

2025 TIER 3

U 18 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by:

Smithers Minor Hockey Association

"Lead, Develop and Promote Positive Lifelong Hockey Experiences"

**March
16-21**

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**HOST
INFORMATION
PACKAGE**



TIER 3 U18 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The U18 Storm rep team welcomes you to compete on the traditional territory of the Wet'suwet'en First Nation and Smithers, BC. Your hosts for the week are Smithers Minor Hockey Association and the Smithers U18 Storm

“Lead, Develop and Promote Positive Lifelong Hockey Experiences”



Our committee and community of Smithers are excited to welcome players, families and fans to the U18 Championships this March 2025

We are honored to acknowledge that Smithers is located on the unceded traditional territory of the Gidimt'en Clan and the people of the Witsuwit'en First Nation.

Nearly 6,000 people live within the Smithers town boundary, but nearly 20,000 live in the Bulkley Valley and rural communities serviced by it. As a service centre, Smithers offers many more amenities that you might not expect for a town its size.



COMMITTEE CONTACTS

FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO OUR COMMITTEE WITH ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE OR DURING THE EVENT. THANK YOU

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Schedule

Event / Date	Time	Location
Banquet - March 16 th	Doors open at 5:30pm	Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge 3251 Hwy 16
Dinner - March 16 th	Welcoming 6:00pm Dinner 6:30pm	Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge 3251 Hwy 16
Coach and Manager meeting	Immediately following the banquet	Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge 3251 Hwy 16
Games - March 17 th – 21 st *Schedule will be available via BC Hockey Website	First game March 17 th 7:00am Last game March 21 st 6:00pm	Civic Centre 4204 3 rd Ave New Rink 4202 3 rd Ave
Opening Ceremonies - March 17 th	5:00pm	Civic Centre 4204 3 rd Ave
Award Presentations	After Final Games	Civic Centre 4204 3 rd Ave
Food vendors – on site March 17 th – 21 st	10:00 – 6:00pm	Civic Centre 4204 3 rd Ave

Opening Ceremonies

Teams are being asked to wear their choice of attire. Further details on the opening ceremony be added closer to the event

Awards

Medals and banner will be presented after the Bronze and Gold Medal game.

The Fair Play award will be given to the awarded team after their last game.

ABOUT THE BANQUET

MENU

- Penne Rigate
- Bolognese Sauce, fire roasted tomato sauce, alfredo sauce
- Parmesan Cheese
- Blackened Chicken-meatballs
- Chicken tenders w/ sauces
- Fries
- Ceasar salad w/ bacon/ croutons
- Garlic bread
- Juice & Pop
- Dessert squares



VENUE

The banquet will take place on March 16th, 2025 at the Prestige Hudson Bay at 3251 East Highway 16, Smithers, BC

TIME:

- Doors open at 5:30pm
- Welcome at 6:00pm
- Dinner at 6:30pm

Coaches and managers meeting immediately following the dinner and speeches.

If a banquet guest has any dietary restrictions that require an alternate meal please contact:

Nina Jaarsma at

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EVENT VENUE



Smithers Civic Centre
4204 3rd Avenue
Smithers, BC
V0J 2N0

Smithers New Rink
4202 3rd Avenue
Smithers, BC
V0J 2N0

Accommodations

Note: Smithers is hosting Alpine Ski Provincials March 12th – 15th so most accommodations will not be available for check in till March 16th. If you need a stop over option for the night of March 15th Prince George is 4 hours east of Smithers and has many hotel options

Prestige Hudson Bay 3251, Hwy 16, Smithers BC
P: 1-877-737-8443 Email: smithers@prestigehotels.ca

Aspen Inn and Suites 4268 Hwy 16, Smithers BC
P: 1-800-663-7676 Email: aspeninn@telus.net

Sandman Inn 3932 Hwy 16, Smithers BC
P: 1-250-847-2637 Email: gm_smithers@sandman.ca



Capri Motor Inn 3984 Hwy 16, Smithers BC
P: 1-250-847-4226 Email: caprismithers@gmail.com Rishabh Syal

Fireweed Motor Inn 1515 Main St, Smithers BC
P: 1-250-847-2208 Email: stay@fireweedmotel.com

Sunshine Inn 3880 4th Ave, Smithers BC
P: 1-250-847-6668 Email: smithers@sunshine.ca

Important things to know

Sports stores:

Dans Source for Sports 1214 Main st, Smithers BC
Skate sharpening



Sport Chek 3664, Hwy 16 Unit 1440, Smithers BC
Skate sharpening



Medical needs:

Bulkley Valley district Hospital, 3950 8th Ave
Emergencies call 911

Championship Apparel:

Championship apparel is available to order online prior to the championships. Pick up will be available at the teams banquet and the Civic Centre. Contact: Tamara Holenstein mylesandtamara@gmail.com

<https://bchockeyu18tier3championship.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

We gratefully acknowledge that in Smithers we live, work and play on the unceded traditional territory of the Gidimt'en Clan and the Witsuwit'en people.



1 BY ROAD Whether you are coming by car, RV, motorcycle or bicycle, Smithers is easily reached by road along the relatively quiet Yellowhead Highway 16. Details on routes at www.hellobc.com & road conditions at www.drivebc.com

2 BY AIR Smithers Regional Airport (YYD) is only a five minute drive from downtown Smithers and just 30 minutes from the ski lifts! Check with Air Canada and the airport for flights. www.smithers.ca/airport/

3 BY RAIL VIA Rail provides regular service to Smithers on the very scenic Jasper to Prince Rupert run, complete with dome car for exciting wildlife and landscape viewing. Details at www.viarail.ca

4 CAR/TRUCK RENTALS & TAXI SERVICE Car and truck rentals are available in town and at the airport. www.tourismsmithers.com/plan-your-visit/ for current listings



VISITOR Centre



Follow highway signage to
Toll-free 1411 Court St.
Local 1.800.542.6673
250.847.5072

- local, regional and provincial visitor information
- trip planning
- accommodations and restaurants
- BC Ferries reservations
- fishing and guiding information
- souvenirs
- wireless internet
- maps (road maps, backcountry maps, forest service maps)

the story of ALPINE AL

Smithers adopted an "alpine theme" in the 1970s. Main Street was adorned with alpine-style rooflines, red brick sidewalks and a wood sculpture called Alpine Al, who plays the alphorn! Alpine Al has made his way into the hearts of many Smithereens and has become the guardian of Main Street and the official mascot, and logo, of the town. The current statue, erected in 2016, is seven feet tall, carved by chainsaw and made of 1,000-year-old red cedar. In recent years, Alpine Al has come to life in various animations on the TourismSmithers.com website, and now hikes, bikes and snowboards across these pages, inviting you on a good-natured adventure in this place we call Smithers.



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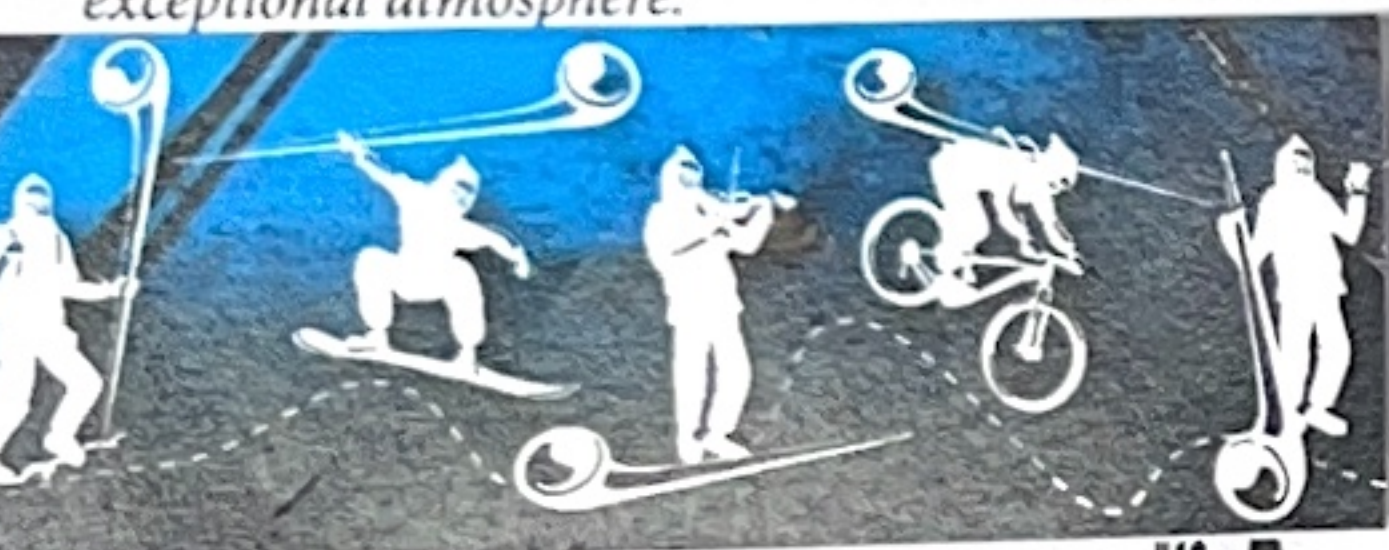
4086 Hwy. 16, Smithers
Ph: 250-847-3700
www.bit.ly/3fGNP6D

ALPENHORN BISTRO & BAR

1261 Main St., Smithers
Ph: 250-847-5366
Email: info@alpenhornbistro.com
www.alpenhornbistro.com
Upscale casual dining experience, locally crafted menu, premium taps and liquors, featuring sunny Main St. patio. Families welcome.

ASPEN RIVERHOUSE & LOUNGE

4268 Hwy. 16, Smithers
Ph: 250-847-4672 · 1-800-663-7676
Email: aspen29@telus.net
www.aspeninnsmithers.com
Restaurant offers breakfast, lunch and dinner. Lounge designed in local heritage theme offers exceptional atmosphere.



BLUE WATER SUSHI

1232 Main St., Smithers
Ph: 250-847-5341
www.bluewatersushi.ca
Serving sushi and other Japanese cuisine.

BUGWOOD COFFEE

1206 Main St., Smithers
Ph: 778-640-1277
www.bugwoodcoffee.com
Locally owned and operated outdoor espresso bar. Serving fresh, locally roasted, organic espresso.

BULKLEY VALLEY BREWERY

3860 1st Ave.
Ph: 778-640-4677(HOPS)
www.bulkleyvalleybrewery.com
Fresh-brewed local beer, dry hopped, events.

DADDIO'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

3735 Alfred Avenue, Smithers
Ph: 250-847-2255
on Facebook: Daddio's Family Restaurant
Family style. Pasta, pizza and sandwiches.

DAIRY QUEEN

4180 Hwy. 16, Smithers
Ph: 250-847-8806
www.bit.ly/2YNnxbY

DON CHERRY'S SPORTS GRILL (AT PRESTIGE HUDSON BAY LODGE)

3251 Hwy. 16, Smithers
Ph: 250-847-4581
www.facebook.com/DonCherrysSmithers/
Selection of pub-style food, big-screen TVs & more.

BV FARMERS' MARKET

· Outdoor Market outside the Central Park Building / Visitor Centre: Saturday mornings early to mid May to early to mid October
www.bvfm.ca

FROZEN NORTH ICE CREAM PARLOR (SUMMER SEASON)

Mobile Unit ~ Downtown Smithers
Ph: 250-847-5072
frozennorthsmithers@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/FrozenNorthIceCream

HUDSON BAY MOUNTAIN: (WINTER SKI SEASON) WHISKY JACKS LOUNGE & THE COYOTE CAFE

Hudson Bay Mountain Resort, Smithers
www.hudsonbaymountain.ca/whisky-jacks-lounge-cafe/
Enjoy an elevated dining experience at the ski hill - winter ski season only.

FOODIE HEAVEN

3835 1st Ave., Smithers, BC
250-877-5137
www.21foodieheaven.com
Homestyle multi-cuisine: Bengali, Canadian, European, Indian.

LOUISE'S KITCHEN

1293 Main St., Smithers
Ph: 250-847-2547
Homemade Ukrainian and Canadian cuisine.

MASA YAMA JAPANESE RESTAURANT

1080 Main St., Smithers
Ph: 250-847-8060
https://masa-yama.yolasite.com
Enjoy sushi and other Japanese menu items.

MCDONALD'S

3720 Hwy. 16, Smithers
Ph: 250-847-6142

☺ Dining

☺ Licensed premises

☺ Fast food

☺ Coffee shop & lighter fare



SMITHERS MAP

town attractions



THE HEART OF SMITHERS

Browse and shop the RED BRICKED SIDEWALKS along our ALPINE-THEMED MAIN STREET, where most of the BOUTIQUE SHOPS and EATERIES are operated by the people who own them. Enjoy the RESTAURANTS, CAFÉS & CRAFT BEER culture. The two local breweries occasionally host LIVE MUSIC. Treat yourself at one of the many downtown DAY SPAS. Get a massage, a facial, or indulge in a float therapy escape. Try the SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOURS outlined on the following pages. On Saturdays between May and October, don't miss the FARMERS' MARKET next to the VISITOR CENTRE at Main Street and Highway 16.

LEGEND

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| Trail | Picnic Tables | Golf Course | Hospital |
| Boat launch | Playground | Airport | First Nations Cultural Installation |
| Fishing | Skate Park | Museum & Gallery | Art Mural |
| Tent & RV Camping | Bike Park / Mtn Biking Trails | Nordic & Alpine Skiing | Historic Building |