



Volunteer Torch



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Summer Happenings!

(Weekly events in Lake Placid at the Olympic Venues)

Wet'n Wild Wednesdays

*At the MacKenzie Intervale Olympic Ski Jumping Complex @1pm
July 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, August 6th, 13th, 20th*

Freestylers launch into the air, do a trick and splash into the pool. At the freestyle pool during Wet and Wild Wednesday, you'll witness aerialists sliding down a ramp on skis and then launching up to 60 feet in the air. This enables them to execute various spinning and twisting tricks. The 750,000 gallon pool is aerated with bubbles to cushion the landing. Athletic achievement is but one aspect of the exhibition. Wednesdays, the music rocks with Official Radio Station Y-106.3, the swag is fly, and the atmosphere is very cool.

Freaky Fridays

At the Olympic Center in the 1932 Area @ 4:30pm

June 20th, July 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, August 8th, 15th, & 22nd

Skaters showcase original routines and creativity during these fun shows. Freaky Friday is an entertainment based competition where skaters get to show off their creativity and style. A panel of local celebrity judges will evaluate skaters not on jumps and spins, but rather on creativity and enjoyment. This is a great chance for the skaters to let loose, get out in front of an audience and show off how fun skating is.

Each skater receives a participation gift and the winner each week receives a special prize pack. The final Freaky Friday consists of the winners from the previous weeks, plus a wild card. They will be competing for a \$1000 savings bond.

Soaring Saturdays

At the MacKenzie Intervale Olympic Ski Jumping Complex @1pm June 21st, July 12th, 19th, 26th, August 2nd, 9th, 16th.

Nordic jumpers fly from the 90M, going for longest jump of the day. Soaring Saturday features the top eastern jumpers sailing from the 90-meter ski jump tower in a king-of-the-hill format. These athletes, aspiring to secure future spots on the United States National Team, make use of Lake Placid's artificial jumping surfaces to emulate winter speeds and distances. Soaring Saturday features the top eastern jumpers sailing from the 90-meter ski jump tower in a king-of-the-hill format. It's a summer activity dating back over 20 years.

Citizen's Bank Saturday Night Ice Shows

*At the Olympic Center at 7:30pm June 21st, July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th,
August 9th, 16th, 23rd*

Skaters in the Summer Skating program perform with special guests. Perhaps the most famous Lake Placid Figure Skating tradition, the Saturday Night Ice Show dates back to the summer of 1932 and the legendary Gus Lussi. During their stay in Lake Placid, skaters have the opportunity to perform a solo program under the spotlights in the 1932 Rink – Jack Shea Arena for an audience of tourists, local community members, other skaters and parents. In addition, we invite special nationally and internationally ranked guest skaters each week to skate with our own skaters. Skaters training here for the week also have the opportunity to participate in group numbers to be performed during the show. Skating in the Saturday Night Ice Shows is a privilege. Its summer tradition dating back over 75 years!

Winter 07-08

Volunteers were Great!

One of the busiest winters since 2000 has come to an end.

We had awesome events, ISU Jr. Grand Prix, Flaming Leaves Ski Jump, World Cup Luge, World Cup Bobsled, World Cup Skeleton, New Years Ski Jump, World Cup Freestyle, Inter-Continental Cup Skeleton, Junior Luge World Championships, Loppet, World Cup Snowboard, Nor-Am Alpine Championships, Div. III Men's Hockey, America's Cup Bobsled & Skeleton, and Adult Figure Skating Championships. These events went very well and we had a great time hosting them.

The Athletes are very thankful for all of the volunteers and everything they do. Multiple times through out the year I had athletes and coaches mention their appreciation towards all the help our volunteers provide. So what's on the agenda for this year... PLENTY!!! So get ready for winter 08-09, it should be a great one, athletes are all vying for their World Cup points so that they can qualify for the OLYMPICS. Yes I said it, its not that far off for all of these world class athletes, we get to host at our venues. Vancouver, Canada may be far away in distance from Lake Placid, NY, but Lake Placid makes Vancouver a big step closer for these athletes! So check out the tentative schedule of events on the 2nd page and see what impressive events are coming to our little town of Lake Placid, where our volunteers make events happen!

2008 90m Summer Ski Jump

The first volunteering opportunity at the ski jumps this summer is for the 90 Meter Summer Ski Jump on July 5th. To volunteer please contact our volunteer coordinator Lee-Ann Freire at lfreire@orda.org. She is looking for help on the hill marking and other various spots... Worried you won't know what to do? There will be on hill training. The Summer Ski Jump also has an added bonus, a BBQ for all that volunteer after the event! So after they jump you will be able to feast on the hot dogs and hamburgers provided by Centerplate!





Up Coming Events!

- ⇒ June 26th-28th: **51st Annual Lake Placid Summer Figure Skating Championships** @ Olympic Center
- ⇒ July 5th: **Summer Ski Jump** @ Olympic Jumping Complex
- ⇒ July 30th-August 2nd: **Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships** @ Olympic Center
- ⇒ August 23rd: **5th Annual Huck and Tuck Freestyle Competition** @ Olympic Jumping Complex
- ⇒ November 2nd-9th: **Men's & Women's Four Nations Hockey Tournaments** @ Olympic Center
- ⇒ November 17th-23rd: **America's Cup Bobsled & Skeleton** @ Olympic Sports Complex
- ⇒ November 29th: **Stars on Ice** @ Olympic Center 8pm
- ⇒ December 8th-13th: **2009 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships** @ Olympic Center
- ⇒ December 30th: **New Years Ski Jump** @ Olympic Jumping Complex
- ⇒ January 12th-18th: **World Cup Freestyle** @ Whiteface & Olympic Jumping Complex
- ⇒ February 1st-8th: **FIL Luge World Championships** @ Olympic Sports Complex
- ⇒ February 11th-15th: **Disney on Ice** @ Olympic Center
- ⇒ February 16th-March 1st: **FIBT Bobsled & Skeleton World Championships** @ Olympic Sports Complex
- ⇒ March 9th-15th: **Nor Am Alpine Championships** @ Whiteface
- ⇒ March 30th-April 4th: **America's Cup Bobsled & Skeleton** @ Olympic Sports Complex

Schedule is tentative and subject change

Keep your schedule open October 15th to the 18th a new event is in the works check out www.challengerworld.com, we are going to be looking for a lot of great volunteers!




LAKE PLACID 2008 SUMMER FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 51st Annual Lake Placid Summer Figure Skating Championships is June 26th to 28th. Awesome skaters from across the country will participate in this competition. As usual the Skating Club of Lake Placid is in charge of filling all the vital volunteering spots. However they would love some extra volunteering help! They are looking for help in registration, running and ice monitoring. Please contact Linda Sausa at linda_s@adelphia.net. She will get back you as soon as she knows her volunteering needs.

National Volunteer Week!

This years National Volunteer Week was from April 27th to May 3rd. The week was commemorated with the awarding of our volunteer of the year! Volunteers were nominated from all backgrounds and all different volunteering organizations. And new this year was a youth volunteer of the year. The festivities included a tree planting in Peacock Park in commemoration of all the hard work our volunteers in the area do! After the tree planting there was a beautiful reception at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts, that had great food and beverages provided by area restaurants, where the presentation of the volunteer of the year was given. This years winner was Vincent Forrest, and the youth winner was Scott Pedu. Both are excellent examples of what volunteering is all about.



Nominees for Volunteer of the year: Vincent Forrest, Steve Preston, Peggy Moore, Scott Pedu, Bill Billerman
Not pictured Bob Hanna and youth nominee Mary Kate Graham