



Volunteer Torch

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Up Coming Events!

- ◆ February 21st—Harlem Globetrotters 7pm @ Olympic Center
 - ◆ March 6th to 12th - NOKIA Snowboard FIS World Cup/2006 State Farm US Snowboard Cup @ Whiteface
 - ◆ March 17th to 19th - Snowdown Winter Music Festival @ Olympic Center & Whiteface
- **Schedule is subject to change.



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We are looking for volunteers again! ORDA realizes everyone has work, school, and other very important obligations during this time period and we truly appreciate any help you can give us during this event. The competition starts

with training on Tuesday March 7 and the first competition is on Thursday. It all concludes on Sunday March 12. Parallel Giant Slalom, Half Pipe, and Snowboardcross are the events again this year. Last winter, we had a great turn out of volunteers and we hope that everyone heard what

a great experience it was and will come out again! Please contact us as soon as possible if you are interested. If you have emailed or called us already with interests, please just send or call us with a reminder so that you aren't accidentally left off the volunteering list for the event

WHITEFACE and not able to help! **WE NEED YOU!**



A big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers and staff that made this year's Nature Valley Freestyle Cup a great event! Everyone did an excellent job at the mogul events at Whiteface and thank you for your patience at the aerials. Mother Nature isn't always agreeable up here in the Adirondacks. However, the crowd for aerials enjoyed the band, the Billionaire Boys Club, and fireworks. FYI - The NBC Broadcast of the Freestyle World Cup was last Sunday(5th) and drew an audience of 1.7 million households. Thanks for the support and help!





With the first stop of the World Cup tour right here at the Verizon Sports Complex, the Americans took full advantage of the home track. Despite snowy conditions on Thursday, November

17, athletes and volunteers, alike, were out in full force showing the true spirit of Lake Placid. Although the weather lead to a one-run men's final heat, Eric Bernatos came up big landing atop the leader board and taking home the gold medal. Zach Lund, also of the U.S., made it to the podium with a third place finish after his record-breaking first run was called unofficial due to the weather conditions.

Friday, November 18 played host to the women's skeleton and bobsled competitions. Skeleton slider Maya Pederson of Switzerland raced to the finish with a first place time of 1 minute, 53.96 seconds. Following closely in second place was Canada's Melissa Hollingsworth-Richards whose finish tied her with Pederson for first place in the overall World Cup standings. Not to be left out of the medal ceremony was USA's Katie Uhlaender with a strong third place finish.



Photo taken by Brandon Anderson

United States women bobsledders Jean Prahm and Vonetta Flowers were determined to hear their anthem on the podium as a tight race tied them for first with the German team of Sandra Kiriasis and Anja Schneiderheinze.

In men's bobsled action, the two-man German team of Andre Lange and Kevin Kuske continued to dominate the competition as they captured yet another gold medal. However, the U.S. dominated the medal stand with the teams of Mike Kohn and Alex Sprague along with Todd Hayes and Pavle Jovanovic placing second and third place, respectively.



Four-man bobsled action led to a disappointing American finish when the final run for driver Todd Hayes resulted in a crash in turn three. Capturing the gold this time was the Russian sled driven by Alexandr Zoubkov. Silver and bronze went to the Germans and the Italians, respectively.

The tremendous success of the first stop to the FIBT World Cup tour could not have been made possible without all the hard work, dedication and commitment made by the volunteers. The entire Olympic Regional Development Authority would like to thank everyone for their unwavering support.



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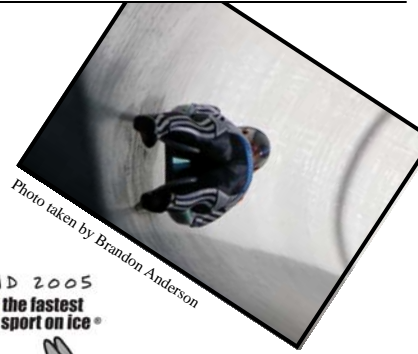


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So why volunteer in the cold and inclement weather? Well, our volunteers can all say this month watching the Olympics, that if it wasn't for us those athletes wouldn't be in Torino! All of the volunteers that helped out for World Cup Luge, the USLA Officials and Stewards did an awesome job with the long hours and cold weather! The athletes and our staff really appreciate everything that the volunteers did in December!



2005 Lamb Lumber FIS World Cup Nordic Combined "B"

We had some great weather for this year's Lamb Lumber FIS World Cup Nordic Combined "B". Our own Billy Demong of Vermontville came out on top in the 15Km Individual Gundersen. And he is now sponsored by ORDA and Lake Placid. So a big thank you goes out to the volunteers at the MacKenzie-Intervale Ski Jumping Complex and the Verizon Sports Complex. If we are sending our athletes to the Olympics, we must be doing something right.

