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SNOW DAYS CHICAGO AT NAVY PIER WINNERS ANNOUNCED; PEWAUKEE, WI TEAM TAKES TOP PRIZE!

Shedd Aquarium Penguins at Navy Pier Sunday, February 8 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Warm weather and expected rain tomorrow cancels outdoor Snow Days activities; Neighborhoods of the World presented by ComEd performance series also begins tomorrow from noon – 3 p.m.

CHICAGO – **February 7, 2015** – All votes have been tallied and the results are in! We are pleased to announce the 2015 Snow Days Chicago winners. The professional snow sculpting team hailing from Pewaukee, WI has won the top prize!

Also, first year competitor, Oak Park River Forest High School, took first prize in the Snow Days Chicago High School division.

International teams of talented professional snow sculptors came to Navy Pier and Polk Bros Park to create masterpieces out of 10-foot blocks of man-made snow. The artists began sculpting on Wednesday and had until 2 p.m. today to create their masterpieces.

This year, eight professional teams from the US and around the world including Argentina, Germany, Mexico, Ukraine and United Kingdom competed for first, second and third place cash prizes. In addition to the professionals, five teams of student sculptors from Chicago area high schools created their own original snow works of art.

Drawings of each team's artwork can be found at navypier.com and images of their final designs can be found by visiting Navy Pier's Facebook page.

A list of all winners are as follows:

Professional Division:

1st Place - Pushing up Daisies; Pewaukee, Wisc.



 2^{nd} Place – Impending Fate; Racine, Wisc.

3rd Place – The Slaying of Orochi by Susanoo; Detroit, Michigan

High School Division:

1st - Cloud Bear; Oak Park River Forest

2nd - Windy Star; Lincoln Park High School

3rd - The Bearded Curtain; Nicholas Senn High School

Unfortunately, due to today's warm weather conditions that are expected to extend into tomorrow coupled with rain, all outdoor Snow Days Chicago activities have been canceled for Sunday, February 8.

Come visit us inside Navy Pier's Family Pavilion tomorrow to view Shedd Aquarium Magellanic Penguins. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the penguins will be available for up-close viewing with trainers available to answer questions. Also, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. visit Shedd and their interactive Polar Play Zone booth with giveaways, a bean bag toss game, crafts and a chance to win tickets to Shedd.

Finally, join us just upstairs inside Navy Pier's Crystal Gardens for the first cultural performance in our FREE 8-week Neighborhoods of the World Presented by ComED performance series as we celebrate Italy from noon to 3 p.m.

This celebration of Chicago's diverse communities takes place each Sunday beginning February 8th through March 29th.

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