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## High School Team Snow Sculpting Competition

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### Event Information:

The High School Team Snow Sculpting Competition is brand new to Sturgeon Spectacular in 2025. Come experience the art of snow sculpting first-hand as you and your team carve your very own block of snow.

This competition will take place Saturday, February 8th. The day will start at 9 am with a mandatory meeting before sculpting begins. All team members should check in between 9 am and 9:30 am. Only team captains and team leaders need to attend.

Teams will be given from 9:30 am to 12 pm to sculpt with an hour break for lunch (lunch will be provided). Sculpting will resume until tools down at 4 pm. Teams will then have 30 minutes to clear their sculpture of tools to prepare for judging. Winners will be announced on Sunday at 1:30 pm during the Sturgeon Spectacular Closing Ceremony at THELMA.

Each team must submit one application. Each team must select one team leader (a trusted adult to supervise NOT participate in sculpting ex. Teacher, parent, guardian, etc.) and one team captain (a participating student) and list them both on the application.

Please keep in mind, this event is outdoor and participants will be in cold temperatures for an extended amount of time. Although an indoor warming area will be available, it is encouraged to come dressed in the following...

- Snow pants
- Winter boots
- Hats
- Gloves/ mittens
- Scarves
- Winter coats
- Layers

## **Sculpture Guidelines:**

The theme of this sculpture is an open theme, but that doesn't mean there are no guidelines to what appropriate subject matter for this competition is. Please familiarize yourselves with the guidelines listed below and take them into consideration while creating your sculptures.

## **Competition Rules:**

1. No team member substitutions may be made after the official start of the competition, unless approved by event officials.
2. Sculptures should be family-friendly, non-political, and non-religious in nature.
3. Sculpture ideas must be original and should not include any direct trademarked content or characters.
4. Only snow and ice from the starting block may be used. Water is available inside THELMA.
5. Only hand tools are permitted. Teams may not use power tools.
6. Aerosols are not permitted as a sculpting tool.
7. Molds and forms are not allowed. Stamps which press a letter or shape are prohibited.
8. Finished sculpture must be free of any colorant.
9. Finished sculptures must not intrude over the sidewalk or into another team's space.
10. Sculpture and sculpture area must be tool free and ready for judging by 4:30 pm Saturday, February 8th after tools down announcement at 4 pm.
11. Violation of any rules or specifications are grounds for disqualification by the competition judges and organizers.
12. The competition officials do not guarantee the condition of the snow blocks, but will do their best to assure consistent block conditions. Blocks are randomly assigned at the mandatory introduction meeting.

## **Awards**

Teams who compete will be representing their school in the competition. The winning team will take home a traveling trophy for their school which will be given to the winning school each year, and will also win specialized matching sweatshirts.

## **Judging Criteria**

The panel of judges evaluates sculptures on a combination of factors, including:

- Degree of difficulty
- Execution (clean lines, proportions, overall completion, etc.)
- Creativity and artistic expression

### **Tools and Equipment (sponsored by Kitz & Pfeil ACE Hardware)**

Each team will be provided with a bucket of tools that include the following...

- Garden spade/pick combo tool
- Small tree saw
- Cultivator (Hand rake tool)
- Gang nail with handle (for coarse shaping)
- Paint brush (for texture finishing)
- Tape Measure

Teams are free to bring their own hand tools in addition to those provided. No power tools will be permitted.

There will be a limited number of large shovels and small step ladders available. These must be shared amongst teams.

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