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"Warmer By the Lake" to be held February 13th at Bayfront Festival Park: Catch the Olympic Spirit

Bayfront Festival Park will be the place to be in Duluth on Saturday, February 13th from 2:00-5:00 PM at the annual "Warmer By the Lake" winter event. Everyone will be able to enjoy the traditional activities of skating, snow shoeing, marshmallow roasting, and sleigh rides with the addition of the Olympic spirit. You will also be able to come in out of the cold and enjoy free hot chocolate and cookies as well as enjoy festive music in the large warming tent or warm up by the huge bonfire.

From February 12-28 the Olympic spirit will play out in Vancouver, Canada site of this years winter Olympics, inspiring us to be the best that we can be. The American Lung Association, Young Athletes Association, Friends of the Parks, True North AmeriCorps, Duluth Parks and Recreation, local businesses and clubs are joining forces to hold a community-wide Olympic Celebration starting with an Opening Ceremony on February 13th at Warmer by the Lake. This ceremony will focus on Duluth's Olympic history and future and will include a parade of community centers and local winter sports clubs to kick off the next two weeks of events called "Snowlympics".

The opening ceremony of "Snowlympics" will begin at 3:00 PM and will include former Olympic participants George Hovland, Adrian Watt and Joe Polo bronze medalist of the 2006 winter grames. After the lighting of the torch the focus will shift to Bayfront Park skating rink where two talented local figure skaters will perform.

So pack up the kids, grab your skates and head on down to Bayfront Park for a fun-filled day of winter activities brought to you by Duluth Parks and Recreation.

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