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# WINTER IN THE WILD

FEBRUARY 14 TO 16, 2025

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*The District of Elkford*



EASY FAMILY SNOWSHOE & FIREWORKS VIEWING (MEET AT THE ESSO PARKING LOT)



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FAMILY SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST AT RIVERVIEW PARK (ALONG HIGHWAY 43 IN ELKFORD; PARKING ON FRONT STREET)



HIGHWAY 43

YOUTH ARCHERY (NORTH END OF THE ELKFORD MALL; NEXT TO THE BLEND BISTRO)



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BALL FIELDS 10.

MICHEL ROAD



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REC CENTRE (ARENA)



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POOL/LIBRARY

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POOL PARTY



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COMMUNITY CONFERENCE CENTRE

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DISTRICT OFFICE

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FORDING DRIVE



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MOONLIGHT CROSS-COUNTRY SKI (AT MOUNTAIN MEADOWS GOLF COURSE)

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A large graphic of elk antlers with colorful fireworks exploding behind them, set against a blue background with falling snow and stars.

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11. CARDBOARD TOBOGGAN RACES
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14. BUTTON MAKING
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17. YOUTH ARCHERY (AT ELKFORD ROD & GUN CLUB'S INDOOR ARCHERY RANGE)
18. CREATE DAY: LEGO & BOARD GAMES
19. FAMILY DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT
20. MOONLIGHT CROSS-COUNTRY SKI & FIREPIT (MOUNTAIN MEADOWS GOLF COURSE)
21. FREE FAMILY YOGA



# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

## 1. FAMILY SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST (ALL DAY)

**Free! Sponsored by the Elkford Lions Club.**

**Step 1:** Assemble your team and register by **February 12 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 the Wildness. 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 16 at 3 p.m. to complete your masterpiece for judging. 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, must be made of snow and must include a sign stating your team's name and what you have built for judging purposes.*

## 2. SHINNY HOCKEY (NOON TO 2 P.M.)

**Regular admission rates apply. Offered by the District of Elkford.** All ages welcome, but those 12 years and under must be accompanied on the ice by an adult/guardian who is 18 years or older. Helmets are mandatory.

## 3. WINTER IN THE WILD POOL PARTY (12:45 TO 3 P.M.)

**Regular admission rates apply. Offered by the District of Elkford.** Pool toys and prizes! Children under the age of six require a guardian in the water and within arms' reach of them.

## 4. ZAMBONI UNVEILING (3:30 TO 4 P.M.) & PUBLIC SKATING (4 TO 6 P.M.)

**Free! Sponsored by the District of Elkford and Elk Valley Resources (EVR).** Join us for the grand unveiling of the District of Elkford's new Zamboni! Generously donated by EVR, Elkford's first-ever electric Zamboni also has an epic twist that is truly Elkfordian.

Stick around after the unveiling for free public skating, courtesy of the District of Elkford, plus free hot chocolate and treat bags (along with other surprises), provided by EVR and distributed by **the Fernie Volleyball Club's 14U Peak Girls' team!** All ages welcome for skating—children under the age of five 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.

## 5. 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 by minimum donation (\$5 to \$20 depending on mug style). Buy your new 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.

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

**Free! Offered by the District of Elkford.** Hot chocolate is on us, and you're welcome to bring your own marshmallows and roasting sticks!

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

**Free! Sponsored by the Elkford Trails Alliance.** A guided snowshoe along groomed trails leading 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. S'mores fixings will be provided. Participants should be able to snowshoe up a nine-percent grade for 30 minutes.

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

**Free! Offered by the District of Elkford.** Watch the show from the ball fields/Devonian Park area.

# SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

## 9. PANCAKE BREAKFAST (8 TO 11 A.M.)

**Charges apply. Sponsored by the Elkford Lions Club.** Cost: \$14 per plate for adults and \$8 per plate for kids under 12 years.

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

**Free to watch! Sponsored by the Elkford Minor Ball Association.** Coffee and hot chocolate by donation. The team roster is full, but if more space becomes available, the Minor Ball Association will advertise on their Facebook page.

## 6. BONFIRE (10:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.) & TOBOGGANING (2 TO 10 P.M.)

**No tobogganing before 2 p.m.** because the toboggan hill is being used for the Cardboard Toboggan Races.

## 11. CARDBOARD TOBOGGAN RACES (10:45 A.M. TO 1 P.M.)

**Charges apply. Sponsored by the Elkford Snowmobile Association.**

**Step 1:** Assemble your team and register by February 7 at 9 p.m. by emailing [elkfordsnowdragraces@gmail.com](mailto:elkfordsnowdragraces@gmail.com) Maximum of 50 teams/racers. Cost: \$5 per team if registered by deadline, \$10 if you register late.

**Step 2:** Your team creates your toboggan in advance using only cardboard, tape, glue and paint (and maybe some stickers for extra horsepower). Your team is responsible for all supplies required to create your toboggan. Cash prizes for first, second and third place will be awarded. Spectators welcome and encouraged!

**Step 3:** Show up at the race:

- 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.: toboggan and team check-in.
- 11:15 to 11:30 a.m.: safety briefing and rules overview.
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: toboggan races.
- 12:30 to 1 p.m.: awards/prizes and closing.

**Important rules and guidelines:** *Open to all ages with categories for youth, teens and adults. Children under ten must be accompanied by a parent/guardian on-site (parent/guardian does not have to race). Toboggans must be made from cardboard, tape, stickers and paint only – no metal, wood or other materials permitted. Bottom of toboggan must be bare cardboard. All participants must bring and wear their own helmets. Extras are not available. No helmet = no racing.*

## 12. TURKEY TOSS (11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.)

**\$2 per toss. Sponsored by the Elkford Curling Centre.** You'll be curling with a real frozen turkey (provided) instead of curling stones. Everyone welcome and prizes will be awarded!

## 13. WINTER IN THE WILD FREE PUBLIC SWIM (12:30 TO 4:30 P.M.)

**Free. Offered by the District of Elkford.** This free public swim will replace the regularly scheduled family and public swims. Children under the age of six require a guardian in the water and within arms' reach of them.

## 14. BUTTON MAKING (12:30 TO 2:30 P.M.)

**Free! Sponsored by StellerVista Credit Union.** Get "Steller" creative and we will turn your creation into a button! All ages welcome.

#### **15. ELKFORD DOG PARK CLUB INFO BOOTH & TOY TOSS (12:30 TO 3:30 P.M.)**

**Free information, charges apply for game. Sponsored by the Elkford Dog Park Club.** Visit us for info about joining our club and toss a dog toy to win a treat: \$2 per toss.

#### **16. FREE SHINNY HOCKEY (1 TO 3 P.M.)**

**Free! Offered by the District of Elkford.** All ages welcome, but those 12 years and under must be accompanied on the ice by an adult/guardian who is 18 years or older. 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: 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. CREATE DAY, LEGO AND BOARD GAMES (1:30 TO 4:30 P.M.)**

**Free! Sponsored by the Elkford Public Library.** Drop in for crafting, colouring sheets, board games and LEGO building. All ages welcome! Adults/guardians required to supervise their children.

#### **4. PUBLIC SKATING (6 TO 8 P.M.)**

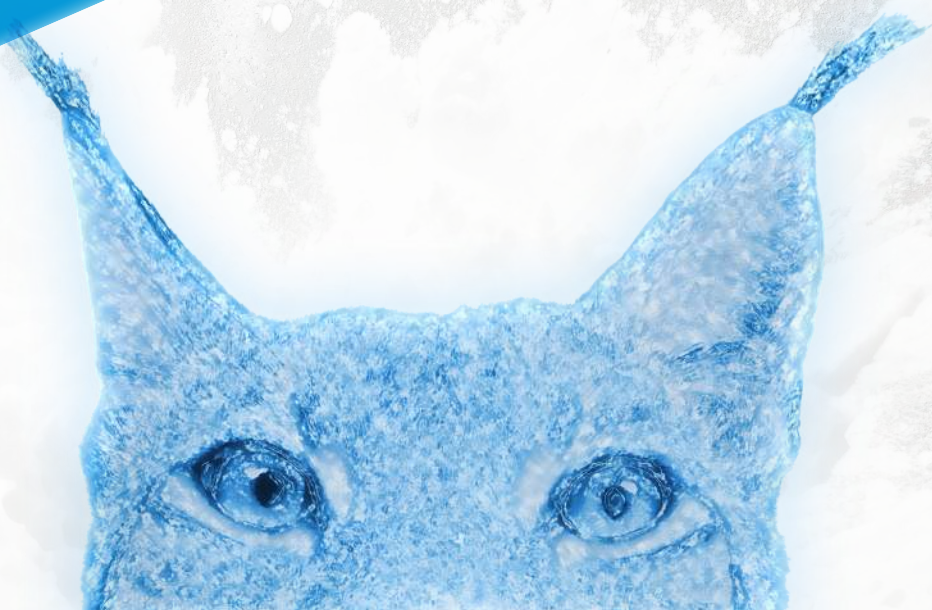
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#### **19. FAMILY DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT (6 TO 8 P.M., DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.)**

**Free entry, cash concession. Sponsored by the Elkford Early Years Committee and Elk Valley Resources.** Pizza and concession treats are available for purchase to enjoy while you cozy up for a family-friendly movie!

#### **20. MOONLIGHT CROSS COUNTRY SKI & FIRE PIT (7 P.M. TO LATE)**

**Free! Sponsored by the Elkford Nordic Ski Club.** Moonlight ski around the golf course, with a cozy fire at the Club House. Hot chocolate and light snacks provided. Bring your own skis, a headlamp and a chair for enjoying the fire. This event is subject to weather conditions.



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**





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

**6. BONFIRE (10:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.) & TOBOGGANING (ALL DAY)**

**21. FAMILY YOGA (NOON TO 1 P.M.)**

**Free! Offered by the District of Elkford.** All ages and abilities welcome. Bring water, a yoga mat and a cozy blanket. No registration required.

**4. PUBLIC SKATING (4 TO 6 P.M.)**

**Free! Offered by the District of Elkford.** All ages welcome—children under the age of five 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.

**2. SHINNY HOCKEY (8 TO 10 P.M.)**

**Regular admission rates apply. Offered by the District of Elkford.** All ages welcome, but those 12 years and under must be accompanied on the ice by an adult/guardian who is 18 years or older. Helmets are mandatory.

*Thank you*



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