info@spiritnorthxc.ca](mailto:info@spiritnorthxc.ca) or call 587-879-8933.



## VIKINGS' FEAST

Bring out your inner Viking at our annual Feast. Relive the great moments on the trails with fellow Birkebeiners. Enjoy great food, awards, draw prizes, costume / photo booth, auction, live band, DJ and much more.

Spis, drikk og fest som en viking!  
(Eat, drink and party like a Viking!)

- Doors 6 pm
- Feast 7 pm
- Price: \$40 Adults, \$25 Youth

Click [here](#) for details.



Our friends at **Totem** have made a beautiful chair out of cross country skis for auction, so don't miss it!

## HOT CHOCOLATE SUNDAYS

Once again, the wonderful volunteers from the Friends of Blackfoot Society are providing hot chocolate at the [Waskahegan Staging Area](#) of Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area this Sunday. This



is an annual pre-Birkie celebration and we hope you can join us.

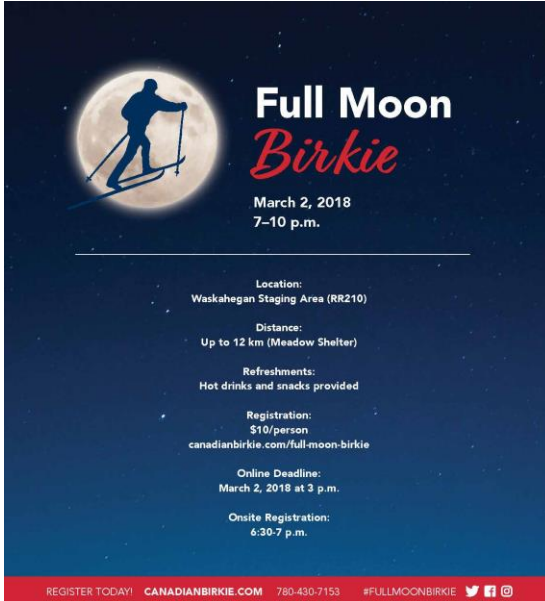
BBQ hot dogs are on the menu and a Parks Visitor Services member will be on hand with a display on winter animals / animal tracking.

Feb. 4, 11 am – 4 pm

## FULL MOON BIRKIE

Due to colder temperatures, the Full Moon Birkie has been postponed to Friday, March 2nd. Come ski under the Full Moon with us!

For details and to register, click [here](#).

A promotional poster for the Full Moon Birkie event. The background is a dark blue night sky with a large, glowing full moon. In the upper left, a silhouette of a skier is shown in a dynamic pose, appearing to ski across the face of the moon. To the right of the skier, the text 'Full Moon Birkie' is displayed, with 'Full Moon' in white and 'Birkie' in a red, cursive font. Below the title, the date and time 'March 2, 2018 7-10 p.m.' are listed. A horizontal line separates this header from the event details. The details are organized into sections: 'Location: Waskahegan Staging Area (RR210)', 'Distance: Up to 12 km (Meadow Shelter)', 'Refreshments: Hot drinks and snacks provided', 'Registration: \$10/person canadianbirkie.com/full-moon-birkie', 'Online Deadline: March 2, 2018 at 3 p.m.', and 'Onsite Registration: 6:30-7 p.m.'. At the bottom of the poster, a red banner contains the text 'REGISTER TODAY!! CANADIANBIRKIE.COM 780-430-7153 #FULLMOONBIRKIE' followed by social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

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## ALUMNI

We have established a Birkie Alumni Group for former Chiefs from the Loppet Committee and former Board members. The intention is to record our history and acknowledge past contributions to the Birkie.

If you were a Loppet Chief or Board member, or know someone who was, we would like to hear from you. Contact the [office](#) to add your name to the list or for additional information.



## BIKE 'N SKI AWARD

The Birkie and MS Society continue to team up for the Bike 'n Ski Award.

If you've cycled either the Road Bike Tour (Leduc to Camrose) or the Hinton Mountain Bike and are registering in a long course (55 or 31 km) ski event, [contact](#) the Birkie office to receive \$10 off your registration.



## MERCHANDISE

Our new merchandise is selling like hot cakes - [check it out!](#)

### Ladies and Mens Vests

Black with blue or red trim



## New Birkie Shirts

Tech shirts that feel like cotton! Includes Aqua FX® for wicking properties and Freshcare® for anti-microbial properties

Sneak Peek at this year's tech shirt!



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