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Snow Days Chicago Returns to Navy Pier, Feb. 7-8

FREE international snow-sculpting competition with outdoor winter fun for all ages!

CHICAGO – Come to Navy Pier Feb. 7-8, 2015 for the return of **Snow Days Chicago** in Polk Brother's Park! This **FREE** event lasts the entire weekend and will feature an international snow-sculpting competition and family fun, including wintertime activities for kids such as snowboarding lessons and much more.

Guests can be amazed as 14 talented professional sculptors from around the world – including Ukraine, Mexico, Germany and United Kingdom – create spectacular masterpieces out of 10-foot blocks of man-made snow. The sculpting begins on Wednesday, Feb. 4 and continues until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7. During your visit, be sure to cast your ballot to give your favorite sculpture the chance to win the People's Choice Award. The professional teams also are competing for cash prizes to be given to the top three sculptures.

In addition to professional sculptors, there will also be one exhibition team and 12 Chicago-area high school teams showcasing their snow-sculpting skills. The top high school teams will be awarded first, second- and third-place medals.

All winners are announced at the **awards ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. in the Family Pavilion.**

Sculptures will be available for viewing during the day and night with **special nighttime illumination.** The colorful lighting display begins at dusk.

Snow Days Chicago also includes fun, free outdoor activities for kids including a **Snowboard Experience**, where kids can learn how to snowboard and practice their newly-learned skills on a snowy obstacle course. Or, create your very own colorful snow creations and **snow paint.**

On Saturday, Feb. 7 and Sunday, Feb 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. inside the Family Pavilion, everyone will enjoy a visit from Shedd Aquarium's beloved Magellanic Penguins! Guests can see the penguins from up close and can also ask the trainers questions about the penguins, their habitat and more!

For more information on Snow Days Chicago please visit www.navypier.com.

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