

# Volunteer Torch

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## Event Calender

.....Coming Soon!



The 2005 State Farm U.S. Snowboard Cup, part of the Nokia Snowboard World Cup tour at Whiteface, went off without a hitch. Volunteers, host patrol, ski patrol, mountain staff and many more deserve our thanks. The event was great to watch and most volunteering positions were undeniably the best seats at the mountain. I

personally would like to thank everyone for being very flexible with volunteering times and changing positions at a moments notice. I know that everyone was surprised that a snowboard event needed so many skiers to have the event. I just want to remind everyone that alpine events can use snowboarders to help for volunteering too! The Quarter-Pipe and Rail Jam at the speed skating oval were definitely something to see and turned into a rousing first-time success.



PGS



Half Pipe



SBX

Special thanks to all volunteers for making this past 2004/2005 winter event season the best so far!



WHITEFACE

Quarterpipe/rails



FIBT World Bobsleigh & Skeleton Tour  
Lake Placid 2005



February 11-14 at the Verizon Sports Complex had lots of high-speed action with World Cup Men's and Women's Skeleton and Bobsled. Our volunteers, as usual, helped out as stewards around the track, directing the public to great spectator areas. They also assisted with awards ceremonies. This was the last stop on the FIBT Bobsled and Skeleton tours and some athletes were awarded with additional season ending award. Trophies were given to the top three spots in Skeleton, Four-Man Bobsled, Two-Man Bobsled and Women's Bobsled for the season. Also this was not our typical event. Skeleton awards were given out at the Beach House on Mirror Lake for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the 1980 Winter Olympics. The Two-Man Awards were part of the Opening Ceremonies for the 25th Anniversary at the Lake Placid Horse Show Grounds. These awards ceremonies were great for the athletes and provided added exposure for their respective sports. The athletes were most appreciative of the attention and the support at the 25th Anniversary events made them feel super special!



\*\*\*Special thanks to the LPTOA, GREAT JOB!



23rd Annual 2005 LAKE PLACID  
LOPPET



The Lake Placid Loppet was a great success again this year. With variable conditions earlier in the month the race was able to go off on its postponement date. Bob Rafferty would like to thank all the volunteers at the Verizon Sports Complex. As they all did a wonderful job at the start, on the course, the finish and at the feed stations. And a special thanks to the staff at the Verizon Sports Complex Cross Country Center for keeping the course together during such difficult weather. Congratulations to all of the racers, and hope to see everyone again next year.



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LAKE PLACID  
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We hope that you were able to attend some of the events of the 25th Anniversary of the 1980 Winter Olympics. The 80-Minute-Parties at the beach, skating, hockey, ice sculptures, sledding, rail jams and tobogganing were not to be missed. The Opening Ceremony at the Horse Show Grounds was touching and the re-lighting of the cauldron was a huge highlight. It was great to see all the Olympic athletes at the gala on Feb. 23 at the Olympic Center. For many it brought back many memories and for those that were not there it created great lasting impressions of Lake Placid. The volunteers that helped put all of this together did a wonderful job. Impact Associates, The Lake Placid / Essex County Visitors Bureau, The Town of North Elba, Village of Lake Placid, USOC Training Center, Lake Placid Central School system, the Olympic sports federations, local clubs and many more put an extraordinary effort together and made it a memorable jubilee celebration.

Finally, our sponsors – I LOVE NY, Chevrolet, Coca-Cola – were key underwriters in financing the 25th Anniversary.

**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. **Anyone who sends in a story that I publish will receive a prize.**

