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### **JACKSON NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSTS 10<sup>th</sup> THE ONLY STATE SANCTIONED SNOW SCULPTING & JACKSON INVITATIONAL COMPETITION IN JACKSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Jackson is home to the New Hampshire State Sanctioned Snow Sculpting Competition and the Jackson Invitational, to be held on January 28TH, 29TH & 30TH, 2010. This event attracts a wide variety of sculptors, both amateur and professional.

Many of the Competing Teams will be using this weekend as a practice run for Lake Geneva and the Nationals. Other sanctioned states holding championship competitions include Alaska, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, and Wisconsin. Each team of sculptors consists of 2 or 3 members, and in order to be eligible to compete in the State Championship, team members must be 18 years or older and reside or work in New Hampshire. The winning team of the State Championship will receive a trophy and an invitation to compete in the United States National Snow Sculpting Competition, to be held at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin in 2012. Our New Hampshire State Sanctioned winners for 2010 are Jonathan Pullan, Stephen Pullan and Jason Trembly. We all wish them well as they will be headed to Lake Geneva for the 2011 Nationals representing the entire state of New Hampshire. All three of the 2010 team winners come from the Conway area of New Hampshire and have been past winners in Jackson's State Sanctioned Competition. The winners of the Nationals then go on to compete in international competitions offered by sanctioned member countries such as Switzerland, France, Italy, Japan, Canada, China, Norway and Russia.

Amateurs and professionals of any age are eligible to compete in the Overall and People's Choice Awards. Team members come from a variety of backgrounds including chefs from fine restaurants, architects, students of culinary and art schools, and various civic organizations. Sculptors from outside of New Hampshire will also be in Jackson participating in the invitational, exhibiting their magnificent works of snow art. Each team will be given a cylinder shaped block of snow 4 feet in diameter by 8 feet tall to create their snow sculptures. Most of the teams will start sculpting on Friday, January 28th and continue working through the night on Saturday to complete their sculptures in time for the judging on Sunday afternoon January 30th starting at Noon. Judging is based on creativity, technique and message.

Other activities planned for the snow sculpture Winter Feast weekend include a welcome reception dinner, torch lighting with bon fire with S'mores, kids snow art, sleigh rides and more. Be sure to check out the website [www.JacksonNH.com](http://www.JacksonNH.com) for all the fun details

Photos available on request.