

NEWS RELEASE

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Point Sebago Resort Site of Maine Winterfest and Ice Derby Feb 22 – 24, 2008

CASCO, MAINE – Two of Maine's largest winter events, Maine WinterFest and Derby Fest, have combined once again for 2008 at Point Sebago Resort. The 2008 "Maine WinterFest & Derby" 3-day event will be held Feb 22, 23 & 24, 2008.

This is the eighth year for both Maine WinterFest and Derby Fest, recognized by Field and Stream Magazine as one of the five best ice fishing events in the country.

Maine WinterFest is Maine's largest Ice & Snow Sculpting event and draws carvers from around the world. Both events draw thousands and the Point Sebago Resort venue produce a blockbuster winter weekend. The major beneficiaries of the colossal winter event are Camp Sunshine, Maine Children's Cancer Program and Maine Fisheries.

The event kicks off with a Friday afternoon free Kid's Beginner Derby. Five hundred beginners, 12 and under, will be given a free ice fishing rig. Volunteers from the Windham/Gorham Rod & Gun Club and other groups will be available to teach participants how to ice fish.

Other events and exhibitions during the action-packed weekend include a Lighting Ceremony for the Ice Sculptures, and Ice Racing of Cars and Motorcycles "Under the Lights". The Sebago Lake Rotary's Ice Fishing Derby, Maine's richest derby with thousands of participants, also takes place with over \$40,000 in prizes in the Togue only tournament.

There will be a, free skating, dog sled rides, snowboard exhibitions, the famous "Ice Mall" with winter goods from furs to sporting goods, Ice Sculpture miniature golf, Ice Sculpture photo shop, plus food and beverages of all types. The Sebago Lake Winter Fly-in features various aircraft landing on the ice runway, helicopter rides and balloon rides. A 10 km Sebago Lake Cross Country Ski Race. Antique Snowmobile exhibit. And the annual Sebago Lake Ice Shack Contest is always an entertaining display of creativity in the cold.

A couple of the charity events include Maine Children's Cancer Program's Polar Ice Dip.

For more information on the "Maine WinterFest & Derby" please visit www.mainesnowandice.com or www.icefishingderby.com or call 1-888-ICE-FLAG (888-423-3524).

For Point Sebago Resort information please visit www.pointsebago.com or call 1-800-655-1232.

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MAINE WINTERFEST & DERBY

**Feb 22 – 24, 2008 Point Sebago Resort
PRELIMINARY ITINERARY**

Fri Feb 22rd, 12 noon to 3 PM – Kid's Beginner Derby – FREE!

Thomas Pond , Route 302, Casco. Five hundred beginners , 12 and under, will be given a free ice fishing rig. No charge to participants but donations will be accepted. Limited to the first 500 children - Pre-registration required.

Sat Feb. 23rd through Sunday February 24th – Sebago Lake Ice Fishing Derby

Maine's richest ice fishing derby with tens of thousands of dollars worth of prizes. Togue only tournament with proceeds going to Camp Sunshine and other charities. FMI go to www.icefishingderby.com

Fri 5:30 PM – Lighting ceremony for the ice sculptures. Point Sebago Resort*.

Fri 6:30 PM – Ice Racing - Cars and Motorcycles “ Under the Lights” at Point Sebago*. Pig Roast, hot food and adult beverages available.

Sat 10 AM – Festival area opens at Point Sebago Resort*. Free skating, dog sled rides, , snowboard exhibitions, our famous “Ice Mall” with winter goods from furs to sporting goods, Ice Sculpture miniature golf, Ice Sculpture photo shop, food , food and more food along with beverages of all types. The Sebago Lake Winter Fly-in will include helicopter rides and balloon rides.

Sat 12 noon – at Point Sebago* , Maine Childrens Cancer Program's Polar Ice Dip. Over 150 brave souls will jump into the icy waters of Sebago Lake in this successful event that raised over \$50,000 in pledges last year.

Sat 7 PM – Dance, Music & Beverages at the “Ice Cube Lounge” at Point Sebago Resort.*

Sun 9 AM - Sebago Lake Cross Country Ski Race

Point Sebago Golf course. This race on a groomed course will have one of Maine's most generous prize purses.

Sun 9 AM – Festival Area Open.*

Sunday All Day - On Sebago Lake, our annual Ice Shack Contests. Judges will view and score shacks for the coveted trophy. Both amateur and professional divisions will be judged.

Sun 7 PM – Derby Awards Ceremony at THE “Ice Cube Lounge”, Point Sebago Resort*.

***Admission Fee:** All Events Inside Point Sebago Require a \$5 per Adult Admission Fee. Children are \$1.

All events subject to change without notice.