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Whistler Olympic Park now open for wide array of snow activities **\$5 Wednesdays and Youth Programming back for the winter season**

Whistler, BC: As scheduled, Whistler Olympic Park opened its doors for the 2016/2017 season on Thursday, November 24. Around 130 centimeters of snow have fallen since November 23, which provides for a comfortable base for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, tobogganing and more. "It truly looks like a winter wonderland up here, and the forecast is calling for continued winter conditions and more snow. This makes us really excited about the upcoming season", said Tim Hope, Managing Director of the snow destination between Squamish and Whistler.

Starting next week, the **\$5 Wednesdays** will be back for the 2016/2017 season. From December 7 through March 1, visitors pay only \$5 per person for ski, snowshoe or fat biking trail tickets on Wednesdays after 3:00pm, and the Park will be open until 9:00pm for activities under the stars on the floodlit trails. Ski and snowshoe rentals are \$5, and the fully licensed restaurant in the Day Lodge offers \$5 deals on meals and beverages. Especially the local community has embraced these special nights in the past seasons, as the low price point and the special ambiance make them an ideal opportunity to try Nordic snow activities.

Likewise popular in the Sea to Sky community are the Park's youth programs, which will again be offered for young snow lovers. **Multi-sport programs** introduce participants ages 8-12 to all varieties of Nordic skiing, including cross-country skiing, biathlon and ski play in the Nordic terrain park. The program is offered as a multi-day series on four successive Saturdays in either January or February, or as 3-/4-day camps during the Christmas Holidays and Spring Break.

An exciting Nordic discipline will be on the 2016/2017 schedule again with **entry-level ski jumping**. All ages can try jumping on the newly built junior jumps on Wednesday nights. Participants can bring their own alpine gear and learn the proper technique with the help of professional coaches, progressing from snow bumps to the actual junior jumps. Girls and boys between 8-14 years can sign up for a multi-session flight school on Sundays (December 11 to March 19) and progress even further. Optionally, they can add cross-country sessions to their jumping day to get a taste of the sport of Nordic Combined.

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More information and registration for programs is available at www.whistlerolympicpark.com or by phone at 604-964-0060 x 2460. More activities such as baseboarding and fat biking on new electric assist fat bikes will be available in the coming weeks.

About Whistler Olympic Park

Whistler Olympic Park (WOP) is operated by Whistler Sport Legacies, a non-profit organization dedicated to grow sport at three venues: Whistler Olympic Park, the Whistler Sliding Centre, and the Whistler Athletes' Centre. Each facility plays a unique role in inspiring sport excellence for the benefit of athletes, residents, and visitors. WOP was the 2010 Olympic Winter Games venue for competitions in ski jumping, Nordic combined, cross-country skiing and biathlon; and the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games cross-country skiing and biathlon competitions. Today, participation in WOP's recreational activities helps support the growth of Nordic sport in the Sea to Sky corridor. For more information, visit whistlerolympicpark.com

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