

To: Recreation and Culture Standing Committee
From: Kari Kluge, Director of Recreation and Culture
Date: January 29th, 2025
Subject: Winterfest 2025 Update

The City of Elliot Lake is excited to present the 2025 Winterfest scheduled to take place from February 21 - 23. This annual event will feature a variety of activities for residents and visitors to enjoy throughout the weekend. Below is a detailed overview of the planned events.

All Weekend Events

- **Beavertails** – The Beavertails truck will be back in town, stationed at Collins Hall for the entire weekend, offering a delicious treat for customers.

Friday, February 21

- **Trivia Night**
 - Hosted by the Elliot Lake Museum
 - 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM at the Renaissance Centre
 - \$80 per team
 - Participants can register at elliotlake.ca/trivia
- **Winter Carnival Dance (Hosted by ELIS)**
 - Located at the Collins Hall
 - Grade 1-3: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
 - Grade 4-6: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
 - Grade 7-8: 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
 - Entry: \$5 per person

Saturday, February 22

- **Masonic Lodge Breakfast**
 - 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM at 171 Spruce Ave.
 - \$10 per person
- **Park Run**
 - 9:00 AM at Sheriff Creek
 - Participants can run, walk, or snowshoe through the scenic winter trails of Sheriff Creek.

- **Coueurs de Bois Hike**
 - 12:00 PM at Spine Beach
 - A guided hike through the beautiful trails of Spine Beach hosted by the Coueurs de Bois Outdoors Club.
- **Spine Beach Fun**
 - 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
 - Activities include: a bonfire sponsored by Rejean Cyr and Tex in the Trees, free hot dogs, hot chocolate, maple taffy, music, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and games.
 - Cross-country skis are available for use by Jack's Ski and Bike Shack
 - Snow shoes are available in all sizes by the Coueurs de Bois Outdoors Club
- **Free Public Swim**
 - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM at the Ruben Yli-Juuti Centre
 - Free admission for all participants.
- **Coldest Night of the Year Walk**
 - 4:00 PM check-in, walk begins at 5:00 PM
 - Location: 1 College Place
 - Hosted by the Elliot Lake Women's Group, this annual fundraiser walk supports local community initiatives.
 - More information is available at CNOY.org.

Sunday, February 23

- **Science North Exhibit and Shows**
 - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Collins Hall
 - Free exhibits throughout the day
 - Two free Science Shows at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM
 - A canteen will be available on-site by the Coueurs de Bois Outdoors Club
- **Sunday Scavenger Hunt**
 - First clue released at 11:00 AM on the City's Facebook and Instagram pages.
 - Participants must solve clues and locate key spots to find the final treasure.
 - The first person (or group up to four people) to reach the final spot will win a prize.

More events may be announced leading up to Winterfest. Residents and visitors are encouraged to stay updated via the City's website (elliottlake.ca/winterfest) and social media pages for any new additions or changes.

This year's Winterfest promises to be an exciting and engaging event, offering a mix of recreational activities for all ages. We are looking forward to seeing everyone enjoying the different events throughout the weekend.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Kari Kluge in black ink, consisting of two stylized, cursive initials.

Kari Kluge
Director of Recreation and Culture