

Hello HOC Members, Hike Participants and Winter Sport Participants

Now that the Halton Region and the Hamilton Region are once again in the Red Zone, regarding the provincial Covid-19 restrictions, the HOC is able to begin scheduling new activities for our members.

Please check the Events Calendar on a regular basis to see if new events have been posted. Because we are planning this as we go, the Hiking Director and the Ski Director will be posting events as they become available so, hopefully, new activities will be posted quite often just as they were in November and December. Make sure to stay tuned so that you have a chance to take part.

We will be experimenting with some different activity formats, so please take the time to read the posted event descriptions carefully. We also request that you take the time to review the Club's Covid-19 Protocols which are located on our website.

All events will take place locally and we plan to offer ski, snowshoe and hiking options as the weather and the trail conditions allow. Once again, we will ask that participants wear masks and socially distance, if possible, during the introductions prior to an activity and that members practice responsible social distancing while on the trail. If you experience any symptoms, please cancel from your activity. During our Fall activities we did a great job of observing the protocols in order to enjoy good fellowship and still keep everyone safe. Let's pick up exactly where we left off!

The first scheduled event is this Saturday, Feb. 20. Sue and Frank Elias have generously volunteered to lead a snowshoe hike at Bronte Creek Provincial Park in order to get things off on the right foot, so to speak. More activities will be posted to the Events Calendar over the coming days.

Things can change quickly, but for now, it is great to announce new events rather than cancellations.

We look forward to seeing you on the trails again soon.

Isabel Bravo

Jim Blair

Hiking Director

Ski Director