



# Volunteer Torch



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## Up Coming Events!

- ◆ June 18th to July 1st - USA Hockey Girls Select 15-16 & 17-18 Festival @ Olympic Center
  - ◆ July 3rd - Chevy Trucks 90-Meter Summer Ski Jump @ MacKenzie-Intervale Ski Jumping Complex
  - ◆ July 7th to 9th - 48th Annual Lake Placid 2005 Summer Figure Skating Championships @ Olympic Center
  - ◆ August 2nd to 6th - Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships @ Olympic Center
  - ◆ August 27th - The 2nd Annual Lake Placid Huck & Tuck Freestyle Competition @ MacKenzie-Intervale Ski Jumping Complex
  - ◆ October 1st & 2nd - 13th Annual Oktoberfest @ Whiteface
  - ◆ October 8th & 9th - 5th Annual Flaming Leaves Festival @ MacKenzie-Intervale Ski Jumping Complex
  - ◆ October 18th to 23rd - North Atlantic Figure Skating Championships @ Olympic Center
  - ◆ November 13th to 20th - World Cup Bobsled and Skeleton @ Verizon Sports Complex
  - ◆ November 26th - Smucker's Stars on ICE @ Olympic Center
  - ◆ December TBD- World Cup Luge @ Verizon Sports Complex
  - ◆ December 19th to 23rd - World Cup "B" Nordic Combined at the MacKenzie-Intervale Ski Jumping Complex & Verizon Sports Complex
  - ◆ December 30th - New Years Masters Ski Jump @ MacKenzie-Intervale Ski Jumping Complex
  - ◆ January 13th to 15th - ISIA Figure Skating Competition @ Olympic Center
  - ◆ January 16th to 22nd - World Cup Freestyle @ Whiteface & MacKenzie-Intervale Jumping Complex
  - ◆ January 21st - 24th Annual Lake Placid Loppet @ Verizon Sports Complex X-Country Center
- February 10th to 26th - 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Torino, Italy, to volunteer visit [www.torino2006.com](http://www.torino2006.com)*
- ◆ March 6th to 12th - World Cup Snowboard @ Whiteface

\* \*Schedule is VERY tentative. Subject to change.

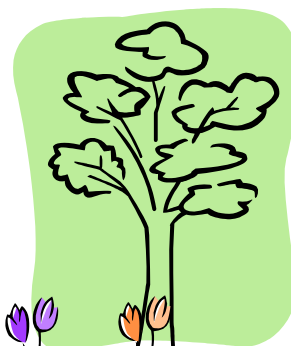
## Winter 2005/2006

The New York Olympic Regional Development Authority has released the schedule for next winter's events. Once again this year it's packed full of some great action at each one of our Olympic venues. With the Olympics quickly approaching in Torino, Italy, all of the athletes will be at the top of their games preparing, and Lake Placid is one of their final stops before going to Europe. Athletes, coaches, families, and spectators alike are looking forward to seeing these events take place in preparation for Torino.

The typical volunteering positions work in the area of customer relations. Our stewards, who are checking credentials at all of the venues, are also the information centers. This is essential for a great event - if the spectators do not know what is going on then they will not come back to watch these events again. We must always remember that having spectators cheering and making noise adds so much to the overall experience. The athletes get more excited and that reflects on the television coverage. We want to create the best possible atmosphere. In our future publications of this newsletter, we will go over some of the history of each of Olympic Venues here in Lake Placid so everyone has that knowledge to take with them out to the venues. So on that note, please be ambassadors for our events during the spring, summer, and fall. You could assist us by telling everyone how exciting they are, and that the future Olympians are right here in Lake Placid. Please entice them to see it in person!



Let's think Green! It's spring, and we are doing some cleaning here. It would be greatly appreciated if we could deliver this newsletter to you via email. Help us save a tree. So please make sure we have your email address. Plus if we have your email we are able to tell you of last moment and unforeseeable volunteering opportunities that arise. Also if you wish to not receive this newsletter please email, call, or mail us so that you can be removed. Thank you!



# Volunteers View

Writer/Volunteer: Tom Burke, Maryland

Wow! What a great experience I had as a volunteer for ORDA! The excitement of World Cup competition, while performing the typical duties of a steward, will never be forgotten!

Having already received instructions and a box lunch from the ORDA Volunteer Director, I was all set for my assignment as I traveled up the winding road to the start of the 2005 World Cup Bobsled competition at the Verizon Sports Complex on February 12. En-route, I learned more about my tasks and the scene ahead from more-seasoned steward volunteers. The steward experience was rewarding and enjoyable as we assisted various athletes, staff, and fans from all over the world. Specifically, we answered questions about the event and about access to the athletes' warm-up lounge and the reception area. While ensuring that only those with certain credentials could enter these areas, we also basked in the excitement that this exceptional event afforded!



We became quickly immersed in this diverse and cultural environment where athletes and coaches from all over the world sought to prepare for and compete in the last event of the 2005 World Cup season. For many of these participants, this was the final world-wide test in preparation for the upcoming Winter Olympic Games in Torino, Italy in February, 2006. Raucous chants of support and cheering quickly replaced the softly-spoken pre-race strategy sessions as these two-man teams pushed off at the start. Certain countries, well-seasoned in bobsledding, lead the charge in racing down the course in a minute or so. Perennial favorites Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and the U.S., strongly competed in an attempt to finish in the top three medal positions as well as to add to their season's overall World Cup rankings. However, less-experienced sledders from Jamaica and Ireland caught the attention and endearment of many as they too raced strongly.



All in all, I greatly appreciate the opportunity I had to be an ORDA volunteer and support the U.S. Bobsled Federation with its hosting of this well-organized and successful event!

## Post it!

Anyone that has the ability to post this newsletter in an office or place of business, it would be greatly appreciated. We are always looking for more Volunteers! Thank you!

The 48th Annual Lake Placid 2005 Summer Figure Skating Championships are July 7 to 9th at the Olympic Center. This event is hosted by the skating Club of Lake Placid and ORDA. The Free Skate competition engulfs many different



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events. To name a few, there will be pairs free skating for juvenile through senior and individual short programs for juvenile through senior. The skaters are awesome to watch and its always an exciting event. In the next newsletter we will have information on volunteering for the event. So please start looking at your calendars!

Attention everyone: As addresses change due to the enhanced 911 services in our region please communicate either by mail, phone or email your new contact information. Thank you!

### 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.**



Attention Volunteers! The ORDA Store is now 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 newsletter. And 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.