



EVENT NOTICE

Wetzin'Kwa Loppet

31st Annual BV Marathon

March 16, 2019

- Race Format:** Classic Technique or Free Technique, Mass Start
- Date/Time:** Saturday, March 16, 2019
Mass Start 10:30am, except 54 Km distance starts at 9:30 am
- Race Location:** Bulkley Valley Nordic Centre (Hudson Bay Mountain Rd.)
- Directions and map:** <http://www.bvnordic.ca/trails-and-facilities/directions/>
- Hosting Club:** Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club: <http://www.bvnordic.ca/>
- Information:** Chief of Competition Joe De Gisi, loppet@bvnordic.ca
Race Secretary: Trina Schley, secretary@bvnordic.ca
- Rules:** CCC Rules and Regulations.
- Race Entries:** By ZONE4: Access www.zone4.ca and locate this event in the online registration section to enter your information and pay by credit card. Any questions please contact: racesecretary@bvnordic.ca
- Licenses:** Licenses are not required for this event
- Entry Deadlines:** **Closing deadline for online registration is midnight Thursday, March 14 2019.**
(Last minute, in person registration, will be available at 6 pm Friday March 15, 2019 at the Pasta Potluck at the BV Nordic Centre)
- NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- Draw:** Mass start for all age categories. Self- seeded.
- Bib Pick-Up:** Race day, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., at the ski lodge.
- Awards:** Award presentations will take place immediately following the race.

- Concession:** Soup, sandwich and a drink will be provided to all racers and volunteers. Spectators may purchase food.
- Waxing:** The Gary Murdoch Memorial Waxing Hut will be available for waxing. The CCBC Glide Waxing Protocol will apply to all categories: Cross Country BC respectfully requests all coaches, wax technicians, and parents abide by a self-governed protocol while waxing skis for all athletes racing. The glide waxing protocol is as follows:
- Non-Fluoro (NF) or Low Fluoro (LF) glide waxes ARE permitted
 - Medium Fluoro (MF) or High Fluoro (HF) glide waxes are NOT permitted
 - Pure Fluoro glide waxes (powders, pucks, blocks and liquid) are NOT permitted
 - Cold weather powder additives and hardeners are NOT permitted
- Accommodation:** For accommodations as well as other activities in Smithers please visit: <http://www.tourismsmithers.com/>
- Trail pass:** Registered racers can use trails for the day of the race. Spectators do not require a trail pass to watch the race.
- Cancellation:** There will be no refund for participants who choose to not start their race. If race organizers cancel the race(s) due to unsafe weather conditions a 75% refund will be made to participants with the exception of any online processing fees. Races will be cancelled or postponed if temperature conditions are unsuitable at start time.
- With air temperatures below -25°C (temperature measured at the coldest point of the course and without wind factor, the Jury must postpone or cancel the competition.
- Race Routes:** Route maps will be posted at the lodge prior to the race.
- Distances:** 54 km, 36 km, 18 km, 9 km, 3 km, 1 km
- Fee:** Bunnies and Rabbits in the BV Nordic Club *Free
0 to 11 years \$10
12 to 17 years \$15
18 to 99 years \$25
- Categories:** Male or Female
Age Categories: 0-12, 12-17, 18-99
Distance Categories: 1, 3, 9, 18, 36, 54 km
Technique Categories: Free or Classic
- Awards:** Times will be recorded and available on zone4.ca after the race. All participants will receive a Loppet Sticker. Prizes will be awarded to the fastest 3 participants in each category of 9 km and longer. All Bunnies will receive a prize at the finish line.
- Feed Stations:** Feed stations will be set up on the course with water, a warm sports drink and some goodies to keep your energy up – see course maps for locations. **Feed Stations provided by McBike and Sport.**

Friday Night Pasta Potluck and Dessert Fundraiser 6 pm

The Race Program will lead a pasta potluck at 6 pm Friday March 15, 2019 at the BV Nordic Centre. Pasta will be provided – please bring an appetizer, pasta sauce, salad or garlic bread to share. Desserts will be provided as a fundraiser at \$10/plate and the opportunity to bid on and purchase whole desserts to take home.

Rabbits:

Every child in the Rabbits Program can be registered in the Loppet at no cost. Rabbit Coaches must collect the names of Rabbits planning to attend the Loppet prior to Thursday March 14th. Rabbit Coaches must supply names, distances and technique category to the Rabbit Coordinator, who must pass the names on to the Race Committee.

Rabbits must be accompanied by an adult on the race course.

All Rabbits will receive a lunch as a race participant.

Rabbit parents may purchase a lunch, or they may register in the Loppet and receive a lunch with their registration.

A Bunny Parade (led by a Giant Bunny) will happen immediately prior to the mass start. The purpose of the Bunny Parade is to celebrate the Bunnies and Rabbits and to group them together for the start time.

Sponsors:

Thank you to all the generous sponsors that make the Wetzin'Kwa Loppet a success. Sponsors include:

**Bulkley Valley Credit Union,
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