

outdoors

Special Olympians take to slopes

by Lam Meece
staff writer

If the snow holds, the Special Olympians may draw up to 600 mentally impaired outdoors lovers to Oakland County's Independence Oaks park Saturday.

With their coaches and 300 volunteers, the Special Olympians will try their skills at cross country ski races, a show-and-run, an inner tube event, a sled-pulling contest, a snowball throw and snow sculpture.

Olympians in wheelchairs will tour the park on special toboggans, according to Nancy Moran, director of the fifth annual Special Olympics.

Independence Oaks is on Sashabaw Road 1/4 mile north of 175 at Clarkston. The 550-acre park has year-around outdoor recreation, including boating, fishing, hiking, nature programs and cross country skiing. Park supervisor Ray Delosko said his crew will pile up snow for the sculpture contest and lay special tracks for the ski races.

If you or your business would like to help out on that special day, you can reach Nancy Moran at 849-8228 from noon to 5 weekdays.

INDEPENDENCE Oaks will draw moon-loving skiers to its trails this Friday evening.

From 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., you can ski the

cross country trails, starting from the boat-house. Bring your own equipment.

Park entry fee is \$2.50 for Oakland County residents, \$4 for foreigners. To register, call the county parks office at 858-0903 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

MORE THAN 8,200 Canada geese were still hanging around in southeastern Michigan in December, when the state Department of Natural Resources ran an aerial survey.

Hunters generally migrate south, but increasing numbers have stayed here during our mild winters. They dine on grass, pondweeds and whatever folks put out for them.

The extended hunting season ends Feb.

15. Limit is three a day.

By the way, "Canada" geese is correct.

The birds with the black heads, white cheeks and grey-brown bodies weigh seven to 14 pounds. A big one will have a 5 1/2-foot wingspread.

Humans can't tell the males from the females. You have to be another Canada goose to know that.

Nature is interesting that way. Among birds which find new mates every year — red-winged blackbirds comes to mind — the male is more brightly colored than the female. But among birds like the Canada goose which mate for life, you can't tell momma from papa.

Astronomer to probe Soviet space program

The history and future of the Soviet space program will be discussed by Jim Loudon, a staff astronomer at the University of Michigan, at the Auburn Hills Campus of Oakland Community College.

The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, in Room F-159 at the campus, 2900 Featherstone Road, Auburn Heights.

Loudon has taught at the University of Michigan and Massachusetts, Wayne State and Michigan State universities. He holds astronomy degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and University of Michigan.

Loudon also has reported space missions — including Apollo, Mariners 9 and 10, Apollo-Soyuz, Viking, Voyager, Pioneer-Venus and Pioneer Saturn — on two national radio networks.

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