

Let's Celebrate: 30 Years of Community Support for the National Team Development Centre - Thunder Bay

Dear Valued NTDC Supporter,

Please join us in celebrating 30 years of community support for the National Team Development Centre (NTDC) located in Thunder Bay. Join us for an evening filled with camaraderie, fun, exquisite cuisine and the celebration of 30 years of high performance skiing in Thunder Bay. This cornerstone fundraiser serves as a truly special evening which unites over 200 enthusiastic supporters of outdoor sports and activities, symbolizing the unwavering spirit of our ski community.

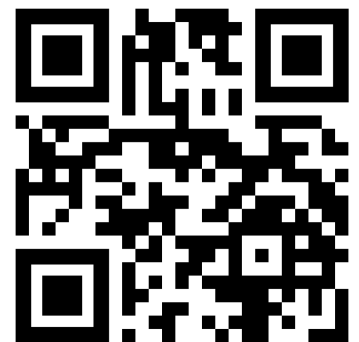
Supporting elite cross-country skiers demands a substantial commitment of resources, which is why we are reaching out to you for assistance with our upcoming:

2024 Nordicfest Dinner and Auction

Saturday, October 12, 2024 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm
Port Arthur Legion Branch 5, 229 Van Norman Street

We kindly request your contribution, and invite you to do so in several ways:

1. [in the form of a financial donation:](#)
(Scroll down the list of clubs and choose NTDC Thunder Bay)
(tax receipts are available for donations over \$25 from non-athlete family members),
2. an item for our silent auction,
3. an item for a door prize, or
4. [purchase a table and bring your friends](#)



Who are we?

We are **NTDC**, one of Canada's 3 National Team Development Centres for cross country skiing excellence in Canada. We proudly call Thunder Bay our home and have done so for over 30 years. Our team consists of athletes who were born and raised in Thunder Bay, athletes from across Ontario, as well as from across Canada. We are part of the fabric of this community.

Yet, our sport is **chronically underfunded** and we are asking for your support to help these **phenomenal athletes** pursue their passion and represent Canada. We currently have an **Olympian, a Youth Olympian**, as well as two Canadian age group champions on the team.

We are the **home of some of Canada's top athletes**. Last year alone athletes from NTDC Thunder Bay represented Canada in the following events:

- **Youth Olympic Games (South Korea):** Cedric Martel (U18), *Lappe Nordic*
- **World Juniors (Slovenia):** Clara Hegan (U20), *Nakkertok Nordic*
- **World Cup (Norway and Sweden):** Pierre Grall-Johnson (Senior), *Nakkertok Nordic*
- **World Cup (Sweden and Finland):** Graham Ritchie (Senior), *Georgian Nordic*
- **World Cup (Minneapolis):** Pierre Grall-Johnson, *Nakkertok Nordic*; Julian Smith, *Georgian Bay Nordic*; and Clara Hegan, *Nakkertok Nordic*
- **World Cup (Canmore):** Pierre Grall-Johnson, *Nakkertok Nordic*; Julian Smith, *Georgian Bay Nordic*; Erikson Moore, *Fondeurs Laurentides*; and Adam Heale, *Black Jack*

These athletes are phenomenal members of the community. Many attend **Lakehead University** while pursuing full-time high performance skiing, **they coach and mentor younger athletes** in the community and across the province and **they hold part-time jobs** too.

They also pay for this sport out of their own pockets. Amateur sport is chronically underfunded in our country. Nordiq Canada, Cross Country Ski Ontario and the Canadian Sport Institute of Ontario provide partial funding for staff and administrative support, but athletes bear the majority of the costs.. It costs each athlete between **\$15,000 and \$30,000 per year** (in addition to the cost of pursuing their education) to develop their passion, and represent Canada.

Interested in learning more about NTDC - Thunder Bay?

We are proud of our new [Strategic Plan](#). Please take some time to flip through it (it's only a couple of pages with more pictures than text!) while you consider making a donation to our team.

Interest in contributing?

An athlete will follow up with you later in August. In the meantime, please confirm your support by completing this form:

[2024 NordicFest Expression of Interest Form](#)

You can also stay connected with us on social media through our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/NDCThunderBay>) and Instagram profile (<https://www.instagram.com/ntdctbay/>).

For additional information, please reach out to Alex at ntdc.assistantcoach@xcskiontario.ca or visit our website at www.ntdctbay.ca.

NTDC's Value Based Behaviours

We Collaborate - We Connect - We Listen -
We Focus on our Members' Needs - We Live Safe Sport - We Have Fun