



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

Friday, November 15, 2024 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 pm
Lappe Ski Center, Kam Current Road, Kaministiquia ON

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

1. By purchasing amazing donated prizes: [on-line auction November 1 to 15](#).
2. [Join us at the NordicFest Dinner by purchasing a table for you and your friends](#)
3. [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,



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. Additionally, **they coach and mentor younger athletes** in the community and across the province **while holding down part-time jobs**.

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?

Please use the links or QR codes provided above to confirm your contribution. An athlete will follow up with you in September.

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

For additional information, please reach out to admin@xccskiontario.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