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2010 SAINT PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL: 11 Days of Cold Weather Heaven, And Then Some.....

Saint Paul, Minn. (November 16, 2009) --- The 124th Saint Paul Winter Carnival kicks off in less than three months. The “Coolest Celebration on Earth™” will take place January 21 – 31, 2010 at locations all around downtown Saint Paul and surrounding areas.

However, before the official festivities can kick-off, a few customary events must be held, such as*:

- The Saint Paul Winter Carnival Button Bash will take place on Saturday, December 5 at 10:30 a.m. Salut Bar American (917 Grand Ave., Saint Paul). This event is the official unveiling of the 2010 Winter Carnival Button Collection and will be attended by key members of the Royal Family, Vulcan Krewe, Klondike Kates and other dignitaries.
- The Klondike Kates Christmas Cabaret will be held later that evening (Dec. 5). This is an annual, ticketed event to start at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn East on I-94 (2201 Burns Ave.)
- The Klondike Kates Contest will be held on January 6. This year's Kate is sure to be a '10! Come and see her selected at the Prom Center in Oakdale (484 Inwood Ave N.) beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is a ticketed event.
- The lecture, “The Hunt is On: Winter Carnival Treasure Hunt History and Tips,” will be led by librarian James Moriarity at the Saint Paul Public Library on January 17 from 2 – 3 p.m.

All events are free, open to the public and held in the City of Saint Paul, unless otherwise noted.

Highlights of this year's 11-day Saint Paul Winter Carnival will include:

Thursday, January 21

- Ice Carving – Multi Block Competition begins in Rice Park (Multi-block) Thursday, January 21 at 9 a.m. and ending at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 23. Viewing will be possible through January 31 (weather permitting). The Single Block Ice Carving Competition starts Sunday, January 24 at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., viewing through January 31.
- Royal Coronation and Reception, Saint Paul RiverCentre, beginning at 6 p.m. The Social and Dinner are a ticketed affair, while the Coronation and Reception are open to the public (space permitting).

Friday, January 22

- Snow Sculpture Competition begins at the State Fairgrounds on January 21 at 9 a.m. and ending at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 23. Viewing through January 31.
- Senior Royalty Coronation at the Wellstone Center, 3 p.m.
- **NEW: Moon Glow Pedestrian Parade** – the Public Kick-Off to the 11 Days of Carnival. Join neighbors, business and consulates as they wander up John Ireland Boulevard from the James J. Hill House to State Capitol with luminaries where they will be greeted with tethered hot air balloons. The walk begins at 5:30 p.m.
- Klondike Kate Cabaret, Hilton Garden – St. Paul (411 N. Minnesota St.), 7:30 p.m. (ticketed event)

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Saturday, January 23

- **NEW: Hot Air Balloon lift offs** will take place a half-hour prior to sunrise and sunset. Check out www.winter-carnival.com for lift off location.
- Securian Frozen 5K and Half Marathon, Downtown Saint Paul at 7:30 a.m., 6th & Jackson
- Vulcan Coming Out Party, 10 a.m. place State Fair Grounds – Snow Sculptures
- Sleigh & Cutter Festival, 11 a.m. at Phalen Golf Course. View some of the most ornate and antique Sleighs from the Midwest.
- “Bear-ly” Open Golf Tournament, 11 a.m. on White Bear Lake
- **NEW: Rugby and LaCrosse Exhibition** on McMurray Fields beginning at 11 a.m.
- The King Boreas Grande Day Parade, Downtown Saint Paul starting at 5th & Wacouta and beginning at 2 p.m.
- **NEW: Saint Paul Winter Carnival Beer Dabber**, 3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in Mears Park. There will be 40 different beers for you to sample at this inaugural event. Embrace the winter and enjoy a cold one outside. This is a ticketed, outdoor event for those 21 years and older.

Sunday, January 24

- Hot Time in the Park with the Vulcans, noon – 2 p.m. in the State Fairgrounds (near Snow Sculptures)
- **NEW: Saint Paul Winter Carnival Kids’ Day and Parade**, 2 – 4 p.m. in Rice Park and Landmark Center Cortile Fun Activities for Kids. Have your child decorate their sled and join the parade around Rice Park.

Friday, January 29

- Saint Paul Bouncing Team tryouts, 5 – 8 p.m. in Landmark Center

Saturday, January 30

- Hot Time in the Park with the Vulcans, 11 a.m. at the State Fairgrounds featuring fire truck rides, snow maze, and more
- **NEW: Minnesota Kite Association Frosty Fingers Fly** at Lake Phalen, starting at 11 a.m.
- **NEW: “History on Ice: Winter Carnival Ice Palaces,”** a lecture by historian Bob Olson, at the Landmark Center, Room 430, at 2 p.m.
- **NEW: Saint Paul Winter Carnival Has Talent Finals**, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Time TBD
- Vulcan Victory Torchlight Parade, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at 5th & Wacouta in downtown Saint Paul
- Overthrow of Boreas, see the Vulcans overtake the Royal Family on the steps of the Saint Paul Public Library off Rice Park immediately following the parade
- **NEW: Carnival Fireworks** off the banks of the Mississippi right after the overthrow
- Vulcan Victory Dance, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (11 E. Kellogg Ave., ticketed event)
- **NEW: Saint Paul Winter Carnival Ice Fishing Contest**, beginning at noon on White Bear Lake.

Multi-day events, in addition to the Ice Carving Contests and Snow Sculpture Competition, will include:

- December 2, 2009 – February 12, 2010: Historical Society Celebrates Winter Carnival, Ramsey County Historical Society (Landmark Center) showcase of Winter Carnival costumes, buttons, photos, programs and more.
- January 4 – 30: **NEW:** Inaugural Saint Paul Winter Carnival Juried Art Show at the Black Dog Café (308 E. Prince St. in Lowertown Saint Paul). Artists are being asked to envision the Winter Carnival and all of its fun and frivolity from royalty to parades to ice carvings. Opening reception to be held on January 8 at 6 p.m. A closing reception will be on January 29 at 6 p.m.
- January 8 & 9, 15 & 16: **NEW: Saint Paul Winter Carnival Has Talent Preliminaries,**
- January 16 & 17: Snow block building for the Snow Sculpture Competition, State Fairgrounds
- January 16 – 31: Winter Carnival Memorabilia Display presented by the Ramsey County Historical Society and the Saint Paul Public Library.
- January 21 – 31: Public Ice Skating at the Landmark Ice Rink, 5th & Washington, Ice Rink Sponsored by Wells Fargo.
- January 21 – 31: The Great Winter Carnival Scavenger Hunt. Search for clues at the Central Library and Ramsey County Historical Society and win prizes.
- January 25 - 28: 3M St. Paul Education Day, Science Museum, school activity
- January 22 – 29: **NEW: Broomball Challenges** - Corporate Broomball Challenge begins at noon each day and the Happy Hour Broomball Challenge starts daily at 5 p.m., both at Landmark Ice Rink. Watch your favorite team compete for the Saint Paul Winter Carnival Cup.
- January 22 – 30: Saint Paul Elementary Art Display, A-Z Gallery in Lowertown (308 E Prince St.)
- January 22 – 24: Mixed Curling Bonspiel, Saint Paul Curling Club (470 Selby Ave.)
- January 30 - 31: Fire and Ice Sailboat Racing Phalen Lake, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days
- January 22 – 24: Fire & Ice Boys Hockey – Pee Wee Tournament, Fairgrounds Coliseum
- January 23 & 24: Sainly City Cat Show, Saint Paul RiverCentre
- January 23 & 24: Gotta Go Gotta Throw disc golf tournament, Como Park
- January 23 & 24: Orchid Show at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory (1225 Estabrook Dr.)
- January 23 & 24: An autonomous bus presented by the Institute of Navigation, U of M. By Rice Park on 5th Street,
- January 23 & 30: **NEW: Memorial Blood Drive** in Rice Park, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day
- January 29 & 30: Family Days presented by Travelers in Landmark Center and in Rice Park, a variety of fun entertainment for the whole family, including a Giant Sabre Tooth Tiger Slide. Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- January 29 & 30: Winter Carnival Memorabilia Display and Sale, Landmark Center Cortile Friday, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- January 29 – 31: Fire & Ice Girls Hockey Tournament, Fairgrounds Coliseum
- January 30 & 31: Family Day Green Events at Lake Phalen from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days Minnesota Kite Association will fly the largest kites in the State on Lake Phalen in addition to great events for the whole family.

The Saint Paul Heritage and Festival Foundation manages and produces the Saint Paul Winter Carnival. Since 1886, the “Coolest Celebration on Earth™” continues to bring family-friendly events and community pride to Saint Paul and the Twin Cities metro area.

For detailed event information, please visit www.winter-carnival.com.

* Schedule subject to change. Please check www.winter-carnival.com for the most up-to-date information.