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## GRAN PARADISO SKI DAY: THE FORECASTED SNOW COULD ALLOW THE LONG COURSE

The kermesse for adult skiers on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and as well the Minimarciagranparadiso for baby skiers aged 6 to 12 years.

Now it all depends on the snow. If it comes, as the weather forecast announced, the Gran Paradiso Ski Day – the festival of cross-country skiing open to all – could bring a huge surprise to the ski enthusiasts, the long course towards the Valnontey. «We'll take a decision on Friday – said Christine Cavagnet, head of the organizing committee – if there was snow enough to allow the creation of the connections between the meadows of Sant'Orso and Valnontey we would go for the long course, otherwise a shorter one is mandatory». Enrollment in the Gran Paradiso Ski Day is free and you can finalize it until the Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. To cheer the skiers and warm up the atmosphere there will be a couple of bands: Lou Tintamaro and the Accordionists. Then, at 12:15 pm it's time for Minimarciagranparadiso. It is the 11th edition of the competition for young skiers who grow up with the idea to race, one day, in the "big one". With this motivation, and also with the aim to spend one day applauded and cheered by a warm and competent audience, baby cross-country skiers already enrolled are more than 500. The start of the first heat, kids in the Baby category will begin at 12:15 pm; the last at 02:30 pm. The start are in line, the technique is strictly the classic one and prize giving ceremony is scheduled at Grivola theater from 03:30 pm. It's open to girls and boys aged 6 to 12 years. Registration costs 8,- € and includes also some delicious snacks and cakes prepared by the ski club kids' moms.

The event will be covered also on the official Facebook page "Marcia Gran Paradiso" and on the official Twitter account @MGranparadiso with three main hashtags: #marciagranparadiso, #MGP2017 and #GPSkiDay.

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