

2021 Snow Sculpting Participation Information



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About the Event

The 2021 Saint Paul Winter Carnival will be held January 28 – February 7. This will be the festival's 135th anniversary, further fortifying the fact that it is the oldest winter festival in the United States.

Two signature Saint Paul Winter Carnival events—the ice carving and snow sculpting competitions—are being combined for 2021 to create a brand-new **Drive-Thru Ice & Snow Sculpture Park** to be held at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds each day of the Carnival. Ice and snow masterpieces will be combined to feature 30 different and intriguing visual aspects for attendees to view, all from the comfort of their car.

This brand-new drive-through experience will create magical memories. We are excited for your role in the success of this beloved tradition with its new twist!

Sculpting can begin Saturday, January 23, 2021 and must be completed by Thursday, January 28, 2021. Sculptors are welcome to sculpt anytime during this timeframe. You are welcome to determine the sculpting times that work best for you, as sculpting can be done 24 hours a day. We are also looking for additional sculptures to be carved during the 10 days of Carnival.

Sculptors will receive....

- \$250 per block of snow carved
- Access to power
- Street parking in front of their sculpture block
- Access to water for use in sculpting
- Sweatshirt
- Warming area
- Clean area
- Light snacks

Sculptor names and sculpture titles will be listed on the Saint Paul Winter Carnival mobile app, Vulcan Snow Park website, and on-site signage.

We invite you to submit your snow sculpture plan for this drive-through event. We cannot wait to see what innovative and exciting designs you come up with—and our appreciation for your hard work will not go unnoticed!

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Schedule

Activity	Date(s)
Entry form deadline	Saturday, January 9
Snow Stomp (snow block building)	Saturday, January 16
Sculptor orientation (via Zoom)	Thursday, January 21 – evening <i>(if needed; details to be determined)</i>
Sculpting	begins Saturday, January 23 ends Thursday, January 28 – at noon
Public viewing	begins Thursday, January 28 – afternoon ends Sunday, February 7

Rules for Participation

Team Composition / Eligibility

- Teams may include up to three members.
- All team members must be age 18 or older.
- At least one team member must have competed in the Minnesota State Snow Sculpting Competition in the past or be recommended by a past participant.
- No team member substitutions may be made after the entry deadline without the approval of the event planners.

Snow Blocks

- Blocks are composed of compacted machine-made snow using a form measuring eight feet long, eight feet wide, and eight feet high (8' x 8' x 8'). The actual dimensions of the block may be smaller due to the nature of block construction and weather conditions.
- Blocks will be assigned to teams by the snow sculpting officials. Teams may not exchange blocks.
- Event planners do not guarantee the condition of the snow blocks.

Sculpture Composition & Execution

- Sculptures must be family-friendly and non-political in nature. (*This event is, first and foremost, family-focused public entertainment.*)
- All designs should be warm weather designs meant to last for all 10 days of the event run.
- Sculptures may only be composed of snow and ice. Armatures (internal structures that support a sculpture, such as sticks, poles, or metal braces) are prohibited.
- Only snow, water, and ice from the snow sculpting site may be used. No media may be brought in from outside the event site.
- **Power tools are permitted for use in sculpting.**

- Molds and forms are not allowed unless the snow is to be manipulated by the teams beyond the molded form. (*For example, if you use a mold or form to make blocks or cylinders of snow, you must then sculpt that snow until it no longer retains the exact shape of the mold.*)
- Stamps which impress a letter or shape are prohibited. Stencils may be used to mark carving lines.
- Finished sculptures must be free of any colorant. Color may be used for marking purposes while sculpting.
- There are no size finished sculpture size limitations (height, width, or length) other than those imposed by assigned space and safety considerations.
- Teams may not receive outside assistance at the snow sculpting site, except as approved and/or provided by the event planners.
- Sculpture and assigned sculpture space must be visitor-ready by 12:00 pm Thursday, January 28.
- All tools, equipment, and sculptors must be off site by 12:00 pm Thursday, January 28.

Waste Snow

- Teams must clear waste snow from around their sculpture, leaving a clean area of groomed snow at least five (5) feet on all sides of the finished sculpture.
- Waste snow should be pushed into the street to be cleared by plows. Snow may also be pushed to the sides and back of the assigned sculpture space as long as it does not block any sight lines from the street to the sculpture.

Venue

- Minnesota State Fairgrounds has a zero-alcohol policy. If Fairgrounds officials or police find you in possession of alcohol, you will be escorted off site.

Awards & Prizes

This is a non-competitive, unjudged event. Visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite creations via an app provided by the Winter Carnival. The Carnival is planning to provide prizes to the winning entries.

Layout, Parking, and Site Access

Layout

Sculpture blocks will be located on grassy areas along the streets and placed well away from each other.

Power access will be located within about 30 feet of any sculpture space. To use power, bring a good supply of exterior, cold-rated extension cords.

The drive-through route will follow the one drawn on the map at right of the 2020 Minnesota State Fair Food Parade. Ice and snow sculptures will be intermixed throughout the route.

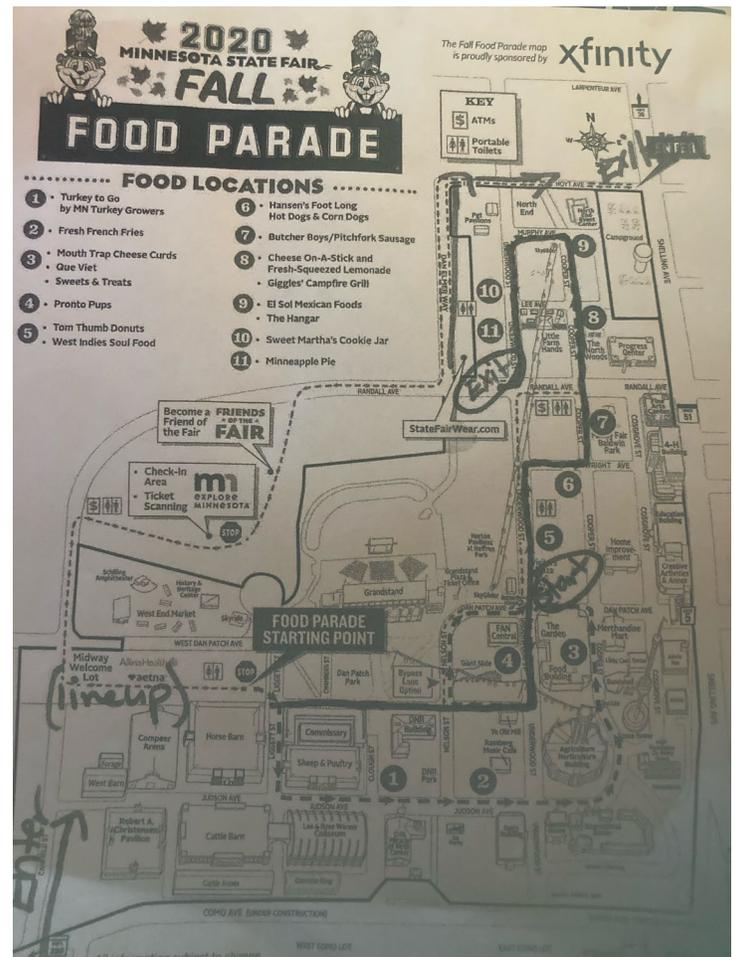
Parking

All sculptors may park on the street in front of their sculpture area until 12:00 pm Thursday, January 28 (at which time all sculptors must leave the site). You are welcome and encouraged to use your vehicles as personal warming spaces.

Site Access

We anticipate that the sculpting area streets will be barricaded against vehicle traffic and that sculptor vehicles will require a pass to enter the sculpting areas. Details will be communicated when they have been solidified.

If you are planning to have family members deliver food or equipment, you may need to meet them at the main entrance. (The same may be true for any food deliveries, such as pizza.)



Health & Safety and Security

Health & Safety

Your safety during this event is our top priority, and we are taking many precautions such as the usage of masks, conducting temperature and wellness checks, and ensuring there is enough distance between sculpting spaces and people. More information about our COVID-19 plan will be communicated closer to the event date. We are committed to making our event an enjoyable and safe experience for all.

Please practice all CDC-recommended COVID-19 prevention guidelines to your utmost ability to keep you and your sculpting colleagues safe and healthy. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevention-getting-sick/prevention.html>

If you can, consider self-quarantine for 14 days before sculpting begins.

Remember: Compacted snow is heavy! One cubic foot (a square block that measures 1' x 1' x 1') weighs 15-20 pounds. Do not use your body to support, receive, or brace chunks that are falling from or being lowered down your sculpture! *(Fun fact: And 8' x 8' x 8' block of compacted snow equals 512 cubic feet and weighs between 7,680 and 10,240 pounds. That's 4-5 tons!)*

Security

Details are still being solidified with the Fairgrounds. We anticipate that the sculpting area streets will be barricaded against vehicle traffic and that the grounds will be patrolled overnight.

It has traditionally been safe to leave your equipment on site, especially covered up, but if you can't bear to lose something, don't leave it there.

Hospitality (Accommodations & Amenities)

What WILL Be Provided

- Access to power
- Street parking in front of sculpture block
- Access to water for use in sculpting
- Sweatshirt (one per sculptor)
- Communal warming area
- Port-a-potties
- Heated bathroom (by the Fairgrounds main entrance)
- Space and permission for personal warming tents next to your sculpture (one or two per team, as space allows)

What Will NOT Be Provided

- Food and beverages – Teams must make their own arrangements and are strongly encouraged to bring all of their own food and beverages or arrange to have them delivered.
- Tools / equipment (including shovels or buckets) – Teams must rely on their own tools and equipment. (Teams are welcome to loan and borrow tools from each other.)
- Plowing around sculptures – Event planners will not plow within or around the assigned block space. Teams will need to clear their own waste snow away from their sculpture. Only waste snow pushed into the street will be plowed.
- Assistance with snow removal / relocation – Event planners MAY be available to help sculptors move large pieces or quantities of snow, but teams should plan their sculpture approach as if such help will not be available.

Culture

We pride ourselves in having a friendly, supportive sculpting environment. Have fun, visit with your fellow sculptors (with masks and at a safe distance!), and feel free to lend and borrow tools as needed.

Watch out for the safety of yourself and your fellow sculptors, and alert them (and event planners) about potentially dangerous situations.

Encourage your friends, families, and colleagues to participate in this drive-through event and vote for their favorite snow and ice sculptures.

Tools & Equipment

Each team must provide their own tools and equipment and use them at their own risk and liability.

Remember: Imagination is the limit when it comes to snow sculpting tools!

Common tools include:

- Scaling (ladders, platforms)
- Measuring and marking (large templates, measuring tape, chalk string, spray paint)
- Snow removal and positioning (spades, shovels, push shovels, sleds)
- Rough-cutting (cable saws, ice saws, ice augers, ice choppers)
- Carving (machetes, hatchets, chisels, gouges) – *power tools are permitted for this event!*
- Smoothing and texturing (rasps, curry combs, MP mending plates mounted on wooden handles)

Other helpful equipment includes:

- Work table
- Buckets (for warming snow or mixing slush)
- Brooms (for grooming your sculpture ground)
- Pads or rugs (for kneeling on)
- Tarps (for windbreaks, shade, equipment protection)
- Work lights and/or headlamps
- Snow/ice traction cleats

For pandemic preparedness and personal health:

- Masks
- Sanitizer (*pro tip: Keep it in a pocket or other warm space*)
- Basic first aid supplies (adhesive bandages, pain relievers, throat lozenges, etc.)

How to Enter

1. Assemble your team of 1-3 adults, with at least one past participant of the Minnesota State Snow Sculpting Competition (or comparable experience).
2. Come up with your team name, sculpture title and concept sketch.
3. Submit your entry form.

Teams/sculptors are welcome to carve multiple pieces, but must submit one form per sculpture.

Reminder: All designs should be warm weather designs meant to last for all 10 days of the event run.

Entry deadline is January 9, 2021.

Entry Form

The following information is required at time of entry form submission so that it can be included in the Winter Carnival app and/or marketing materials and on-site signage. Changes to team or sculpture information made after the entry deadline will not be reflected on published materials.

- Name of each team member
- Brief bio for each team member
- Sculpture title
- Sculpture description
- Design sketch

Entry form: <https://mnsnowpark.com/entry-form-snow-sculpture>

Contract/Waiver

Once your entry form is reviewed and accepted, a full contract (including a waiver of liability) will be sent to you by email. Contracts/waivers must be completed and returned prior to the event (deadline to be provided).