



**January 21, 2012**  
**Skier Information**

**Wear your BirkieTour pin while skiing the Tour. It is your “ticket” for busing and post-race food. Remember this is a Tour, not a race, so enjoy yourself!**

**Parking:** Park at Telemark Resort, check in at registration in Telemark’s Namekagon room. You will be bused to your Tour Start. **No buses will be available after the tour to take you back to your Start area.**

**Busing:** Buses from Telemark will take you to your Tour start. Buses will be marked either “Short Tour - OO Start” or “Long Tour – Hatchery Start”. Make sure you get on the correct bus. Buses will leave Telemark every 15 minutes between 8 AM and 9 AM.

**Start Time and Location:** The Short Tour (23K) will start at the “OO” Birkie Trail Head. The Long Tour (44K with a 50K option) will start at Hatchery Park near Hayward. You can start your Tour as soon as your bus arrives at the Start area. You should start your Tour no later than 9:30 AM. Please remember that there is a cut-off time and 45K and 50K Tour skiers must reach "OO", the half way point, by 11:30 AM, so plan your start time accordingly. Skiers arriving after the cut-off time will be transported to Telemark by bus.

**The BirkieTour Course:** The course uses portions of the Birkie, Birkie Classic and Kortelopet Trails (see map). The course is marked with **small Pink Arrow signs**. There will be red sign boards with arrows at several major trail intersections. These signs will indicate the number of kilometers remaining and distance to the next aid station. Persons skiing the 50K Tour will do an additional lap using the loop trails at “OO” before continuing on to the Telemark finish. All Tours finish at Telemark.

**Switching Tours and Cut-Off Times:** You can change between the long and short Tour distances you registered for. Just make sure you get on the correct bus to get to your start. If you are doing the Long Tours, **you must be to “OO” before 11:30 AM, and must be able to finish your Tour at Telemark by 3:00 PM.**

**Skier Clothing Bags:** We will transport your clothing bag from your Start area to the Tour Finish at Telemark. Use a yellow bag for the Short Tour and a white bag for the Long Tour. Print your name on the clothing bag when you check in.

**Aid Stations on the Course:** Water and energy drink (HEED electrolyte) will be available at the “starred” numbers on your map. GU energy gels will be available at the Gravel Pit and Timber Trail stations. **It is strongly recommended that you carry water/energy drink and snacks of your own while skiing.**

Aid snowmobiles will be on the course throughout the day to provide emergency assistance. Volunteers at the Aid Stations and snowmobile drivers will have radios to call for emergency assistance. Medical support will be available at “OO” until Noon and at Cable until 4:00 PM.

**Post-Tour Food:** Food and beverages will be available for you at Telemark when you finish from 10:30 AM until 3:30 PM. Food includes hot dogs, brats, chili and cookies. Beverages include water, energy drink, coffee and hot chocolate. **Your pin is your food “ticket”.** Food and beverages are available for non-participants for \$10.