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Registration opens for 22nd annual Buckwheat Ski Classic
Race date: Saturday, March 22, 2008

The 22nd annual Buckwheat Ski Classic is on schedule for Saturday, March 22. Once again there will be 50K, 25K and 10K cross country ski races, as well as a 5K kids 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. The race is a fund-raiser for the Skagway Ski Club and traditionally hosts more than 200 participants from Alaska, the Yukon and elsewhere.

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.

"This year's race coincides with Easter which means Log Cabin will be a multi-use weekend, not a skiers-only weekend," said race founder Buckwheat Donahue. "There will be some skidoosers in the parking lot. We've never had any problems with them in the past and it should not be a problem this weekend. Just be as courteous as you always are, and we can prove to the powers that be that skiers and skidoosers can get along."

Skiers are also reminded of the new document requirements for crossing the U.S. border that go into effect on Jan. 31:

- U.S. and Canadian citizens ages 19 and older will need to present a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, along with proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate or naturalization certificate.
- Children ages 18 and under will only be required to present proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate.

If you have questions, contact the Skagway Port of Entry at 907-983-2325.

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.

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

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