

# Canadian Birkie News

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## Score a deal skiing the 30th Birkie

Celebrate our 30th Annual Birkie and get up to 30% off! Ski Party Pack and Ski Four Pack **deals** are available until January 31st. You can save up to \$40 on your registration.

Snow conditions are the best in many years. There is a good thick base and a very workable tracking surface. We anticipate having great skiing conditions for the Birkie. **Sign up soon!**



## Ski Club Challenge

The Ski Club Challenge is back, and it is new and improved! Scores are determined by summing the individual rankings of skiers in their age and gender category this year, not overall place. A great chance to get 10% off your registration fees and compete against other ski clubs for cash prizes! All of the details can be found [here](#).

1st Place – \$1,000    2nd Place – \$750    3rd Place – \$500

Don't miss the chance for your team to win cash! Deadline is Jan 31.



## Can you spare a few hours?

Or know someone who can? WE NEED YOU! We are looking for volunteer drivers, ski patrollers, timers, finish line attendees and more. Check out the brief description of positions and [sign up online](#) to volunteer today. We love our volunteers; check out the perks [here](#).



## Food station volunteers needed

Want a chance to bond with your crew? Grab your office, family, school or community group mates and help run a cross country ski food station. We are looking for some volunteers to work at one of our food stations on Saturday, February 9, 2019. Contact the office at 780-430-7153 or [ski@canadianbirkie.com](mailto:ski@canadianbirkie.com). Check out the perks of being a Birkie volunteer [here](#).



## **Ski under a full moon**

Enjoy cross country skiing the Birkie trails under the light of the full moon! Our 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. Sign up [here](#).



## **Kids ski FREE Saturday and Sunday**

If you register in Saturday's 2/4 km Birkie Ole's Tour or Sunday's 1/3 km Barnebirkie ski events, your child skis with you for free! What a wonderful way to spend time with your little one; enjoy family time in the snow. Registration is only \$10. This deal is valid until January 31, 2019. Check out the details [here](#).



## **New Birkie Sunday Family Ski Events**

Barnebirkie classic-style cross country ski events are where Birkie dreams begin! We are excited to partner with Silver Skate Festival for the first time this year! Activities include short distance ski events, games, Viking costume contest, fun prizes and more!

For more details visit our [Birkie Sunday](#) page and [sign up](#) your family today!



## **Enjoy Hot Chocolate Sundays**

Enjoy a complimentary hot chocolate courtesy of the Canadian Birkie on the three Sundays before the Birkie. Friends of the Blackfoot members provide you with a complimentary hot beverage at the [Waskehegan Staging Area](#) warm up hut.

- January 20 is [World Snow Day](#)
- January 27
- February 3 get a hot dog too

More information [here](#).



## **Birkie Grade 4 Ski Lesson at Delton**

Encouraging kids to get outside and be active in the winter, is a solid step towards improving mental and physical health. What better way then to cross country ski?!

The Canadian Birkebeiner Society is holding a cross country ski session at one of our Edmonton inner city schools. We are providing cross country skis, lessons and winter games for the grade four classes at Delton Elementary School. With the support of City Councillor Scott McKeen and Delton teacher Anne Bradley, this event will take place on January 15, 2019. Our society will also be providing free admission to these students for our Birkie Sunday ski events.

The Birkie is excited to introduce young skiers to the Birkebeiner tradition!



## **Birkie Rookie Program starts Jan 21**

This three week program is held at the Strathcona Wilderness Centre and is designed for beginner cross country skiers. It will introduce you to the fun of the Canadian Birkebeiner and prepare you to ski the 13 km Global Edmonton Mini Birkie. Your session includes instruction, ski rentals, and 13 km event registration fee. See more details [here](#).



## Birkie Story Contest closes Jan 20

You could win a prize just for writing a one page story! We invite you to send us your funniest, most memorable and most triumphant Birkie memories. The contest details are outlined [here](#). Check out some of the stories submitted so far on our **first-ever Birkie Blog** [here](#).

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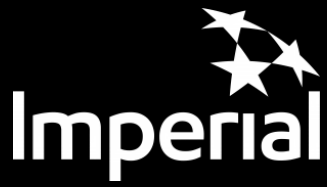
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