



Volunteer Torch



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Up Coming Summer Events!

- ◆ **Curious George Live!** - May 28-30th
- ◆ **Figure Skating Championships** - Olympic Center - June 24-26th
- ◆ **Ice Dance Championships** - Olympic Center - August 4-7th

Contact Pat Jorgenson at 523-0036 to volunteer for skating events



What a wonderful Winter season it has been! On behalf of ORDA and the Events Department, I would like to thank all volunteers for the exceptional job in your many supporting roles. We had over 140 volunteers for the U.S. Alpine National Championships to end the year with a bang! Working mornings, days, and even some nights with volunteers during an Olympic year is something that I truly cherish. We at ORDA value the time, effort, and enthusiasm you all bring to our venues and visitors. Hats off to you for your collective desire to give back to this magnificent community. Your contributions do not go unnoticed. Gear up for another Winter season starting in October!

National Volunteer Week April 18-24th, 2010

During National Volunteer Week, April 18-24th, men, women, and young people are honored across the nation for the effort they put forth in their community. The theme is "Inspire by Example". The National Volunteer Week Committee held a ceremony at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts this past Saturday, April 24th. They honored Dennis Ryan as the winner of Volunteer of the Year. Dennis has served as the commentator for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games, is a former Chairman on the board of ROOST, and was also a member of the board of directors for the Horse Show Grounds. He has volunteered consistently for the Empire States Games, and is the founder of the J. Bernard Fell Olympic Torch Restoration Committee. "I volunteer because it's the right thing to do.", he continues "I am honored and humbled to be recognized". The Youth volunteer of the year Kelly O'Reilly was

also recognized at the LPCA for the time that she has devoted to the Uihlein nursing home. She has logged in over 200 volunteer hours. She is also president of the honor society, treasurer of the student council and an active member in the Key Club at the Lake Placid High School. Our own Heidi Roland was also recognized as a nominee for the work that she has done in the Lake Placid/ North Elba area. Each year Heidi heads the village clean up for Lake Placid. This year there were over 200 volunteers making this village a cleaner place to live. Heidi, as many of us know, also volunteers helping ORDA with all of the World Championships; athlete and coach registration, volunteer sign in, and much more. The other nominees were John Lansing and Jerry Strack. Thank you to all volunteers! You all make our events come together as a success.

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



Olympic Museum Vancouver Exhibit



Invite your friends to check out the new 2010 Vancouver Olympics Exhibit display in the 1932/1980 Olympic Museum. It is located on the first floor of the Olympic Center. Display includes Andrew Weibrecht's Men's Super G Alpine suit from his Bronze medal run, opening and closing ceremony attire from Team USA and Canada, and much more!



2010 USSA Paul Bacon Award

A word from Bill Marolt, President/CEO of United States Ski and Snowboard Association addressed to ORDA/NYSEF...

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on having been selected to receive the **2010 USSA Paul Bacon Award**. The USSA's Paul Bacon Award is given to an individual or organization for the greatest contribution to the USSA in the field of race organization. It was originated by the Bacon family and USSA Rocky Mountain Division in memory of Paul Bacon, an outstanding contributor in the field of race organizing." Mr. Marolt continues, "Few venues, world-wide, could have accomplished what this partnership of ORDA and

NYSEF produced on behalf of USSA Alpine Competitors. I know the volunteer workers were happy to see all the events get off after all their hill prep. Kudos's to Tom Johnson's leadership as he has a nose for what works best. The efforts to produce world-class events were remarkable, especially while contending with extremely adverse weather and temperatures". You should take great pride in being recognized for your passion for sport and your leadership efforts.



Now that the Winter event season is over, 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. We will most definitely need your assistance. We are unable to host these awesome events without the help of our amazing volunteers!



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 \$78.