

# 2026 Alberta Youth Cross Country Ski Championships

## Bragg Creek, AB

Date of event: March 6 – March 8, 2026

Host Club: XC Bragg Creek

Chief of Event: Melissa Thompson, XC Bragg Creek

Trails: West Bragg Creek Ski Trails, Kananaskis Country

### Event details

#### Event Categories – Alberta Youth Championships

Date	Competition Category	Year of Birth	Distance	Technique
Sat., March 7, 2026 – 10:00 am	U14	2012-2013	0.7km	Classic – interval qualifier
Sat., March 7, 2025	U12	2014-2015	0.7km	Classic – interval qualifier
Sat., March 7, 2025	U14	2012-2013	0.7km	Classic – Ladder
Sat., March 7, 2025	U12	2014-2015	0.7km	Classic - Ladder
Sat., March 7, 2025 – 1:30 pm	4 x 1 km relay – official teams	at least two girls; at least two U12	1km	legs 1 and 2 classic legs 3 and 4 skate
Sat., March 7, 2025	4 x 1 km relay – unofficial teams	Any combination	1km	legs 1 and 2 classic legs 3 and 4 skate
Sat., March 7, 2025	Coach club relay - 3 coaches/chaperones	Club coaches and parents	1km	leg 1 classic legs 2 and 3 skate
Sun., March 8, 2025 – 9:30am	U14	2012-2013	5km	Skate (free) wave start
Sun., March 8, 2025 – 11:45am	U12	2014-2015	2.5km	Skate (free) wave start

## Awards

Medals to 10<sup>th</sup> place in each competition category. Club aggregate banner – awarded to the team with the most points based on the following table. Points will be calculated only for individual and official relay events. Only the top 10 skiers from each club will accrue points toward the aggregate banner.

**Awarded according to the following criteria:**

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	100	95	90	85	80	75	72	69	66	63
Place	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Points	60	58	56	54	52	50	48	46	44	42
Place	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Points	40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22
Place	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
Points	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
Place	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
Points	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

## Trail grooming – Greater Bragg Creek Trails Association

**Event site details** – West Bragg Creek ski trails are located entirely within Kananaskis Country, 8 km west of the Hamlet of Bragg Creek, AB. Base elevation of trails is 1,450 m; high point on race course is 1,480 m. Average snowfall is 50-100 cm. Average ski season is early December to mid-March. The trails are the closest Kananaskis Country trails to Calgary and are heavily used by locals and recreational skiers from the greater Calgary area. These are the only trails in the greater Calgary area that permit dogs on the ski trails. The trails were designed in the early 1980s by Don Gardner primarily as race trails and are the same vintage as Peter Lougheed and Ribbon Creek trail systems. Course maps will be posted on [www.xcbraggcreek.ca](http://www.xcbraggcreek.ca).

## Accommodation

AYC registration includes accommodation at Camp Horizon. It is on the south side of Hwy 66, 11 km west of Bragg Creek. Building on the successful model from Alberta Winter Games, chaperones, athletes and coaches will all be accommodated at Camp Horizon as the event committee is aiming to create a social experience in addition to a ski experience. As such, all athletes, regardless of their place of residence will be staying at the camp. The facility includes bunk beds in dorm rooms. Everyone staying at Camp Horizon will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, towel and toiletries. The Camp Horizon phone number is: [\(403\) 949-3818](tel:4039493818). The website is: <https://easterseals.ab.ca/camp-horizon/>.

Parents and siblings of athletes will be required to find their own accommodation. (Cochrane is located 32 km north of Bragg Creek.)

## **Waxing**

Nordic Alberta respectfully requests all coaches, athletes, wax technicians, and parents to abide by a self-governed protocol while waxing skis for identified races taking place in Alberta. This also applies to coaches, athletes, wax technicians, and parents traveling to Alberta from out-of-province or out-of-country.

Waxing protocol:

- Structure tools ARE permitted.
- Non-fluoro (NF) waxes ARE permitted.
- Fluorinated waxes or tuning products containing fluorine liquid are NOT permitted at Alberta Cups for ALL age categories. This includes all types of fluorinated glide wax (e.g., LF, HF, block, powder, liquid, or kick wax)

There will be an indoor waxing room with electricity and heat at Camp Horizon. No electricity or waxing building is available at West Bragg Creek ski trails. Clubs are encouraged to bring their own tent or shelter if desired to use at the race site.

## **Food Services**

Food services will be included in the AYC registration cost. Food services will be catered

The following meals are included in event registration:

- Friday – evening snack
- Saturday – breakfast at Camp Horizon
- Saturday – hot lunch at race site
- Saturday – supper at Camp Horizon
- Saturday – evening snack
- Sunday – breakfast at Camp Horizon

Any other food (trail snacks, Gatorade, etc.) will need to be supplied by individual teams.

**Average early March air temperature in Bragg Creek** – average daytime high of +2; average overnight low of -8.

## **Registration and Event Fees**

Registration

Athlete – LINK COMING

Coaches/Chaperones – LINK COMING

\$270 – all categories

\$230– sibling price (if more than 1 child from the same immediate family is being registered for this weekend event)

\$140 – coaches/chaperones

Registration closes – **120 athlete max** or **Friday, February 20, 2026 at midnight MST** whichever comes first

## **Contact Information:**

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