

# Snow Business: Winter Times 2007



## January

### Jan. 6

Winter Living Celebration. There are plenty of things to do this winter, why not sample them all? Indoor and outdoor activities including sleigh rides, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, ice fishing, storytelling and live music, food and fun. Some events are weather-dependent. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rogers Environmental Education Center, Route 80, Sherburne. Free. (607) 674-4017.

Munch Master Cookie-Eating Contest. Local personalities, including New Times editor-in-chief Molly English, Family Times promotions director Marlene Belge, and Anthony Adornato and Chris Brandolino from WSTM-Channel 3, compete for the title of Munch Master 2007 as they eat as many Girl Scout cookies as possible in one-minute heats. Noon to 2 p.m. Carousel Center Commons. Free. 698-9400.

### Jan. 12-13

Bridesworld 2007. Tap into your inner Bride-zilla with ongoing fashion shows over two days and visit nearly 100 exhibitors to meet all of your nuptial needs. Friday, 5:30 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oncenter Convention Center, 800 S. State St. \$3. 435-8000.

### Jan. 13-14

Folksmarch. Organized, non-competitive walking and wellness program for the whole family. Saturday, 8 to 11 a.m.; Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m. Arrowhead Lodge, Onieda Shores County Park. Ladd Road, Exit 31, Interstate 81, Brewerton. \$3.50/adults; \$1/age 16 and younger; free for first-time walkers. 475-6741.

### Jan. 15

Build a Snow Cave. Being snowed-in is never so much fun as it is in this winter group activity. Pile soft snow and carve out a cave—a great emergency shelter or simple source of backyard fun. Bring a plastic snow shovel. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 E. Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville. Free; \$2 to park. Call to check conditions in the morning. 638-2519.

### Jan. 19-21

**AMJAM Tattoo Expo.** The 21st annual exhibit features live music and the return of the lizard man, performing daily. Meet internationally known tattoo artists and get inked; you may even win a “Tattoo of the Day” award. Friday, 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, noon to midnight; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Holiday Inn Convention Center, 441 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool. \$10/ a day, \$25/ for 3 days. (518) 893-2273.

**Salt City Winter Antique Show.** More than 275 dealers offer wares from the 18th to 20th centuries, all spread out over thousands of square feet of floor space. Showgoers can bring an item for evaluation by professional appraiser Tim Conroy. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Center of Progress Building, State Fairgrounds. \$6/adults; \$7/weekend pass; free/under 12. 824-2462.

### **Jan. 21**

**Eastern Mountain Sports Winterfest.** Celebrate a day of fun in the snow while learning about the latest in camping, snowshoeing and cross country skiing equipment. Representatives will be on hand to answer all your questions. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 E. Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville. Free; \$2 to park. 638-2519.

### **Jan. 26-28**

**Northeastern Sports Show.** Some 200 exhibitors show hunting and fishing supplies, boats, game calls, wildlife art, and lots of other items for outdoor enthusiasts. Seminars cover deer hunting, turkey calling, dog training and fishing. Animal features include Brody the Bear, a trout pond and Talons, a live birds of prey show. Friday, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Center of Progress Building, State Fairgrounds. \$9/adults; \$3/ages 6-12; free/age 5 and younger. 824-3227.

### **Jan. 27**

**Finger Lakes Trail Hike or Snowshoe.** Visit the winter wonderland at the Rogers Experimental Center and see birds, animal tracks and some great views while learning about winter ecology. If there's not enough snow, the adventure becomes a hike. 9 a.m. to noon. Rogers Environmental Education Center, Route 80, Sherburne. Free. Call to pre-register and reserve snowshoes. (607) 674-4017.

### **Jan. 28**

**Collectorsfest.** Join other pack-rat enthusiasts at this sports memorabilia and toy collectible show with items ranging from basketball, football and racing collectibles to comics and toys. New York Yankees third base coach Larry Bowa is scheduled to appear and sign autographs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Show: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Horticulture Building,

State Fairgrounds. \$10/adults; free/age 10 and younger. (607) 753-8580.

## February

### Feb. 1

LeAnn Rimes. The country darling and vocal powerhouse performs. 8 p.m. Showroom, Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Thruway Exit 33, Verona. \$75-\$90. (800) 771-7711.

### Feb. 1-2

Moonlight Skiing and Snowshoeing. Take part in some lunar outdoor fun along 10 miles of outdoor trails, then stop into the Visitor's Center for hot chocolate. Bring a flashlight to help you negotiate darker sections of the trail. Open until 9 p.m. Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 E. Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville. \$2/parking. 638-2519.

### Feb. 2-4

New York State Golf Expo. In its 15th year, this show caters to both the beginner and experienced golfer who wants to tee-off on the latest products, from equipment to apparel and even travel destinations. Friday, 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Center of Progress Building, New York State Fairgrounds. \$8. 426-8741.

Country Folk Art Craft Show. Featuring more than 150 of the nation's best crafters and offering quilts, florals, furniture, fine arts, jewelry, gourmet delights and much more. Friday, 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cargill Exhibit Center, State Fairgrounds. \$6/adults, \$2/ages 4-10; free/under 4. One paid admission is good all weekend. (248) 634-4151.

### Feb. 3

Central New York Brewfest. The 11th annual beer tasting event features tasty brews from throughout the Northeastern United States and Canada, live music and food for purchase. Tasting offered in two sections: 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Over 21 only with proper ID. Horticulture Building, State Fairgrounds. \$20/advance sale; \$25/at door. 471-9989.

Introduction to Wolves. Join members of the Wolf Mountain Nature Center to uncover the truth behind these amazing animals; from their history and persecution to the wolf-prey relationship to behavior and communication. 10 a.m. Rogers Environmental Education Center, Route 80, Sherburne. Free. (607) 674-4017.

### Feb. 4

**Mid-Winter Blues Run.** Outrun those cold-weather blues with the second annual 5K run over country roads near Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 E. Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville. Runners will begin and end at the Visitor Center. 9:45 a.m. Preregistration required: \$17. 638-2519.

### **Feb. 8-11**

**Cazenovia Winter Fest.** Enjoy four days of winter fun with your family, including snow sculptures, a talent show, ice-skating and more. Times and locations vary throughout the village of Cazenovia. Most events are free. 655-3991.

### **Feb. 10**

**Bird Identification.** Learn about our native winter birds and how to identify them. More serious avian enthusiasts can even find out how to gather information throughout the month to aid scientists in the Great Backyard Bird Hunt. 11 a.m. Rogers Environmental Education Center, Route 80, Sherburne. Free. (607) 674-4017.

**Great Eastern Whiteout Vintage & Antique Snowmobile Show.** Watch vintage snowmobiles race or register your own at this seventh annual event. Registration starts at 8 a.m., racing begins at 11 a.m. Rolling Wheels Raceway, Route 5, Elbridge. \$8/adults, reduced rate for children. 252-4097.

**Chilly Chili Run/Walk.** Help raise money for the Cazenovia Children's House while shedding some mid-winter pounds in this 5K race/walk, then gain them back at the chili cook-off after the race at Hubbard Hall at Cazenovia College, Seminary and Lincklaen streets. The run/walk starts at 10 a.m. Cazenovia Middle School, 31 Emory Ave., Cazenovia, and finishes at the Post Office on Lincklaen Street. \$18-\$25 (on race day). 655-2203.

### **Feb. 10-11**

**Chocolate & Wine Weekend.** Treat your valentine to gourmet luxuries like fine wine and chocolate at wineries along the Seneca Lake Wine Trail. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. \$25/\$18 for designated drivers. (877) 536-2717. [www.senecalakewine.com](http://www.senecalakewine.com).

**Be Mine With Wine I.** Get into the Valentine's spirit with the best romantic foods Keuka Lake has to offer. Each winery will offer a tantalizing recipe paired with a different and unique wine. \$20/advance sale, \$25/at door, 25 percent discount for designated drivers. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m. (800) 440-4898.

Folksmarch. Organized, non-competitive walking and wellness program for the whole family. Saturday, 8 to 11 a.m.; Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m. Palace Theatre, 2384 James St. \$3.50/adults; \$1/age 16 and younger; free for first-time walkers. 475-6741.

**Feb. 11**

Game Dinner. You never know until you try it—and you can certainly try it, at least where variety of unusual and tasty woodland entrees are concerned. Entrée selections include fish, fowl and game. Call for times and to pre-purchase tickets. Weber's Restaurant, 820 Danforth St. 472-0480.

**Feb. 15-25**

Syracuse Winterfest 2007. Make winter fun at the Salt City's annual winter carnival. "A Taste of Winter," warms up downtown with chili and chowder cookoffs, fireworks, concerts, parties, human dog sled races and more. Various times and places in downtown Syracuse; most events are free. 466-9468.

**Feb. 16-17**

Tully Ice Harvest. It's the perfect time of year to load up your kids and gloves and head to Green Lake for the Tully community's annual ice harvest. The ice will be used to make delicious strawberry ice cream for Tully's Strawberry Fest in June. Off Route 80 on Lake Road, Tully. The event is free but weather-dependent, so call ahead for conditions and times. 696-4681.

**Feb. 17**

Serendipity Walk. Winter isn't always bleak. Open your senses to the often surprising wonders of nature and its hardy creatures on this wintertime walk. 10 a.m. Rogers Environmental Center, off Route 80, Sherburne. Free, pre-registration required. (607) 674-4017.

Josh Groban. Experience the powerful and uplifting sounds of this internationally acclaimed artist and master of the ballad, live in concert. 8 p.m. Event Center, Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Thruway Exit 33, Verona. \$125. (800) 771-7711.

**Feb. 17-18**

Be Mine With Wine II. Even if you skimped on Valentine's Day, it's never too late to make it out of the doghouse when you treat your mate to the best food and wine that Keuka Lake has to offer. Each winery will offer a tantalizing recipe paired with a different and unique

wine. \$20/advance sale; \$25/at door; 25 percent discount for designated drivers. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon–5 p.m. (800) 440–4898.

### **Feb. 19–23**

Winter Wonders Week. There's a flurry of activity going on this week, with ice harvesting Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m.; build a snow cave Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m.; "Creature Feature" daily at 1:30 p.m. and snowshoeing Monday through Friday at 2 p.m. Beaver Lake Nature Center. 8477 E. Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville. \$2/parking; \$3/snowshoe rental. 638–2519.

### **Feb. 20–23**

Wild Winter Camp. Third– through fifth–graders are invited to spend a fun–filled week participating in nature–related activities, crafts and games. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 E. Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville. \$30 a day, pre–register. 638–2519.

### **Feb. 23–25**

Empire State Winter Games. The 27th annual statewide sporting event continues with top–class athletes competing in winter sports including skiing, skating, bobsled, luge, hockey, orienteering and more. Opening ceremonies, Friday, 6 p.m. Lake Placid. Free. (518) 474–8889.

### **Feb. 24**

Bass Pro Ice Fishing Derby. It's time to catch some winter fun on Owasco Lake—literally. Tickets (with valid fishing license) must be pre–purchased at the Bass Pro Shop Sportsman's Center, 1579 Clark Street Road, Auburn; Cascade Grill, 2846 Route 38, Moravia; or the Auburn Express Mart at the traffic circle, Route 38, Auburn. Fishing is allowed from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., with weigh–ins before 3 p.m. and awards at 4:30 p.m. Call for rules and weigh–in/award locations. \$10/adults, \$5/children 13 and under. 258–2700.

Backyard Maple Sugaring. Learn how to collect sap and turn it into maple sugar, right in your own back yard. Rogers Environmental Center, Route 80, Sherburne. Free. (607) 674–4017.

### **Feb. 24–25**

Mardi Gras at the Wineries. Why go South? The pre–Lenten party is coming to the Cayuga Wine Trail and includes prizes, wine and food samples and the opportunity for the King and Queen of Mardi Gras to win free tickets to all wine trail events. You might even take home some beads. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. \$20/advance tickets,

\$25/at the door, \$15/designated driver. (800) 684-5217.

## **Feb. 27**

**John Mayer.** The talented writer/musician/ recent tabloid fodder finds time to visit to the fair city of Syracuse while he waits for the world to change. 8 p.m. Onondaga County War Memorial, 515 Montgomery St. \$89-\$130. War Memorial, 435-8000; Ticketmaster, 472-0700.

## **Ongoing Winter Events**

**City of Syracuse Ice Skating.** Through March 31 at indoor rinks, weather permitting through March 1 at Clinton Square. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth programs offers skating at these neighborhood locations. Meachem Rink (West Seneca Turnpike). Open skating: Mon. noon to 3:15 p.m.; Tues. 12:15 to 3:15 p.m.; Wed. noon to 3:15 p.m.; Thurs. noon to 3:15 p.m.; Fri. noon to 3:15 and 7 to 10 p.m.; Sat. 8:45 to 10 p.m.; Sun. 7:15 to 10 p.m. Senior skating: Fri. 9 to 11:45 a.m. Family skating: Sat. 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. \$2/adults; \$1/seniors & age 12 & under. Skate rental: \$3. 473-4336. Sunnycrest Rink (Frank Salanger Athletic Complex, Robinson Street, near Henninger High School). Open skating: Mon. 12:15 to 4:30 p.m.; Tues. noon to 4:30 p.m.; Wed. noon to 5:30 and 7:15 to 10 p.m.; Thurs. noon to 4:30 p.m.; Fri. 12:30 to 5:30 and 7:15 to 11 p.m.; Sat. 1:45 to 6:45 and 8:30 to 11 p.m.; Sun. 1:30 to 5:30, 7:15 to 8:30 and 8:45-10 p.m. Senior skating: Thurs. 9 to 11:45 a.m. Family skating: Sat. 7 to 8:15 p.m. \$2/adults; \$1/seniors and age 12 and under. Skate rental: \$3. 473-4336. Clinton Square Ice Rink Mon. through Thurs. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. and school breaks 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sat. and holidays 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. \$3/adults; \$1.50/seniors & age 12 & under. Skate rental: \$3. 423-0129.

**Learn to Cross-Country Ski.** Every Sat., 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m., Jan. 6-Feb. 25. Get a one-hour lesson to pick up the basics of this fun sport. Highland Forest, Route 80, Fabius. \$20/lesson & equipment rental; \$2/parking. 683-5550.

**Weekend Afternoon Guided Walks.** Every Sat. & Sun. 1:30 p.m.; Jan. 6-28. Use snowshoes and explore the outdoors and track wildlife. Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 E. Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville. \$3/snowshoe rental; \$2/parking. Preregister. 638-2519.

**Hay and Sleigh Rides.** Every Sat. and Sun., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., & Jan. 15, and Feb. 19. Thirty-minute horse-drawn rides include a warm beverage at the end of the ride. Highland Forest, Route 80, four miles east of Fabius. \$5/adult; free/under 5; \$2/parking. 683-5550.

**Hiking.** Daily, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Enjoy nature with a hike or snowshoe through a winter wonderland at Highland Forest, Route 80, five miles east of Fabius. \$2/parking. 683-5550. Also visit the plowed East Shore Trail, Onondaga Lake Park, Route 370. Free. 451-7275.

**Cross-Country Ski Basics.** Jan. 6, 10, 27 & Feb. 7, 10, & 24. First-time skiers can pick up simple skills and receive helpful hints from instructors. Wed., 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Sat., 9 to 11 a.m. Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 E. Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville. \$10 per person. You must bring your own skis and pre-register. 638-2519.

**Try Snowshoeing.** Every Sat. and Sun., 12:30 p.m. Jan. 6– Feb. 25. Get some basic instruction before hitting the trails, no experience necessary. Call the day of the hike to check on snow conditions and pre-register. Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 E. Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville. \$3/snowshoe rental; \$2/parking. 638-2519.

**Sledding & Snowboarding.** You're never too old for sledding, and sledding never gets old—weather permitting, of course. Sat., Sun. and school holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Long Branch Park, Longbranch Road, Liverpool. Free. 453-6717. Daily, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Skyline Hill, Highland Forest, Route 80, Fabius. \$2/parking. 683-5550.

**Toggenburg Mountain.** The ski area just southeast of Syracuse has several special events scheduled this winter. Rossignol Demo Day, Jan. 6, 10 a.m. The Big Air, Jan. 27, 2 p.m.; \$20. Slopestyle Camp, Feb. 20, 2 p.m.; \$20. The Rail Jam, Feb. 10, 2 p.m. Toggenburg Road, Fabius. 683-5842.

**Trail Tales.** Jan. 14 & 18, and Feb. 1. Nature stories and short walks in the woods geared toward children ages 3–5. 1 p.m. Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 E. Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville. \$2/parking. 638-2519.

**Weekday Snowshoe Jaunt.** Thursdays, Jan. 4–Feb. 15. Take a refreshing, naturalist-led hike through wintry wonderlands. 1:30 p.m. Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 E. Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville. Pre-registration required. \$3/snowshoe rental, \$2/parking. 638-2519.

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