Cowboys vs Aliens

Overview & Participants	Biathlon format event with the Ecoaim rifles (E-Biathlon) • Aliens = Runners • Cowboys = Mountain Bikers & E-bikes *(electric/pedal assist)*
Host Club & Location	Wapiti Nordic Ski Club. Meet in the ***main stadium*** beside the lodge 62009 TWP RD 704 County of Grande Prairie
Date	Saturday September 26, 2026
Organizing Committee	Competition & Course Lead: Greg Henry Course Consultant: Matt Wild Ecoaim Rifles & All Things Biathlon Lead: Davis Alton Go-between Lead: Cori Janes
Ecoaim Rifles	Ecoaim rifles shoot light pulses into optical biathlon targets. No projectiles. The rifles are very safe and environmentally friendly.
Mass Start with *Penalty Loops* **Distances**	**Aliens (running)** • Open Category: 7.5 km. Run 1.5 km x 5 laps, and shoot 4 times. • U14: 3 km. Run 600 m x 5 laps, and shoot 4 times. **Cowboys (biking & E-bike)** • Open Category: 15.5 km. Bike 3.1 km x 5 laps and shoot 4 times. • U14: 7.5 km. Bike 1.5 km x 5 laps, and shoot 4 times.
Penalty Loops	**Open categories:** Run/bike a penalty loop for every missed target. **U14**: Volunteers will assist in the range and assign athletes penalty loops.
Loop Length	**Run:** 50 m penalty loop **Bike:** 150 m penalty loop
Categories	**U14:** ~8 years to under 14 years as of September 26 • If you're 13 years old on September 26 = U14 • If you're 14 years old on September 26 = Open category **Open Category:** 14+ years
Race Numbers, & Ecoaim Rifle Try-it	Ecoaim rifle *try-it sessions* & ***attaching your race numbers:*** • **9:30 am:** All Aliens • **12 noon:** All Cowboys
Start Times	**10:30 am** - Aliens start launching **1:00 pm** - Cowboys corral & hop on their bikes
Timing	Self-timing will be in effect. Aliens can use their usual intergalactic timing software, and the Cowboys can look at the position of the sun in the sky.

Dressing as your favourite Alien or Cowboy is encouraged!

Complementary participation for an Alien/Cowboy parent accompanying their child

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Entry Fees

- ➡ **Youth** *(under 18 years as of September 26)*: $20
  - If you're 17 years old on September 26 = $20
  - If you're 18 years old on September 26 = $40
- ➡ **Open Category & E-bikes**: $40
- ➡ **Participating as both an Alien (running) & a Cowboy (biking):**
  - Youth (under 18 years as of September 26): $30
  - Open Category & E-bikes: $60

Not Sure?

- *Recreation class, mass start with penalty loops*

Try-it Alien: $30

- Try-it Alien: 3 km. Run 600 m x 5 laps, and shoot 4 times

Try-it Cowboy: $30

- Try-it Cowboy*:* 7.5 km. Bike 1.5 km x 5 laps, and shoot 4 times

Awards

Presentations will take place as soon as possible following the races

Everyone gets an awesome collectable sticker

Alien Awards:

- Open Female (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- Open Male (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- U14 Girl (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- U14 Boy (1st, 2nd, 3rd

Cowboy Awards:

- Open Category Female (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- Open Category Male (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- U14 Girl (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- U14 Boy (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- E-bike Female (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- E-bike Male (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Mass start = *first over the line* wins the category, provided you bike/ ran your penalty loops.
We'll be watching. Sorry, *no medals* for the try-it groups

Registration

Registrations open Thursday August 20.
https://zone4.ca/register/WqzPz2/

Deadline

Registrations close: Wednesday September 23 at 11:59 PM MST.

Cancellation

There will be no refunds for participants who choose not to start the event. If the organizing committee cancels *Cowboys versus Aliens,* a full refund will be made to participants, except for any online processing fees.

Trail Passes

Don't have a Wapiti Nordic membership? Trail passes for Sept 26 only, can be purchased at the time of registration.

Safety

Participants must notify a course official/volunteer if they discontinue the race. Pets are not allowed on the course. Service animals only.

General Inquires

General Inquiries: wapitiecoaims@gmail.com
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Early Ecoaim Rifle Try-it sessions: Sept 5 & 12 at 12:30 (Biathlon range)

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