



MINNESOTA ICE MAZE JOINS “WINTER SKOLSTICE,” SET TO BEGIN AT VIKING LAKES ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

More than 45 consecutive days of activation to include the Minnesota Ice Maze, a Warming Haus Powered by Xfinity, USA Curling Experience, pond hockey, ice skating & more

Eagan, Minn. (November 28, 2022) – With winter solstice beginning soon, Viking Lakes has announced the return of “Winter SKOLstice,” more than 45 consecutive days of activation on the Eagan campus. Designed to give Minnesotans opportunities to get outside and enjoy the winter weather, activities for all ages and skill levels will occur daily beginning January 6, 2023, through February 19, 2023. All activities are weather-dependent, and registration is required. For more information and to register, participants can visit explorevikinglakes.com/winterskolstice.

Minnesota Ice Maze

New this year, Viking Lakes is excited to welcome the Minnesota Ice Maze to campus. Minnesota Ice, the leading producer of sculpture-grade ice in the United States, is partnering with Viking Lakes to bring the Twin Cities its largest ice maze to date. Minnesota Ice is on a mission to transform how people experience ice. “We are thrilled to create this unforgettable experience for families across the metro with Viking Lakes,” said Minnesota Ice Founder & CEO **Robbie Harrell**. Eight-foot-high perimeter walls constructed with over one million pounds of ice will create nearly half a mile of twisty passages. The fully-lit maze is perfect for families and kids of all ages. Ice thrones, weekend theme nights, scavenger hunts, fire pits, and inflatables, along with hot chocolate, smores, an ice bar, and more will be available. Visit www.minnesotaicemaze.com to purchase tickets and for more information on the event.

Warming Haus Powered by Xfinity

For the duration of Winter SKOLstice, the Warming Haus is a 40x100 foot enclosed, fully-heated tent located next to the Minnesota Ice Maze and outside the Omni Viking Lakes Hotel, offering food and beverage for all attendees of the nightly activities. In partnership with Xfinity, the Warming Haus will be equipped with televisions and WiFi in an upscale Nordic environment. Featuring food and beverage from Kyndred Hearth and Ember and Ice, the Warming Haus Powered by Xfinity will have live music on weekends and will be available for corporate and group party rentals.

Skate the Omni

Every day Minnesotans can Skate the Omni at no cost on a 30x60 foot ice rink located on the Omni’s front lawn. The rink is available for private event rentals, and all participants must bring their own skates and register in advance. Stay-and-play packages with Omni Viking Lakes Hotel are also available throughout all events while booking through their official [website](#).

USA Curling Experience

USA Curling will offer free curling on the Viking Lakes north pond beginning Friday, January 13. Multiple sheets of ice will be available with USA Curling providing equipment and staff. Curling sheets are available to be rented for private events, and participants must register in advance.

Pond Hockey

Beginning Friday, January 13, multiple hockey rinks will be available for use on the Viking Lakes north pond. Nightly open hockey/skate, youth leagues/practices and weekend events will be programmed in partnership with local hockey organizations. Participants must register for pond hockey in advance.

“We are excited to welcome The Minnesota Ice Maze to campus in 2023 as we further establish Winter SKOLstice as an annual community tradition at Viking Lakes. We continue to create opportunities for

Minnesotans to come together and offer fun opportunities for all ages and skill levels,” said Viking Lakes General Manager **Kyle Chank**. “We encourage people to join us and experience life in fresh air at Viking Lakes all winter long.”

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About Viking Lakes

Viking Lakes is a 200-acre, mixed-use master development owned and operated by the Wilf Family/MV Ventures and located in Eagan, MN. With a mission formed around a healthy, active lifestyle, the campus will ultimately encompass more than 3 million square feet of corporate and medical offices, retail, entertainment, and multi-family housing. The project boasts open and public spaces, including trails, water/wetland preserves and other amenities to create vibrancy and connectivity, all anchored by the 36-acre headquarters and training facility of the Minnesota Vikings – Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center and TCO Stadium. The Eagan campus already includes Twin Cities Orthopedics Eagan, Training HAUS, MV Ventures, Arete Sport, USTA Northern, Minnesota Rokkr and Version1, Viking Lakes Residences, Omni Viking Lakes Hotel and the Vikings Museum and Locker Room Store.

About Minnesota Ice

Minnesota Ice is the nation's leading manufacturer of sculpture-grade ice and is the Midwest leader in artisan ice production. We specialize in three core products: Pure & Clear™ cocktail ice, ice sculptures, and packaged ice.

About MV Ventures

MV Ventures is a full-service real estate developer in Minnesota. Owned by the Wilf Family, MV Ventures is responsible for the construction, management, and activation of best-in-class destinations, including Viking Lakes.