

Elementary school cross-country ski race hosts largest field ever

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HUNTSVILLE - The annual Muskoka Elementary Cross-Country Ski Race took place on Feb. 10 at the Arrowhead Nordic Ski Club at Arrowhead Provincial Park.

This was the largest race to date with more than 480 registrations.

The race is divided into age and gender categories. The biggest category was Grades 1 and 2 boys with 73 registered. The categories that showed the most growth in registration were both Grades 7 and 8 girls and the 7 and 8 boys. This may have something to do with all the excitement that was generated by the outstanding success of the high school team last year at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships.

The race was freestyle, which means that the students could either skate ski or classic ski.

Schools from Huntsville, Bracebridge, Port Sydney and Dwight participated. Riverside had by far the highest number of registrations with just over 120 kids.

Medals are given to the top six finishers in each of the categories. Riverside received the most medals with 17. Not far behind Riverside and well ahead of all the other schools was Tawingo College. They had 38 students at the race and went home with 10 medals.

There were no injuries and all of the children that started, finished the race. All in all it was a really successful day.

Here are the top three results:

Grade 1 to 2 boys, 1.5 km – first, Sam Richter, VK Greer, 08:37.0; second – Nolan Turner, Riverside, 08:45.0;



GET GOING:. Sam Power of Riverside Public School tries his best at the annual Muskoka Elementary Cross-Country Ski Race.

third – Benjamin Power, Riverside, 08:48.0.

Grade 1 to 2 girls, 1.5 km – first, Sydney Flynn, Riverside, 09:25.0; second – Mya Marshall, Riverside, 09:33.0; third – Raquel Jarvis, Irwin, 10:08.0.

Grade 3 and 4 boys, 1.5 km – first, Mark Cox, Montessori, 08:50.0; second – Riley Degans, Riverside, 09:50.0; third – Zak Varieur, Tawingo, 10:40.0.

Grade 3 and 4 girls, 1.5 km – first, Fiona Shearing, Riverside, 09:41.0; second – Carys Crichton, Monck, 10:11.0; third – Sophia Marshall, Riverside, 11:05.0.

Grade 5 and 6 girls, 3.5 km – first, Owen Johnstone, Tawingo, 09:25.0; second – Cole Earl, Spruceglen, 10:17.0; third – Jacob Auger, Bracebridge, 10:33.0.

Grade 5 and 6 girls, 3.5 km – first, Natasia Varieur, Tawingo, 09:48.0; second – Rhiannon Crichton, Monck, 10:35.0; third – Samantha Goldring, Riverside, 11:10.0.

Grade 7 and 8 boys, 5 km – first, Graham Shearing, Riverside, 10:30.0; second – Dalton Boothby, Tawingo, 10:47.0; third – Nathan Johnstone, Tawingo, 10:56.0.

Grade 7 and 8 girls, 5 km – first, Marina Tusz, Spruceglen, 10:48.0; second – Sarah Cowan, Montessori, 11:21.0; third – Laura Carlton, Monck, 12:48.0.

The next race is scheduled for Friday, March 2 at the Arrowhead Nordic Ski Club.

It will be a classic race.

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