

Greetings!

There are a lot of exciting events happening in Fond du Lac the week of February 9-15, 2015. We feel there is a good chance for a large turnout to the activities scheduled to take place near Roosevelt Park at N7320 Winnebago Drive in Taycheedah, particularly over the weekend so we have created **free parking and shuttle service** for visitors to take advantage of.

First a note about safety: The World Ice and Snow Sailing Championship races as well as the activities planned for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Sturgeon Stampede are all held on the frozen surface of Lake Winnebago. While I am not an expert on ice safety, I believe it is important to acknowledge that technically, there is no such thing as completely safe ice. Common sense tells us that for a variety of reasons the environment folks encounter on a frozen lake can be dangerous.

Each year some people choose to drive out onto and park on the ice to participate in winter activities. It is my personal opinion that each individual has to make the decision for themselves as to what risk they are comfortable with. At a minimum, everyone should know that their auto insurance will likely be voided if an incident occurs on the ice. And of course reflecting on the phrase used earlier –that no ice is completely safe ice– can be a sobering reminder of the potential hazards.

The Fond du Lac Visitors Bureau has established free parking and a free shuttle service that will run continually from two off site locations Friday from 1 to 10pm and Saturday from 7am to 5pm (see attached maps). The drop on off point from the offsite parking sites will be at Sunset on the Water Grill and Bar ([sunsetonthewater.com](http://sunsetonthewater.com)). There will also be a secondary free shuttle service running on a continual loop from Sunset Grill and Bar to the on-ice race site.

Our goal is to encourage folks to come on out to enjoy wintertime activities in Fond du Lac. By providing free parking and shuttle service off the ice, it is our hope that we will be making the experience safe and enjoyable for all. Please see the nearby maps for a description of the shuttle pick up spots. The parking lots will not be manned and shuttle service is limited so please make sure you and your family are prepared to spend a little extra time in your cars.

The weekend forecasts are predicting cold and windy conditions. Hey its winter time in Wisconsin we can all have fun outside but please bring plenty layers of cold weather clothing.

Bundle up, be prepared and let's have a great time!

And thank you

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