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4th Annual
Winter Festival

Prescott Farm's Winter Festival is Feb. 15

Laconia, NH: On Saturday, February 15th from 11-3 PM Prescott Farm will be holding their 4th Annual Winter Festival and everyone is welcome!

Come and enjoy the Farm at wintertime. There will be lots to do for families and friends and all can enjoy a hot cup of cocoa by the bonfire after a nice snowshoe hike or another activity including; sleigh rides, face painting, sledding, crafts and much more! All proceeds from the event will support Prescott Farm's environmental education programs.

Prescott Farm is a non-profit organization that offers environmental education for all ages throughout the year including WildQuest camps, public programs, field trips, and long-term partnerships with local elementary schools. The 160 acre historic family farm features woodland and field trails, a "green" building with geothermal and solar energy systems, historic barns, an old-fashioned maple sugaring operation (during the month of March), heritage gardens, and forested pond. Prescott Farm is open year round, seven days a week from 9:00 – 4:00PM. It is free to come and go for a hike or explore the "green" building!



There is a small fee of \$3 per person for non-members, \$10 for families with 2 or more kids. Members of Prescott Farm and children ages 3 & under are free! We are also looking for local businesses to sponsor the event, so if your business

may be interested in helping to sponsor this event please contact Kimberly at 603-366-5695 or info@prescottfarm.org. All other event information can be found on our website www.prescottfarm.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Five great ways to get out in the mountains and explore

North Conway - 'Tis the season to get out and play in the snow in Mt Washington Valley. How? Of course there are 13 ski resorts and XC Centers offering hundreds of trails for everyone from never-evers to thrill seekers. Visit www.SkiMWV.com for update on snow conditions, events and more. Yet, many seek snow fun off the slopes and trails. Here are five great ways to enjoy outdoor adventure throughout January on the trails and off! Whether on skis, snowcoach or via ice ax, enjoy one of these unique adventures this winter.

From the top of the world: Take a trip to the top of Mt. Washington with the Mount Washington Observatory. The Observatory's Winter Day trips offer the chance to get to the top of New England's highest peak in the winter. Enjoy a ride up the mountain in the Observatory's snowcat, take a guided tour of the Observatory and meet Marty, the official summit cat, then enjoy lunch with the scientists and volunteers who live and work atop the peak before heading down the mountain in the afternoon.

From the Seat of a Snow Coach: Travel up the Mt. Washington Auto Road via the one-of-a-kind SnowCoach. A specially constructed all-wheel drive and unique 4-track system allows the SnowCoach to deliver you to the world above treeline at the 4.5 mile mark on the Auto Road for an unforgettable



winter experience. For the more adventurous, the SnowCoach offers the option to XC ski, telemark or snowshoe back down the Auto Road.

Atop a wall of ice: Want the thrill of getting to the top using your own two feet and hands? Mt. Washington Valley is home to three renowned climbing schools - International Mountain Climbing School, EMS and Northeast Mountaineering - all of which offer guided mountaineering and ice climbing trips to Mt. Washington and the surrounding Presentials.

From the back of a Dogsled: Muddy Paw Sled Dog Kennel, based in Jefferson offers a variety of year-round dogsled rides. Many of the dogs at Muddy Paws are rescued or second chance dogs, and they are ready to take you on dogsled rides ranging from two to fifty miles, including overnight trips. Best of all, the tours are hands-on and interactive, so you get to drive the sled too! Join Muddy Paws for a trip based out of their education center in Jefferson,

or choose a trip departing from one of their off-site locations, including the Omni Mount Washington Resort at Bretton Woods. Call 603-545-4533 for more information, or check out their website for more information.

From the seat of a snowmobile: Whether it's gliding through peaceful pine woods, on the state of New Hampshire's hundreds of miles of trails (which go right through Mt Washington Valley) or across open meadows, Mt Washington Valley is one place that's ideal for snowmobile adventures. Mt Washington Valley is lucky to have many snowmobile outfitters offering rentals, guided tours and sales of sleds and accessories.

When it comes time to plan your winter adventure, visit www.MtWashingtonValley.org for complete trip-planning resources. To talk directly with a vacation planning concierge, please call 1-800-DO-SEE-NH (800-367-3364). To learn more about vacations in NH, visit www.VisitNH.gov.

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February fun at Children's Museum of NH

(Dover NH) – The month of February often brings New Hampshire's coldest weather, sending families in search of indoor activities to keep kids entertained. The Children's Museum of NH will be offering a number of special programs in February, as well as extended hours during February school vacation weeks. Here's what's coming up at the museum's Dover location:

Books Alive: Meet the Berenstain Bear Kids
Saturday, February 1, 10 am-2 pm
Brother and Sister Bear from the popular

Berenstain Bears book series will visit the Children's Museum of NH as part of the Books Alive! literacy initiative. Museum staff members will read Berenstain Bears stories aloud, and kids can enjoy bear-themed crafts, games and activities. Costumed characters Brother and Sister Bear will make frequent appearances for hugs and high fives with young fans. This event is included in regular paid admission (\$9 adults/children, \$8 seniors) and free for museum members.

Dollar Deal Night

Friday, February 7, 5:30-8 pm

Families can enjoy a low-cost night out during special evening hours at the Children's Museum of NH. On Dollar Deal Night, admission is just \$1 per person, a 90% savings over the regular admission

fee. All exhibits will be open with special hands-on science and craft activities.

Exploring Our Way Autism Partnership Program.

Sunday, February 9, 10 am-12 noon

Families with children on the autism spectrum are invited to visit the Children's Museum of NH at no cost on the second Sunday morning of each month. This is a time when the museum is closed to the general public, offering a quieter atmosphere and special support materials. No reservations are required

Kids Valentine's Night At the Museum

Friday, February 14, 5:30-9:30 pm

Ages 5 and up (age 4 accepted with an older sibling) Cost: \$30 first child, \$25 each additional child in the same family. Limited to 30 children.

Kids can be part of an evening of fun while adults enjoy their own night out on Valentine's Day. Not only will kids have access to all the Museum's exhibits, but there will also be a scavenger hunt, take-home crafts, and science activities. The museum will provide cheese pizza, fruit, juice and water for dinner, and each child can decorate their own cookie for dessert. Pre-registration is required – please call the museum at 603-742-2002 to sign up.

February Vacation Week Art Camp

February 24, 25 & 26, 9 am- 2 pm. Ages 5-9

Fee: \$105 for museum members, \$120 for

non-members

Kids are invited to learn about some of the world's best-known artists and create their own masterpieces, influenced by the greats! Artists covered will include Picasso, Braque, Degas, Monet, Van Gogh, and even Andy Warhol! Campers will create a diverse portfolio of works to take home. Pre-registration is required – please call the museum at 603-742-2002 to sign up.

Calling all Knitters and Spinners

The Inn at East Hill Farm is hosting a Knitting and Spinning Weekend Retreat, March 7-9. You know that project you have started and just haven't been able to finish? Now's the time to get it done. Bring it with you. Meet other fiber lovers and share patterns, techniques, or just relax with fiber friends. We will take care of all the cooking and cleaning.

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7th Annual Chairlift speed dating

JACKSON, NH. (February 15, 2014) – Are you looking for love this Valentine’s Day weekend? If finding that “certain someone” means finding someone who shares your interests, including your love of skiing/riding, get ready to get lucky. On Saturday, February 15, Black Mountain, in Jackson, New Hampshire will be hosting its 7th Annual Chairlift Speed Dating event,

It’s possibly the highest and best use ever for a double chairlift!

The premise is simple: Single guys and single gals sign up, and fill out a simple questionnaire. Every time you ride the LoL (that’s “Lift of Love”) double chairlift, you get 7 minutes alone with another single. If you hit it off on the ride up, you can ski or ride down together. . . if not, well, just head back to the lift on your own for another opportunity at meeting your soul mate.

Back by popular demand: ‘The Love Consultants’ will be matching folks based on age and some personal information, to help speed up the love connection process! Humor and good natured fun are at the top of the list!

Registration starts at 12:30pm in the main base lodge. The LoL will be loading participants from 2-4pm Speed Dating is free but all participants must have a lift ticket or Black Mountain Season Pass to ride the Lift of Love. Ticket rates for the Saturday are \$49 for adults and \$32 for juniors or ½ day rates starting at 12:30pm are \$35 for adults and \$25 for juniors.

If you don’t meet your match on the chairlift, we will be hosting a special après event in the Lostbo Pub from 3:30-5:30pm with music from Jon Sarty. There will be special “love potions” being served up including The Love Bug, Absolute Bliss & The Bun Warmer to help you celebrate your success or drown your sorrows. Great prizes will be given away to new couples, and to the winner of the “Best Pick-up Line” contest.

Here are some of the prizes we have in store: A one night stay for the lucky couple at the Colonial Motel, North Conway NH, King Love Bed & Hot Tub Suite. There’s also a Help the Lonely Man Prize: a gift certificate to Dutch Bloemen Winkel for some pre-date flowers! And Debono’s Salon & Day Spa has generously donated a gift certificate which can be used to help get preened and cleaned, before the big date! We have many other prizes and fun in store for folks, single or married. Good fun is guaranteed for all!

Black Mountain is located in Jackson, N.H. Black Mountain is the oldest ski area in the State of New Hampshire and has been in continuous operation since 1935 making it one of the oldest ski areas in the country. Black Mountain also offers horseback riding in the summer and fall seasons. Having an event? Black Mountain is the perfect location for your wedding, rehearsal dinners, family reunions and other events.

Stratford Vintage Snowmobile Races

3/1/2014 (8:00AM)

Event Fee: Admission \$5.00 Entry Class Fee \$40.00 Food costs at a minimal fee.

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Keene Ice & Snow Festival

2/8/2014 (10:00AM)
Event Fee: Free day filled with family fun
Bring the entire family to a day filled with free family fun at Keene's 12th Annual Ice & Snow Festival. Childrens Craft at Central Square, enter the snowball throwing contest, ride the train, roast s'mores on the bonfire while sipping hot cocoa. Other activities include ice carving displays, non profit food vendors, entertainment and much more. Downtown Keene, NH

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Sweetheart Special

2/13/2014 (6:00PM)
Event Fee: Dinner rates start at \$50.00 per couple, plus tax and gratuity.
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Wily Weasels

2/28/2014 (7:00PM)
Event Fee: \$5 per family, advance registration required. What do otters, minks, and fishers have in common? They are all part of the weasel family. Learn more as we play games to discover their special traits and why they are so "tricky". Amoskeag Fishways Learning and Visitors Center, Manchester, NH. Phone: 603-626-3474
Email: amoskeagfishways@yahoo.com
Website: amoskeagfishways.org

Chilly Chili Cookoff Stroll

3/1/2014 (11:00AM)
Event Fee: VIP Tickets: \$35 (Tickets are Limited) Adult \$10, Kids under 12 \$7
Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce's 11th Annual Chilly Chili Stroll

through the Village of North Conway. Come join us for mouth-watering samplings of homemade chili ranging from mild and delightful to wild and adventurous. Professional Chefs will be competing for cash prizes at the Gibson Center for Senior Citizens. Non-profits will compete in an amateur-friendly, fun competition at the North Conway Community Center and many other locations throughout the Village. There will be "Crazy Hat" creating, best booth competition, sales on fashionable clothing, art, and specialty items for you and your home in our Village shops, plus lots more! Village of North Conway North Conway, NH Phone: 603-356-5701
Email: mary@mtwashingtonvalley.org
Website: www.chilistroll.com/

NH Special Olympics

3/3/2014 (8:00AM)
The Special Olympics Winter Games is coming to Waterville Valley! Events include Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Snowboarding, and Snowshoeing.
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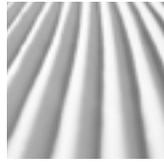
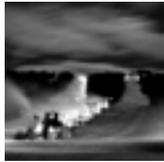
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