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**Snow Sculpting Competition**  
**February 4, 2012 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**City of Lakes Loppet Snow Sculpture Rules:**

**Block size: 4'-0" x 4'-0" x 8'-0" (tall)**

**A. Rules:**

1. The competition begins at 8:00 a.m. Teams may begin sculpting anytime after 8:00 a.m. but must be finished at 1:00 p.m.
2. Each team may have up to 4 sculptors, (3 members are recommended with limited space allotment), but all members must be on the original registration. No team members may be substituted during the competition due to injury or illness.
3. Block quantities are limited and only one team is allowed to carve one block.
4. Block selection will be determined by random drawing at pre-event meeting (see below)
5. All sculpting to be performed using hand tools. No power (gas, electric or battery operated) tools allowed.
6. Only snow and water may be used in the sculpture. No coloration, non-snow decorations, artificial props or reinforcements can be used in the final design, internal or external.
7. Teams are responsible to provide their own tools, including ladders and shovels.
8. Tools may be shared among teams.
9. All tools used are at the risk of the user. Each team assumes full liability and risk for their use of their tools.
10. Shading devices may be used if weather is detrimental, but must be removed prior to end of competition and prior to judging. Shading devices may not interfere with adjacent blocks and teams.
11. Water may be used to reinforce the snow but all water to be provided by the team.
12. Use of chemical freezing agents (Freon, dry ice etc.) are not allowed
13. Blocks must be carved on all sides including the top. The front orientation of the sculpture will be dependent of the block drawn and will be relayed to the team captain at the pre-event meeting.
14. Sculptures may not express political views, bigotry or contain sexual content.
15. The block does not need to remain vertical, but the overall footprint allowed for the sculpture may not exceed 2 feet on all sides of the block, therefore limiting the sculpture to an area 8 feet by 8 feet.
16. Teams are responsible for knowledge of the rules. Disqualification of the sculpture and team will be the result of any member(s) of the team choosing not to follow them.

**B. Judging:**

1. Judging will be conducted by the Uptown Association
2. Judging will begin at 1:15 p.m. and be completed by 1:45 p.m.
3. Judging will be based on the following criteria: originality, creativity, aesthetic appeal, quality of workmanship and interest from all sides.
4. Points will be totaled and the award ceremony will be held at or adjacent to the sculpting site, immediately following the judging. Final location has yet to be determined, update will follow.
5. Winning teams may be required to return on Sunday Feb 5 for formal award ceremony. (Still being discussed)

Prizes as follows:	First Place	\$500.00
	Second Place	\$200.00
	Third Place	\$100.00

**C. Recommended Tools:**

1. 6 foot step ladder.
2. Grain shovel
3. Small gardening tools
4. Hand chisels, kitchen utensils, masons tools and trowels
5. Putty knives, wallpapering tools, drywall saw and sanding tools
6. 2 each 5 gallon pails
7. Replacement gloves and chemical hand warmers for cold mornings.

**\*\*\* Pre-select design of sculpture. Spend some time with your team planning and determining how to proceed. 5 hours may seem like a long time, but will go extremely fast. Test different tools at home to determine value and finish abilities.**

**Be safe and have a great time.**

Note: The sponsors of the event bear no responsibility for property or personal loss, damage, or injury suffered in connection with participation in the snow sculpting contest.