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The Canadian Birkebeiner is Canada's largest classic cross-country ski event. It is one of only three popular "Birkebeiner" loppets in the world: Norway, the USA and Canada. Collectively, over 30,000 people participate in these three events annually. See our website to learn about the exciting Norwegian legend behind the event.

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TO REGISTER OR VOLUNTEER VISIT:

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2012 Canadian Birkebeiner

February 10 and 11, Edmonton, Alberta



**CANADIAN
birkie**
ski festival.

Birkie Ski Events

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012

The Birkie is a 'loppet'—a recreational mass participation cross country ski event. All events are classic (diagonal stride) technique on double tracked courses.


“Long” point-to-point events start at Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village and finish at Waskehegan Staging Area, Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area:

 55 km Torskeklubben Birkebeiner 9:00 a.m.
(5.5 kg backpack)

 55 km Spencer Environmental Birkie Lite 9:00 a.m.
(same route/no pack)

 31 km Edmonton Journal Tour 9:30 a.m.

“Short” loop events start and finish at Waskehegan Staging Area, Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area:

 Ole's Tour (2.5 or 4 km options) 11:00 a.m.
Be a Birkie Kid and ski this untimed, fun event.

 13 km Mini Birkie 1:30 p.m.
Scenic loop course to Meadow Shelter and back.

Enter On-line

Register and pay securely online at www.canadianbirkie.com. Online registration closes 9:59 p.m. MST, Wednesday, February 8, 2012. Nominal processing fee will be charged on all registrations. *Register early and save!*

Chip Timing

Mass start chip timing for 55, 31 and 13 km events. **Deposit not required, but if chip is *not* returned at finish line, a \$40 fee will be charged.**

Learn to Loppet Ski Lessons

Learn how to prepare for a loppet and improve your skiing technique. See lesson information on the Birkie website.

For further information on food and medical stations, trail conditions and directions, visit our website at www.canadianbirkie.com.

Host Hotel and Accommodations

Ramada Conference Centre (780) 454-5454
11834 Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta
Find hotels offering Birkie rates on our website.

Birkie Nordic Fair & Bib Pick-up

Friday, Feb. 10, 2012

Noon - 8:00 p.m. Ramada Conference Centre

Bib, timing chip, and information book pick-up during these hours is mandatory. Last minute course changes, waxing tips and weather conditions will be available.

Finish Line Festival Tent

After an enjoyable day skiing your Birkie, come and relax in the Finish Line Festival Tent. Sit and enjoy a complimentary hot dog, bowl of soup, hot or cold drink, fruit and other snacks. It's a great place to meet up with friends, old and new, and swap tales from the trail.

Award Presentations

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012

On-Site in the Festival Tent, Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Top 3 overall awards for timed events at times posted on-site. Top 3 age class awards for 55 km and 31 km events only. Special awards: Haakon Haakonsson winners (completed long Birkebeiner events in Norway, USA, Canada), John Toonen Award and Ole Hovind Award.

Green Birkie: Food Service and Transportation

We strive to make the Birkie an environmentally sustainable event in several ways:

- Food service includes compostable dishes/utensils and extensive recycling.
- Car pooling to the Nordic Fair and to Birkie day parking lots is highly encouraged.
- Bus transport to and from the Ramada Conference Centre is provided for a nominal fee of \$5.

Birkie Day Parking

There is no parking available at the short course start or finish lines or at the long course finish line. Instead:

- Mandatory, but free shuttle buses are provided to and from the short course (13 km and shorter) start and finish lines from the Uncas parking area.
- Free shuttle buses run from the finish line to the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village parking lot where skiers will have parked for the long course starts (55 and 31 km events).

See the Birkie website and program guide for more detailed information and maps.