



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 - Chevrolet 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

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

* Schedule is VERY tentative. Subject to change.



Lake Placid Olympic Venues Information



The MacKenzie Intervale Ski Jumping Complex Dan Warner Venue Manager

How tall is that jump? There are four jumps at the facility. The smallest is 18 meters; next is 48 meters; then 90 meters; and the tallest with an elevator is the 120 meter which is 26 stories tall. There are also aerial kickers/ramps at the pool that begin with a skimmer ramp followed by single, double and triple kickers/ramps.

How do they ski jump in the summertime?

The jumpers take off as normal from the top of the in-run which is lined with porcelain. The landing hill is a green plastic matting that looks like grass. Water lubricates the porcelain and the landing hill. This makes it no different than jumping in the winter. At the Kodak Sports Park the crew uses plastic lined ramps and an aeration system in the water that cushions the landing.

Why do they use the pool? So that athletes such as aerialist, free skiers, and snowboarders can train all year-round at their sport, the pool makes it so it is safe and easy! You will see bubbles in the pool to make it a softer landing too!



Why are there trampolines? Even before they use the water ramps/kickers, the athletes need to practice what they are doing so they don't hurt themselves.

How do I get to the top of the ski jump? Take the lift from the landing hill to the take-off point. There are several viewing areas from there. Proceed to the elevator and enjoy the 26-story ascent to the top observation deck on the 120 meter tower. The view is unbelievable.

Where is the best location to watch? The bottom is exciting in the bleachers because you can see from take-off to finish. Also, there is a viewing stand at the bottom of the jump to see how these jumpers soar into the air. Both locations are full of action!

Where are the restrooms? They are located in the lodge where the cafeteria is located. So please take a stop there before visiting the top, because there are no facilities up in the tower. Restrooms are also located in the administration building adjacent to the take-off point.

When did they build this and was there a jump here before?

The first jump built here was in 1920 and was 35 meters. It was then rebuilt in 1923 into a 50 meter hill. In 1927&1928 the jump was rebuilt again for the 1932 Olympics to a 60 meter hill. The current 90 meter and 120 meter were built prior to the 1980 Olympics and have been updated and kept current since.

Can I get anything to eat or drink? Of course, there is a cafeteria in the main lodge that has a variety of foods and drinks, served by ORDA's concessionaire, Centerplate.

Who practices here? There are athletes from all over the world and some from just around the corner. Some are Olympians and some training to be in the next Olympics including, aerialist, mogul skiers, free skiers, snowboarders, and nordic jumpers. All ages and ranges of abilities are here. There are ongoing camps at the facilities all summer long.

What kind of events take place here? In the summer there are the Wet n Wild Wednesdays and Soaring Sundays, both sponsored by Kodak. These include our athletes that are practicing at the facilities. Also the nordic jumping athletes partake in the Summer Ski Jump, presented by Chevrolet, on July 3rd at 6 PM.



What types of volunteers are needed at the ski jumps? During event days, such as the Chevrolet 90M Summer Ski Jump in July, we look for markers to denote where the jumpers land. Also during World Cups we look for stewards to assist with crowds.

Message from the President!

Volunteers of the 2004-2005 season

As May graces our beautiful region, I would like to pass along my thanks and appreciation for your continued volunteer support of athletic, cultural and entertainment events that come to Lake Placid. We again had a busy year, and one that we all can be proud of.

Each of you are to be commended for your tremendous efforts. Without your valued knowledge and willingness to give of your time to help in the administration of our activities, we would not be able to invite the region, state, nation and world to come to Lake Placid. We are truly blessed. In terms of the athletes point of view, if it were not for your unselfish volunteerism, these young people would not be afforded the opportunity to compete. For many of these athletes, coming to Lake Placid holds a very high place as a venue at which to compete. Our Olympic legacy is upheld by your assistance and I thank you.

I hope you all enjoy the warm weather that is headed in our direction. I look forward to seeing you this summer as we again begin another year of event organization and administration.



Sincerely
Ted Blazer
President/CEO
ORDA



This summer once again brings jumpers from all over the country to the Chevrolet 90M Summer Ski Jump on July 3rd. Jumpers will be flying high off of the 90 meter hill and if you are interested in being a volunteer please contact the volunteer coordinators for this event Heidi and Peter Roland at hproland@northnet.org. It is always an exciting event and a great way to start volunteering.

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!

ORDA'S Sizzling Summer!

The Olympic Regional Development Authority has activities happening all year around. This summer the venues have many different programs going on, something for every day of the week.

At the MacKenzie-Intervale Ski Jumping Complex, Try it **Tuesday** features a Tuesday pool jam, learn to luge, learn to ski jump and trampoline from 4pm to 6pm. The Kodak Sports Park at the MacKenzie-Intervale Ski Jumping Complex has ath-

letes flying from the three ramps. Aerial skiers, free skiers, boarders and many more athletes practice their winter sports year-round at this facility. On **Wednesdays** things get Wet 'n Wild as they put on a show just for spectators starting at 1pm. Get there early as the bleachers fill up fast, its exciting, prizes are given away and future Olympians are participating, lead by 2002 Olympic champion Alisa Camplin of Australia. (July 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for juniors and seniors)



Stop by the 1932 Arena in the Olympic Center each **Friday** at 4:30 for the Freaky Friday Skating Competition. It is judged by a panel of local celebrities, none of who have any skating experience, and it is based on entertainment value. You'll see skaters of all ages competing and wearing the most outrageous costumes and moving to entertaining tunes! (It's free!)

Saturdays are another busy day. Spend it outside in the sun watching athletes competing in Kodak Soaring Saturdays vying for King of the Hill honors at the Ski Jumps. Athletes ski jump the 90 meter hill, what a sight to see July 9, 16, 23 & 30, August 6, 13 & 20. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for juniors and seniors. The Saturday Night Ice Shows, presented by Citizens Bank, returns for the 73rd year and is slated for June 18, 25, July 2, 16, 23, 30, Aug. 13, 27.



With all of these special events going on there are normal operations at all venues each day of the week. All of these sports sites are open daily with sights to be scene and plenty of action going on. The Whiteface Mountain Veterans Memorial highway, for instance, is open everyday. The Cloudsplitter Gondola will open for the summer season next month. Lastly there are day camps running **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday** 9am to 3pm, allowing you to try some of the very sports the athletes are training for in Lake Placid. Think those bobsleds look really easy to push or do you want to try your hand at luge, or maybe the biathlon shooting range is more your style? If so, the Gold Medal Adventure Day Camp is a great way to be a part of the action and fun! For more information on all the activities going on at ORDA venues go to www.orda.org.



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.**