

ORDA Volunteer Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- Each Wednesday in July & Aug. Kodak Wet & Wild Wednesday @ Kodak Sports Park
- Each Saturday in July & Aug. Kodak Soaring Saturdays @ MacKenzie-Intervale Ski Jumping Complex
- **August 28** Inaugural Lake Placid Huck & Tuck free ride competition @ Kodak Sports Park
- **September 11 & 12** Scottish Highland Festival @ Whiteface Mountain
- **October 2 & 3** Oktoberfest @ Whiteface Mountain
- **October 9** 2004 Flaming Leaves Festival @ MacKenzie-Intervale Ski Jumping Complex
- **November 29 to December 5** World Cup Luge @ Verizon Sports Complex
- **December 13 to 19** World Cup B Nordic Combined
- **December** Coronation Ice Show @ Olympic Center
- **January 1, 2005** New Years Masters Ski Jump
- **January 7 to 9** Synchronized Skating Competition @ Olympic Center
- **January 10 to 16** World Cup Freestyle @ Whiteface Mountain & MacKenzie Intervale Ski Jumping Complex
- **January 22** Lake Placid Loppet @ Verizon Sports Complex
- **January 24 to 29** North American Junior Jumping Championships @ MacKenzie Intervale Ski Jumping Complex
- **February 6 to 13** World Cup Women's Bobsled, Skeleton & Men's Bobsled @ Verizon Sports Complex
- **February 12** Re-lighting of 1980 torch
- **February 25 to 27** Empire State Games
- **February 28 to March 6** World Cup Snowboard @ Whiteface Mountain

**All Dates are Tentative and Subject to Change

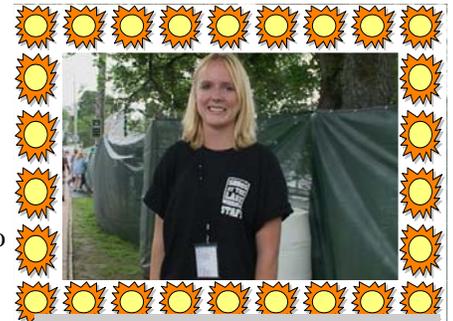
Songs at the Lake Music Festival



Crowd listening to Los Lobos on Sunday afternoon.

On Saturday, July 31st and Sunday, August 1st the Olympic Regional Development Authority held its first Songs at the Lake Music Festival. Despite the few rain showers on Saturday, Sunday's weather was pleasant with sunny skies making the event quite nice.

Our customer/pedestrian service volunteers were well-received at the festival. All the volunteers seemed to have a great time with the great music playing in the background. Everyone was able to catch their favorite bands each day.



Jen Gonyea had the best seat in the house on the corner of Main St. and Cummings Rd., helping with pedestrians questions. She was technically back stage with out even being in the Oval!



I would like to say that everyone did a great job keeping the customers informed and answering all of their questions. And a special thanks to the gofers of the weekend Casey and Michael. Thanks everyone for your help!

Name the Newsletter

Here is your current task! We need a name. I have put together a prize package for the person who can come up with the best name for the newsletter. The more creative the better! . Remember this is your newsletter, so put on those thinking caps and send in your ideas.



Think Green!

I just wanted to thank those who were able to send me their updated contact information. If anyone who is receiving this via snail mail and has email please email me at volunteers@orda.org so that I can make this newsletter more environmentally friendly. Otherwise please continue to send me your information anyway that is convenient to you! ~Thanks

Volunteer Profile

Connie Bonsignore

This column is going to be a regular part of our newsletter so we can distinguish some of our great volunteers. I hope everyone enjoys learning about these individuals.

Our volunteer profile this month is an exceptional woman of the Lake Placid community. Connie Bonsignore started volunteering in 1945.



Connie's Most Memorable Volunteering Moment:

In 1945 at Whiteface Mountain, Connie was one of two volunteers at the finish line of an alpine race. She was a hand timer. Watching a racer come down the course she noticed he was coming straight at her. So she took a few steps to get out of the way and looked back up. The racer was still

coming right at her. Running out of options she hopped on for the ride. Her arms and legs wrapped around the racer as he sped through the finish. Not only did she manage to finish the race, but Connie still managed to get his time unlike her partner on the other side of the finish line.

Connie's Favorite Winter Sport:

She has always loved the rhythm of speed skating, however Connie has now taken a new interest in Ice Dancing, particularly Shadow Dancing.

Examples of Volunteering:

- Finish line timer at Whiteface Mountain and many other competitions throughout the years.
- Certified International Luge Judge in 1978 and worked the start for luge during 1980 Olympics, and for most luge World Cups thereafter she was starting, judging or on juries.
- Coordinator of steward volunteers at MacKenzie-Intervale Ski Jumping complex from 1988 to 1994
- Coordinator of monitor volunteers at Olympic Center from 1994 to present.

Connie's background:

- Lake Placid area champion speed skater for 6 years in her youth
- Lake Placid Phys. Ed Teacher for 30 years
- Referee for most school sports

Events Updates



2004 ICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Olympic Center - Lake Placid, NY

Once again this year Ice Dance Championships were a great success. Thank you to all the volunteers that help to make this event everything that it is. There was some awesome skating done by all the competitors and the spectators had a great show!



August 28th is the 1st annual Huck & Tuck free ski & ride competition. This event brings together free ride athletes from all around the vicinity and beyond. It will be a fun event for all with music and high flying action at the Kodak Sports Park at the MacKenzie-Intervale Ski Jumping Complex.



Whiteface Festivals!

Once again this year Whiteface Mountain in Wilmington, New York hosts its annual festivals. The Native American festival that was held August 7th & 8th had great entertainment for all ages, which included Native American dancers and singers. For the younger crowd there were story tellers and an awesome craft tent.

The festivals coming up in the next month or two have many activities for all and great food and vendors selling authentic specialty items. So if you haven't attended, you really should check them out!



Attention Volunteers! The ORDA Store is now offering to all volunteers 10% off all ORDA Merchandise. Anything that has the ORDA or Whiteface logo on it gets 10% off if you identify yourself as a volunteer and bring this portion of the flyer. And remember if you have any guests in town the ORDA Store is the place to start their day, they have information about all the ORDA venues and events going on at the different Olympic venues.



Writers wanted! Well at least those who aren't afraid of telling a story or two about past events in which they worked or participated. Let's use the newsletter to share the odd and funny anecdotes that are part of any event.. especially ours.

