

Canadian Birkie News

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Sign up by Jan 31 to save up to \$30

Be sure to [register](#) before the next cut-off date on January 31! The Kids Ski Free, the Most KM Skied Group, the Ski Four Pack and the Ski Party Pack also end January 31, 2020 at Midnight. Check out all the deals [here](#) and awards [here](#).

Cooking Lake - Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area received over 10 cm of fresh snow last week and Alberta parks staff are busy grooming the Birkie trails. Our grooming machines have enough snow now to create a great Birkie track no matter what weather heads our way. Woo hoo!



Join Birkie Sunday Family Fun Ski

The Barnebirkie family ski events will be held Sunday, February 9, 2020 at the Silver Skate Festival in Hawrelak Park. You and your clan are invited to ski

distances of 500 m, 1.5 km or 3 km. See Birkie Sunday and free on-site ski rental details [here](#). For Kids Ski Free information, go to [deals](#).



Bid on Totem's ski chair at Feast

Totem Outdoor Outfitters built and donated a one-of-a-kind Cross Country Ski Chair for our silent auction! Join us at the **Vikings' Feast** at the Woodvale Centre in Edmonton on Saturday, February 8, 2020. The Birkie Feast spells Viking Fun! You will be fed beef on a bun buffet, be entertained by our 2020 slide show, and have a chance to win great door prizes. Come socialize with your fellow skiers. Buy your \$30 per adult and \$15 per child entrance [online](#) or at the **Nordic Fair**. Limited availability at the door.



There is still some space for Volunteers

Volunteering is a great way to meet new folks, have a lot of fun and contribute to the Birkie! We can always use more help and at this time we are looking for the following:

- **Stadium set-up** from Wednesday, February 5th to Friday, February 7th at the Festival site.

- **Medical:** We are looking for volunteers from all across the spectrum; doctors, nurses, students, EMTs, and people who have basic first aid and CPR certification.
- **Timing and Finish Line:** Remove timing chips, weigh packs and do backup timing.
- **Festival Tent:** Refreshment and food service in a large heated tent at the Birkie Finish Line. Work indoors at an outdoor event!
- **Registration:** Hand out registration packages and timing chips to registrants.

Check out the brief descriptions of the positions [here](#) and [sign up online](#) to volunteer today. We love our volunteers!



Stop by Birkie Hot Chocolate Sunday

Enjoy Birkie Hot Chocolate Sunday on February 2, 2020 at the Warm Up Shelter at Waskahegan Staging Area. Friends of Blackfoot Society will be serving complimentary beverages and barbequed hot dogs at Cooking Lake - Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area. Click [here](#) for times.



Check out the new Long Start map

This Birkie Long Start has moved from the ice on Goose Lake to the land south of the Red Barn at [Ukrainian Village](#). Please review the new [Long Start and Course Maps](#).



Support our Birkie Retail Sponsors

Shop local and catch Birkie sales at our long-time sponsors: [Fast Trax](#); [Totem Outdoor Outfitters](#); and [Track 'N Trail](#). Be certain to thank the staff for their support of the Canadian Birkie Ski Festival. Plus look for [SWIX](#) and [Salomon](#) products; they have been sponsoring your Birkie for many years.



Pick up your Early Bird Prize

Did you win the Early Bird prize of a Birkie Mug? These go to the [first 100](#) qualified 2020 Birkie registrants. Your free mug will be waiting for you at a table near registration package pickup at the [Nordic Fair](#).

Did you forget your mittens? If you were one of the **first 100** people to register for the 2019 Birkie ski festival; you won a pair of free mittens. If you see your name here, please pick up your prize at the **Nordic Fair**.



Bring sleds to 4/8 km, Barnebirkie only

Pulks and sleds are allowed only at the back of the **4/8 km Imperial Oil Birkie Fun Ski** event and the **Barnebirkie** on Birkie Sunday. To maintain the integrity of the ski track in the morning, pulks and sleds are not allowed in any other ski events. Please note that skiers must be 12 and older to register in the 4/8 km event.



Beer, coffee, vegan, gluten-free at finish

Big thanks to Al Centro Restaurant, Alley Kat Brewing Company and our Beer Garden crew for serving the following treats in the Finish Line Festival Tent:

- Alley Kat beer
- Da Capo specialty coffees ... in a Birkie mug with some Baileys
- Almond Omega Cookies, V and GF friendly
- Linden Bars, V and GF friendly

Stuff money in your spandex; there is a cost for these delicacies!

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