

## Friendly Fifth Friday News January 24, 2020

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### **Getting ready for District 5 Convention and Lodge Meeting!** **District 5 Convention Bidding Guidelines for 2022**

Due April 1 for review at April Board Meeting of Convention Year

#### **Information from the District Policies and Practices Book on Convention Bids**

**Convention Site:** The convention site and facilities are of the utmost importance for the smooth operation of the District Lodge Meeting. The following shall aid in the site selection:

1. **Convention Bids:** Bids to host a District Lodge Meeting two years hence shall be submitted in writing to the District Five Board of Directors prior to the **Spring** Board of Directors meeting of a convention year.
2. **Site Review:** The site review should be completed prior to the District Board of Directors meeting, which precedes the District Lodge Meeting and a report prepared for delivery at that time to the District Lodge.
3. **Site Criteria:** The following shall be inspected to provide for the needs of a comfortable and efficient District Lodge Meeting:
  - a. **Dining Facilities:** They should be separate from the main dining room.
  - b. **District Lodge Meeting Room:** The District Lodge meeting room should be isolated from noise, have proper lighting, ample seating for delegates and guests, and an adequate sound system.
  - c. **Caucus/Committee Rooms:** Zones should have private caucus rooms, doubling as committee rooms.
  - d. **Sleeping Rooms:** A sufficient number of sleeping rooms for delegates and guests should be available.
  - e. **Parking:** Ample free parking is necessary.
  - f. **Exhibit Space:** Spacious comfortable areas are needed to exhibit the crafts of Sons of Norway members and guests demonstrating our culture and heritage.
  - g. **Air Conditioning:** Air conditioning is required for an efficient meeting and relaxing rest for delegates and guests.
  - h. **Public Transportation:** Consideration should be given to the availability of public transportation. Air, rail, bus, taxi and limousine services should all be reviewed
4. **Host Lodge Activities:** The host lodge Committee is responsible for arranging cultural, educational, recreational, shopping, dining, and entertainment opportunities that are available and accessible.
5. **Set Costs:** The Host Lodge Committee shall make available to the District Five Board of Directors a list of the set costs which those who attend the District Lodge meeting shall be responsible for paying. This shall be done by the Fall Board Meeting preceding the District Lodge Meeting.

6. **Registration Fee:** The assessment of a registration fee by the Host Lodge Committee must be approved by the District Five Board of Directors.
7. **Credentials:** The Host Lodge Committee shall verify the identity of delegates. A delegate packet shall be issued only upon presentation of a legal form of identification.
8. **Host Lodge Committee Funding:** During the month of January of the convention year; District Five will distribute to the host lodge monies collected and held in escrow the previous biennium.

**Other criteria a bidding lodge should consider:**

Hotel needs:

- Wednesday- 25 rooms
- Thursday- 100 rooms
- Friday- 100 rooms
- Saturday- 75 rooms

Sufficient break out rooms - Need for 5 committees on Thursday. Normally 2-3 workshops offered at one time.

Thursday noon luncheon- 60 people (committee and spouses, board and spouses, convention committee and spouses)

Friday noon luncheon- 150 people

Saturday noon- box lunches - can be up to 150 people

Room for business sessions:

- Classroom seating for delegates- up to 135 delegates
- Seating in back of room for 30-40 guests and visitors
- Tables around room for Silent Auction
- Head table for board, International Director and Home Office representative
- Table in back of room for Vice President
- Microphones for delegates, front table, podium

Hallway space and rooms for:

- Displays and exhibits
- Convention registration
- Vendors

**Bids should include the following information plus any supporting information:**

- Price of rooms: \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel name, location and features:
- Contact person (from bidding lodge/committee)

**Bids need to be sent to Darlene Arneson, District Secretary, 2056 Skaalen Rd., Stoughton, WI 53589 by April 1. For more information, contact Darlene at arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or 608-873-7209**

**To volunteer for the Barnebirkie Celebration/Cookie Tent:**

[www.birkie.com/volunteer](http://www.birkie.com/volunteer)

From the list of options, choose:

**Register to be a Birkie Volunteer!**

Below this heading are options for Birkie Week.

Select Birkie Week Thursday events-February 20, 2020

Under the introductory paragraph is a box that you need to type the password:  
**barne2020finish.**

**You will see this:**

<b>+ Barnebirkie Finish Line</b>		
+ Thursday, February 20th		
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:00am to 11:30am [see description] Set-up Crew	<b>3</b> SPOTS LEFT
<input type="checkbox"/>	11:30am to 1:30pm [see description] Sons of Norway Cookie Crew	<b>8</b> SPOTS LEFT

**Sons of Norway has its own category!**

**8 Spots remain.**



**HERE IT COMES...THE 2020 BARNEBIRKIE SKI RACE FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-13!**

**Calling All Bakers!**

- The Fifth District is extending a call to all lodges for their assistance in helping us to feed hundreds of skiers after the Barnebirkie Ski Race on February 20, 2020.
- Cookies will be transported to Hayward on February 19<sup>th</sup> *or sooner if inclement weather is forecast.*

- Most kinds of cookies are welcome, but we ask that you **do not include nuts in your donations.**

**Your Lodge could...**

- \*Organize a baking day for members and ask new members to participate.
- \*Ask each person to bring a bowl of their favorite batter to be baked on-site.
- \*Share tried and true recipes with one another. **OR**
- \*Ask individual members to bake at home and bring the cookies to your February meeting.

**Please Note:** Use the reporting slip found on the District 5 website to report the number of cookies being sent by your lodge to the event. This helps us to ensure an accurate count.

Those Lodges who are in *Northern Illinois* or *Southern Wisconsin* may call Cheryl Wille-Schlesser to arrange for cookie pick-up: **608-219-4464**. Cookies from *Northeast Wisconsin* can be delivered to Judith Ghastin, Norse Valley Lodge in Appleton, for transport: **920-450-3584**. Lodges located along the route from Madison to Hayward may also call Mary Bennett: **608-628-2247** for delivery.

**\*\*The Cookie Contest returns for 2020!** The Lodge that provides the most cookies for this year's event will earn \$50.00 for their efforts.

Lodges who wish to send a monetary donation for the Barnebirkie are welcome to do so. On occasion, cookies need to be purchased. Additional monies will be placed in the District 5 Scholarship Fund. Please direct your monetary donation to District 5 Treasurer, Mike Palecek, 55747 Sandy Lane, Racine, WI 53406.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING US TO MAKE THE ANNUAL BARNEBIRKIE  
SKI CELEBRATION GREAT!**

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The 2020 American Birkebeiner Ski Weekend is almost here! Join members from across District 5 as we celebrate children in a ski race designed especially for them. Options include races at .5 km, 1 km or 3 km.

Each year, these youngsters dress festively for the race in costumes, ballerina tutus, hunting gear, or other flashy attire. It is quite a sight at the starting line, trust me, and what great fun it is to watch the racers go! Our own Jorgen the Troll dons his costume, and he waves to the skiers as they begin their trek toward the Celebration Tent. Will Olaf and Tinky Winky return for this year's race? Only time will tell.

The Barnebirkie is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 with an approximate start time of 11:30 AM behind the Hayward Elementary School. All Fifth District Sons of Norway Lodges are encouraged to provide cookies for the event. Lodges may opt to bake their donations or purchase them from a local provider. The District 5 cookie goal is 1,000 dozen cookies. Uff-da! Ja, you betcha! Dat's a lot of cookies! The only thing we ask is that you do NOT use nuts of any kind in your cookies due to allergy concerns.

\*The 5<sup>th</sup> District Cookie Contest returns this year. The Lodge that submits the highest cookie count will earn \$50.00. How to spend it is your decision!

Workers are also needed in the cookie tent to hand out treats to the skiers' families. Please send me an e-mail, if you or other members of your lodge can assist the 5<sup>th</sup> District by working in Hayward. This is an outdoor activity; please dress warmly and wear boots.

Cookies will be taken to Hayward from southern Wisconsin on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> or earlier that week, if inclement weather is forecast. Mary Bennett and Cheryl Wille-Schlesser can collect your cookies in the Madison area. They are also willing to pick up cookies along the route, I-90-94, through Eau Claire and northbound to Hayward. One may contact Mary at: 608-628-2247 or 608-837-8335. Cheryl's cell number is 608-219-4464.

**NOTE:** Volunteers should know that a reservation for dinner has been made at the Steakhouse and Lodge, 15860 T Bone Lane, Hayward, WI 54843 for 6 PM Wednesday evening, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Individuals pay for their choice of meal. Further information about job assignments, obtaining nametags, or credentials and a briefing from the crew chief, Eileen Timmerman, will occur.

Those who are willing to work in the Celebration Tent need to register this year. To volunteer, go to [www.birkie.com/volunteer](http://www.birkie.com/volunteer). Type the password, barne2020finish into the box that is provided. A dropdown option will appear for Sons of Norway volunteers. Currently 9 worker slots remain.

On behalf of the 5<sup>th</sup> District, takk for hjelpen oss,

Cheryl

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## **2020 Barnebirkie Volunteer Sign-Up**



*District 5*

**Join Us, Thursday, February 20, 2020!**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Possible Areas of Assistance:**

- \_\_\_\_ Registration (Thursday 2-20-20, 9 AM to 11:00) Computer Work, Hand out race bibs and hats to preregistered and newly registered barne skiers
- \_\_\_\_ Race Start (Behind Hayward Primary and Intermediate Buildings (11:30 AM)
- \_\_\_\_ Dress as a costumed character and greet families and skiers (11:15 AM)
- \_\_\_\_ Welcome families, distribute treats, Celebration Tent in downtown Hayward
- \_\_\_\_ Help register other youth skiers: Junior Birkie, Barkie Birkie, Adaptive Ski
- \_\_\_\_ Assist wherever the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation needs help
- \_\_\_\_ Greet families and distribute cookies at the Expo, Hayward High School
- \_\_\_\_ Provide cookie or monetary donations

**\*We request that only cookies without nuts are donated.  
Most events are outside. Dress warmly and wear boots!**

**I would like to help at the Sons of Norway cookie table at Hayward High School. The cookie table is coordinated by Mary Bennett and Asta Blanchar of Idun Lodge in Madison.**

\_\_\_\_ Thursday AM      \_\_\_\_ Thursday PM      \_\_\_\_ Thursday Eve  
\_\_\_\_ Friday AM      \_\_\_\_ Friday PM      \_\_\_\_ Friday Eve

\*A volunteer reception will be held immediately after the Barnebirkie at the Veteran's Community Center located at the corner of Highway 63 and Main Street.

**\*Monetary contributions in check form should be made out to "Sons of Norway – Fifth District" and identified in the check memo area as "For Barnebirkie".**

**Send to: Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, District 5 Sports and Rec. Director, 200 Beth Circle, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572 Questions? Call: 608-219-4464, e-mail: [rogcher@mhtc.net](mailto:rogcher@mhtc.net)**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT RACE STARTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND CONDITIONS.**

**Cookie Call!**



**Yes, it is that time of the year! A lot of hungry youth skiers will be making their way to Hayward soon for the Barnebirkie Ski Race. Your donated cookies would be appreciated! Please indicate the name of your lodge and how many dozen cookies you are sending. Thank you!**

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**Total Number of Dozen Donated** \_\_\_\_\_

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# **2019-20 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines**

(Updated 11-28-2019- changes in red)

## **February 15, 2020**

- D17 financial form is due from the lodges to the International Office.
- Lodge Achievement and Family Lodge of the Year forms are due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Community and Fraternal activities and hour totals, using AFA Year-end report form or online reporting at [Fraternalgive.org](http://Fraternalgive.org), are due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.

## **March 2020**

- Fraternal Funds packet is sent to the district treasurers.

## **March 1, 2020**

- Deadline — Domestic scholarship applications due to Sons of Norway Foundation:
  - Astrid G. Cates Scholarship\*\*
  - Bernt Anker Scholarship
  - Dan and Betty Rude Scholarship
  - Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarship\*\*
  - Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship\*\*
  - Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship

## **May 15, 2020**

- Fraternal Funds Report due to Sons of Norway Headquarters
- IRS filing deadline for tax form 990. Lodge treasurer needs to notify Sons of Norway Headquarters when 990 has been submitted.
- D17 & 990 filing deadline for lodges that own property

\*Insurance membership with Sons of Norway required

\*\*Membership with Sons of Norway required (social or insurance)

## **DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING**

June 24-28, 2020 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison

## **INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING**

August 16-23, 2020 in Hamar Norway



## Viking Chest Rotation

- The rotation will begin again with this rotation.
- The zone directors are responsible for keeping track of the whereabouts and letting their lodges know that the chest is in their zone for that time period.
- The chest should be brought back to the District Board Meeting to be given to the next zone.

Rotation for sharing the Viking Chest will continue as follows:

Zone 5 Oct. 2019 - Apr. 2020

Zone 2 Apr. 2020 - Oct. 2020

Zone 4 Oct. 2020 - Apr. 2021

Zone 6 Apr. 2021 - Oct. 2021

Zone 1 Oct. 2021 - Apr. 2022

Zone 3 Apr. 2022 - Oct. 2022

### Note:

- Check correspondence from the International and District and the International (www.sofn.com) and District (www.sonsofnorway5.com) websites for any updates and changes.
- Additional deadlines for the District 5 and International Conventions/Lodge Meetings will be added as those dates are established. Watch for future mailings and the District 5 website.
- The District 5 Convention will be June 24-28 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison hosted by Idun Lodge.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 16-23, 2020 in Ringsaker, Norway

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## **FFFN Basics**

In an attempt to help our lodge leaders become more familiar with resources, changes, deadlines and other information, I will compile a weekly "Friendly Fifth Friday News" email to our leadership. Some of the information you might already have, but hopefully it will be a good reminder for all of us (me included) of all the great resources that Sons of Norway has to offer. **Please feel free to cut and paste any of this information for your lodge's use!**

**Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com** With our new arrangement, I actually send the FFFN pdf to our

webmaster on Thursday morning before I go to work. So if you have anything you'd like me to consider putting in, please send it by Wednesday night. Please do not send pdf's as I have a hard time cutting and pasting them. The Word Document works best for me. Don't forget that lodge events should be submitted to inputd5@sonsofnorway.com as I have a hard time keeping track of all lodge activities. I'll put some in but that is more the role of the website event calendar.

If you would like to get the MS Word document, just shoot me an email and I'll add you to the list. I send it out right after I send the email to the large group.

Darlene Arneson – arnesonfamily5@gmail.com