



Volunteer Torch



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Welcome Back!

We are back for yet another year of excitement in the greatest place on earth; the Winter Sports Capital of the World, Lake Placid, NY! ORDA and all of those that it works in conjunction with would like to thank you for the support. Below is a list of events that are on our Event calendar for the upcoming season. For those of you that have signed up for WC Bobsled & Skeleton, I will see you this weekend. And for those of you that aren't, pick an event that interests you and start shooting me those emails! Thank you and take care.

Johnny J. Muldowney
ORDA Events Manager/Volunteer Coordinator

Upcoming Winter Events!

- Dec. 17-19 World Cup Bobsled and Skeleton
==Olympic Sports Complex
- Dec. 29-30 New Year's Masters Ski Jump
==Olympic Ski Jumping Complex
- Jan. 12-14 America's Cup Bobsled & Skeleton
==Olympic Sports Complex
- Jan. 21-23 World Cup Freestyle
==Olympic Ski Jumping Complex, Whiteface Mt.
- Jan. 24-28 Inter. Continental Cup Skeleton
==Olympic Sports Complex
- Feb 5 Lake Placid Loppet
==Olympic Sports Complex/X-C Ski Center
- March 21-25 FIBT Bobsled Drivers School
==Olympic Sports Complex
- March 23-April 3 America's Cup Bobsled & Skeleton 2
==Olympic Sports Complex

**Check out www.whiteface.com for more details & times!

Pat Jorgensen, A VIP in Volunteering

The Olympic Regional Development Authority is very fortunate to be located in such a well-rounded community; full of support for its athletes and events. Many of those events, especially World Class skating events, would not be possible without the support of a strong volunteer staff. Pat Jorgensen, of Lake Placid, is one of those volunteers. Her tireless efforts help make the events we all enjoy so much run smoothly.

Q: How did you get involved? *Pat Jorgensen: My neighbor Connie Bonsignore had been doing it, but decided it was about time to retire. My daughter was skating at the time and we were already involved, so it worked out well.*

Q: What tasks do you take on? *PJ: For figure skating we take care of registration, ice monitoring, announcing, and a hospitality room. When hockey is in town, we hand out surveys and Olympic Pass Ports to everyone. We like to get information on what people like to do outside of the rink and what else they enjoy about the area. The Pass Ports allow them to experience many Olympic themed activities in Lake Placid.*

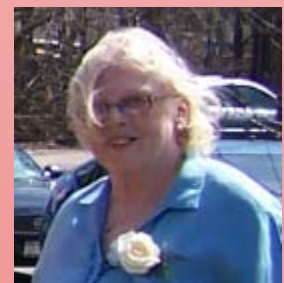
Q: How long have you been so involved? *PJ: I've been this involved for about 6 years now. There is a lot of work to be done... I do a lot of the*

event tasks, while my husband, Tom, does most of the paperwork.

Q: Do you have a favorite event, either from the past or annual? *PJ: Dance is my favorite, my daughter was an Ice Dancer. Skate America is a lot of fun, too, because it's international; the kids are from all over.*

Q: Do you have a favorite story from your experiences? *PJ: It's all about meeting people- as I mentioned, my daughter was a Dancer. She started skating when she was three. When she first tried out for Ice Dancing, because of her height, she was paired with another tall dancer. They were skating partners from that day forward. They have since gotten married. They are both retired from competitive skating and teach all levels of figure skating.*

Q: Thank you for your time Pat, and we look forward to seeing your face at the Events!



A word from Mike Battisti, Events Logistics Coordinator...



Welcome 2010-2011 ORDA Volunteers! On behalf of the Coordinator of the Events Department's "Go Team" (you know, the guys you see scrambling around with cases of PowerAde, with zip-ties and rolls of duct tape hanging out of our pockets) I, Michael Battisti, would like to thank you personally in advance for your efforts in making our events run smoothly and professionally. Without your help these events would not be possible.

To make your volunteering experience as comfortable as possible, I have taken the following steps well in advance of our next big event:

- calibrated the water temperature of the Bunn coffee makers to insure the best cup of coffee you've ever had (and that on your first sip you'll have just enough scorched skin hanging off the roof of your mouth).
- personally checked the expiration date of every Nature Valley Granola Bar (both pallets)
- tested each and every zipper on the orange jackets (including side pockets)
- order a good supply of chemical hand warmers (the NEW ones with a half-life equivalent to Grade A plutonium)
- conducted on-going negotiations with Centerplate in an attempt to substitute the bag of apple slices in your lunchbox with a second cookie. If the talks break down, I'll pass along a mean recipe from my wife for an apple crisp that really brings out their chemical taste.
- ordered enough Fiber One Bars to keep you all regular throughout the duration of the events.

I've done my part, so dig through those drawers to find the match for your warmest mittens and find the top to your thermos that's been collecting dust in the cupboard all these months! See you out at the Venues!

World Cup Bobsled & Skeleton 2011

Led by American Steve Holcomb, many of the world's best bobsled and skeleton athletes will be returning to Lake Placid to race in Viessmann FIBT World Cup bobsled/skeleton Lake Placid, presented by Conceptum Logistics beginning at 9 a.m. at the Mount Van Hoevenberg Olympic Sports Complex . There is FREE entry with a food pantry donation. Below you will find the event schedule.

Friday, December 17

Women's Skeleton World Cup	9:00am
Men's Skeleton World Cup	9:45am
Women's Bobsled World Cup	1:30pm

Saturday, December 18

Men's 2 Man Bobsled World Cup	9:00am
Women's Bobsled World Cup	1:00pm


Sunday, December 19

Men's 4 Man Bobsled World Cup	9:00am
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**** Immediately following the race on Sunday, there is a BBQ for Athletes, Coaches, and Volunteers at the Lamy Lodge****



The staff at ORDA is busy working with our partners on future events. Stay tuned for information on days and events for the 2010-2011 events and beyond! We will most definitely need your assistance. We are unable to host these awesome events without the help of our amazing volunteers!



ORDA STORE

Attention Volunteers! The ORDA Store is still 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. 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.

Spread the Word!

Please pass this newsletter on to your friends, family, co-workers, whoever! Post it in your office at the water cooler or at your favorite coffee spot! Spread the word that we need volunteers for our World Class events that come to Lake Placid for 2010-11. Remember we can always use more people to help!!! And don't forget all ORDA volunteering opportunities earn you a volunteer voucher that gets you a free day of skiing at Whiteface or Gore at a value of \$80.