



The Coolest Celebration on Earth™

Calendar Release

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2008 SAINT PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL

Mark Your Calendars for the “Coolest Celebration on Earth™”

Saint Paul, Minn. (January 22, 2007) --- The 122nd Saint Paul Winter Carnival will take place January 23 – February 3, 2008. By popular demand, the majority of events will return to Downtown Saint Paul and will take place in and around Landmark Center and Rice Park. Highlights of the 2008 Saint Paul Winter Carnival include*:

Pioneer Press Treasure Hunt for the Medallion sponsored by Cub Foods
Clues start Sunday, January 20 in the *Pioneer Press* and on www.twincities.com

Ice Carving Competition sponsored by NECA, IBEW Local 110, WCCO Radio, Wal-Mart and local citizens

- Thursday, January 24 through Sunday, February 3 in Rice Park, Downtown Saint Paul
- Multi-block Ice Carving Competition – Thursday, January 24 through Sunday, January 26
- Individual Ice Carving Competition – Sunday, January 27

Snow Sculpture Competition sponsored by the Winter Carnival Vulcans

- Minnesota State Competition to be held Friday, January 25 through Sunday, January 27 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds (near Cooper and Randall)

TDS Metrocom Hotdish Tent with support from WCCO Radio
Wednesday, January 23 through Sunday, February 3 on Washington Street off Rice Park

Exhibits in Landmark Center: Minnesota Sesquicentennial, Ice Castles, World Figure Skating Museum and Hall of Fame, and more...

Wednesday, January 23 through Saturday, February 2 in the Landmark Center

Winter Carnival Memorabilia Exhibit

Wednesday, January 23 through Saturday, February 2 in the Landmark Center, Room #326
Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday

Royal Coronation and Welcome Reception sponsored by Xcel Energy

Thursday, January 24

- Royal Coronation - Reception at 5 p.m. with program at 8 p.m. in RiverCentre's Ballroom
- Welcome Reception - Landmark Center – Immediately following the Royal Coronation

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GottaThrowGottaGo – Winter Carnival Disc Sports Festival

Saturday, January 26 and Sunday, January 27 with Tee Times between 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Como Park and McMurray Field

Securian Frozen 5K and Half Marathon

Saturday, January 26 - 9 a.m. start time. Race route winds throughout downtown Saint Paul.

King Boreas Grande Day Parade sponsored by Wal-Mart

Saturday, January 26 beginning at 1 p.m. Route travels throughout downtown Saint Paul.

Kids' Activities sponsored by Wells Fargo and Ecolab

Arts, crafts, games, entertainment and more primarily for kids ages six and up.

Saturday, January 26; Sunday, January 27; and Saturday, February 2 in the Landmark Cortile

Winter of Fitness sponsored by KARE 11

Each Sunday of the Winter Carnival at Como Park Ski Hill

Weather Station and Science Lab sponsored by Travelers

An in-school program in partnership with the Science Museum of Minnesota and KARE 11

Wednesday, January 23 through Saturday, February 2 in the Landmark Center Cortile

Showcase Saint Paul Noon Hour Educational Program sponsored by 3M

Monday, January 28 through Wednesday, January 30 at noon in the Landmark Center Cortile

Senior Royalty Coronation

Thursday, January 31 at 1:30 p.m. in the Landmark Center Cortile

American Lung Association – Race UP the Place

Saturday February 2 - 8 a.m. start time - at Wells Fargo Place (30 E. 7th Street, Saint Paul)

For information, please visit www.raceuptheplace.com

Torchlight Parade

Saturday, February 2 – parade begins at 6 p.m. throughout Downtown Saint Paul.

Figure Skating Exhibitions – Wells Fargo WinterSkate Rink, 5th & Market

January 23, 24, 25 and February 1 and 2: exhibitions will be held 5 – 5:30 p.m.

January 26: 11:30 a.m. – noon

January 27: U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate – FREE lessons from 9 – 11 a.m. on the half-hour

2008 Winter Carnival Buttons are now on sale, \$5 for one and \$18 for the collector's four-pack. Buttons are available at Cub Foods, Snyders, Super America, area Wal-Mart stores and other local retailers.

Since 1886, the Saint Paul Winter Carnival continues to bring family-friendly events and community pride to Saint Paul and the Twin Cities metro area. "The Coolest Celebration on Earth" is managed by the Saint Paul Heritage and Festival Foundation.

The 122nd Winter Carnival will take place January 23 – February 3, 2008 and will include collaboration with the 2008 U.S. Figure Skating Championships taking place January 20-27 at Xcel Energy Center. For more information, please visit www.winter-carnival.com.

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* Schedule subject to change and revisions. For the most up-to-date information, please visit www.winter-carnival.com.