



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 6th to 13th - USA Hockey Junior Men's Challenge
- ◆ 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 12th to 18th - 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

- ◆ March 6th to 12th - World Cup Snowboard @ Whiteface

* *Schedule is VERY tentative. Subject to change.

Lake Placid Olympic Venues Information

Olympic Center
Dennis Allen Venue Manager

Tell me about this building? The Olympic Center contains four ice surfaces including the 1980 Rink Herb Brooks Arena, The 1932 Jack Shea Arena, Lussi Rink, and USA Rink. The rinks are used for training for competitive figure skating, hockey, short track speed-skating and conventions.

Where is the Museum? The 1932 and 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympic Museum is located just inside the box office entrance, from inside the building. It is located at the bottom of the main stairs of the 1980 Rink. It is open 10am to 5pm daily with a rich history of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympic Games.

What is the rink outside? The Sheffield Speed Skating Oval, site of speed skating events for both the 1932 and 1980 Olympic Games is located in front of Lake Placid High School. In 1980 Eric Heiden made history when he earned his legendary five Olympic Gold medals. In the winter month (December-March) the Oval is used for training and is open to the public for recreational skating.

What kind of events happen at the Olympic Center? There are all types of skating events. Concerts, competitions, hockey tournaments, and ice shows year-around. Smucker's Stars on Ice 20th Anniversary Tour is here again on November 26th at 7:30pm. The 2004 show included Sarah Hughes, Alexei Yagudin, Elena Berezhnaya & Anton Sikharulidze, Jamie Sale & David Pelletier, Ekaterina Gordeeva, Kyoko Ina & John Zimmerman. In addition to sporting events, many conferences and conventions are held in the Lussi Rink.

Are there any shows in the summertime to see and can we ice skate? There are Saturday Night Ice Shows presented by Citizens Bank at 7pm. Also a new addition to the schedule is Freaky Friday at 4:30pm. This skating competition is part of the summer skating program at the Olympic Center. Also the general public is able to skate daily on one of the inside rinks. For skating times, please check out the weekly schedule on www.orda.org.

Are there any competitions this summer? Yes, we are having the 48th Annual Lake Placid 2005 Summer Figure Skating Championships July 7th to 9th, followed by the Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships August 2-6. Both are very exciting and bring skaters from all over the country and all age categories. The USA Hockey Junior Men's Challenge finds the best young hockey players in the US, Finland and Sweden in a summer competition in the Herb Brooks Arena.

Who practices at the Arena? Many different figure skaters come for the Summer Skating Program that runs from June until the end of August. Also there are hockey camps that include the USA Girls Select 15-16 year old and 17-18 year old festivals.

What are the hours of the Olympic Center? On non-event days you may tour the facilities at your leisure.

Will we be able to see anyone practicing? Normally there is always some type of action going on at one of the four rinks.

Are there any restrooms or places to eat in the building? There is a cafeteria open daily 8am to 3pm and restrooms are plentiful through out the entire facility.

What kind of volunteers are used at the Olympic Center? Skating monitors and runners are used during most skating competitions, we are always looking for new volunteers to help at the competitions!



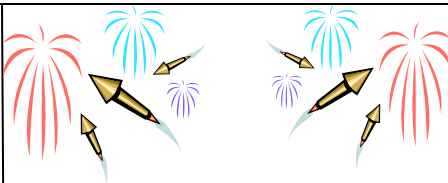
48th Annual Lake Placid 2005 Summer Figure Skating Championships!

Once again this year the Olympic Center is host to the Summer Figure Skating Championships July 7th to 9th. Skaters from



48TH ANNUAL LAKE PLACID 2005 SUMMER FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

around the country come to Lake Placid to compete. All ages and categories partake, such as individual short programs and free skate programs, compulsory moves, pairs short programs and free skating. These are all judged in the ISU (International Skating Union) judging system. The skating is beautiful and always a pleasure to see. So if you are in Lake Placid make sure you stop in. Also the skating club is always looking for volunteers to help out around the rink, so please contact us at volunteers@orda.org or 1-800-462-6236 ext 286 and leave your information so that we can put you in contact with them!



Don't forget to sign up to be a marker for the Chevrolet 90M Summer Ski Jump to be held July 3rd! Please contact Peter and Heidi Roland at hproland@northnet.org to volunteer. Be a part of the action, and have the closest viewing in the entire jumping complex! July 3rd!

Mountain Biking returns to Whiteface and Verizon Sports Complex Lake Placid venues ready to open for the season

ORDA and High Peaks Cyclery in Lake Placid are once again partnering to present the sport of mountain biking at Whiteface in Wilmington and the Verizon Sports Complex in Lake Placid.

Activity at Whiteface begins Friday June 24, with mountain biking from 9 AM to 4 PM Friday to Monday through Oct. 10. Opening day at the Verizon Sports Complex is set for Saturday, June 25. The seven-day-a-week operation runs from 10 AM to 5 PM daily through Sept. 5, and weekends from Sept. 9-Oct.9.

"It's exciting to offer the most vertical drop in the east," said Downhill Mike Scheur, Whiteface Director of the Mountain Bike Park. "It gives one the sense of the depth and breadth of the Whiteface experience." The descent from the top of Little Whiteface is nearly 2,500 feet.

At Whiteface, riders will find an improved trail network, a new shuttle bus to the mid-station, gondola service to the summit of Little Whiteface, a new skills course with 10 stations on Mixing Bowl and clinics. Riders will also find single tracks between some of the ski trails used for the 1980 Winter Games. Adding to the ambiance, bikers can also expect cameo appearances from the four-legged "residents" who comprise the mountain's natural habitat.

Mountain biking is an idyllic experience over 30 miles of cross country ski trails at the Verizon Sports Complex on Rt. 73 outside Lake Placid.

Discover Cross Country Riding (daily), Kid's Group Riding (Saturday and Sunday) and Fun, Not Fear (one and two day sessions) clinics and lessons are among the offerings, with special Wednesday evening mountain bike races and trail runs slated for July 13 and Aug. 17 at 6 PM.

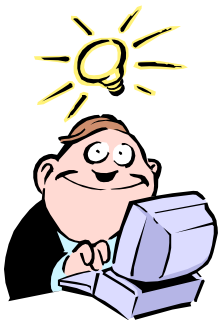
To dial into the mountain biking scene at both locations, please log on to www.highpeaksma.com. Downhill Mike would be happy to engage you in cyber-chat. Just email him at downhillmike@highpeaksma.com.

It takes a Village to put on our Olympic caliber events here in Lake Placid. Understanding that the Normal Temperatures here are not always tropical. Each & Every volunteer is always out there with a smile and Representing our area and the love of all the winter Sports.



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.**



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