

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



<https://champlainpark.org/>



Winter Carnival on Saturday, Jan. 25

@ Rink, Park, Fieldhouse, **noon to 3 p.m.**

It's back ... with hot chili, cool music and icy cold hijinks!

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual Winter Carnival, whatever the weather. Among the activities:

12:30 to 2:30 p.m.: Free horse-drawn sleigh rides.

After lunch: skating, outdoor games.

2 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Entertainment with singer Kristen Klein.

Admission, hot chocolate and coffee are FREE.



Food & Beverages:

There will be a **chili cook-off**, baked goodies, juice, hot dogs and more for sale in the Fieldhouse kitchen.

Help Make it Happen:

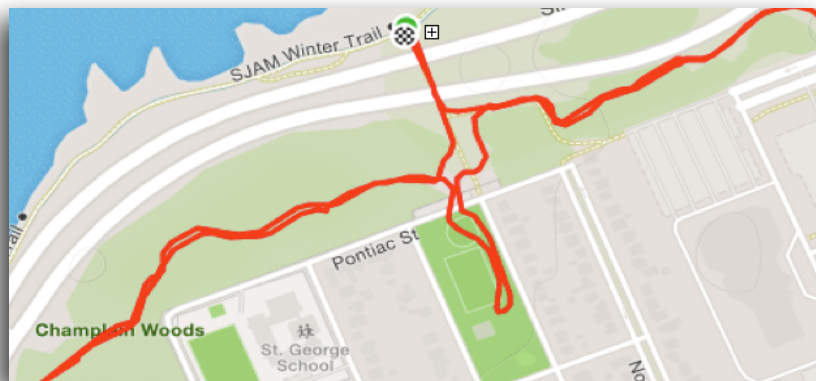
We need volunteers for setup and cleanup, outdoor-games supervision, help at the lunch counter, ticket sales and donations of baked goods. And Chili Cooks, of course, for the annual contest. Please contact Erin for more info.

Organizer Erin Topping, erintopping@hotmail.com or 613-799-1770.

SJAM ski trail open, festival on Jan. 19

The Sir John A. Macdonald winter trail is up and running, with a loop through Champlain Park. To celebrate, a family-oriented ski festival is planned for Sunday, Jan. 19, with a gathering point at **Remic Rapids**.

On the agenda: **10 a.m.**, a one-km Ski Scurry for kids 10 and under; **10:30 a.m.**, a five-km Ski Scoot for those 10 and older, adults included.



At **11:30 a.m.**, a five-km Fat Bike Blast is scheduled. Registration is requested as numbers are limited. Free for kids, \$10 for others.

If weather is very bad, the event is cancelled.

There's lots more to find out, including how to get a ski bib. Please consult

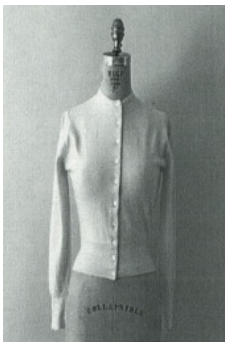
<http://sjam.ca> for details. Map above shows the route in the park and Champlain Woods. For opening hours on the **Remic Bistro**, try sjamskifestival@gmail.com or follow @SJAMWinterTrail on Twitter.

Outdoor rink opens soon: Check web for latest



Cashmere, Chocolate, Vintage Clothing Sale, Sat., Feb. 8

Just in time for Valentine's Day, an afternoon that combines some of our favourite things.



On display and for sale will be high quality used and vintage cashmere sweaters and scarves and designer handbags.

Several vintage

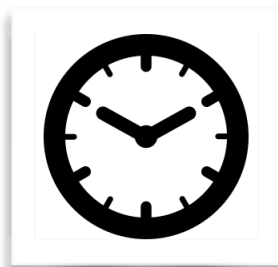
clothing dealers will be hand.

Expect to also find knitted hats and scarves, exquisite chocolates and other tasty sweets. And wait! There's more, including some antiques.

Drop by the **Fieldhouse**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, 613-728-1945.

The Outdoor Rink should be open the week of Jan. 13, but the weather makes predictions difficult this year.

Please check our website for updates. Our new rink coordinator, Jason Ilacqua, 613-867-1994, is looking for volunteers to help with maintenance. Consider lending a hand to keep the ice in good shape.



Week of Jan. 13 to 19.

Monday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday Closed.

Wednesday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The schedule may change as the season progresses. Please check the website for the latest.



3rd bonfire smokin' with S'mores, Sat., Feb. 22

All are invited out of hibernation on **Saturday, Feb. 22, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** to meet around a bonfire at the edge of the SJAM Trail. Come for a skate on the outdoor rink, or a XC ski or fatbike on the Trail, then warm up with a hot drink around the warm fire. A City of Ottawa fire permit will allow a burning spot at the north end of the Park, near the NCC woods.

Ward Coun. Jeff Leiper is contributing "S'more ingredients" once again, and Bushtukah has generously agreed to sponsor the event for a third time. Bridgehead coffee and hot chocolate will be provided too! For those who had a natural Christmas tree, consider leaving it at the baseball diamond backstop in the Park. If not used at the bonfire, they will serve as wind protection on the Trail this winter and/or chipped in the springtime for garden/trail mulch. (Remove all decorations, especially tinsel).