

WINTERFEST 2024



FREE ICE SKATING ALL WEEKEND (JANUARY 26-28)

Glide into winter enjoyment! Bundle up and come ice skate at the Downtown La Porte Ice Rink, located at Monroe and State streets. Skate time is FREE by entering the discount code WINTERFEST during checkout. Skate rental available for \$3. A signed waiver is required. Reserve your spot at www.laporteparkandrec.com.

FRIDAY - JANUARY 26

WINTER CRAFT FOR OLDER ADULTS - FREE 9-11 a.m. at ACOA (910 Lincolnway)

Join staff from La Porte County Library and our Activity Center for Older Adults for a blustery, winter craft! Participants will create an upcycled-paper snowflake using book pages.

ICE SCULPTURING DEMONSTRATIONS - FREE 4 p.m. at Plaza 618

Cool as ice! Our downtown will transform into a frozen art gallery at Plaza 618. Get the weekend started by checking out the creative designs while visiting the many local shops and eateries. Sponsored by: NIPSCO and City's Pure Ice

SATURDAY - JANUARY 27

PINE ICE DERBY - ICE FISHING 6 a.m.-2 p.m. on Pine Lake

Haul in that big fish or just recall the one that got away! Put on your thermal underwear, cast those lines, compete for prizes and share your stories at The Blue Heron Inn, after the derby. Sunday Sons Band starts at 3 p.m. ice or no ice. Derby fee \$60 per person. Benefits DeCamp's Band of Brother's.

SNOWBALL SOFTBALL COED TOURNAMENT 9 a.m. at Lions Field

Dashing through the snow, turning double plays! Get your team together for our version of the "hot stove" league. Double-elimination tournament; limited to the first eight teams to register. Pre-registration required. Team entry fee \$185. Deadline to enter is Friday, January 19. Forms available on our website.

BASIC SEWING CLASS 9 a.m.-Noon at Steady Stitchers Studio (1640 First Street)

Stay warm with this fun activity! Learn to make your own scarf, hat or hooded scarf. All sewing levels welcome. Cost of the project is just \$5. Instruction provided by the Steady Stitchers.

JIU JITSU FOR KIDS (Ages 3 and up) - FREE 1-2 p.m. at Civic Auditorium (Lower Level)

Is your child looking to try something new? Come and join certified instructor Vermilyer as he introduces Jiu Jitsu. This one-time class is a great way to introduce your child to the martial art. Jiu Jitsu is a great form of exercise and considered to be the best arts for self-defense. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Wavier required.

FROSTY'S FROZEN BIKE RIDE - FREE 1-3 p.m. at Cummings Lodge

Feeling the winter blahs? Riding a bike in the winter will help beat back those blues. The event starts at noon with registration while the pedaling takes off at 1 p.m. Participants will take a leisurely one-hour ride and return to Cummings Lodge for some snacks and hot chocolate.

EXPLORING THE EXCHANGE - FREE 9-5 p.m. at LPCPL Exchange (807 Indiana Avenue)

Check out all this incredible facility has to offer, with projects using the multiple crafting avenues available, such as creating on the 3-D printer or using the Cricut®. The LPCPL staff will be on hand to instruct.

Family Fun at Red Mill County Park

Saturday, January 27 - Provided by La Porte County Parks - FREE

Noon-2 p.m. - Cookies and Crafts: Learn about the science of snowflakes

2-3 p.m. - Game Time: Artic Animal Survival

3-4 p.m. - Snowshoeing: Snowshoes available to check out for free (led by naturalist)

4-5 p.m. - Night Hike (flashlights provided)

5-6:30 p.m. - Campfire: Story telling and s'mores



SUNDAY - JANUARY 28

WINTER KIDS CRAFT - FREE Noon-1 p.m. at Cummings Lodge

Bring your littles for a fun craft! Spend time with your family as you complete a fun project while enjoying snacks and hot chocolate. Led by Kristi Chadderdon from Parties on the Gogh.

HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES - FREE 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cummings Lodge

Jingle, jingle, jingle! Take a brisk ride through the beauty of wintry nature while enjoying the majesty of the equine. After a trot through Soldiers Memorial Park, warm up with a cup of hot chocolate by the fireplace.

Sponsored by Huber's Marine

SNOW GLOBE PAINTING CLASS 2 p.m. at Civic Auditorium (Lower Level)

Football on TV again? Want to get away? Join Parties on the Gogh to spend your afternoon painting your own piece of art. This adult class has a \$45 fee, with all supplies and instruction included. Pre-registration is required.

For more information on each of the WinterFest events, call the Park Office, visit our website or follow us on Facebook. Anyone interested in sponsoring a WinterFest event, please contact sback@cityoflaportein.gov or call the Park Office.

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