

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

Presented By
Zehnder's Snowfest 2012
January 27, 28, 29, 2012

**Weather Permitting, All Collegiate Events Will Take Place in
Edwin Zehnder Park, Just South of Zehnder's Restaurant**

John Zehnder, CEC, ACE, HGT, AAC
Snowfest Ice Event Chairman

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Presents

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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 27, 28, 29, 2012**
- 2. The members of a team must attend the same institution of higher learning.**
- 3. Each college is limited to two teams. Due to carving site and lodging limitations we are limited to fifteen teams total. Two complimentary rooms will be assigned to each competing college. These rooms are designated for the use of the registered teams and coaches. Due to liability issues we ask that only registered carvers and coaches (spouses and children of coaches are welcome) occupy these rooms. Any additional rooms needed for friends are the financial responsibility of the individual competing carvers.**
- 4. Students who have entered a N.I.C.A. professional ice carving competition should check with the NICA national office about eligibility. It's normally not an issue, but check anyway.**
- 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”

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N.I.C.A. U.S. National Collegiate 2012 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 18 years old at time of event.

Coaches are not permitted to handle ice.

Ask the NICA judges for assistance if you need help lifting ice.

Coaches may offer verbal instructions throughout all events.

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 provided by Chad Hartson

11" x 22" x 45"

Compulsory Event

One Ice Block

NICA judges will assign carvers specific templates 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 carver one piece of their design and choosing.

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**Early Registration Deadline for Guaranteed Rooms
January 10, 2012 – Hurry To Insure Your Spot!
We Can Accommodate A Maximum of 15 Teams.**

**\$25 Entry Fee Per Student Carver, Payable with Entry
Make Checks Payable to:**

**Zehnder's Snowfest 2012
730 S. Main Street
Frankenmuth, MI 48734**

College: _____

Carver #1 Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Carver #2 Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

**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**

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NICA Collegiate/Professional Ice Events
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The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has made formal application for participation as an ice carving competitor, sponsored by Zehnder's Snowfest 2012, 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 2012, 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 _____

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August 30, 2012

Good morning fellow ice enthusiasts!

It's hard to believe, but 2012 is the 21st anniversary of Snowfest! Little did we think way back then that we would have such a popular and crowd pleasing event that continues to receive many national honors and accolades. The three-day NICA U.S. National Collegiate Championship is our premier Snowfest ice event. Each year we play host to 28 collegiate and culinary school student ice carvers from across the United States and Mexico. Many spectators willingly stand for hours in the frigid cold just to see blocks of ice transformed into pieces of art by our collegiate carvers. If 2012 will be your first time – welcome, we know you'll have a good time and learn some valuable tips about the art of ice carving.

Zehnder Park, just south of Zehnder's Restaurant, is our collegiate championship site where we have three challenging events over a three day period. Lots of room to spread out and carve in a comfortable setting with plenty of power. Also affords us the opportunity to provide front row viewing for several hundred spectators, up close and personal.

We know it can be difficult raising money to come to Frankenmuth, especially in this tight economy, 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. It's always best to let us know prior to Christmas break. That way everything's taken care and your rooms are guaranteed. Friends and family are encouraged to come and cheer you on, but are responsible for their own accommodations.

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

Best regards,

**John Zehnder, CEC, ACET, HGT, AAC
Ice Event Chairman**

