

Nordic racers stampede to Mancelona

Mancelona, Michigan—

This year's White Pine Stampede continues to lead the way in cross country ski racing by offering new class designations—Classic and Freestyle—with top flight competition in each.

The White Pine Stampede, set for Saturday, Feb. 1, offers a 10 kilometer touring course and 20 K and 50 K distances for the seasoned competitor. The course begins in Mancelona, in northwest Michigan, and ends at Shanty Creek Resort.

It takes a good track to make these

new classes of competition a reality, and the White Pine Stampede promises the highest quality course in northern Michigan. Both the Freestyle lane and the separate dual track for Classic style will be machine groomed to provide an excellent skiing surface.

An added attraction this year is the White Pine Stampede Sweepstakes, which offers a 1992 Buick Skylark as a grand prize. Register at Perry Drug Stores and northern Michigan Buick dealers. The Skylark will be given away on race day at Shanty Creek Resort.

The 10 K touring course gives

recreational skiers the flavor of a big time race with a more relaxing atmosphere. Call 616-587-8812 for

registration information.

Mancelona is located on US-131, about 30 miles west of Gaylord.



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Ice fishing festivals a smorgasbord of fun

A good prescription to ease the mid-winter blahs is to attend one or more of the many ice festivals planned in Michigan, a time to fish for cash and gift prizes and have carnival-like fun at the same time.

If ice fishing's not your thing, no problem. The way AAA Michigan sees it, there's plenty of other things for the whole family to enjoy, depending on which festival you take in.

Here's a list of Michigan winter ice festivals:

—Mayor's Perch Ice Fishing Contest, Caseville, (trophy, cash prize), 517-856-4605, through March 29.
—Shiver on the River, Saginaw, (winter walleye contest), 517-776-9704, through Feb. 8.
—Winter Carnival, Cavanaugh Lake, Chebea, (prizes, chili cook-off, concert), 313-475-1824, Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

—Winterfest, Gaylord, (prizes, snowmobile safari and race, snow sculpture contests), 517-732-5668, Jan. 31-Feb. 9.

—Perchville USA, Tawas Bay, Tawas City, (lawn mower/tractor races, softball tournament, demolition derby, ice sculptures, prizes), 800-55-TAWAS; Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

—Tip-Up Town, Sawyer Lake, Channing, (cash prizes), 906-542-2511, Feb. 1-2.

—Tip-Up Festival, Reading, (prizes), 517-283-2332, Feb. 1-2.

—Gladwin County Ice Carnival, near Beaverton, (snowmobile and motorcycle racing, skating events, cash prizes, trophies) 517-435-9656,

Feb. 7-9.

—Winter Carnival, Alpena, (figure skating, races, refreshments, prizes), 517-354-4181, Feb. 7-9.

—Ice Fishing Derby, Little Bay De Noc, Escanaba, (prizes, refreshments, kids' derby), 906-786-8105, Feb. 8.

—Floodwater Festival, Hillman, (snowmobile races, games, dinner, auction, dance) 800-582-1906, Feb. 8.

—Big Bay Fishing Derby, Lake Independence, Big Bay, (cash prizes), 906-345-9977, Feb. 8-9.

—Winter Festival, Lake City, (eat races on ice), 616-839-4969, Feb. 8-9.

—Tip-Up Festival, Tip Up Island, Quincy, (prizes, refreshments), 517-278-5985, Feb. 8-9.

—Ice Fishing Contest, Pentwater Lake, Pentwater, (cash prizes), 616-869-4150, Feb. 8-16.

—Festival on Ice, Lake Superior, between Baraga and L'Anse, (snowmobile radar runs, hole in one golf tournament on the ice, trophies, cash prizes), 906-524-7444, Feb. 22-23.

—Ice Fishing Derby, Lake Gogebic, Berghand, (prizes), 906-842-3321, Feb. 29.

—Snow Fest, DeTour, (snowdrift, food, auction, prizes), 800-562-7134, Feb. 29.

—Ice Fishing Derby, Lake Antoine, Iron Mountain, (cash prizes), 906-774-2772, Feb. 29.

—Fishing Jamboree, Lake Gogebic, Berghand, 906-842-3535, March 14.

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