



# Volunteer Torch



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## Up Coming Events!

- ⇒ June 25th to 27th - **Free Skating Championships**  
@ Olympic Center
  - ⇒ July 4th or 5th - **Summer Ski Jump**  
@ Olympic Jumping Complex
  - ⇒ August 5th to 8th - **Ice Dance Championships**  
@ Olympic Center
  - ⇒ September 2nd to 5th - **ISU Jr. Grand Prix**  
@ Olympic Center
  - ⇒ October 10th & 11th - **Flaming Leaves Festival**  
@ Olympic Jumping Complex
  - ⇒ November 10th to 15th - **Skate America**  
@ Olympic Center
  - ⇒ November 16th to 22nd - **World Cup Bobsled & Skeleton** @ Olympic Sports Complex
  - ⇒ December 14th to 18th - **World Cup "B" Nordic Combined** @ Olympic Jumping Complex & Olympic Sports Complex
  - ⇒ December 14th to 20th - **America's Cup Bobsled & Skeleton** @ Olympic Sports Complex
  - ⇒ December 29th - **Master's Ski Jump**  
@ Olympic Jumping Complex
  - ⇒ December 30th - **NYSEF Ski Jump**  
@ Olympic Jumping Complex
  - ⇒ January 1st to 3rd **North American Junior Championships/World Jr. Team Trials**  
@ Olympic Jumping Complex
  - ⇒ January 4th to 7th - **Intercontinental Cup Skeleton** @ Olympic Sports Complex
  - ⇒ January 18th to 24th - **World Cup Freestyle**  
@ Whiteface & Olympic Jumping Complex
  - ⇒ February 6th - **Lake Placid Loppet**  
@ Olympic Sports Complex
- \*\*Schedule is Tentative and Subject to Change



## What did we do?

So what did our volunteers do this past year? Well we started early this fall. The U.S. Ski Jumping Championships happened over the Columbus day weekend, in conjunction with the Flaming Leaves Festival. It was an exciting event because it brought all the top ski jumpers to Lake Placid.

The BG US Challenge was a four day consumer event, much different than a typical ORDA event. It had companies from all over the country participating in all types of tasks all over the Olympic venues and Lake Placid. Then we went directly into Bobsled and Skeleton with our first of two America's Cups for the season. Figure skating was on the next calendar with the U.S. Jr. Championships - volunteers were awed by the beautiful skating! To ring in the new year, our Master's Ski Jump happened at the end of December. Volunteer braved the cold and snow as markers on the side of the hill!

World Cup Freestyle was here the weekend of Martin Luther King, Jr. at Whiteface where volunteers did hand timing, score-keeping and slipping at a brand new event, Ski Cross.

The month of February quickly approached with the most exciting World Championships in Luge, Bobsleigh and Skeleton ever! Our volunteers were at the track basically every day of the month! Directing the general public, helping on the start and finish decks, - you name it our volunteers did it! And let's not forget about the volunteers at Loppet that make it happen every year, manning feed and water stations, helping with the finish and more!

March was exciting once again with the NorAm Alpine Championships at Whiteface, with volunteers being gatekeepers, slip-pers and more. NCAA Division III Hockey was also very exciting at the Olympic Center. The bobsleighs and skeleton sleds then returned at the end of March to finish off our winter event season with the final America's Cup of their season. We sure did a lot this winter. - Thank you!

## Winter is Over!

The 2008/2009 winter event season has come to an end! We had so many awesome events! All of which could not have happen with out the help of our great volunteer program. Next years Olympic winter season will be another exciting one here in Lake Placid. As always our Olympic Village lights up with enthusiasm for any winter Olympics. The history and venues make it a unique place to live and visit. ORDA would like to thank everyone for another successful winter event season!



# National Volunteer Week Here In Lake Placid!

National Volunteer week culminated with a tree planting at Peacock Park and a beautiful reception at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts. The nominees for this year's Distinguished Volunteer of the Year were Tim Chick, Conni Cross, Michael Farrell, Barbara Horvarth, and Pat Jorgenson. The youth category nominees were Julia Appleton, Catalina Daby, and Ian McMullen.

All of them were excellent candidates and are all winners but the Distinguished Volunteer of the Year went to Conni Cross. The Youth Distinguished Volunteer went to Julia Appleton. Great examples of outstanding volunteers were everywhere. We would like to thank the committee for having, such a nice event and all the sponsors that gave so much for the reception and winners gift bags.



Craig Randall, Jim McKenna, Roby Politi



In Back Left Ted Blazer, Front Michael Farrell, Craig Randall, Conni Cross, Elizabeth Little, Barb Horvath, Roby Politi, Pat Jorgenson, Tim Chick's Wife



Craig Randall, Elizabeth Little, Julia Appleton, Robi Politi, Catalina Daby

## Skating Volunteers!

In case you didn't notice there are quite a few skating events coming to the Olympic Center over the summer and fall! We will need volunteer monitors, registration helpers, runners and more to help out with all of these events. Please contact Pat Jorgenson at 518-523-0036 if you would like to help out. email [volunteers@orda.org](mailto:volunteers@orda.org).

**\*\*Free Skating Championships\*\***

**\*\*Ice Dance Championships\*\* Jr. Grand Prix\*\***

**\*\*Skate America\*\***



### Pass it on!

Please pass this email on! 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. 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 day of skiing at Whiteface or Gore over a \$70 value.



## Thank you & Goodbye

So this is my last Volunteer Torch that I will be writing. Just in case the small town gossip hasn't gotten to you by now, I am leaving the Lake Placid area in June. My husband is graduating from Clarkson University with his degree in Civil Engineering and has gotten a great job in Virginia! A little different from the Adirondacks!

This has been a great experience, working with all the volunteers and staff here the Olympic Regional Development Authority. I will miss all of my dependable regular volunteers - you know who you all are! The volunteer program has come quite a ways since I started. Email has made these events so much easier than in years past. Volunteers are essential to this organization and community in these economic times. Please take it easy on the next coordinator, they will have a lot to learn! Keep on making our community better...VOLUNTEER!

~Marilyn Lamiman