



134th Saint Paul Winter Carnival

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2020 Saint Paul Winter Carnival Schedule of Events*

The 134th Saint Paul Winter Carnival will be held Thursday, Jan. 23 through Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020 in Saint Paul, Minn. The “Coolest Celebration on Earth™” will feature dozens of events, both traditional favorites and new attractions, to entertain our local supporters and out-of-town visitors.

Most events will take place in downtown Saint Paul at Rice Park and Landmark Plaza. Other Carnival sites will include Landmark Center and the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. The majority of events are held in the City of Saint Paul unless otherwise noted. Most events are free and open to the public.

The Saint Paul Winter Carnival was started in 1886 and is the oldest winter festival in the United States. It relies on sponsors, fundraisers, donations, charitable gaming and foundation members to support its year-round activities. The Carnival attracts more than 250,000 visitors a year and has an approximate \$3 – \$5 million economic impact to the City of Saint Paul and the State of Minnesota.

The Saint Paul Winter Carnival is managed and produced by the Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation, a non-profit membership organization. It also produces Cinco de Mayo West Side.

For the most current information, please visit wintercarnival.com.

Pre-Winter Carnival Events

NEW: Ice Fishing Competition

January 1 at 8 a.m. – February 2 at 5 p.m.

This year, Winter Carnival organizers are bringing back the ice fishing contest with a modern hook. Anglers of all ages are encouraged to compete in the new month-long fishing tournament using the mobile app, FishDonkey. Big prizes are at the end of the line in the categories of: Largest Walleye; Largest Northern Pike; Shortest Fish; Stringer of 3 Fish (largest combo of any three crappie, bluegill, sunfish or perch); King of Winter (longest fish of any species not mentioned). Plus, one random contestant will catch the title of Winter Carnival Super Fan!

Klondike Kate Contest

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 6 – 10 p.m. at enVision Hotel St. Paul South (701 Concord St S, So Saint Paul)
Who will be Klondike Kate 2020? Join us as six women vie for the title.

For tickets and reserved tables, please email the Kates at klondikekates@gmail.com.

Snow Stomp at Vulcan Snow Park

Saturday, Jan. 18, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Check out the Vulcans and their helpers as they create the giant snow blocks that will be used by artists for the Minnesota State Snow Sculpting Competition. Snow is dumped into wooden containers and then “stomped” down to make a solid block. Volunteer stompers wanted and spectators welcome. mnsnowpark.com

The Fancy Hotdish Contest at The Lexington

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2 – 4 p.m.

Hosted by The Lexington Restaurant, local chefs will go head to head in this thrilling competition to reveal the best Fancy Hotdish! This is a fundraiser for the Saint Paul Festival & Heritage Foundation. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased online at wintercarnival.com. The Lex is located at 1096 Grand in Saint Paul.

Daily Activities

Home sweet home! After a year away due to construction, the Saint Paul Winter Carnival will return to its longtime and traditional home of **Rice Park** (109 W 4th St.). The newly-refurbished park located in the heart of downtown will be a-buzz with an array of activities, including the culmination location **King Boreas Grand Day Parade** (Jan. 25) and **Vulcan Victory Torchlight Parade** (Feb. 1), as well as food vendors and merchandise for sale. At night, Rice Park will truly sparkle with **Winter Carnival Lights presented by Xcel Energy**.

One of Winter Carnival's signature events, the **Ice Carving Competition**, will return its dazzle to Rice Park. Carvers will begin their masterpieces on the first evening of Carnival; Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. Creations will remain on display and ready for their close-ups throughout the festival.

The **Saint Paul Winter Carnival Music Series** will feature a variety of performers on the **University of Minnesota Physicians Entertainment Stage**; January 23 – 26 and January 31 – February 3.

NEW: Winter Carnival festivities will expand to across the street from Rice Park onto **Landmark Plaza** (Market Street between 5th and 6th). The **NEW Baileys Warming House** will be a great gathering place for Carnival goers. Not only will it provide a cozy respite from the outdoors, but guests may enjoy assorted tasty signature cocktails, craft beers, snacks, games, and live entertainment.

Among the **NEW** indoor festivities in the Baileys Warming House will be **Afton Alps' Apres Ski Happy Hour** on January 25, **Drag Queen Bingo** on January 29, and **Trivia Night** on January 30.

In addition to being the home of the Baileys Warming House, Landmark Plaza will be site of many family fun activities such as the **NEW Kids Snow Box** snow castle activity on January 25.

The popular **Ice Bar** will return to Rice Park and add a **NEW** second location on Landmark Plaza. Among the tasty beverages to be served will be two custom flavors of **Northern Soda Company** created especially for the 2020 Winter Carnival.

Indoors at Landmark Center in the north gallery, historian and collector Marilyn DiMartino, will present her personal **Winter Carnival Memorabilia Display**. Wonderfully preserved and presented, this is a colorful display of Saint Paul Winter Carnival memorabilia from 1886 to the present. Visit with Marilyn and other volunteers and soak in their knowledge about "The Coolest Celebration on Earth™."

Across town at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, a flurry of family fun and flakes will be found at the **Saint Paul Winter Carnival Vulcan Snow Park**. Daily attractions include zooming down the giant snow slide, playing on the big snow piles, and viewing snow sculptures. The Vulcan Snow Park will be open January 24 through February 2. mnsnowpark.com

Thursday, January 23

5 – 9 p.m. Festival Hours

6:30 p.m. **Opening Ceremony in Rice Park** - Join us as we kick off the first Saint Paul Winter Carnival of the decade! Speakers and special guests will include community ambassadors, visiting dignitaries and festival royalty from across North America, and the outgoing 2019 Winter Carnival Royal Family.

Beginning at 7 p.m. Artistic teams participating in the **Winter Carnival Multi-Block Ice Carving Contest** will begin turning blocks of ice into frozen masterpieces in Rice Park. They'll work around-the-clock carving and polishing their cool creations until quitting time at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Friday, January 24

8 a.m. - 9 p.m. The **Minnesota Snow Sculpting Competition** begins at Vulcan Snow Park at the State Fairgrounds.

4 – 10 p.m. Festival Hours

5:30 – 10 p.m. **The Royal Coronation presented by Bradshaw Funeral Homes** at Saint Paul RiverCentre. Watch the pageantry and spectacle as the 2020 Royal Family, led by King Boreas and Queen of the Snows, are announced. This year's program includes performances by Circus Juventas. This is a ticketed event.

Saturday, January 25

8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. The 35th annual **Securian Financial Winter Run** starts at 6th & Jackson. Securian Financial embraces what Winter Carnival is all about – enjoying Saint Paul's great outdoors, all year long. Bundle up and enjoy a brisk run (5K, 10K or half-marathon) starting in downtown Saint Paul and winding through scenic city neighborhoods. All proceeds from this event benefit the Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation. Registration details can be found here: <https://www.wintercarnival.com/events/securian-winter-run/>

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Watch puzzle pros from around the country compete in the nation's largest puzzle competition, the **Winter Carnival Jigsaw Puzzle Competition** in Landmark Center. The 2020 contest, brought to you by **PuzzleTwist®** and the **University of Minnesota Physicians**, has grown to accommodate our passionate puzzlers.

NEW: Last year, 156 teams competed. This year, the Adult Division has grown to 234 teams. *That's 1,000 puzzlers simultaneously puzzling!*

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The **Saintly City Championship Cat Show** at the Saint Paul RiverCentre – Roy Wilkins Exhibition Hall is the “purrfect” place to see hundreds of cats from The United States and Canada. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children. <http://saintlycitycatclub.org/>

Saturday, January 25

- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The **Winter Carnival Orchid Show** at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory (1225 Estabrook Drive) showcases a glorious collection of orchid plants and creates a tropical wonderland. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-12 (\$1 off for Como Friends Members or with a Winter Carnival button).
- 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Festival Hours
- 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. **NEW: Kids Snow Box** on Landmark Plaza. Kids of all ages can build their own royal fortresses using Create A Castle, a fantastic and fun collection of molds created to help families build snow (*and sand!*) castles. The Toy Association proclaimed it a finalist for the 2020 Toy of the Year!
- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. **NEW: Afton Alps Riglet Snowboarding Demonstration** on Landmark Plaza. Bring the little ones (ages 5 and under) for a fun and engaging environment to teach the basics of snowboarding.
- 1 – 4 p.m. Sip some **Hot Chocolate at the Saint Paul Hotel**. Warm up and enjoy a hot cup of gourmet hot chocolate and delicious pastries during this long-standing parade day event. Minimal fee.
- 2 p.m. The **King Boreas Grand Day Parade**, our annual daytime procession down West 7th Street, will feature bands, floats and, of course, the newly crowned King Boreas and his Royal Family. Festivities will culminate in Rice Park.
- 4 - 6 p.m. **NEW: Afton Alps Apres Ski Happy Hour** in the Baileys Warming House on Landmark Plaza. Activities will include a fashion show and the chance to win Afton Alps lift tickets.
- 7 p.m. The **Winter Carnival Multi-Block Ice Carving Competition** concludes in Rice Park. Winners will be announced on Sunday evening after the Individual Block competition.

Sunday, January 26

- 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. It's **Vulcan Fun Day at Vulcan Snow Park!** In addition to the Minnesota State Snow Sculpting Competition and giant snow slide, festivities will include celebrity visits, Vulcan fire truck rides, a kid's snow treasure hunt, and two Polar Plunges for Special Olympics Minnesota (12 p.m. and 6:30 p.m). mnsnowpark.com
- 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The **Artisan Individual Block Ice Carving Competition presented by the Minnesota Lottery** in Rice Park. Each carver has just six hours to turn two blocks of ice into a frozen masterpiece.
- 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The **Saintly City Championship Cat Show** continues at the Saint Paul RiverCentre – Roy Wilkins Exhibition Hall.

Sunday, January 26

- 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Hops & Hounds** in Rice Park. Sip on a Minnesota Brew with your favorite four-legged friend. Among the furry friends will be pups from the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Greater Twin Cities. You'll be able to watch these snow-loving animals embrace what Winter Carnival is all about - enjoying Saint Paul's great outdoors all year round. You don't want to miss this PAW-TY!
- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The **Winter Carnival Orchid Show** continues at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory (1225 Estabrook Drive).
- 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Festival Hours
- 2 p.m. **The Saint Paul Civic Symphony** will present a free concert of "Hot and Cool Classics" in the beautiful Landmark Center Cortile.

Wednesday, January 29

- 7 - 9:30 p.m. **NEW: Drag Queen Bingo** in Landmark Center. You've never played bingo like this "B4!"

Thursday, January 30

- 5 - 9 p.m. Festival Hours
- 5 – 8 p.m. **Frozen Family Fun Night presented by Ecolab** at CHS Field. Bring the whole family down to CHS Field for a night filled with fun! Join us as we make DIY crafts and hangout with Disney Princesses. Check out performances from local ice skaters and skate with the Winter Carnival's Junior Royalty.
- 7 p.m. **NEW: Trivia Night** in the Baileys Warming House

Friday, January 31

- 4 - 9 p.m. **NEW: Team USA Journey presented by OREO** on Landmark Plaza. This sweet traveling vehicle features interactive elements; completely immersing Team USA fans as they navigate four individual rooms inside the experience. It is truly a one-of-a-kind interactive social media experience. The journey was created to bring the Olympic Spirit to fans in advance of the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo. Of course, the tour concludes with samples of free OREO cookies. This attraction is free and open to the public.
- 4 – 10 p.m. Festival Hours
- 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. **5th Annual Freeze Your Bags Off Bean Bag Tournament** at CHS Field. This "corn hole" competition will feature five 16-team competitions. Join the fun! Pre-registration is required, \$25 per team, at wintercarnival.com.

Saturday, February 1

- 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. **Ledermann Boot Hockey Tournament** at CHS Field. Join us for some friendly competition and participate in one of Minnesota's greatest winter outdoor sports games - Boot Hockey! No experience required, but must be 21 years of age. Organizers will randomly assign registered players to teams of five to six people the day of the event.
- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Doggie Depot** at Union Depot. With the help of Animal Emergency & Referral Center of Minnesota, Union Depot will become Doggie Depot – the bark of the Winter Carnival! Representatives from Sidewalk Dog will be on hand to share tips about the Twin Cities' most pet-friendly restaurants, retailers and more. Guests are encouraged to bring their dogs. In partnership with myTalk107.1 and KS95.
- 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Festival Hours
- 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. **5th Annual Freeze Your Bags Off Bean Bag Tournament** at CHS Field. The competition continues!
- 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Family Day** in Landmark Center. Bring the kids for fun activities, including a visit from the Royal Family. Kids will get passports upon arrival. Fill them out for the chance to win prizes, including *Disney on Ice* tickets!
- 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. **BEAR'ly Open XIII – Golf on Ice** at Ramsey Beach, WBL (5050 Lake Ave.) Taking place along the frozen shores of White Bear Lake, this fun-filled day will include golf on an 18-hole course complete with real pine trees. Enjoy music, food and beverages in the warming tent. bearlyopen.org/golf/
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- 5:30 p.m. start **Vulcan Victory Torchlight Parade** – Join us for the spectacular nighttime parade hosted by Vulcanus Rex and his Krewe. The parade kicks off at Mears Park in Lowertown and works its way to Rice Park.
- Then, stand by and observe one of the most dramatic legendary Carnival traditions. The **Overthrow of Boreas** will take over the steps of the Saint Paul Library at approximately 6:45 p.m. It will be Boreas and his Royal Family Versus Vulcanus Rex and his Krewe. Who will be victorious???
- A fantastic **fireworks show** will follow.

Sunday, February 2

- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. **NEW: Winter Carnival Global Market** inside Landmark Center. Join us for an international-themed market complete with booths of food, crafts and products from around the world.
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. **NEW: Team USA Journey Presented by OREO** on Landmark Plaza. This sweet traveling vehicle features interactive elements; completely immersing Team USA fans as they navigate four individual rooms inside the experience. It is truly a one-of-a-kind interactive social media experience. The journey was created to bring the Olympic Spirit to fans in advance of the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo. Of course, the tour concludes with samples of free OREO cookies. This attraction is free and open to the public.
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