Ski Hawks Ottawa Fall 2026 newsletter

Hello everyone,

As the leaves turn and cooler air settles in, we're getting excited for another season on the slopes. Ski Hawks Ottawa is gearing up for winter, and we're thrilled to share important updates as we prepare for the 2026–27 season.

Registration and key dates

- **Snowline registration is open** from **October 13 until November 29, 2026**. If you need help registering, please contact us.

- There will be a social/in-person info-session on **Monday, November 9, from 5:30 p.m**. **to 7:30 p.m.** at the Royal Oak at 188 Bank Street. Everyone is welcome to join, especially new members or those still considering joining. We'll also be available to help with registration.

- **Ottawa Ski Show** — Drop by CADS-NCD's booth at the Ottawa Ski Show on **October 17-18** and say hi!

- Our program will continue to be held on **Monday evenings (7-9 p.m.)**, from **January 11 to March 15, 2027.** We will also run a pilot program on Wednesday mornings (9:30-11:30 a.m.) from **January 13 to March 17, 2027**. For more details on the program, please contact us.

- Mandatory guide training will be held on **Monday**, **January 4, starting at 7 p.m.** at Camp Fortune. Christopher Lee, Technical Director, and Eric Lacasse, Training and Certification Director, will reach out to all registered guides in December with further instructions. In the meantime, please mark your calendars.

Membership fees

- **Skiers with own equipment:** $210 (includes lift tickets + CADS National & NCD memberships)
- **Equipment rental:** Additional $30 per season
- **Guides:** $45 (includes lift tickets + CADS National and NCD memberships)
- Already registered in another CADS program? You only pay once for your CADS membership.

Police checks for new guides or those needing to renew

All volunteers/guides over 18 years of age must have a valid Police Check, renewed every three years.

- Ottawa residents: Apply with the Ottawa Police,
- Quebec residents: Apply with the Gatineau Police.

To avoid any fees, we can provide a signed volunteer letter on behalf of Ski Hawks Ottawa upon request.

If you are a new volunteer/guide or a returning one who may not have had a chance to complete the Police check, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Once completed, please show your Police Check (printed or on your phone) to Jenny Curtis or Ron Pinder at the hill. We'll record it in Snowline.

Call out for drivers

Transportation is essential for many of our skiers. If you're able to offer a ride — even occasionally — or only one way, please email skihawksottawa@gmail.com. We'll do our best to match you with someone in your area. Your support truly makes a difference!

Support Ski Hawks Ottawa

As a registered Canadian charitable organization (**899680961 RR 0001**), Ski Hawks Ottawa relies on membership fees and donations to operate each season.

You can help by:

- Sharing our program with friends, family, neighbours, and colleagues.
- Donating through CanadaHelps or by **e-Transfer** to skihawksottawa@gmail.com.
- Requesting a **tax receipt** for donations over $20.

Every contribution helps us deliver a safe, inclusive, and joyful experience for our athletes.

Not returning this year?

We'll miss you. If you have any program equipment (bibs, lights, radios, etc.), please contact us to arrange a return.

CADS Festival 2027

The CADS Festival will take place from March 15 to 19, 2027, at Sun Peaks, BC. It's a wonderful week of skiing and celebration with CADS members from across the country. If you're interested in attending, stay tuned for more details from CADS National.

Board updates

We're pleased to share that Christopher Lee has been appointed as our new Technical Director, and Eric Lacasse will be stepping into the role of Director of Training and Certification. Both bring extensive experience and deep commitment to our program. You can reach Chris and Eric through the Tech Director generic inbox at SHOTech Dir@gmail.com.

Ski Hawks' 50th anniversary

Ski Hawks Ottawa will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2028 and we're beginning early planning. If you're interested in helping shape this milestone event, we'd love to have you on the organizing committee. For more information, please contact us.

Stay connected

- Visit our website for key contacts, the events calendar, updated bylaws, and operations manual
- Follow us on Facebook for updates, reminders, and weather-related cancellations
- Questions or feedback? We'd love to hear from you.

We're so grateful for each of you — skiers, guides, families, and volunteers. Your support keeps our community strong, and we're excited to welcome you back for another wonderful season!

See you soon!

Kim Leahy
President