

# Volunteer Commitment

Kimberley North Star Races (KNSR) is a not for profit society that provides ski coaching for the event of alpine ski racing. The club has approximately 35 racers in the E2, K1 and K2 programs and has had an increasing number of E1s going to away races. Both the athletes and the parents are registered members of KNSR and BC Alpine. The club sends its athletes away to races and KNSR in turn, hosts races. This 2008/09 ski season KNSR is hosting 4 events. They are:

- Jan. 22-25 - TC Kinder Speed camp SG
- Feb. 7 - E1/E2 Obstacle Race
- Feb. 8 - E2 Race
- March 14-17 - Miele BC Cup FIS Race

This year the required volunteer commitment is 12 days if you have a child in the E2, K1 or K2 program and 2 days if you have a child in the E1 race program (i.e. E1 kids planning to attend away races). A day is considered to be 5 hours, 2.5 hours in the morning and 2.5 hours in the afternoon. It is possible to work just half a day and bank your time. While this may seem like a large commitment, it is simply a case of math. There are over 400 race positions that need to be filled this year. We will receive some out of town help from other mountains, but the bulk of the volunteer core will be KNSR members. Race volunteering can be a great mentorship event and are usually a great deal of fun. There is a requirement for a \$500.00 (E2, K1, K2) or \$80 (E1) volunteer commitment cheque post dated to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. The cheque should not be viewed as a buyout, as the club really needs the volunteer hours on the hill. The past two years, we have graduated/lost 2-3 key families who were instrumental in volunteering for the races. Those families volunteered over 100 days for our club at races, which will need to be redistributed among our current club parents. If each member takes a few days to help with races, the load will not be so large for individuals.

For E2, K1 and K2 parents there is a requirement to volunteer approximately 8 days or more at the following key events (Note: E1 parents are also encouraged to help at these events):

1. Putting up B-net at the beginning of the season.
2. Helping with the races, in particular the FIS race.

Additional volunteer days can be utilized by helping at:

1. The other races KNSR are hosting (i.e Speed Camp, E1/E2 Obstacle race and E2 race)
2. Other activities directed by KNSR's program director, Nigel Loring, and posted on the KNSR web site.

Other Points

- i. ROC receive 2 volunteer days for each day on the race (chief meetings prior to race)
- ii. FIS race is 1.5 voluntary days for each day worked.
- iii. KNSR parent coaches volunteer 6 days, single parents 8 days.
- iv. Only volunteer days at KNSR races count toward your volunteer time.
- v. If you are a non skier, please sign up in the finish area or hospitality

Please sign up on the KNSR volunteer website:

<http://www.knsr.bcalpineclub.ca/pages/volleyregister2.html>

The sooner you sign up, the more likely you are to receive the position you are interested in. Keep track of your volunteer hours. A volunteer coordinator will contact you to confirm your time during races.

Many of our parents volunteer on other mountains. This is a good way to receive a free lift ticket and to network with other ski families. Long lasting relationships are built within the ski race community. Many of our K2 racer families now work with other club families in car pooling and billeting because of well established relationships created at various volunteer race committees. This has provided a cost savings for many of the families.