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Frozen Fire & Lights Thank You

The Town of Inlet and the Inlet Area Business Association would like to say Thank You to all those who made the 18th Annual Frozen Fire & Lights a great success!

The day began with the coronation of the Frozen Royals – Karl & Jill Marsh – in the gazebo on Legion Square. Former Royals Stephen Cole & Carrie Stallard did the honors while handing out macaroons and crown shaped cookies. The royal couple went through the day attending all of the activities, handing out beads and trophies.

The Inlet Youth Commission had a nice turnout for their Noah's Ark Animal Workshop held at the Inlet Town Hall while Brenna Marleau did a marvelous job painting faces.

The *Inlet Public Library held a book sale, *Fourth Lake Wine & Spirits offered free wine tasting and charcuterie and there was a happy hour at *The Woods Inn.

At Fern Park, many took to the trails on cross-country skis, snowshoes and skishoes. Tom Gibson of Trackers Skishoes was on site giving people the chance to try out his hybrid snowshoes that glide. The ice skating rink was open and in beautiful condition for skating. The sledding hill had a nice amount of snow on it, which made for some fun sledding.

The 10th Annual Cardboard Sled Race had 15 entries that were registered by Michelle Polanis inspected by Bruce O'Hara and then lined up for judging and photos before being sent down the hill one at a time while members of Crew 7 Explorers of Rochester were standing by to assist if needed. Each was allowed one trip down with direction from Tera Arey at the top of the hill and Susan Lockyer at the bottom, while Kyle Smith, Genevieve Ruhland, Barb Maurice & Marti Taylor helped by recording the times and keeping track of the fastest. Hannah Schoen and Tracy Dies also helped with the judging and directing sledders. Trophies were handed out by the king & queen to the four fastest sleds and five special categories.

After the races everyone headed over to *The Woods Inn where the first 72 Frustrationless Flyer kites were handed out to be decorated before taking them out onto Fourth Lake to fly. Four members of the American Kitefliers Association were there ready to show them the proper way to fly a kite. They also had a few of their large, colorful kites in the air. Helpers with kites included *Lynn Durkin, Holly Koeppel, Greg & Toni Rudd, Sarah Frey, Bob Stallard and Robin Murdock. Special thanks to Susan Lockyer and Tera Arey who stood out in the cold making sure pedestrians and snowmobiles stayed safe while getting on and off the ice. *Lynn Durkin and the Kite Committee would also like to give special thanks to Kiwanis of the Central Adirondacks and the Scott Stuart Fund for Inlet for making this event possible. Thank you to *The Woods Inn, *Red Dog Tavern, *Screamers Eagle and *Tamarack Café for accommodating the AFA members, and to Stephen Cole and Carrie Stallard of *Fourth Lake Wine &

Spirits for an awesome "Welcome Kite Fliers!" meal at Lynn's home Friday night. And thank you to those who spent several nights helping put the kites together.

After 5:00 people started gathering around the bonfire at Arrowhead Park where there were free treats. Promptly at 7:00 PM began the awesome display of fireworks by American Fireworks out of Utica. After the fireworks, many wandered over to Matt's Draft House @ *Screamers Eagle for Wine & Chocolate Sampling or over to *The Woods Inn to listen to Doug Green.

The Inlet Fire & Lights refreshment committee of Greg & Toni Rudd (*ADK Little Cabins), Jill & Karl Marsh (*The Caboose), Stephen Cole & Carrie Stallard (*Fourth Lake Wine & Spirits), Devlin & Britta Hennessey (*Great Pines), and Phil & Sue Huber (*Inlet Community Church) would like to thank everyone who helped &/or gave donations to this year's event. Thanks to Doug Hugelmaier (*White Pine Bakery) for donating the hot dogs & cider, *Grill Room @ McCauley for hot dog rolls, *Kalil's Grocery for chips, *Screamers Eagle for condiments and cookies, *Tamarack Café for coffee and brownies. Special thanks to Stephen Cole for setting everything up, Craig Woods for showing up to help & everyone else who gave donations or stopped by to lend a hand including the Inlet town staff who set up the tent & grill & took it all down!

Thank you to the following for their contributions towards the fireworks: *Adirondack Fairway B&B, *Adirondack Images, *ADK Little Cabins/Greg Rudd Pottery, *The Bay Cafe & Market/Amidon Building, *Tim Brownsell, *Burkhard-Evans, *Daiker's, *Lynn Durkin, *Fourth Lake Wine & Spirits, *Frisky Otter Tours, *Holly Koeppe, *Inlet Department Store, *The Ole Barn, *Pedals & Petals, *Red Dog Tavern, *Screamers Eagle, *Jane Slack, *Stiefvater's Lakeside Cottages, *Sunset Beach Cottages, *The Tavern, *The Woods Inn, Adirondack Bank, Adirondack Reader, Anty Trucking, Big Moose Yamaha, BJ Queen Enterprises, Buzz Chew Racing, Central Adirondack Association, Clark's Energy, Construction Effects, Eagle Bay Village, French Louie ADK Sports, Inlet Barnstormers Snowmobile Club, Inlet Golf Club, Inlet Marina, Levi Lumber, Susan Lockyer & Tera Arey, Marina Motel, Raquette Lake Supply, Richard Lutz Building & Mechanical, Scott Stuart Fund for Inlet, Penny Stuart, Eric Sutherland.

Thank you to Hiram Lyon, Wesley Wyatt, Sue Wyatt, Jeremy Wyatt, John Wagner, and Vallerie Polachak - Crew 7 Explorers from Rochester for all of your help with the cardboard sled races and setting up for the bonfire.

Thank you to the Town of Inlet Highway Department for moving snow, and to the Inlet Parks Department for grooming the sledding hill and ski trails, flooding the rink, moving tables and everything else necessary to get the parks ready for this event.

Thank you to Mary Marleau of the Inlet Youth Commission for hosting the Noah's Ark Animal Workshop with lots of help from Joanne Meneilly, Holly Koeppe, Michelle Doucette and Barb Murdock. Thank you to Brenna Marleau for doing an awesome job painting faces.

Thank you to American Fireworks for an awesome show! Thank you to the Town of Inlet and the Inlet area businesses for their support during this event. And thank you all for your enthusiasm.

And if we have missed anyone, forgive us. Thanks again for a wonderful weekend.

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Cardboard Sled Winners:

Speed Class II (age 7-12)

- 1st – “Hwln Butt” – Aidan Wooley of Hopewll Jct., NY at 4.25 seconds
- 2nd – “Golden Eagle” – Grace Lombardi of Oneida, NY at 4.94 seconds
- 3rd – “Niska-Doodles” – Brenna-Lynn Marleau of Inlet, NY at 5.03 seconds

Speed Class III (age 13 & up)

- 1st – “Engine Number 7” – Venture Crew 7 of West Henrietta, NY at 10.4 seconds

Smoothest Ride – “Golden Eagle” – Grace Lombardi of Oneida, NY

Best Construction – “Kitty Hawk Special” – Malakee Payne of Inlet, NY

Most Adventurous Ride – “The O’Hara Gang – Ryan & Marlena O’Hara of

Most Creative – “ADK Anteater” – Lorelei Miller of Inlet, NY

Best in Show – “Hwln Butt” – Aidan Wooley of Hopewll Jct., NY