

## Attention CCSAM Clubs:

Red River Nordic Ski and Biathlon Club is pleased to offer an opportunity to a segment of your club membership. We are hosting a bus trip to Minneapolis, March 6 through 8. This may be a good opportunity for some of your athletes to have their first team-travel experience as they look forward to the province-sponsored trips in the future.

The Midwest Junior Championship is a competition that we as a club have sent athletes to before and it was a very well-run event. The level of competition varies from early-racing athletes to those qualifying for regional placement, from Midget to Junior. The last time we went to this event, we had a full range of athletes and each had a 'level of comfort'. Both clubs and schools attend so our athletes will fit in just fine.

The High Performance Program within CCSAM endeavors to provide as many opportunities as possible for all athletes. Given the very full commitment this year of the High Performance Program committee, RRNSBC offered to organize and facilitate this excursion. The purpose of this trip is to provide an opportunity to CCSAM members from the midget to the junior levels to experience the breadth of competition within the sport as well as to enjoy a team outing. The ideal participant would be a midget to junior athlete who is yet to experience a provincial-sponsored trip, namely Easterns, Nationals and the Canada Winter Games. Note: CCSAM was able to send a larger contingency to Westerns this year given its proximity so Westerns-only athletes are very much invited to this event. Our goal is to be inclusive yet tailor somewhat to those who have traveled less; essentially to collectively serve all athletes equitably. As of the Manitoba Provincial Championship (February long weekend), all remaining seats will be made available to all athletes, regardless of level and travel experience.

With this in mind, RRNSBC invites interested parties to contact Jamie Giasson about registering their athletes for the trip. [jgiasson@shaw.ca](mailto:jgiasson@shaw.ca)

Inquiries regarding the competition itself should be directed to trip facilitator, Elise Paetkau. [epaetkau@gmail.com](mailto:epaetkau@gmail.com)

### Notes:

- RRNSBC is organizing the bus and providing three coaches / wax techs
- Athletes are the responsibility of their respective clubs / parent / weekend 'borrowed parent / guardian'
- Clubs may send a group of coaches and athletes, a couple of parents with a group of athletes with or without coaches, etc... whatever works

- RRNSBC will represent all the athletes who do not have a club coach with them (race meeting, wax prep, race goals, etc...) but are not responsible for parent / guardian duties
- Meals are the responsibility of individual clubs / parents / guardians (although likely some discussion en route about grouping for at least some of this)
- Tour Facilitator, Elise Peatkau, will determine daily schedules and group excursions (time-dependent) on behalf of the group.
- Parents, Guardians, Families who wish to coordinate any additional outings during the trip assume organizational responsibilities and liabilities associated. (Essentially, cabs, public transportation, etc...)

Please see the attached brochure and let us know if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

RRNSBC