

The 2019 Pirate Loppet

When & Where? Friday, February 1st, 2019 at 10:30. Sign-in and bib pickup begins at 9:30. at the Larch Hills X-Country Ski Area.

Who? Student from grades 3-8. Younger students may participate if accompanied by a parent. Parents are welcome to ski with their kids. Students have a choice between skiing a 5 km. course or a 2 km course for younger or less experienced skiers.

Ski Ability: *Participants MUST be able to control their speed on the occasional downhill sections with a strong snow plough or wedge.*

How Much? \$5.00. This is collected by the sponsoring school and brought to Larch Hills on the day of the loppet. Please make cheques payable to "Larch Hills Elementary Loppet."

Registration: Loppet registration information will be emailed to each school. This email will contain information about our online registration system. Online registration forms must be completed by **Tuesday, January 29th**. School Board field trip (permission/waiver) forms must also be completed by each school for their student participants. Students not registered by January 29th will need to register on the day of the loppet at the registration tables and will need to ensure they have their signed permission form with them.

Food: Hot dogs and hot beverages will be served to young skiers and event volunteers, hosted by an awesome group of Shuswap Lady Striders at the chalet. Hot dogs and hot beverages will be available to others by donation. Donations go to "Skis for Schools" grants to SD 83 elementary school classes to purchase X-C ski equipment.

Theme: Loppeteers are encouraged to dress up as pirates. Prizes will be given for the best costumes.

Prizes: The official Pirate Loppet flag will be awarded to the school with the largest proportional representation. There will also be many draw prizes.

Rentals: Limited ski rentals are available at Skookum Ski and Cycle and John's Ski Shack. Be sure to check for availability as soon as possible.

Contact Persons: Megan Weir– mweir@sd83.bc.ca; Geneviève Duclos- gduclos@sd83.bc.ca

Transportation: Schools arrange their own student transportation using busses or parents.

Ski Host Program: Larch Hills Nordic Society members are available to host and assist teachers and parents with practice sessions for ski groups during the month of January prior to the loppet. Contact Karin Huster at karin@huster.ca no later than December 1st to book times for your school. To cover club costs, schools should make a donation to the Larch Hills Nordic Society.

Ski Purchase Grants: Every year, the Pirate Loppet Committee awards grants to schools for the purchase of ski equipment. Information for grant applications will be emailed to schools in January.