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Hello everyone,

We hope you had a fantastic summer and are settling into the beauty of fall. Believe it or not, winter is just around the corner—and we're already gearing up for another exciting ski season! Here are important updates we'd like to share with you.

Registration and key dates

Online registration through [Snowline](#) is now open until **November 30, 2025**.

We will be hosting an in-person info-session on **Monday, November 3, starting at 5:30 p.m.** at the Royal Oak at 188 Bank Street. Everyone is welcome to join, especially those who are new to the program or are still considering joining. It will also be a good opportunity to get help registering.

Our program will continue to be held on **Monday evenings (7-9 p.m.)**, from **January 12 to March 16, 2026**. We will also run a pilot on Wednesday mornings (9:30-11:30 a.m.) from January 14 to March 18. For more details on the pilot, please contact Eric Lacasse.

Mandatory guide training will be held on **Monday, January 5, starting at 6:30 p.m.** at Camp Fortune. [Eric Lacasse](#), Technical 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

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 obtain a valid Police Check.

Police checks are valid for a three-year period.

Ottawa residents can apply with the [Ottawa Police](#) and Quebec residents with the [Gatineau Police](#). To avoid any fees, we can supply a signed 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 your Police check is complete, please bring a copy (printed or on your phone) and show it to Jenny Curtis, Kim Leahy, Ron Pinder, or Eric Lacasse at the ski hill. We will then write down that you've completed the process in Snowline.

Call out for drivers

We're calling out to volunteer drivers who can provide transportation to skiers. This may mean a small detour, but we'll do our best to find skiers who live in the same area. Without drivers providing rides to skiers, it would be impossible for most of our skiers to go skiing. If you are available to pick up and/or drop off a skier, please let us know as soon as possible via email at skihawksottawa@gmail.com.

Join our Board of Directors

Shelley Fraser will be stepping down from the Board of Directors. While we're sad to see Shelley go, we are deeply grateful for the tremendous contributions she made in such a short time. Shelley played a pivotal role in securing funding through key partnerships and building our new brand—work that will continue to shape the future of our program for years to come.

With this change, we're looking for an enthusiastic and dynamic individual to join our Board at least on an interim basis until our next Elections in June 2026. If you'd like to help shape the future direction of our program while making a meaningful impact, this opportunity is for you! Interested or have any questions? Please contact me directly at kmcleahy@gmail.com.

We appreciate your support!

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

We also appreciate you spreading the word to your family, friends, neighbors and colleagues about our program and its positive impact. Donating is easy. Just go to [CanadaHelps](#). If you prefer, you could also do a-Transfer by email at

skihawksottawa@gmail.com. Tax receipts for donations over \$20 can be issued, upon request. Every dollar counts!

Not returning this year?

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

CADS turns 50!

Take part in the big celebration by participating in the annual CADS Festival which will be held in Kimberley, BC, from March 8-13, 2026. Registration is now open! If you are interested in joining and have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Kim Leahy or Jim Dicks.

Celebrate with us at the **CADS Festival in Kimberley, BC – March 8–13, 2026**. Registration is open! For more information or to register, visit [CADS National's website](#).

Stay connected

Visit our [website](#) for key contacts, events calendar, operations manual and more.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) for updates, reminders, and cancellations.

Questions or feedback? We'd love to [hear from you](#).

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Kim Leahy
President