



EVENT NOTICE

Hiawatha Snowfest

*Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the
Hiawatha Invitational*

At

Hiawatha Highlands

Jan 23-24, 2016



Hosted by the Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club and the Sault Cycling Club

The Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club is celebrating 60 years of Nordic ski racing in Sault Ste. Marie in the Hiawatha Highlands area by hosting *HIAWATHA SNOWFEST*, Jan. 23/24, 2016.

The objectives of this event are:

- To provide a variety of race formats both competitive and fun for all ages and abilities
- To encourage participation in cross country skiing, fat biking and snowshoeing
- To celebrate a long history of Nordic ski racing in Sault Ste. Marie

<i>Event Organizing Committee</i>	
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<i>Soo Finnish Memorabilia</i>	<i>Wendy Steele/Chris Kitzman</i>
<i>Time Trial</i>	<i>Amy Wheeler Reich/Dave Baldwin</i>
<i>Ski-rabble Ski-ramble</i>	<i>Trisha Westman</i>
<i>Fat Bike Race</i>	<i>Ngairé Roubal/Joanna MacDougall</i>
<i>Loppet</i>	<i>Dee Patterson/Art Anderson</i>

LOCATION: All events will be held at Hiawatha Highlands. [MAP: Hiawatha Highlands](#)

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday 23 January 2016

10:30am	Classic Interval Start Ski Races - for all age levels and abilities followed by Hot Dog BBQ for participants
10:30 - 3:00	Soo Finnish Ski Museum & Café in Old Lodge (Bible Fellowship)
12:30	Ski-rabble Ski-ramble
1:30	Fat Bike Event
12:00 - 4:00	Beer Tent and Sausage BBQ
5:00	Evening Pasta Dinner with Prizes and Awards (doors open at 5:00 and dinner is served at 6:00)

Sunday 24 January 2016

10:00	Ski and Fat Bike Loppet - distances for all age levels and abilities Start/Finish at the Sugar Shack on Fifth Line Finnish Pancake Breakfast at Sugar Shack on Fifth Line. For map and directions MAP: Sugar Shack
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EVENT DETAILS - Saturday January 23, 2016

Interval Start Ski Races (10:30am Start)

Interval start ski races are **Free for youth registered in Soo Finnish programs (Bunnyrabbits, Jackrabbits, Racing Rabbits, Track Attack, Race Team, Para Nordic, Special Olympics)**. Skiers in these programs DO NOT need to register online for this event. They should report to their groups at the usual 10:00 am start and location where coaches will distribute bibs. **Entry fee for all other participants is \$5.** Each skier will start 30 seconds apart. Bibs pickup for all other participants will be at 9:30am in the Bible Fellowship (brown building).



Late registration will close at 6pm, Friday Jan 22, 2016. Hot dog barbeque free for participants follows the event. Events will be scheduled by category. Hiawatha Snowfest clay medals will be given to the top 3 finishers in each Year of Birth (YOB) up to 19 years of age and top 3 in each race category above that. All Participants will receive a Hiawatha Snowfest ribbon.

Interval Start Ski Races			
LTAD Category	Age Group	Distance	Technique
Para Nordic Male	Open	0.5	Sitting
Para Nordic Female	Open	0.5	Sitting
Para Nordic Male	Open	1.0	Standing
Para Nordic Female	Open	1.0	Standing
Special Olympic Male	Open	2.0km	Classic
Special Olympic Female	Open	2.0km	Classic
Special Olympic Male	Open	4.0km	Classic
Special Olympic Female	Open	4.0km	Classic
Bunnyrabbit (Boy)	4-5	0.25km	Classic
Bunnyrabbit (Girl)	4-5	0.25km	Classic
Atom (Boy)	6-8	0.5km	Classic
Atom (Girl)	6-8	0.5km	Classic
Pee-wee (Boy)	9-12	1.0km	Classic
Pee-wee (Girl)	9-11	1.0km	Classic
Midget (Boy)	13-14	2.0km	Classic
Midget (Girl)	12-13	2.0km	Classic
Juvenile (Boy)	15	5.0km	Classic
Juvenile (Girl)	14-15	5.0km	Classic
Junior Boy	16-17	7.5km	Classic
Junior Girl	16-17	7.5km	Classic
Open Male	18+	4km	Classic
Open Female	18+	4km	Classic
Open Male	18+	7.5km	Classic
Open Female	18+	7.5km	Classic
Open Male	18+	4km	Skate
Open Female	18+	4km	Skate
Open Male	18+	7.5km	Skate
Open Female	18+	7.5km	Skate



Soo Finnish Ski Museum & Café (10:30 - 3:00)

Coffee and Finnish bread will be available all day along with a display of Soo Finnish memorabilia dating back to the beginnings of the club in 1955. The museum and café will be available all day, indoors in the former Soo Finnish Lodge (now Bible Fellowship building). Come out and meet old and new friends and indulge in reminiscences! Enjoy coffee provided by St. Joseph Island Coffee Roasters.

Ski-rabble Ski-ramble (12:30)

A super fun **Free** ski, snowshoe and bike event for teams of 1-4 people will follow the interval start races. Participants will collect as many scrabble pieces as possible along the course. At the end of this timed event, the team with the most points on the scrabble board wins!

Fat Bike Event (1:30)

A cyclo-cross style event, where fat bikers will complete as many laps of a technical course as possible in a 45 min time period. The event will include a mass start, Lemans style, and a specially designed course is being developed just for this event. Fat bikes only - rentals and/or demos will be available through local bike shops (Velorution and Algoma Bicycle). Contact information for these vendors is included in this package. **Entry Fee: \$12 for 19yrs and over (includes sausage and beer) \$8 for 18yrs and under (includes sausage)**

Beer Tent and Sausage BBQ (12:00 - 4:00)

Tent and BBQ will be in the parking lot near the blue Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Clubhouse. Must be 19 years of age for beer tent.

Evening Pasta Dinner

A fun banquet is planned at Algoma's Water Tower Inn. Cash bar. Doors open at 5:00 and dinner will be served at 6:00. Come early to view the Soo Finnish history museum in the lobby. Awards and presentations will be made from the day's events. Dietary restrictions can be identified through Zone 4 when registering. Deadline to purchase tickets to pasta dinner and banquet is Fri Jan 15. **\$18 Adult (18yrs and over) \$14 Teen (13yrs - 17yrs) \$10 Child (12yrs and under) \$0 Child (3yrs and under)**



EVENT DETAILS – Sunday January 24, 2016

Loppet and Finnish Pancake Breakfast

A fun loppet will take place on the Pinder system with the start and finish at the Sugar Shack on Fifth line. A new course has been designed just for this event. All participants will receive a special edition Hiawatha Snowfest clay medal. A Finnish Pancake Breakfast is included for all participants and is also open to the public. Events include classic, skate and fat bike. Event begins at 10:00am with longest distance ski events going first, followed every 5 minutes by each distance category. Snow bikes will begin at 11:00am. ***\$15 for 11 years and older, \$10 for Child 10 years and younger Child 3 years and younger FREE***

Loppet: Classic/Skate Distances (10:00am Start)

- 1.0km
- 2.0km
- 5.0km
- 10km
- 20km
- 30km

Loppet: Snow Bike Distances (11:00am Start)

- 10km
- 20km

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

Registration is online and will close on January 22 at 6:00pm. Use the following link to the Zone 4 registration page online: [Online Registration Link](#). Registration the day of the event will include an additional \$5 fee per event. All registration fees include a day pass to the trails at Hiawatha for the day of the event registered. All participants are required to sign a waiver as part of the online registration process. Fat bike participants, will be required to sign a fat bike waiver at bib pick up.



All registration and bib pick up will be in the Bible Fellowship (brown building) except youth registered in Soo Finnish programs for Interval Start Ski Races. Coaches will distribute these bibs during class start at 10:00am.

<i>Interval Start Ski Races</i>	<i>Free for youth registered in Soo Finnish programs (Bunnyrabbits, Jackrabbits, Racing Rabbits, Track Attack, Race Team, Para Nordic, Special Olympics) \$5 for all other participants</i>
<i>Ski-rabble Ski-ramble</i>	<i>Free (Teams of 1-4 people)</i>
<i>Fat Bike Event</i>	<i>19yrs and over \$12 (includes sausage and beer) 18yrs and under \$8 (includes sausage)</i>
<i>Pasta Dinner Banquet</i>	<i>Adults 19yrs+ \$18 Teens 13yrs -18yrs \$14 Child 12yrs and under \$10 Child 3yrs and under FREE</i>
<i>Loppet (includes Finnish pancake breakfast)</i>	<i>11 years and older \$15 10 years and under \$10 Child 3 years and under FREE</i>

T-Shirts

Order your Hiawatha Snowfest T-shirt!

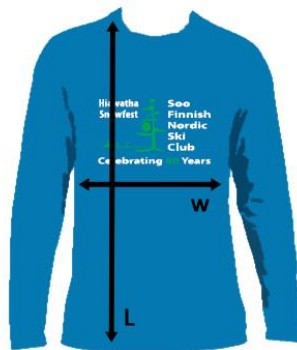
Limited quantities sold on site - avoid disappointment and order online.

Shirts are blue, long sleeved, 7.5 oz performance material with wicking and anti-microbial properties. Adult sizes small to XL. Youth sizes medium and large. Please see sizing guides below.

\$15 each



Pick up T-shirts at Event/Race Registration inside the Bible Fellowship (brown building).



Classic Fit Long Sleeve Performance Shirt Garment Measurements		
SIZE	WIDTH	LENGTH
Youth Medium	34"	22"
Youth Large	36"	23.5"
Adult Small	36"	28"
Adult Medium	40"	29"
Adult Large	44"	30"
Adult X-Large	48"	31"

Design may be subject to change. Approximate sizing listed.

FACILITIES

Hiawatha Highlands in the Kinsmen centre will be open all weekend for warmth and washrooms.

Waxing facilities are available onsite in the Soo Finnish Ski Club wax building. (blue building)

Free parking is available onsite all weekend.

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The Bible Fellowship building (brown building near start/finish) will be available from 10am-3pm Saturday with washrooms, Finnish Café and Museum.

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The Conservation Authority's Sugar Shack is the site of the start/finish of the loppet and the Finnish Pancake breakfast.

FAT BIKE RENTALS AND/OR DEMOS

Algoma Bicycle Company

360 Queen St., East
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
P6A 1Z1

Velorution

162 Old Garden River Road
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
P6B 5A6



Phone: (705)759-3443
[Email](#)



Phone: (705) 253-9388
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ACCOMMODATIONS

Rooms have been set aside at local hotels with special event rates. It is recommended to reserve accommodations as soon as possible.

Algoma's Water Tower Inn & Suites (approx. 8km) 360 Great Northern Road
\$105/night

All room reservations at the Water Tower Inn are under Hiawatha Snowfest
Contact: Tracy White Phone: (705) 945-7603 for teams or groups wanting to reserve more than one room. Individuals should call 1 (800) 461-0800 to reserve. There are only 2 Fully accessible rooms at the Water Tower with wheel-in showers.

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham (approx. 7km) 724 Great Northern Road
\$90/night

Each room has two queen beds, microwave, flat screen TV, Fridge, each room has 26 outlets & docking station. Six accessible rooms with roll-in shower (4 with 2 queen beds+ 2 with one queen). Hotel has small pool, gym, coin laundry, complimentary breakfast.

They have an indoor secure room for ski equipment. Value added package that includes special rates at 30 businesses (restaurants & shopping) in SSM

Contact: Sarah Jane Grant, Guest Service Manager Phone: (705)450-2423 or 1(800) 337-0050

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Accommodations 10km or less from event site:

Glenview Cottages (approx. 4 km) 2611 Great Northern Road

Ambassador Hotel (approx. 5km) 1275 Great Northern Road

Fairfield Inn and Suites (approx. 7km) 633 Great Northern Road

Quattro Hotel (approx. 8 km) 229 Great Northern Road



Super 8 (approx. 8km) 184 Great Northern Road

The Canadian Motor Hotel (approx. 9km) 410 Pim Street

Accommodations 10km or more from event site:

Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel and Conference Centre

Sleep Inn

Quality Inn Suites

Accommodations in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan: (approx. 17km)

Ramada Plaza

Holiday Inn Express Sault Ste. Marie