

Subject line: Fall 2022 Newsletter

Hello fellow Ski Hawks Members,

Hope you're all doing well and had a lovely summer and early fall. Winter will be upon us before we know it. So, we're already hard at work planning for the next ski season. Here is some essential information that we'd like to share with you.

Program update

Our program will be held on **Monday evenings (7-9 p.m.)**, from **January 9 to March 13, 2023**.

Online registration through [Snowline](#) will begin on **November 1st until December 4th, 2022**. Stay tuned for details on how to register.

Membership fees

The registration fees for skiers with equipment is \$165. Due to budgetary constraints, there is a \$10 increase. This covers lift tickets as well as annual memberships for CADS National (\$30) and CADS-NCD (\$10). There is an additional \$25 for skiers who need rentals.

Registration fees for guides is \$40. This covers lift tickets as well as annual memberships for CADS National (\$30) and CADS-NCD (\$10). Guides who are already registered in other CADS programs only need to pay their annual CADS membership once.

Virtual info-session for all members – Monday, November 14

We invite all our members to join us on **Monday, November 14** for a virtual info-session starting at 7 p.m. This will be a perfect opportunity to learn more about the upcoming season, ask questions and reconnect with ski buddies. Watch your inbox for more details.

Vulnerable Sector (Police) Check for new volunteers/guides

Since January 2020, CADS National has adopted a policy requiring all CADS volunteers/guides to have a valid Vulnerable Sector Check. (Level 3 with local police or Level 2 with provincial police).

Vulnerable Sector (Police) Checks are generally valid for a period of three years, but you will need to confirm with your local or provincial police.

Ottawa residents can apply with the [Ottawa Police](#) and Quebec residents with the [Gatineau Police](#). We can supply a 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 Vulnerable Sector check, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Once your Vulnerable Sector (Police) Check is complete, you will need to present a copy to one of the Board members to confirm (e.g., show a printed or electronic copy (on your phone) at the ski hill.) We will then write down that you've completed the process in Snowline.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Skier/guide pairing

As usual, we'll do our best to pair skiers and guides based on experience, skill levels and personal compatibility. Our goal is to keep everyone safe while having fun!

Call out for drivers

We're calling out to volunteer drivers who can provide transportation to skiers. If you are available to pick-up and/or drop-off a skier (even just one way), please let Murielle Arseneau know as soon as possible via email at marseneau@bell.net.

As a reminder, we'll do our best to minimize contact. As such, you'll be paired with the same skier throughout the season, whenever possible.

Guide training and certification

Guide training will take place at Camp Fortune, on **Wednesday, January 4, at 6:30 p.m.** This is a mandatory session for all guides. This refresher training will be held on the slopes. So, bring your skis or board. We hope that you will have an opportunity to try out the ski before the training day.

Prior to the guide training, you will need to complete a safety-related document and questionnaire. This is mandatory for insurance purposes. **Make sure to bring a signed printed copy for our records on the training night, on January 4.**

CADS Level 1 and Level 2 certification will be organized by CADS-NCD, under the direction of Colin Moden, CADS-NCD's Technical Director. For more information, please contact Eric Lacasse (eric.lacasse.ca@gmail.com) or Paul Johannsen (pkjohannsen@sympatico.ca).

Not returning this year, but still have some equipment?

If you are not planning to return to our program this year, but still have some equipment (e.g., bibs, light, radio, etc.), please contact Bob Einarsson (bob.einarsson@gmail.com) to make arrangements to return the equipment.

Help support our program

As a registered Canadian non-profit charitable organization (899680961 RR 0001), Ski Hawks Ottawa relies primarily on membership fees and donations — from both individuals and organizations — to run from year-to-year.

Please help support our program by spreading the word to your family, friends, neighbors and colleagues. Donations can be made at any time of year — by eTransfer (email skihawksottawa@gmail.com) or through [CanadaHelps](#).

CADS Festival

The next CADS Festival will be held in Kimberley, BC, from March 19th to 24th, 2023. The registration deadline is February 20, 2023. To sign up, visit [CADS National's Web site](#).

This festival is a fantastic opportunity to improve your skiing or snowboarding experience on different terrains, meet incredible people from across the country and have lots of fun. Feel free to speak with members, like myself, who have attended the festival in the past to hear what they have to say about it.

Stay connected

Visit our [Web site](#) to find useful information, including key contacts, calendar of events and the operations manual. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for special announcements, event reminders or program cancellations notices.

If you have any questions or feedback about the program, please [let us know](#).

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you soon!