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**WINTER IN THE
WILD 2024**



FEBRUARY 16 TO 18, 2024

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

1. FAMILY SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST (ALL DAY)

Free! Sponsored by the Elkford Lions Club. **Step 1:** Assemble your team and register by February 14 at 4 p.m. by calling 250.865.4010 or emailing events@elkford.ca. Maximum of eight teams.

Step 2: Think of a sculpture that matches this year's theme: Winter in Elkford. What says "winter in Elkford" to you—a deer, a pair of snowshoes, a sled or a snowy owl? The sky's the limit! Find several piles of snow at Riverview Park (near the green bucket) ready to go whenever you are, starting Friday morning, and you have until Sunday, February 18 at 3 p.m. to complete your masterpiece for judging by the Elkford Lions Club. Your team is responsible for all supplies required to create your sculpture. Cash prizes for first, second and third place will be awarded. Spectators welcome and encouraged!

Important rules and guidelines: *Sculptures must be at least two feet tall, must have some colour (a spray bottle with food colouring works well), must be made of snow and must include a sign stating your team's name and what you have built for judging purposes.*

2. PUBLIC SKATING (6 TO 8 P.M.)

Free! Offered by the District of Elkford. Sharpen your blades and join us for a free skate. All ages welcome—children five years old and younger must be accompanied on the ice by an adult/guardian who is 18 years or older. Helmets are strongly recommended, and no hockey/shinny is permitted.

3. BONFIRE, TOBOGGANING & FREE HOT CHOCOLATE (6:30 TO 10 P.M.)

Free! Offered by the District of Elkford. Kids (and kids at heart) can get ready to rip and bring along their own toboggans, sleds or snow carpets! The toboggan hill is located right beside the District Office and Elkford's Meeting Place (gazebo), and all are welcome to enjoy! The hill is lit after dark. Please keep pets leashed and pick up after them! Worn out from tobogganing? Gather with friends and family to get warm around the fire, which will be burning throughout the evening near the gazebo. Hot chocolate is on us, and you're welcome to bring your own marshmallows and roasting sticks!

4. HUG-A-MUG FUNDRAISER (6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.)

Mugs for purchase for a minimum donation. Sponsored by the Elkford Arts Council and the District of Elkford. Come see us on the patio outside Teck Hall—access from the outside only—to purchase a one-of-a-kind, locally made mug, and we will fill your new mug with hot chocolate! Mugs are available for purchase a minimum donation (**\$5 to \$20 depending on mug style**) with proceeds benefiting the Elkford Art Studio. Buy your new fave pottery mug—or bring a reusable/disposable mug of your own—to enjoy free hot chocolate, courtesy of the District of Elkford. Cash or e-transfer accepted for mug purchases.

5. EASY FAMILY SNOWSHOE & FIREWORKS VIEWING (7:30 TO 9:30 P.M.)

Free! Sponsored by the Elkford Trails Alliance (ETA). Join us for a guided snowshoe adventure along groomed trails that will lead the group to a picturesque vantage point for watching the fireworks show. Meet at the river end of the Esso parking lot, and don't forget your snowshoes, headlamp or flashlight, snacks and beverages. Participants should be able to snowshoe up a nine-percent grade for 30 minutes.

**** Bonus Photo Contest:** *The ETA will be providing a swag giveaway for the best photo taken during an ETA Event over the Winter in the Wild weekend. Contest rules and guidelines: photos must depict a human-powered activity occurring during an event that is sponsored by the ETA over the Winter in the Wild weekend (all listed in this brochure). Submit your photo to elkfordtrailsalliance@outlook.com before **February 25, 2024 at 8 p.m.***

6. FIREWORKS (APPROX. 8:30 P.M.)

Free! Offered by the District of Elkford. A highly anticipated annual show that lights up Elkford's night sky! Check them out from the ball fields/Devonian Park area (or join the Elkford Trails Alliance for their guided family snowshoe that will lead you to a picturesque vantage point—see **Event #5** on previous page for details!).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

1. FAMILY SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST (ALL DAY, CONTINUED FROM FRIDAY)

3. BONFIRE & TOBOGGANING (ALL DAY)

Free! Offered by the District of Elkford. Kids (and kids at heart) can get ready to rip and bring along their own toboggans, sleds or snow carpets! The toboggan hill is located right beside the District Office and Elkford's Meeting Place (the gazebo), and all are welcome to enjoy! The hill is lit after dark. Please keep pets leashed and pick up after them! Worn out from tobogganing? Gather with friends and family to get warm around the fire, which will be burning throughout the day. You're welcome to bring your own marshmallows and roasting sticks!

7. SNO-PITCH TOURNAMENT (9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.)

Free to watch! Sponsored by the Elkford Minor Ball Association. Pack your hand warmers and hot chocolate and come on down to the Blaine Borys ball field to cheer on the teams of this year's sno-pitch tournament! This tournament is a long-standing Elkford tradition and is a real crowd pleaser. The team roster is full, but if more space becomes available, the Minor Ball Association will advertise on their Facebook page.

8. TURKEY TOSS (11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.)

\$2 per toss. Sponsored by the Elkford Curling Centre. Yes, you read that right: you'll be curling with a real frozen turkey instead of curling stones. Everyone welcome!

9. CHILI BOWL FUNDRAISER + FAMILY ARTS & CRAFTS (NOON TO 4 P.M.)

By minimum donation. Sponsored by the Elkford Arts Council. Come in from the cold to warm your heart and your belly! For a \$20 donation, you choose a one-of-a-kind, locally made bowl, and we will fill it with your choice of chili—meat and vegetarian options available—homemade by a member of the Arts Council. When you're full of delicious chili, hang around and take part in creative fun with arts and crafts for the whole family! **Minimum donation: pottery bowl & chili: \$20, adult portion of chili with no bowl: \$15, children's portion of chili with no bowl: \$5.** Cash or e-transfer accepted, all proceeds to the Elkford Art Studio.

10. SNOW FUN FOR EVERYONE (NOON TO 3 P.M.)

\$2.50 per snow cone, fun is free! Sponsored by Elkford Diverse Abilities Group. Take part in quintessential winter activities, except indoors—indoor snowball fight, snowman bowling and snow cones—no snow required! Everyone is welcome to drop in and take part!

11. PUBLIC SWIM (NOON TO 4:30 P.M.)

Regular admission rates apply. Children under the age of six require a guardian in the water and within arms' reach with them.

12. CREATE DAY AT THE LIBRARY (12:30 TO 4:30 P.M.)

Free! Sponsored by the Elkford Public Library. Drop into the Multi-purpose Room, inside the Pool/Library complex, for an afternoon of crafting and Lego building. All ages welcome! Choose what speaks to you—colouring sheets, Lego and crafting supplies will be available to use on a first-come, first-served basis. Adults/guardians required to supervise their children.

13. NWP COAL CANADA OPEN HOUSE (1 TO 4 P.M.)

Free! Sponsored by NWP Coal Canada. Drop-in information session about NWP's Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project. Check out posters, watch the video, view our model, ask the experts questions and enter for door prizes. Bring the kids—we will have giveaways!

14. SEARCH & RESCUE DEMOS + GAMES (1 TO 3 P.M.)

Free! Sponsored by Elkford Search and Rescue. Local search and rescue professionals will be demonstrating rescue methods for how injured people are rescued safely from backcountry accidents and situations. Hang around to take part in games, too!

Bonus Scavenger Hunt: The Search and Rescue Association will be hosting a free scavenger hunt, with details being advertised during the week prior to Winter in the Wild. Watch their Facebook page for details as you will need to pre-plan to take part in the hunt. Every completed scavenger hunt will be entered into a prize draw for Silky Gomboy folding saws or solar-powered USB charging banks.

15. WINTER SNOWBALL KIDS DANCE (1 TO 3 P.M.)

By donation. Sponsored by the Elkford Early Years Committee. Do your littles love to dance? Dust off their dancing shoes for this popular dance—geared to children aged six and under—in the Multi-purpose Hall in the arena building. Older siblings are welcome, too. No registration required, but if you know you are coming, we'd appreciate an email to elkfordecdd@gmail.com so we have enough snacks on-hand for everyone!

16. SHINNY HOCKEY (1 TO 3 P.M.)

Free! Offered by the District of Elkford. Gather your family and friends for a game. All ages welcome, but those under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult/guardian 18 years or older on the ice. Helmets are mandatory.

17. YOUTH ARCHERY (1 TO 4 P.M.)

Free! Sponsored by the Elkford Rod and Gun Club. Calling all youth 14 years and younger: may your arrow fly straight, and your aim be true! Join us at the indoor archery range, next-door to the Blend Bistro in downtown Elkford, and bring your listening ears and a willingness to learn.

18. FAT BIKE & SNOWSHOE DEMOS (2 TO 4 P.M.)

Free! Sponsored by the Elkford Trails Alliance. An opportunity to try snowshoes and/or fat bikes and learn all about the Elkford Trails Alliance and Elkford's amazing non-motorized winter trail network. Join us at Boivin Peace Park across from the District Office on Fording Drive, and don't forget to wear boots suitable for snowshoeing and bring a helmet for biking. Have your own snowshoes or fat bike? Feel free to bring them and join in the fun!

**** Bonus Photo Contest: See Description in Event #5.**

2. PUBLIC SKATING + FREE HOT CHOCOLATE & SNACKS (6 TO 8 P.M.)

Free! Sponsored by Teck Coal Ltd. and the District of Elkford. Sharpen your blades and join us for a free public skate. All ages welcome—children five years old and younger must be accompanied on the ice by an adult/guardian who is 18 years or older. Helmets are strongly recommended, and no hockey/shinny is permitted. Make sure to enjoy a snack and hot chocolate, courtesy of Teck Coal Ltd.!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

1. FAMILY SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST (UNTIL 3 P.M., CONTINUED FROM FRIDAY & SATURDAY)

3. BONFIRE & TOBOGGANING (10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.)

Free! Offered by the District of Elkford.

19. PANCAKE BREAKFAST (8 TO 11 A.M.)

Charges apply. Sponsored by the Elkford Lions Club. Join your local Lions Club for a famously delicious breakfast in Teck Hall. In addition to pancakes, enjoy scrambled eggs, sausages, fruit cups, juice, coffee and tea. **Cost: \$12 per plate for adults and \$8 per plate for kids under 12 years.** All proceeds will go towards Elkford community projects.

20. SNOWMOBILE POKER RUN & FAMILY DAY FUN RIDE (9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.)

\$10 per poker hand. Sponsored by the Elkford Snowmobile Association. Join the Elkford Snowmobile Association (ESA) for this family-oriented annual Poker Run and Family Day Fun Ride!

Registration and staging between 9 and 11 a.m. at Robert's Ball Diamond (in town off Highway 43, near the Hi Rock Inn). Additional parking is available at the Golf Course or at Round Prairie. All poker hands must be turned in by 2 p.m. at the ticket booth at the junction of Trail seven and the Crossing Creek Trail. Head to Round Prairie after the ride for bonfire, hot dogs, snowmobile demos and fun. Prizes will be awarded at Round Prairie at 4:30 p.m. Be sure to dress appropriately and bring appropriate equipment for the weather and riding conditions that day. Note that an ESA membership or a day pass is required and snowmobiles operating within Elkford need to be registered and insured. Passes can be purchased at time of registration or online in advance at www.elkfordtrails.com/snowmobile/.

21. FREE FAMILY SWIM (NOON TO 2:30 P.M.)

Free! Offered by the District of Elkford. A free family swim, geared specifically for families to enjoy time together. A parent or guardian is required to be in the pool with children/youth.

2. PUBLIC SKATING (1 TO 3 P.M.)

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22. FAMILY YOGA (1:30 TO 2:30 P.M.)

Free! Offered by the District of Elkford. Instructor Kelli Matthews will lead participants through an hour of gentle yoga. All ages and abilities welcome. Bring water, a yoga mat and a cozy blanket. No registration required.

11. PUBLIC SWIM (2:30 TO 4:30 P.M.)

Regular admission rates apply. Children under the age of six require a guardian in the water and within arms' reach with them.

23. FAT BIKE GROUP RIDE (3 TO 5 P.M.)

Free! Sponsored by the Elkford Trails Alliance. A group ride on Elkford's awesome, well-groomed Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles single track trail network. Meet us at the river end of the Esso parking lot with your fat bike and helmet. If there is too much fresh snow to fat bike, we will turn this outing into a group snowshoe, so make sure to be prepared with snowshoes just in case.

**** Bonus Photo Contest: See Description in Event #5.**

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