

**WELCOME TO  
Frankenmuth  
And  
The  
N.I.C.A.  
U.S. National Collegiate  
Ice Carving Championships**

**Presented By  
Zehnder's Snowfest 2009  
January 23, 24, 25, 2009**

**New This Year!  
In Addition to the Event Prizes  
The National Ice Carving Association  
Will Award a Special Scholarship  
To The Winning Team**

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## **Zehnder's Snowfest 2009**

**Presents**

**The NICA U.S. National Ice Carving Championships**

**January 23, 24, 25, 2009**

**Specific N.I.C.A. Rules Governing the Collegiate Events**

**Any questions concerning these rules must be addressed to the N.I.C.A. National Office.**

- 1. When each team submits an application to compete in the National Championships each competitor must be a full time student. Each competitor must present a letter to the N.I.C.A. Snowfest judges from their college registrar's office stating that they are a full time student in the current academic year and that they are registered for the semester in which the competition will take place – January 23, 24, 25, 2009**
- 2. The members of a team must attend the same institution of higher learning. No split teams are allowed.**
- 3. Each college is limited to two teams. Due to carving site and lodging limitations we are limited to fourteen teams total. Two complimentary rooms will be assigned to each competing college. Any additional rooms needed are the financial responsibility of the competing teams.**
- 4. Students who have entered a N.I.C.A. professional ice carving competition should check with the NICA national office about eligibility.**
- 5. All competitors must be N.I.C.A. members in good standing at the time of the competition. N.I.C.A. officials will be present at Snowfest to enroll non-members prior to the event.**

### **Time Limits For Events**

**Single Block Compulsory – 2 Hours**

**Single Block Free-Style – 3 Hours**

**Three Block/Two Man Team Event – 4 Hours**

**“Competition is the stone on which all good chefs must sharpen their skills”**

**John Zehnder, CEC, AAC**

# **N.I.C.A. U.S. National Collegiate 2009 Competition Specifications**

**Exact Times and Locations of Events May Change Due to the Weather Conditions**

**The competition is divided into three separate events.**

**Carvers must compete in all three events.**

**All carvers must be at least 18 years old at time of event.**

**Coaches are not permitted to handle ice.**

**Coaches may offer verbal instructions throughout all events.**

**Coaches may not handle tools or improve the physical features of the ice in any way.**

**Competitors are given a 10' x 10' area in which to carve.**

**Locations chosen are by luck of the draw by NICA judges.**

**All carving locations are outside**

**Sun and wind protectors are the responsibility of the carvers.**

**NICA officials are the final say for rules and scoring.**

## **Carving Blocks**

**11" x 22" x 45"**

## **Compulsory Event**

**One Ice Block**

**NICA judges will assign carvers specific figures that will require the use of several techniques; i.e. fusing two pieces together, etc.**

## **Free Style Event**

**One Ice Block**

**Carvers may choose any design they wish, but figure must include specific techniques assigned by NICA judges.**

## **Team Event**

**Three Ice Blocks**

**Team partners work together to carve one piece of their choosing.**

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**Early Registration Deadline for Guaranteed Rooms**  
**December 31, 2008 – Hurry To Insure Your Spot!**  
**We Can Accommodate A Maximum of 14 Teams.**

**\$25 Entry Fee Per Student Carver, Payable with Entry**  
**Make Checks Payable to:**  
**Zehnder's Snowfest 2009**  
**730 S. Main Street**  
**Frankenmuth, MI 48734**

**College Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coaches Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Carver #1 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Carver #2 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby certify that I will be 18 at time of event and physically capable of handling ice in excess  
of 100 pounds**

**Carver #1 Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Carver #2 Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM  
LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT  
Zehnder's Snowfest 2009  
NICA Collegiate/Professional Ice Events  
January 23, 24, 25, 2009**

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has made formal application for participation as an ice carving competitor, sponsored by Zehnder's Snowfest 2009, its parent company Zehnder's Restaurant, its sponsors and NICA. I understand that participation in these events will involve the use of chainsaws, chisels, and other equipment necessary to shape and sculpt blocks of ice that may weigh in excess of 300 pounds.

In consideration for and as a condition of being permitted to participate in said events, the undersigned, willingly makes acknowledgement that he/she can fully participate in all areas of this ice carving event, can physically compete without restrictions, and that he/she has inspected the competition site and found it safe and adequate for the events scheduled.

In addition, Zehnder's Snowfest 2009, its officers, directors, and employees will be released from liability to the undersigned, his personal representatives, heirs and next of kin for all losses or damage and any claims or demands thereof.

Signature of Carver: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**In Case of Emergency Call:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# **Zehnder's Snowfest 2008**

## **NICA U.S. National Collegiate Championships**

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**September 5, 2006**

**Good morning fellow ice enthusiast!**

The NICA U.S. National Collegiate is one of our premier winter ice events. Each year we play host to over a dozen colleges and culinary schools. For many spectators who willingly sit for hours in the frigid bleachers, it's the highlight of all of our Snowfest activities. If you've been here before – thanks for participating. If 2007 will be your first time – welcome.

Last year was the first year we did two of the collegiate events under the protective cover of a tent. Worked so well we're planning on it again this year! Almost eliminates the sun as a factor. Only problem, we need to restrict the number of teams participating to 14 total. Once we've reached that point, regardless of the date, we will not be able to accept any additional teams.

We know it can be difficult raising money to come to these types of events, so as always, lodging and meals are provided free for all registered college competitors and their coaches – courtesy of Zehnder's and the many local businesses that support our endeavors. The only request we have is that you let us know ASAP if you're coming. **DON'T WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS TO LET US KNOW! EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW ALL TEAM MEMBERS' NAMES BUT ARE PLANNING ON COMING REGISTER YOUR COLLEGE BEFORE LEAVING FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK. We always guarantee rooms to teams and coaches who send in their forms by December 31<sup>st</sup> – that's your best bet! After the first of the year rooms will be scarce and we cannot guarantee free lodging.**

**Get your team together and make your plans! I know you'll have a great time.**

**Best regards,**

**John Zehnder, CEC, AAC**

## **Ice Event Chairman**