

Vestafjell's Western Slope Barneløpet

This will be **District 6 and Vestafjell Lodge's Thirteenth Annual Barneløpet** on the **Western Slope of Colorado** near the communities of **Grand Junction, Delta, and Montrose**. We hold these races, in cooperation with other winter enthusiasts of the **Grand Mesa Nordic Council**, on the beautiful **Grand Mesa** and at the **Skyway Nordic Area**, with its spectacular alpine setting, and at an elevation of some 10,500 feet. This is a day of thrilling, colorful, and sometimes-challenging, ski racing for kids ages **3 to 16**.

We continue with a program started last winter of offering **rental skis, boots, and poles** at the incredibly low cost of only \$1.00 per set up. This is thanks to a North Face Explore Fund grant that was received by the Grand Mesa Nordic Council. To arrange for equipment, the contact is Anita Evans, Skis For Kids organizer at asevans54@gmail.com, or you may phone at 970-872-1168. Anita will need the following information no later than at least one week before the races (March 1): Name, Shoe Size, Height & Weight, and Ability (Beginner, Intermediate, Expert). A contact phone number would also be useful.

Mange takk! . Okay, let's go racing!

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What: A fun, cross-country ski event for young people ages 3 to 16. Free lessons. Free races. Prizes, hot drinks and cookies.

When: March 7, 2015 (Saturday).

Where: Skyway Nordic Area on the Grand Mesa between mile markers 32 & 33.

Times: 10am Registration at Skyway.
11:00 Instructional Clinic. Free, learn to ski lessons.
12:00 1, 2. & 5 Kilometer Beginner Fun Races where everyone is a winner.

What to Bring: **Kids should bring their own equipment [there are Rentals available– see above].**
Grand Mesa is at a high elevation so plan on warm clothing, particularly for spectators. Also, due to the elevation and reflection of the snow, be sure and apply sunscreen, wear sunglasses, and bring water.
Pack a lunch, as the event covers the middle part of the day.
Bring cowbells, goat bells, or sleigh bells to cheer the racers on!

Ron Thoreson, Sports Director