



## Collegiate Ice Carving Invitational One-day event

The Collegiate Ice Carving Invitational (CICI) is designed to help young college students prepare for buffet and competition sculpting. The focus will be on the education of young carvers and not as much on the scoring system and competitive rules.

We will crown individual winners and the overall college team. This format fits well in preparing the student for Collegiate Nationals. This program will also encourage young carvers to carve ice at their place of employment.

### **Seminar:**

First we will have a seminar that will be made available to all students who attend the competition it will take place before the NICA competition. This class may also be extended to any university students who attend a school that is participating in this program. For example, if one school has enough tools for 4 competitors but has 6 students in the carving program, those students would still be allowed to attend the seminar even if they are not competing that day.

### **10 Steps to 3D Sculpting**

This seminar is designed to teach the student each individual step in the carving process. This helps the student to work in a systematic manner and prevents the student from becoming overwhelmed. After completing this seminar, the student will have the basic knowledge of how to complete an ice carving and feel confident in doing so.

1. Design & Template
2. Tracing
3. First Dimension
4. Perfecting the First Dimension
5. Connecting Reference points
6. Blocking In
7. Rounding
8. Sanding
9. Detailing
10. Cleaning

### **Compulsory Event:**

Next the students will be given a seminar on carving specific geometric shapes (cube and sphere). After the seminar students will be given the proper tools to make their shape (tools are not for them to keep, students must provide their own chain saw). The judges will examine each shape and assign a point value of 1,2 or 3. One point will be awarded for a shape that is irregular and is more than 1/4" off the range dimensions given to the student. For example: cube dimensions given are 8" x 8" x 8" and actual dimensions are 8 1/4" x 7 3/4" x 8 1/2", the last dimension is more than 1/4" range. The first two dimensions are acceptable but the last measurement will place that student in the one point category. Two points will be awarded for a shape that is a good representation of the shape but not perfect. This shape should be within a 1/4". Three points will be awarded to students who's shape has little to no visual imperfections and measures to within an eighth of an inch. Max points awarded in this category will be a 6 and minimum score will be a 2. They will be judged on the dimensions of a cube and a sphere.

### **Competition:**

This NICA style competition will be a single block with a four-hour time limit. This extended time format is designed for students who need help finishing their sculptures. The competition will be one in which the judges are allowed to help the students when they have questions. By this I mean that a judge will be permitted to use the students tools to demonstrate on their sculpture how to complete a particular technique. For example, if a student is carving a swan and is detailing the wing, a judge may come over and carve one or two feathers to demonstrate to the student how it could be done. This will be a teaching competition so coaches and teachers are allowed in the carving area. Those students who need more help will have it during the competition as opposed to only before and after the event. Competition will be judged by NICA standards with a ten-point handicap. The handicap score will be used so the student does not feel discouraged by lower scores.

**Scoring System:**

The competition score will be combined with the compulsory score to declare the final winners. NICA will not give out medals to students but will provide ribbons for placement:

We will also provide prize ribbons for first to fifth place for individual and teams.

Each school will be considered a team. For team standings we will take the top two scores from each team and add them together for the team score. To compete as a team you must have at least two competitors present from each school. The school may have more students, but only the top two scores will count for team standings.

**Judges:**

We will require five judges for this event. The high and low scores will be dropped; an average of the three remaining scores will be used to determine the final score. Judges will be college coaches, instructors, and NICA officials.

**Schools:**

NICA will charge each participating school \$225. This will allow for 5 students to attend and compete in the competition. The school is allowed to bring as many students as they wish to attend seminars but only five can compete. All entry fees will go to NICA. Each additional student will cost \$25.00 to compete.

**Students:**

Students must be full or part time status at a university. Students not on a team may attend even if their school chooses not to pay the \$225 participation fee. Those students will be required to pay an entry fee of \$65 per student. All entry fees will go to NICA. Awards ceremony could be at the dinner location. If lodging is not available we must have a host hotel with a very reasonable rate for students.

**Travel Stipends:**

NICA will provide each school's coach with a travel stipend to help off-set the cost of hotel rooms and travel. Please try and get your school to pay the entry fees for the students. This will allow you to use this travel stipend for lodging and travel.

**Meals:**

NICA will have an awards banquet dinner after the competition is over. NICA will also provide boxed lunches to the students and coaches.



**Entry Form for Collegiate Invitational  
Holland Michigan January 10, 2008  
\*\*Students must be NICA members\*\***

COACHES NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOLS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

FAX # \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY FEE IS \$225.00 FOR EACH SCHOOL UP TO 5 STUDENTS CAN COMPETE. \$25.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL STUDENT.

\$65.00 FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS NOT COMING WITH A SCHOOL.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO NICA OR PAY BY VISA OR MASTERCARD

CREDIT CARD # \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION AND ENTRY FEE TO:

NICA, P.O. Box 3593, OAK BROOK, IL 60522-3593 OR FAX BACK WITH CREDIT CARD PAYMENT TO 1-630-871-0839.

PLEASE CONTACT THE NICA OFFICE AT (630) 871-8431 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

When we receive your entry form with payment you will be sent the following information: directions and rates to the host hotel and ice carving area and an agenda

**Students Information:**

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