

Important Notice to Lake Louise Loppet Participants

New this year is Banff National Park's Special Event Public Advisory Committee process.

BNP/SEPAC Conditions set for the Lake Louise Loppet 2010 are as follows:

1. Work towards Zero Waste:

New this year will be compostable cups that can be placed in the compost bins at the Chateau with the orange peel, etc. Recyclable items will be deposited in the Chateau recycling bins.

The loppet garbage containers will be sign-posted for Compostable, Recycling, Other. Please help us.

2. Need to reserve adequate public parking for non-participants at the Loppet:

We have made arrangements that both Chateau & Deer Lodge guests can park until 4 pm Sunday.

We ask that all such guests take advantage of this offer.

In addition, Loppet volunteers are being asked to park at Deer Lodge.

The alternative suggested by SEPAC was to have off-site parking at the Lake Louise Inn and hire a shuttle bus to transport loppet participants to the Lake.

The Loppet Organizing Committee simply cannot afford the \$800 cost for this year but we may be forced to do this in future after the National Parks review this year's event.

Therefore we ask all race participants to car-pool or van-pool

We ask clubs and ski shops to organize car-pools or hire a bus.

In 2009, there were over 100 participants from Calgary and 50 from Canmore.

We have requested that Parks do not plough the access road to Upper Parking Lot until 1 pm, after 20 km skiers have passed following their completion of the Telemark Loop.

3. Need to promote better that the event is in Banff National Park and at a World Heritage Site:

This has been done on the CSC website, in expanded brochures and will be included in the next print run of the colour posters next year.

4. Need to create & deliver specific heritage educational opportunities:

The exciting news is that in cooperation with Banff Heritage Tourism, there will be an entertaining and educational session in the 30 minutes prior to the medal awards ceremony in the Chateau's Victoria Room SEPAC is excited at the wooden ski and heritage costume event and wants to see that promoted better.

5. Need to use/demonstrate environmentally-friendly waxes and waxing techniques.

We are working with local ski shops, wax suppliers and Cross Country Alberta for info. on this.

6. Need to deliver some form of education on the history of XC skiing at Lake Louise:

This is being worked on with info. from the 2005 book "Calgary Goes Skiing – The History of The Calgary Ski Club" and other materials and photos from the Whyte and Glenbow Museums.

We plan to have a brochure and, possibly, educational posters available for next year.

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1. Hotel Special Deals for Loppet Participants:

Again this year, the Fairmont Chateau, Lake Louise Inn and Deer Lodge are offering special rates for Loppet participants.

Details are shown on the Calgary Ski Club web site – www.calgaryskiclub.org and click on Loppet box.

2. Improved XC skiing all-season long:

The National Park wants to continue to upgrade the trails started in 1989 by Calgary Ski Club volunteers with the cooperation and assistance of National Parks staff.

Their goal is to make all trails suitable for beginner or lower intermediate skiers.

They have cut a by-pass on 1 steep hill on Fairview for uphill traffic and plan to cut two more by-passes. On the Lower Telemark, they have cut two short-cuts to 1 A Hwy to create a series of stacked loops.

They plan to by-pass the steep sections of the Upper Telemark behind the Chateau and also to cut a new more attractive trail to Deer Lodge that avoids the Brewster Stables and Chateau Residences and Maintenance Areas and their access roads and parking.

They now have Environmental Impact Assessment approvals and hopefully the work can commence this summer.

They have asked the Calgary Ski Club for a survey of both the Loppet and Pipestone Trails as to gradient & elevation gain of each hill to classify the trails better and provide better signage for safety and info. We have already surveyed the Loppet trails and when finished will be plotted on F.I.S. Homologation charts and placed on the Calgary Ski Club website (after the Loppet).

3. New Trail map and colour brochure of the Lake Louise Area.

National Parks and Banff-Lake Louise Tourism have produced a new colour brochure and maps of the Lake Louise area XC ski and snowshoe trails. These are available at the Visitor Centre.

This will be improved with new info. and expanded to include Yoho trails next year.

4. New Lake Louise Business support for XC skiing:

After lobbying and a number of presentations over the past 2 years to Lake Louise businesses by the Calgary Ski Club, we now have support of local businesses, the new community newsletter “Lake Louise Live” and Banff-Lake Louise Tourism for promotion and development of the XC ski trails.

The Fairmont Chateau and Lake Louise Inn especially want to support XC skiing.

The Fairmont Chateau is working to ensure that there will be a room available inside for awards.

After skiing the new improved Fairview Loop with his family over Christmas, a senior manager at Ski Louise DH ski area wants to advertise XC skiing to compete better with B.C. and U.S. ski areas.

We plan to meet the local business community, National Parks and Banff-Lake Louise Tourism in April to prepare for next winter with improved facilities, services and marketing.

A suggestion based on the experience of Alasdair Fergusson to copy the Aspen model of a Nordic Council to operate XC skiing. It included state, city, tourism, business & ski clubs in an operating entity.