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Registration opens for 21st annual Buckwheat Ski Classic
Race date: Saturday, March 24, 2007

The 21st annual Buckwheat Ski Classic is on schedule for Saturday, March 24.

Race founder Buckwheat Donahue is back from his year-long Heartbeat Trail fundraiser (www.buckwheat.info), and is looking forward to this year's event, working with volunteers from Alaska and the Yukon.

Once again there will be 50K, 25K and 10K cross country ski races, as well as a 5K kids race and a 5K snowshoe race. All races take place at Log Cabin on the South Klondike Highway, and there are pre-and post-race events in Skagway, Alaska, including a fabulous awards banquet and dance at the historic Eagles Hall.

The Buckwheat in 2005 was named one of the top 49 things to do in Alaska by the editors of Alaska magazine.

For a complete schedule, download the race brochure / entry form at www.skagwaynews.com/BSCskirace.

Race brochures / entry forms are now available at the Mountain Shop in Skagway; Lutak Lumber in Haines; Foggy Mountain in Juneau; and Coast Mountain Sports in Whitehorse. There are separate forms for U.S. adults, Canadian adults, US kids, and Canadian kids.

Registration forms may be dropped off at the above locations or mailed to Buckwheat Ski Classic, Box 636, Skagway, AK 99840. Early registration deadline is March 15. Registrations received after that date cost an additional \$10.

The trail at Log Cabin, B.C. is currently set on the 5K and 10K courses thanks to Skagway trail crew volunteers. Trail conditions are posted at the Mountain Shop (907-983-2544), and the Skagway Visitor Center (907-983-2854)

Additional volunteers are always welcome. If you can help with race packet prep., dinner serving, race timing, serving breakfast, T-shirt sales, and aid station prep., please call Buckwheat at 983-3988 or Su Rappleye at 983-2127.

The race is a fund-raiser for the Skagway Ski Club and traditionally hosts more than 200 participants from Alaska, the Yukon and elsewhere.

Major sponsors include: FOE & Aux. No. 25, Steve & Salli Reeder, City of Skagway Tourism Dept., Holland America, Alaska Shirt Co., and The Skagway News. Co.

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