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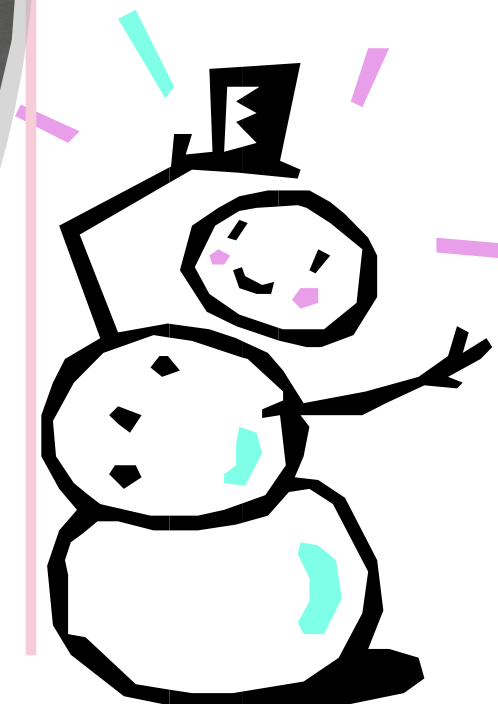
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to you to tell you that I absolutely LOVED your article about the snowman that came to life with the stunning, stylish hat he was wearing. If I remember correctly I think the witness Sofia Luster said he told them his name was Frosty? I do have to say I really would like to meet Mr. Frosty, you know to ask him questions like, how does he stay in one piece, can he taste things when he eats them, and how he doesn't melt when it gets warm. But I guess we all saw that he does melt. I got so sad when I read the end of the article saying "Mr. Frosty was a snowman we all came to love, but as tragically as it was we all knew it had to come to the end, Mr. Frosty was locked into a Greenhouse by a wicked magician, he claimed the hat was magical and it was his. Santa told the Magician that he would never receive another present again, but for Frosty well there was absolutely nothing we could have done to save him". One day we will create Frosty again, and even though he isn't hear in our life he will always be in our hearts. Besides the sad ending I think the magazine was excellent and you definitely need to keep publishing.

Sincerely,
Britney Maskavin
Orlando, Florida



Dear Editor,

I really liked your Fun in The Sun magazine and last month I saw your winter edition of Fun in The Snow but I live in California so snow doesn't fall around here. I'm not sure if I should get it or not. But sometimes it snows but I just stay inside because it is so cold out and I have nothing to do. I really want to play in the snow when it comes but I don't know what to do. I also don't have any warm clothes to wear either there are no winter clothing stores near here.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Tate

Soquel, California



Letter from the Editor

Dear Britney Maskavin,

Yes I really loved that story too but that was a story about how someone tried the magical snowman hat. You can buy it for \$20 at a store near you. If you want to have fun with a magical hat and a snowman that turns alive, you should get a magical hat.

Sincerely,

Addison

Dear Chelsea Tate,

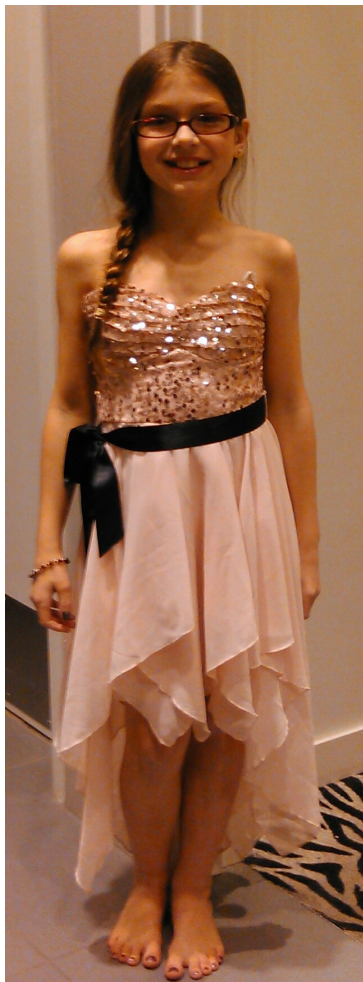
I think that yes you should buy this magazine and not just for sales either. In this magazine you will find it packed with stuff to do in the snow. Even ads on stuff you can buy online with super fast delivery and cheap prices. I really think you should buy this magazine. You will never be bored in a snow storm again.

Sincerely,

Addison

Dear Readers,

My name is Addison Young, I love Winter and all of the fun activities. when everything is covered in white fluffy snow. I especially love Figure Skating and that is why I decided to make a snow edition and since it's one of the coldest winters it seemed appropriate.



I loved making this magazine because I love to write! This magazine was lots of fun and was one of the best dares I ever did in my life and the most rewarding.

I started this magazine because of a dare I already did the Fun in the Snow edition but I was playing truth or dare and I always pick dare. When I got home I thought it was a great idea, so I grabbed the phone, made a few quick calls and it was set the first winter edition was under way.



By: Zachary Matthews

If...

So imagine you're in the ice land. You are about to go down the slope of Mount Snow when the ground below you opens up and swallows you. As you fall you look up and see a wave of snow coming down the hole.

You start skiing down a mountain you just landed on with the snow following close behind. The snow rushes in front of you and turns into a galactic snow monster. The monster looks at you and starts throwing millions of little snow balls at you. You dodge everyone. You start going around in circles on your skis when you notice an igloo has formed in the middle and you just learned to ski so your awkward turns must have created it.

You tried really hard to turn in. The snow monster threw an exploding snow ball. You barely made it in. There was a slope down that made you fly down the slope. When you came out of a whole you ran into an elf.

"Hay! What was that for?" It yells at you.

"It was an accident," You pleaded.

"We will see what the Elf King has to say," the elf tells you leading you to a glories castle. Suddenly you find yourself in front of the Elf King.

"Why are you in the Elf Land?"

"I... I..." You stammer.

"I will put you in the dungeon, if you defeat the snow dragons I will talk to you again," The Elf King says.

Suddenly the floor from underneath is not there,

"Not again," you yelled as you fell. You looked down and noticed that there was swirling clouds that swallowed you up.

Later when you look up you see another land. All you can see is a green field.

"Ha, so what if there was supposed to be a big snow dragon with snow flying all around," you scoff.

You look around again and see that the land had morphed into a land that was what you said.

You hear the sound of a roar. The winds are licking your face as you turn to look at your enemy.

He's coming in for an attack when you get blown off your feet in a furious wind.

You are barely missed by his swoop attack when you hit the ground with a big thud.

"Ow," you groan, "What if you fell down defeated right now."

You were just about to be hit by the dragon's breath when the dragon exploded in a cloud sending you back to the Elf King's castle. As soon as you can tell you're in the Elf King's castle you black out.

Your eyes flutter open. You look around and realize that you're in the throne room of the castle.

"So this is where I would be if the



dragon was defeated right now,”
You look down at yourself, “I’m
alive!” You cry in excitement.

“Yes you are,” Says the
Elf King behind you.

“What happened?” you
asked.

“The dungeon is a ‘what
if’ dungeon and any ‘what if’ that
is said in there becomes true,”
Says the King.

“So... What if there’s a
galactic snow monster at the en-
trance of the castle?” you joke.

“It will take you to where
you were before you came on
this adventure,” the King looks
behind him, “Bring in the snow
monster!”

Thud! Crack! Boom!

The snow monster that was bat-
tling you earlier reached down and
threw you up into the sky. You
closed your eyes as you flew up.

When you opened your
eyes you were skiing down a
mountain. Your family cheering
you as you skied successfully
down the hill. You wondered if
your latest experience was just a
strange dream.

You enjoyed the rest of the
day skiing with your friends and
family, almost forgetting all about
the power of the words “what if.”





Competitive Figure Skating

By: Addison Young

Figure Skating is a competitive sport that tests your balance skill and endurance. In this sport people wear boots that come up just above the ankle with flat blades on the bottom much like rollerblades. The flat blade allows the person wearing them to do fast spins. There also is a toe pick in the front of the blade this allows the person to do jumps.



You may see who are going to the 2014 Sochi winter Olympics and doing all kinds of jumps and spins that look like you could do it in one try but when you try it is a lot harder than it looks. Figure Skating requires lots of hard practice and training.

If anyone wanted to be in Competitive Figure skating or Figure skating its self they would have to find a skating rink near them that has the basic skills lesson program. There are eight sessions. To be in figure skating you would need to take basic one through five. After that you can enroll in a figure skating club near you. Each session is six weeks long and one lesson a week for thirty to forty five minutes long. Each lesson

costs from around seventy to eighty dollars. Although these lessons are expensive they are well worth it.

At the end of each session there is a test to see if you have mastered each skill. If each skill is not mastered then you will have to take the level over again. If in the first few lessons you show understanding and master these skills they can place you in the next level.

Basic levels 1-3 just teach you how to skate and other cool little tricks. In basic 4-8 you learn to do simple jumps and spins. If you chose to do free-style 1 and 2 then you can learn to do more difficult jumps.

During competition they have more than 3 places. They have 1st, gold 2nd, silver 3rd, bronze and 4th, pewter. Depending on the competition they might have medals or trophies.

This sport is also a very glamorous sport. Not only is this sport glamorous but it is graceful, beautiful, and fun. If you never were good at sports in school or anything, I suggest you give it a try. You never know what you will be good at until you try. No excuses, you are never too old to try either. Give it a try if you are afraid of falling and getting hurt try wearing snow pants to break your fall.

Sledding

By: Camden Thern

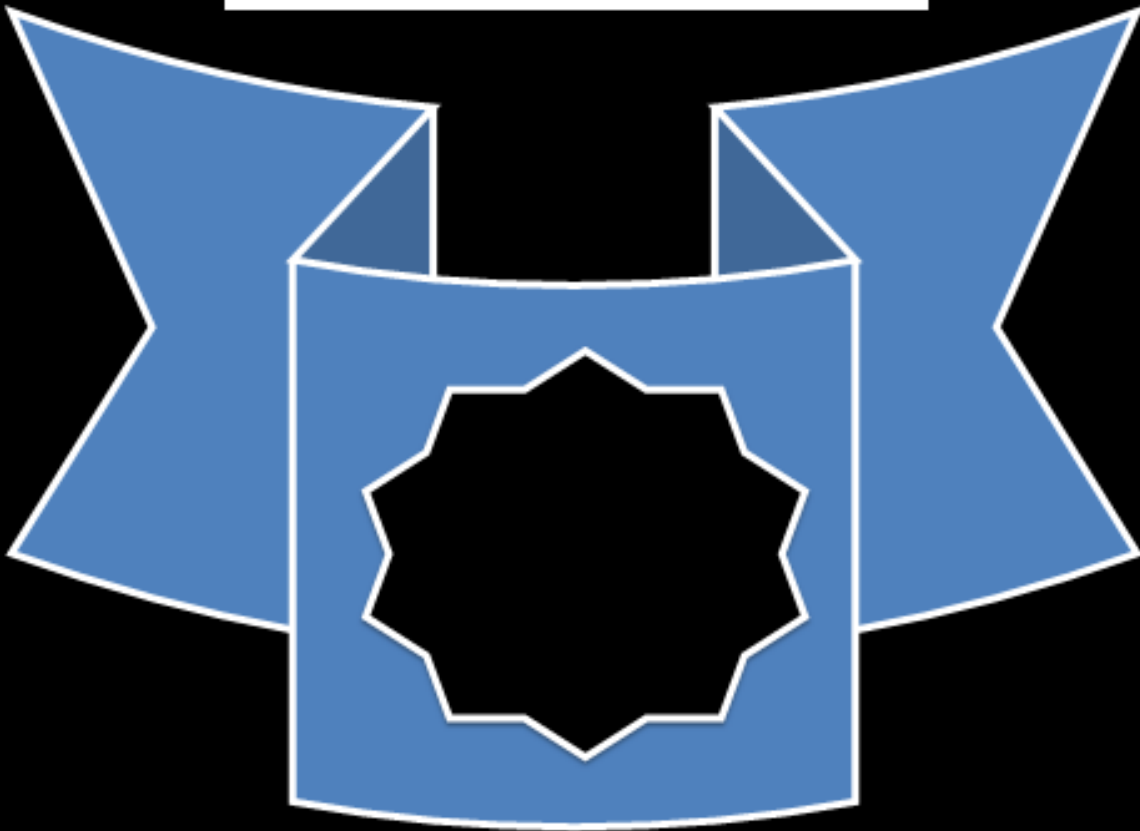
Sledding is a fun sport in which you ride a sled down a snow covered hill. The best time to go is when the snow is covered with a layer of ice will help to get the tube a lot farther. it will be more fun. Here is another tip maybe have some family members come with you sledding. or to invite some of your friends over and it will be a lot more fun. Here is another tip to always make a jump at the bottom of the hill so you can hit it and fly in the air. And I think it is really fun and so will you. Another tip is to get the best sled you have and bring it to where you are sledding. My favorite is the smoothed bottom sleds so that can help you get farther. And when I go sledding the people there with me always have a computation for who can get the farthest and I always end up losing. Another thing I like about sledding is I love to go down head first. And another thing is that you need to make sure there is enough snow for sledding. Another tip is that you should make a couple off trails to go down the hill. Another thing I do when I go sledding with friends is we pile up on each other and then we go down the hill together and we always end up flipping over and get a lot of snow in our faces. The best time to be going sledding is when it is not to cold

or to warm. Another fun thing is to always at the end of all of this fun is to go inside and to drink a warm cup of hot chocolate. And to enjoy it with your friend.





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Top Ten Winter Activities in Wisconsin

By: Rick Marcusen

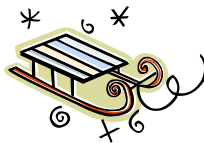
Winter is a cold and brutal season in Wisconsin, but there are plenty of things to do while everything is white. These are the top ten most popular things to do in winter, so grab a nice hot steaming mug hot chocolate, and enjoy!



10. Playing hockey. Hockey is a terrific sport which involves two teams fighting to shoot a puck into a goal all while trying to balance on ice skates with people trying to slam you into a wall.



9. Sledding. Sledding is a very fun thing to do when there is snow, and there are many different kinds of sleds. There is the saucer, which is a round sled, the tube, which is an inflated rubber tube, and then there is the toboggan, which is the oldest sled, which is a wooden platform on steel skis.



8. Drinking hot chocolate. Hot chocolate is one of the most popular things to drink during winter; it's a melted chocolate with marshmallows and milk. It is very delicious.



7. Building Snow Men. Snow men are made of 3 different sized balls of snow stacked on top of each other, and each is unique.



6. Skiing. Skiing is really fun, I mean, how can having two long plastic boards strapped to your feet



and speeding down a hill not fun. And there are two different types of skiing. There downhill, and then there cross country.

5. Building a snow fort. Building snow forts are some of the most popular thing to do during the winter. And the best part is that once you done, theirs still plenty of snow for a snow ball fight with the new defense.

4. Watching the winter Olympics. The winter Olympics are the biggest winter sport competition in the world, were countries send their best athletes to go and compete in different sports in hope to win golden metals.

3. Snowboarding. Snowboarding is a very fun and very fast sport that involves strapping your feet a plastic board and hurtling down a hill extremely fast. It is very fun



2. Riding a Snow mobile. Snow mobiles are like very fun and very fast. It's like riding a four wheeler in the snow, but cooler.



1. Sleeping in. When it cold outside, there is no better time to lie under a five pound comforter. It works perfectly.



School gets canceled, so you can stay up until midnight and then you can sleep in as late as you want.

Snow Wars!!!!

By: Zachary Matthews

Ty was having a fabulous time today. It had just snowed down in Concord North Carolina, and until today he had missed the snow. He had moved into a beautiful house. The previous owners, the Matthews must have loved their house.

Ty ran outside and started building a snowman. After he got done putting the three circler globes on it he ran around the yard looking for sticks he thought about having a snow ball fight. Then he looked up and there were two sticks. He picked them up then used them as arms for it. After that he grabbed a few rocks as eyes and an icicle as a nose. When he was done he just looked at the snowman, the thought of a snowball fight entered his mind again.

Ty lay down in the snow, closed his and was transported into a land of snow. All around him the snow was falling, there were also snowman that looked identical to the snowman he had just built.

He looked and them all then he reached down and picked up the snow and made a snowball throw it at one of the snowmen. Then that one picked up a snowball and

throws it at another one then in no time everyone was throwing at each other. It was an epic snowball battle Ty thought!



All of the snowballs suddenly paused in the air. Then they exploded like they had hit something. Ty looked around wondering what had happened.

The ground started to shake and roar as Ty tried to keep his balance. Then all of the snowmen exploded just like the snowballs. In front of Ty the ground broke open as walls shot out from it. The walls where made of rocks and stone. Through a little whole in the wall Ty

saw that all of the snowmen where being held captive. He had to save them!

“You are here breaking the rule of having fun with snow, with the snowmen,” a monster made of lava looked down at Ty, “If you want your friends back you must get the key of ice, which you can only get if you defeat me!”

Ty looks in fear as the creature lifted up a sword made of fire, what did he have to battle with? Snow, but what





would snow do to... Fire. Ty smiled. He reached down grabbed the snow from down at his feet made a snowball and throw it. The sword turned really black then went out. Now the creature was defenseless.

Then Ty threw a few more snowballs at the creature that made the creature cry out in agony. Ty kept threw the snowballs until the creature was defeated. He went to it and grabbed the creature's key.

He unlocked the snowmen's cage freeing them. They all went outside and continued the snowball fight from earlier. It started to snow again when Ty noticed that it was getting very dark. He needed to get home!

He ran to a snowman, "How do I get home, I need to get home or else my parents well worry about me!"

"Don't worry, all you need to do is open your eyes," The snowman said.

"But how would I get back here, I love being here so much," Ty said.

"Just close your eyes think of snow fighting and you will be

back here again," the snowman said.

"Ok," Ty opened his eyes and looked around he was standing in front of his snowman. It was also still the middle of the day. A door opened behind Ty.

"Ty, are you going to play in the snow a little more," Ty's dad said, "Carolina snow doesn't last that long. It will be gone by the end of the day."

"Ok," Ty said, "How about we make a family of snowmen before it all melts."

"Why not?" For the rest of the time the snow was around that day Ty and his dad made a family of snowman.





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By: Anna Gorski

One of my all-time favorite winter activities is skiing. I love everything; riding the ski lift, the click of the ski boots, the adrenaline you get before going off a slope, the silent wind whipping your face as you race down the slope thinking, I'm gonna crash! I'm gonna die! I love it all.

Although you think you are going to wipe out and tumble down the slope, I have some tips so it is much more pleasurable experience and you can relax and calm that brain of yours.

First, it is perfectly normal to be afraid. Stay in your comfort zone. You shouldn't be going down those expert slopes if it is your first time skiing.

If you are determined to slide down the hard slopes, go for it. One thing you will immediately feel as you reach the edge of the slope is self-doubt. Ignore it. If you are confident in your skiing you can do it, just holding you back is that doubt.

If you are still a bit nervous, (believe me, I was too) just brake the whole way down. Once you have seen and experi-

enced the slope first hand, it is easier to do it again and try new ones.

Second, we can't not discuss jumps when it comes to skiing. Again, if it is your first time, try not to. But if you are a daredevil, just know there is a great possibility of falling. If you land the wrong way, or don't get enough momentum, you probably will fall. But that shouldn't scare you away! The jumps are so much fun once you master them.

There will probably be jumps on those difficult slopes and depending on the slope, they will be optional. All you need to do is lift your legs up when you go over a small hill. You should have enough momentum, and will go a few feet in the air.

When landing, is essential to have both skis facing straight forward. If not, you might go in a weird direction, or fall. It does not hurt when you fall! After all, you just land on the soft, fluffy snow.

I hope this shows you the fun of skiing. It is really rewarding once you learn how, and a good skill to have in Wisconsin with all this snow.





Cold Weather, Lots of Snow, and The Olympics

By: Addison Young and Zachary Matthews

This year has been a wonderful year for winter sports with the Olympics going on and everything else. Also this year has been very cold and snowy and perfect weather conditions for the Winter Olympics.

This winter sure has been a bone chilling one. With over forty days of below zero, wind chill weather. School has been canceled several times due to the wind chill, this hasn't happened for a long time. Most schools have to go into school late into the summer to make up for lost time in school. Minnesota and other states even canceled school for the whole state. They luckily don't have to make it up in the summer.

The snow has also been a big part of this winter. Most schools have canceled at least a day or more of school because of snow. This year we had a small snow storm not as much as snow storm Allison but we still had quite a bit of snow. Almost every day we had a plow truck pass our house. Also I have seen more plow trucks out and about than ever.

So far in the Olympics Norway has first with four gold, three silver and four bronze and constantly on the rise. Canada close behind in second with four gold, three silver and two bronze. The Nether-

lands in third with three gold, two silver and three bronze. Germany in fourth with three gold and one silver. In fifth is the United States of America with two gold, one silver, and four bronze.

This winter has lots of cold weather, lots of snow, and the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi.



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