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Cover: Ice Fest Instructor Joe Thill over semi-solid Lake Superior on backcountry classic Bridal Veil Falls
Photo: Scott Crady

Contents: Night time is the right time on mega classic Dryer Hose during the 2017 Michigan Ice Fest
Photo: Joe Stylos

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Welcome to Ice Fest

Munising Michigan is a unique, out of the way place. It's friendly and welcoming; quirky and kind of hard to get to. Sandstone cliffs rise from the frigid depths of a lake so vast it provides an unbroken horizon. Winter reigns for nearly 8 months of the year, dumping snow that's measured in feet rather than inches and causing the mercury to plummet. These are the things we love about the area. These are the things that make it home.

The cliffs and the lake; the snow and the cold, have combined to create some of the most unique ice climbing conditions in the world. Hanging over a half frozen sea with nothing over your shoulder but 50 miles of fresh water is an experience that can't be found anywhere else. Ending your day with a friendly face and hot pasta only adds to how special this is.

Michigan Ice Fest has become part of this experience and we aim to be as unique as the area we call home. Thirty some years ago it all started with a few guys hanging out at a bar talking about their exploits on the ice. We've grown a lot since then, but the spirit hasn't changed. Over the year's we've helped to share this experience with thousands of people and made so many friends along the way.

Ice Climbing in Munising is so unique and wonderful that it would be a shame not to share it with the world. We've worked hard to make it accessible to anyone with an adventurous spirit. With classes, slideshows, films, book signings and parties, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Whether you're an experienced climber who's been to every Michigan Ice Fest or an adventure seeker who's never tied into a rope, we hope you'll join us this February in Munising. This is an experience you won't find anywhere else and is one we feel shouldn't be missed!

Festival Organizer
Bill Thompson



What's New for 2018

FREE CLASSES!

This year the Michigan Ice Fest is offering free skill builder classes covering a broad range of topics including: Equipment selection, ice tool sharpening, apparel selection, Lakeshore specific safety skills, and Yoga for climbers. Space is limited so register early!

NEW CLASSES

In an effort to keep things new and interesting we've added a handful of new classes to the line up of old favorites. Speed Climbing, Climber's Yoga and Women's Backcountry Adventure are all brand new.

BETTER HEADQUARTERS

Last year we moved into Central Community Center and we're still really excited about the new space. It gave us a chance to learn and this year we will have a different layout with more space available for demos, vendors and classes. With the additional space we should be more organized and certainly more comfortable. Once again there will be NO ALCOHOL allowed inside the school, so if you want a drink make sure you check out our...

AFTER PARTIES!

They were a huge success last year so we're improving on a good thing! After the presentations and films are over head to the local bars for a chance to hang out, have a drink and talk to the pro athletes. The headquarters and store will still be open during the parties so if you have any questions or need anything for the following day this is a great time to stop by.

IMPROVED RAFFLE

With tens of thousands of dollars of prizes we think there should be more winners and more happy climbers! In addition to the raffle, we will have more free give aways from our sponsors during the event.

MORE ICE!

We've also been told that things are getting crowded out there. While we feel the community aspect is part of the ice fest experience and there is no better way to make a friend than sharing a rope, we understand that it's a busy weekend. We are doing our best to reduce the number of climbs our classes are taking up so you have access to more front country climbs. As always, the backcountry sees a lot less traffic even during the fest so if you want some solitude, grab a guidebook and get off the beaten path.

NEW SPONSORS AND VENDORS

Over twenty different companies are sending representatives and products to help you get the most out of your gear. New this year we would like to welcome Deuter and Borealis to our Ice Fest Family! At headquarters you will see the latest and greatest in climbing gear and clothing as well as have the chance to buy it at a discount.

BETTER WEATHER!

Just kidding, this IS the Michigan Ice Fest after all. Expect a challenge and enjoy the ride.



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Sterling Athlete Mayan Smith-Gobat made the first known ascent of *Riders on the Storm* in Patagonia, Chile on the 25th anniversary of the first ascent. She chose the 9.2 mm Evolution Aero to get her there.

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Get the Most Out of Ice Fest

Sign up early. - Not only does it save you money, but our classes tend to fill up. You can register at michiganicefest.com

Show up early! Doesn't matter if it is a class, the demo, a presentation or for the free beer at the after parties. If you are late you will almost certainly miss out.

Prepare for anything. The weather on Lake Superior is unpredictable at best. Be ready for cold, snow and wind.

Take a course/clinic. This is a sure-fire way to increase your skills, gain some valuable knowledge, and get on some amazing ice, all the while being instructed by one of the country's best alpinist/ice climbers.

Corner a manufacturer's sales rep. These folks come from all over the country to support our event and represent the leading manufacturers of climbing equipment and clothing. They bring with them a vast knowledge of this gear and are more than willing to share their insights and experiences. If you have questions, they have answers.

Have a drink with a professional athlete. Many of the world's best climbers are in attendance at Ice Fest and will be attending our after parties and socials. It is a rare opportunity to be able to socialize with a sport's elite athletes and the ability to share stories with them is priceless.

Enjoy Munising and Pictured Rocks. The ice climbing in the Munising area is immense. Try to get off of Sand Point Road and explore the backcountry where you will find solitude, incredible scenery, and the opportunity to climb on the shores of the world's largest freshwater lake!

Headquarters Our headquarters will be at the Central Community Center in Munising, located at 413 Maple Street. Most off-ice activities will take place here including: registration, class meeting spot, gear demos, gear sales, and shuttle pick up. Have questions about the festival? The Central Community Center is where you will find the answers. Maps, schedules and official Ice Fest memorabilia will also be found here.

Spectating & Photography If you are traveling up to Munising and looking to watch the climbers or exploring the possibility of catching the action on film- for your safety please do not walk under or around the ice while climbers are climbing. Ice can and will fall during the ascent and could easily injure a spectator/photographer. The best location for catching a glimpse of the climbers is along Sand Point Road. Take the shuttle from the Ice Fest Headquarters parking lot and the driver will drop you off right at the trailhead. A short but steep walk will take you to the base of the climbs. We ask that all photographers please remain at the bottom of the climbs at the demo area. If you are interested in improving your climbing photography, check out our rigging course.

Safety Climbing a serious sport and safety is our primary concern. Climbing over a fresh water sea adds an extra element of both excitement and risk. When climbing along the lakeshore please make sure your group skills required for self rescue. Once you rap over the edge you have to be able climb out or ascend the rope. If you don't have these skills, check out our free Lakeshore Safety classes.



Useful Numbers and Web Sites

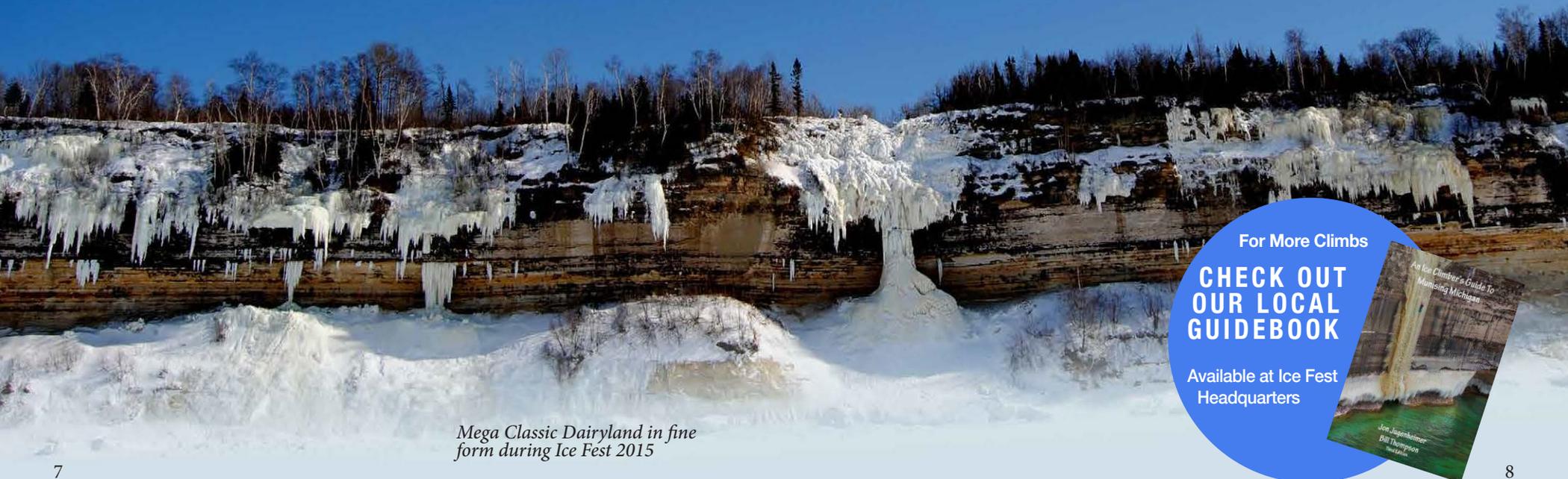
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The Ultimate Ice Fest Tick List

Some climbs are just classics. They are must-dos. If this is your first time climbing in Pictured Rocks picking climbs can be a daunting task. The staff of Michigan Ice has compiled a list of our favorites and created what we believe is the “Ultimate Munising Tick List”. There are hundreds of climbs in the area but this is a great place to start. For more information, check out the guidebook, *An Ice Climbers Guide to Munising*, or ask one of our staff members.

- ✓ **The Dryer Hose (Life’s A Pitch) - WI 4, 23 meters**
Climbing up the approach trail and catching the first glimpse of the Dryer Hose can be awe inspiring. “THE classic route” in Munising’s front country, it’s a must do climb on everyone’s tick list. The Dryer Hose is a large freestanding pillar that forms in a typical Pictured Rocks sandstone bowl. The base is usually cauliflowered leading to vertical ice.
- ✓ **The Amphitheater - WI 5, 20 meters**
This climb rarely touches down, which makes it a fun day to try to connect the pillars from the back to the front curtain to top out. It’s a pumpy climb requiring lots of skill. If you top rope the climb, have fun flying through the air if you fall off the ice, it’s a big swing!
- ✓ **Sweet Mother Moses - WI 4, 23 meters**
This climb is another Munising classic. Like the Dryer Hose? SMM is almost an exact replica of the Hose! This beautiful pillar stands dead vertical and usually forms large “bat wings.”

- ✓ **Dairyland - WI 5, 50 meters**
This is it, the mother of all Munising backcountry climbs! Although it’s not the hardest, it’s the biggest, fattest, and most inspiring climb in the park. The climb forms in two HUGE pillars fed by a creek above, flanked at the top by massive bat wings. From the frozen lake to the top of the cliff, it is over 200 feet high, with 150 feet of actual climbing. The usual approach is to rappel down the climb from above and lead back out.
- ✓ **Twin Towers - WI 4+ to 6, 45 meters**
Two columns form the climb Twin Towers which is just south(west) of the arch on Grand Portal Point. Access the climb by snowshoeing the Mosquito Beach Trail until it reaches the cliff’s edge. Follow the cliff line east for about a mile.
- ✓ **HMR - WI 5, 60 Meters**
Featured on the cover of the area’s guidebook, this climb rises majestically above Lake Superior. This vertical beauty is considered by most the quintessential route in PRNL. Steep, exposed and with a difficult approach, climbers who put the effort in will be rewarded with one of the best grade 5 climbs in the country.
- ✓ **West Shore of Grand Island - WI 2-6, 40-70 Meters**
The West Shore of Grand Island is not really a route, it’s an experience. At a quarter mile wide it’s one of the largest expanses of climbable ice in the Midwest. Dozens of routes grace this spectacular formation and it’s more than worth the trek across Lake Superior to get there. Please note, this is only accessible when the Lake has frozen, it’s worth checking with the Park Service for a conditions report.



Mega Classic Dairyland in fine form during Ice Fest 2015

For More Climbs
**CHECK OUT
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GUIDEBOOK**
Available at Ice Fest
Headquarters

Park Service Rules & Local Etiquette



Over the years, ice climbers have developed a great relationship with the National Park Service in regards to climbing within Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Not all climbing areas have good relationships with government agencies... But we do. Much of that has to do with climbers who have always been respectful of the Park Service regulations. The staff at Michigan Ice appreciates all climber's assistance in fostering this relationship. The following rules and regulations have been set forth to help preserve this beautiful area.

- Munising Falls is closed to climbing due to hazardous rock fall.
- Pets are not allowed at any climbing areas.
- Alcohol is not permitted at any of the climbing areas.
- No fires are allowed outside of designated campsites.
- If you have any questions please call the park service at 906-387-3700.
- There is no parking allowed along Sand Point Road. Please park in the designated parking lot at the end of Sand Point Road.
- Winter camping within Pictured Rocks is available only in the designated lakeshore backcountry sites and requires a permit. Overnight camping in parking lots is not permitted.

Ice Fest can be a busy time at Pictured Rocks. Classic climbs with easy access can be very popular this weekend. The social nature of the event is part of what makes Ice Fest great so please be kind, share your climbs and do your best to make everyone else's weekend as good as yours. We also have many classes going on throughout the weekend. We ask that you avoid the climbs where these are taking place. The locals love the ice climbers and we'd like to keep it that way.

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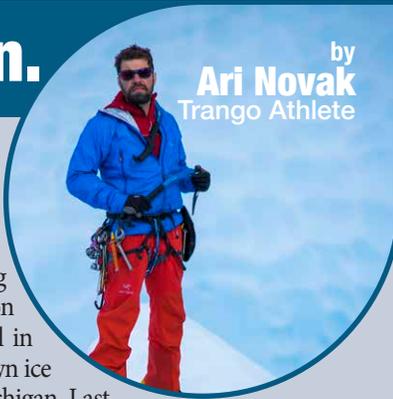


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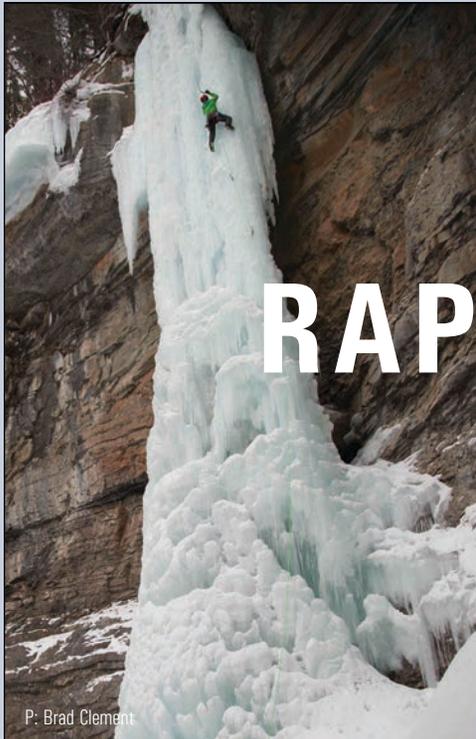
Why I love Michigan.

by
Ari Novak
Trango Athlete

By all accounts, I'm a lucky guy. I am honored and humbled that I get to climb as an ambassador for Trango. Climbing, like my other passion / job directing movies, has taken me all over the world, but the difference is, climbing brings true enjoyment to my life. Residing in Bozeman, Montana I get to climb in Hyalite Canyon quite often and I also run Cody Ice Climbing Festival in Wyoming. Despite climbing in these areas that are known ice climbing hot spots, my favorite place to climb ice is Michigan. Last winter was my first time I experienced the taste of the sweet UP blue ice. In my experience, the ice in the UP has a different feel than the ice found in the western Rockies and in Canada. In Michigan, the ice forms in a much more humid environment making for a mind-blowing feel. The ear to ear grin that I had on the first day of the Michigan Ice Fest last year was slow to fade. But, if I had to quantify why I love Michigan so much it's because of the people. Growing up in Buffalo New York, I know the virtues of pop vs soda, why Verners is the best pop and why a cold beer is even better on a colder day. Michigan reminds me of home. Hardy people who are friendly, hard-working and always down for a good time. As fate would have it, this year I was fortunate enough to return to Michigan in the summer to direct two films for Lionsgate that shot in Grand Rapids. My impressions were only reinforced, Michigan is an underrated gem. If you're looking for great ice and awesome people then it's got to be pure Michigan baby!



Ari Novak Climbing
above Lake Superior
during Ice Fest 2017
Photo: Mike Wilkinson

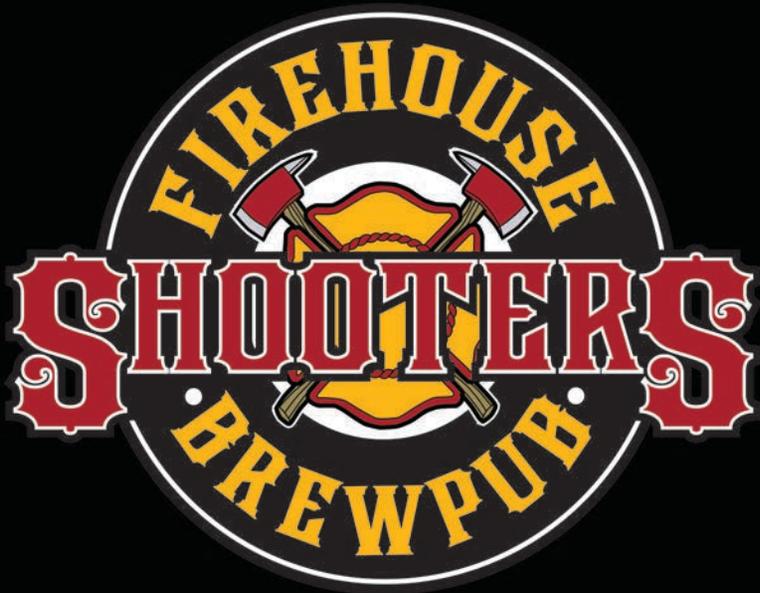


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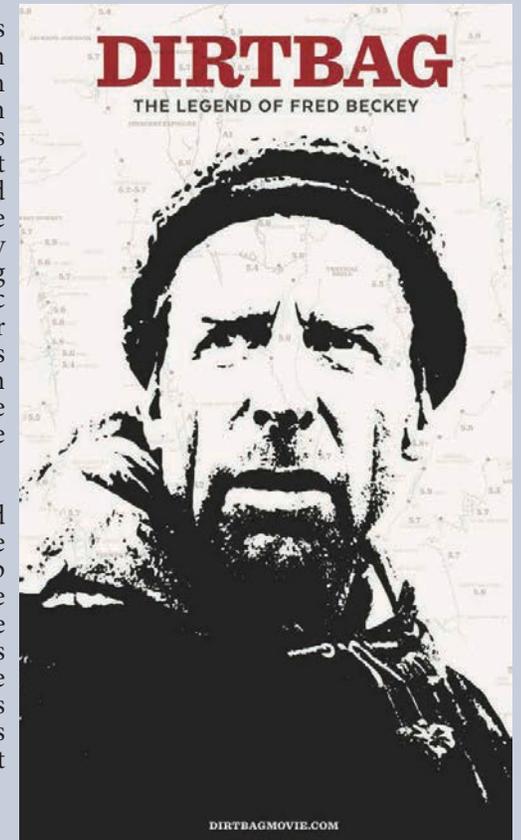
FRED BECKEY IS THE ORIGINAL AMERICAN “DIRTBAG” CLIMBER WHOSE NAME HAS EVOKED MYSTERY, ADULATION AND VITRIOL SINCE THE 1940S. BECKEY’S STUBBORN, SINGULAR QUEST TO CONQUER PEAKS MEANT A SOLITARY LIFE ON THE ROAD, WHERE HE LEFT A LONG TRAIL OF SCORNEO CLIMBING PARTNERS AND LOST LOVERS IN HIS WAKE.

The groundbreaking life story of this rebel athlete, who inspired generations of climbers to head for the mountains with his monumental first ascents and eloquent books, is told for the first time in this exclusive documentary film.

Hailed as one of the most prolific, influential climbers of all time, Fred Beckey’s adventures began in Washington’s North Cascade range with his brother Helmy in the 1930s. In 1942, the Beckey brothers cemented their place in climbing lore when the teenagers survived an incredible second ascent of Mount Waddington, considered the most difficult climb in North America at the time. This success marked the beginning of Fred’s epic tear of first ascents around the world, during which he became the consummate “Dirtbag” climber: defined as one who forgoes the pursuit of material comforts and defies societal norms in order to pursue a nomadic mountaineering lifestyle.

Through the 1950s and 1960s, Fred’s accomplishments exceeded anyone in the sport. He shattered records with an unparalleled string of superhuman first ascents, bushwhacking trails and pioneering direct routes thought previously impassable. He eschewed fame, sponsors, family life and the politics of the sport so that his only obligation would remain conquering the next summit. Fred’s individualistic attitude led to him being passed over when the first American team was formed to summit Mount Everest in 1963, but the exclusion only drove Beckey to seek more summits, as he continues climbing to this day.

Still obsessed with the mountains and planning ambitious expeditions at age 93, the man who once bounded up granite and ice with graceful elegance and ease is now challenged with the simplicity of everyday life. Fred has slowed physically, but his zeal for the outdoors has not waned, and he is still steadfastly plotting new routes up undiscovered ranges for the next generation of climbers and explorer.



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Crucial Gear: *One of the most underrated pieces of gear on your pack list*

When most people begin to plan for their next outdoor adventure they begin laying out their favorite pieces of gear. For ice climbers, the gear is super sexy and the planning includes gear like their ice tools, crampons, and ice screws. While it is important to plan accordingly for all these exciting tools, it is crucial not to overlook another piece of gear that is essential to most outdoor adventures. If overlooked, this gear can turn an adventure never to forget into an adventure you never want to remember. This gear should form the foundation of your packing list and will support the pillars on which you will stand while climbing to new heights. If you haven't already guessed it, let me point your feet in the right direction... I am talking about socks.

There are two important factors that should be considered when picking out the appropriate pair of socks for your next adventure: **HOW THE SOCK FITS** and what **MATERIALS** the sock is made of. Comfortable feet will help you be at your best when ice climbing and finding the right sock is a crucial step towards keeping your feet happy.

HOW THE SOCK FITS - Two important questions to ask yourself here:

- How does the sock fit your foot and leg? What you are looking for is a technical sock that is designed to conform to your foot shape; specifically around your toes, arch, heel, and leg. A sock that fits right will stay in place and will not bunch up or fall down your leg. If you can eliminate movement in your sock you can reduce the likelihood of a blister or hot spot. Stay away from standard tube sock.
- How does your footwear fit your foot and leg? - It is essential that the sock you choose compliments the fit of your footwear. If you wear a sock that is too thin and you have lots of airspace between your sock and your boot, your foot will move around in your boot and you will run the risk of developing blisters. In contrast, if your sock is too thick and fits tight in your boot, you will decrease your circulation which will result in cold feet. Ideally, if you are trying to keep your feet as warm as possible you are matching a thick sock with a boot that has room to accommodate that thick sock. The trick is to find the balance between sock thickness and how much room you have inside your boot.



by
Mike Krejcaric
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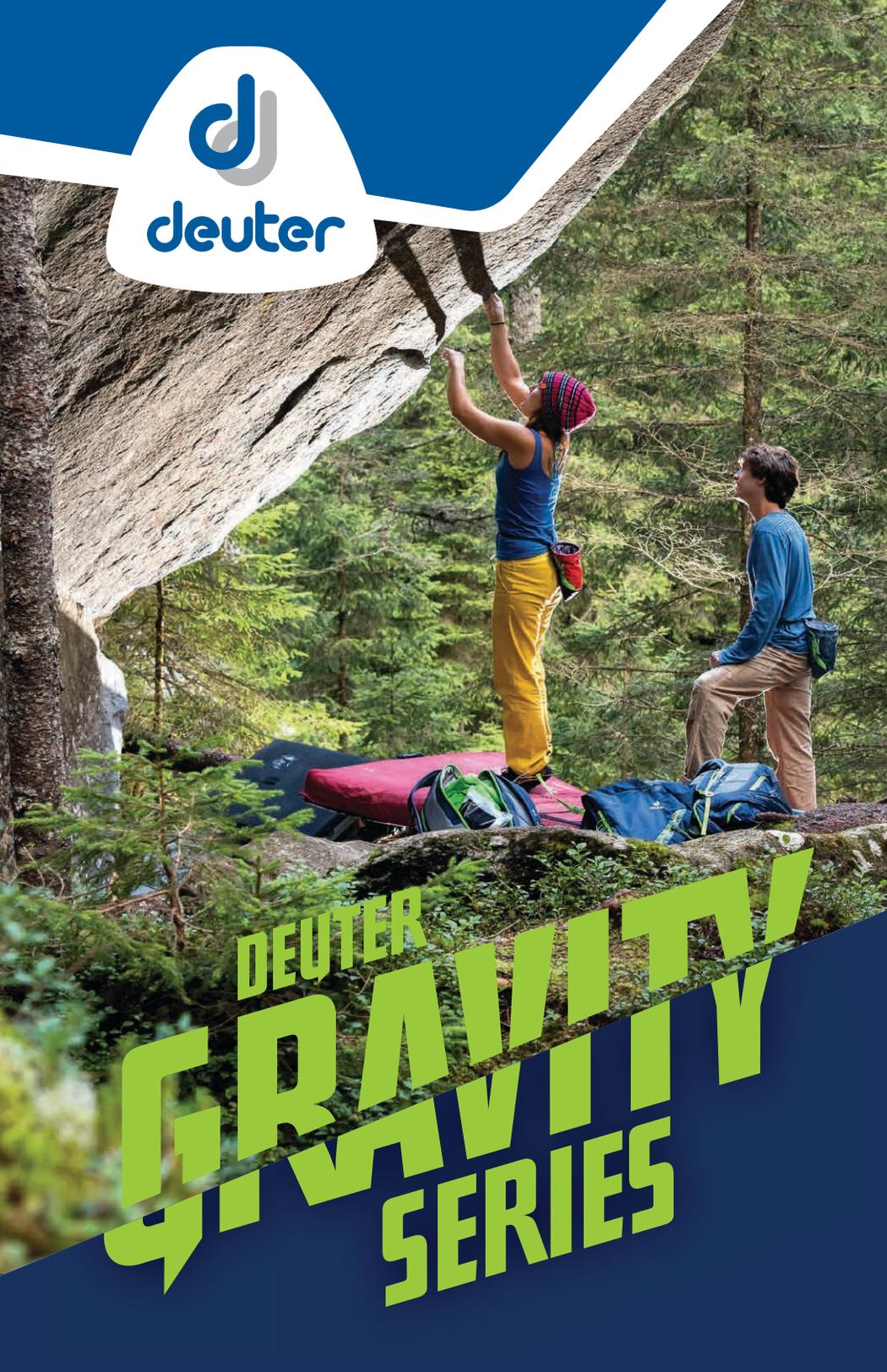
MATERIALS:

One of the most important characteristics of your socks is what they are composed of. When it comes to premium technical materials to take care of your feet, nothing outperforms Merino Wool. Materials like cotton or synthetics don't contain the combination of features that wool naturally has and using these other materials may leave your feet cold, clammy, and wet. In ice climbing, wet feet mean cold feet and when your feet begin to fail from the cold, so does the rest of your climbing game. Below are some natural features of Merino Wool that will keep you climbing all weekend long:

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- Warm When Wet- Merino Wool has the natural ability to capture heat even when wet. This is much different than synthetic fibers or fibers like cotton that become cold and clammy when wet.
- Antimicrobial- The bacteria that thrive off consuming your sweat have a difficult time clinging to the Merino Wool fibers, which means the wool prevents that horrible smell from building up in your favorite pair of boots.
- Anti-Itch- Merino Wool is a fine fiber that does not cause the agitation to the skin that you typically think of when you think about wool.

Who hasn't been out in the field and felt that burning sensation that accompanies a hot spot, or that blaring pain that comes with a blister rubbed raw? Or how about that feeling of no feeling at all, when your toes no longer feel like they are connected? These impairments are all too common when we are out pushing the limits in the outdoors, and they can cause you to endure an unnecessary sufferfest. The thing is, all of these ailments can be prevented; and it starts with choosing the right pair of socks.





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Ice Climbing can be an intimidating sport. It's hard to look at a frozen waterfall and think, "I'm going to climb that," but you can. We promise.

The best way to get over that intimidation is with instruction. That's why we offer classes and clinics. Whether you're a first timer looking to try out ice climbing or an experienced climber wanting to fine tune your skills, you will learn a lot from our experienced and professional teachers. Here are the classes being offered at this year's event:

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S.H.A.R.P.

Over the last 5 years participation at the ice fest, and climbing around the central Upper Peninsula, has grown a ton. That growth has brought a lot of good things to the area but has also brought an increased risk of accidents. More climbers has meant an increased revenue at Ice Fest and we are committed to using that money in a way that benefits climbers. In the past we've launched scholarship for young female and local climbers. Now we're improving the safety for everyone who comes to the area to climb.

We put together a team of local climbers and Ice Fest guides and outfitted them with equipment to help local agencies in case an accident happens. We're calling the team Superior High Angle Rescue Professionals, or S.H.A.R.P. Technical rope rescue is a highly sophisticated and documented skill set that requires extensive training, practice and skills maintenance and we were very fortunate to team up with Sam Magro and Joe Wagner of Montana Alpine Guides to provide initial training for the 10 participants.



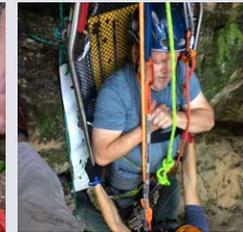
The nature of climbing along PRNL poses significant challenges if a climber is injured or unable to ascend the climb. The park service and coast guard are very skilled at rescues but given our unique terrain there are certain instances that call for technical rope rescues. Ice climbing and backcountry travel activities have inherent risks and sometimes accidents happen and when they do, the members of Superior High Angle Rescue Professionals will be able to respond.

The intense, 40-hour training course focused on knots; anchors; rope rescue systems, high angle rescue techniques, mechanical advantage systems; belay techniques, twin tensioned belays, lowering systems; rope ascension, raising and lowering systems, system safety factors; and litter rigging and tending.

With the blessing of the Park Service, the group consisting of local climbers, many who are Michigan Ice Fest Guides, headed into the backcountry for practical training. Scenarios were set up and systems were practiced, critiqued, debriefed and repeated.

With the skills and knowledge acquired in the course the team will continue to practice on a monthly basis and develop a working relationship with local agencies to provide high angle rescue services for the local community.

A huge thank you goes out to Michigan Ice Fest participants who have supported the Ice Fest over the years making programs like this possible. We hope to never utilize the team, but if there is a call and need for a high angle rescue we are confident that with the skills acquired that we can be of use to the Park service and local agencies of the Upper Peninsula.



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Ice Fest is a social event - Always has been, always will be. We love seeing our friends, having a beer, and sharing our adventures from the past year. That's one thing that will never change. Last year we moved in to the Community Center at the Mather School, which meant, for the first time there was no alcohol at headquarters! We were nervous to say the least. We planned a bunch of after parties and they were a huge success! So once again, we'll be enjoying a beer after a hard days every night at a different location in Munising.

If you're looking for a quieter place to hang out and socialize, need some advice for the following day's climb, or are looking for a screaming deal on that new pair of ice tools, our headquarters will remain open during the parties and some of the staff from Down Wind Sports will be on hand to help you out with their local knowledge and gear expertise.

COME TO THE AFTER PARTY AT THESE MUNISING LOCATIONS

WEDNESDAY - SHOOTERS BAR

Munising's original brew pub, Shooters Firehouse Brewpub is an homage to the volunteer fire department. A typical Upper Peninsula establishment, this will be the perfect place to welcome climbers after a long day of travel or your first day on the ice!

THURSDAY - EAST CHANNEL BREWERY

Munising's newest brewery, the East Channel Brewery offers a variety of unique beers "made with water from the freshest lake in the world!"

FRIDAY - 387

We are going home! For decades Sydney's was the home of the Michigan Ice Fest and to be honest we kind of miss them. Based on participant feedback, last year's after party was just too darn crowded. This year we are going to gather upstairs at 387, the new name of Sydney's, and laugh and tell stories just like we use to! The **Ore Dock Brewing Company** will be there with some **free beer** as well as a cash bar. Come meet our athletes, catch up with old friends, and enjoy one of the finest beers brewed right here in the U.P.

SATURDAY - 387

You asked for it and this year we are going to deliver! Saturday 387 will be closing down for the 2017 Michigan Ice Fest and we will be taking over the building! Ice Fest participants will have access to the entire building providing plenty of room for everyone. Once again **free beer from the Ore Dock** and, **YES, a band and dancing!**

A close-up photograph of a Boreal climbing shoe, specifically a Diabola model, resting on a dark, textured surface. The shoe is black with orange and green accents. The Boreal logo is visible on the side of the shoe. In the top right corner, the text "STAY SOLID DIABOLA" is displayed in white and green. The Boreal logo and tagline "THE ART OF CLIMBING" are centered at the bottom, along with the website "www.borealoutdoor.com".

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A wide-angle photograph of a frozen lake under a bright sky. The ice is broken into many small, irregular pieces, creating a mosaic of light and shadow. In the foreground, there is a large, smooth patch of snow. The overall scene is serene and cold.

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We are proud that last year we registered 67 new members to the American Alpine Club!

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SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 14th

7AM - Community Center
Backcountry Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

9AM - Community Center
All Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

10AM - Community Center
Demos Available

6PM - Community Center
All Demo Gear Must Be Returned

7PM - Community Center
Slideshow - Karn Kowshik

8PM - Shooter's Brew Pub
Climber's After Party

Thursday, February 15th

7AM - Community Center
Backcountry Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

8AM - Community Center
Wave #1 Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

8:30AM - Community Center
Wave #2 Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

10AM - Community Center
Demos Available

1PM - Community Center
Half Day PM Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

4PM - Community Center
Slideshow - Jacob Raab

5PM - Community Center
Slideshow - Kendra Strich
Presentation Sponsored by USAIC

6PM - Community Center
All Demo Gear Must Be Returned

7PM - Mather Auditorium
Film - Dirtbag: The Legend of Fred Beckey

9PM - East Channel Brewing Co.
Climber's After Party

Friday, February 17th

7AM - Community Center
Backcountry Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

8AM - Community Center
Wave #1 Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

8:30AM - Community Center
Wave #2 Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

9:00AM - Community Center
Wave #3 Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

9:30AM - Community Center
Demos Available

1PM - Community Center
Half Day PM Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

5PM - Community Center
Slideshow - Jon Walsh
Presentation Sponsored by Arc'teryx

6PM - Community Center
All Demo Gear Must Be Returned

7PM - Mather Auditorium
Slideshow - Jesse Huey
Presentation Sponsored by Arc'Teryx

8PM - Mather Auditorium
Slideshow - Freddie Wilkinson
Presentation Sponsored by Mountain Hardwear

9PM - Community Center
Poster Signing with Jesse Huey & Freddie Wilkinson

9PM - 387
Climber's After Party
Free Beer Provided by Ore Dock Brewing

Saturday, February 18th

7AM - Community Center
Backcountry Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

8AM - Community Center
Wave #1 Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

8:30AM - Community Center
Wave #2 Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

9AM - Community Center
Wave #3 Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

9:30AM - Community Center
Demos Available

10AM-4PM - Curtains Demo Area
Walk Up Climbing at the Curtains

1PM - Community Center
Half Day PM Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

5PM - Falling Rock Café & Bookstore
Book Signing - Cold Feet with Author Dave Pagel

6PM - Community Center
All Demo Gear Must Be Returned

7PM - Mather Auditorium
Slideshow - Sasha Diguilian & Angela Vanwiemeersch
Presentation Sponsored by Red Bull

8PM - Mather Auditorium
Slideshow - Aaron Mulkey
Presentation Sponsored by Grivel

9PM - Mather Auditorium
Legendary Gear Raffle
 9PM - Community Center
Poster Signing with Sasha Diguilian, Angela VanWiemeersch & Aaron Mulkey
 9PM - 387 (formerly Sydney's)
Climber's After Party
Free Beer and Music Provided by Ore Dock Brewing

Sunday, February 19th

7AM - Community Center
Backcountry Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

8AM - Community Center
Wave #1 Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

8:30AM - Community Center
Wave #2 Classes Meet for Gear Pick-Up

9AM - Community Center
Demos Available

9AM - Community Center
Book Signing - Cold Feet with Author Dave Pagel

10AM-3PM - Curtains Demo Area
Walk Up Climbing at the Curtains

4PM - Community Center
All Demo Gear Must Be Returned

5PM - Community Center
Ice Fest Headquarters Closes
Thanks for Coming to Ice Fest 2018!

Schedule is subject to change. Most recent schedule can be found at Ice Fest Headquarters



Our Home: Munising, MI

Munising is a small town located on the south shore of Lake Superior on Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The name is derived from the Ojibwa word 'Munissi', meaning island. Munising translates to "near the island", referring to Grand Island which is situated just off shore in Munising Bay. The city is the gateway to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, which is comprised of over 40 miles of stunning Lake Superior shoreline, as well as the Grand Island National Recreation Area. These two parks are abundant with colorful sandstone cliffs that tower 50 to 200 feet above the frigid waters of the lake and offer climbers a dramatic and beautiful setting for climbing that is unlike anywhere else in the world.

Munising is a small town with a lot of character and outdoor recreation opportunities are certainly not in short supply. The area not only boasts world class climbing in the winter but hiking, kayaking, fishing, and scuba diving in the summer! No matter what the season, Munising provides a beautiful playground for those who want to explore.

Family member not a climber? While Munising is famous for its ice climbing here are several activities located in and around Munising to keep everyone happy for the weekend of the festival!

Nordic Skiing

Valley Spur, a favorite Alger County destination is located on M-94 approximately 5 miles from Munising in the Hiawatha National Forest. The 45 km cross country ski trail system is groomed daily or as the need arises from December through March so that the trails are always ready. All trails are groomed for both skate and classic skiing.

Snowshoeing

Winter at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore brings solitude and beauty to the north woods. The benefits of snowshoeing are many, including the opportunity to see nature in a relatively deserted environment. With dozens of waterfalls and towering cliffs, Pictured Rocks is a snowshoer's paradise.

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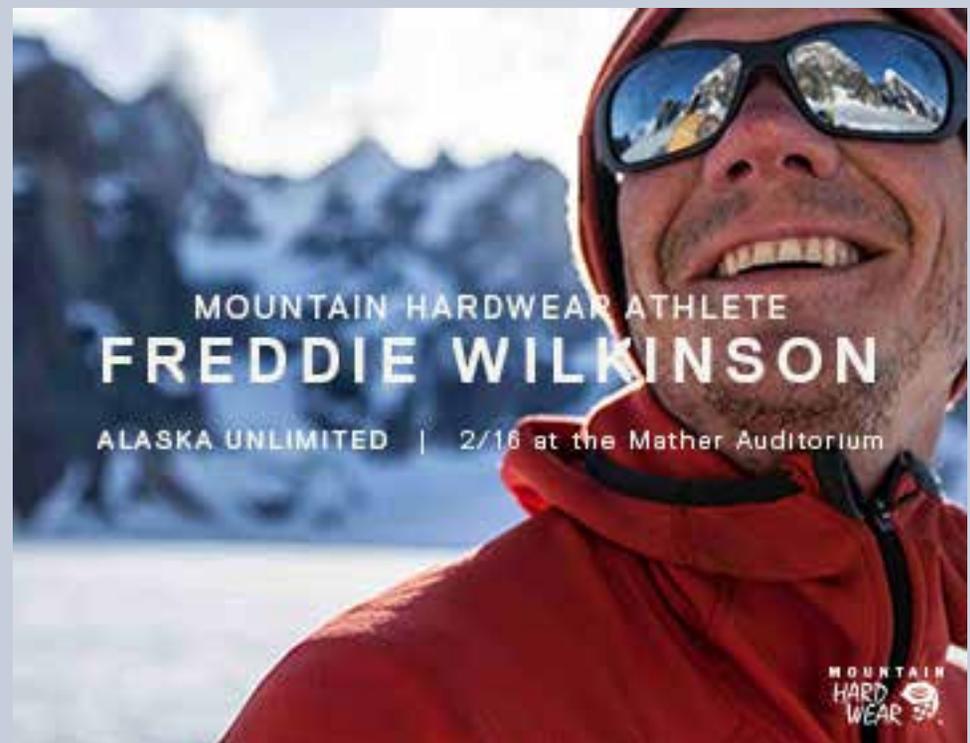
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SASHA DIGIULIAN

Sasha took the rock climbing world by storm from a young age. She started climbing at age seven, in a gym in her home town of Alexandria, Virginia. By nine, she'd won her first regional contest and started sport climbing outside. The former figure skater won her first Junior Continental Championships at age 11 and remained undefeated in that contest for the rest of her junior career. In 2010, at 17, she won her first National Sport Climbing Championships against women of all ages, and won the World Championship title a year later. At 18, she became the third woman in history – and the first North American woman – to climb a 5.14d route, on a wall in Kentucky's Red River Gorge.

While a full-time college student at New York's Columbia University, studying non-fiction writing and business, Sasha expanded her resumé of impressive alpine climbs, achieving first female ascents everywhere from Kentucky to South Africa to the Italian Dolomites. In 2015, she became the first woman to climb a notoriously difficult route called 'Magic Mushroom' on the North Face of Switzerland's famed Eiger. She graduated from Columbia in 2016 and relocated to Boulder, Colorado, a climbing epicentre. "I fell in love with the fact that, in climbing, there's an endless spectrum of personal achievement and it's a physically and mentally demanding sport. It's also served as my vehicle to explore the remotest corners of the world and has been my gateway to creating a global community."

MEET SASHA!

SEE HER PRESENTATION WITH
ANGELA VANWIEMEERSCH

SATURDAY FEB 17TH
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Aaron Mulkey

Few are as dedicated to ice climbing exploration as Aaron Mulkey, who has spent the last decade systematically scouring the canyons of northern Wyoming for undiscovered ice lines. Seeking untouched frozen treasures deep within Wyoming's toughest mountain terrain, he often trudges for days in his boots, testing his own limits, and the patience of his climbing partners.

But, the occasional gems he discovers fuel his determination, pushing him forward to find the next untapped treasure. As the ice begins to melt, Mulkey trades in his ice tools and climbing rack for a kayak and paddle. The exploration continues, this time through the spectacular watery gorges buried deep in the Rocky Mountains. His year-round hunt for uncharted ice and water in some of the most remote locations in the West makes him one of the most prolific pioneers of the Rocky Mountains.



MEET AARON!

SEE HIS
PRESENTATION

SATURDAY FEB 17TH
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Jesse Huey

Growing up in the shadow of the Cascade Mountains, adventure and athletics were always at the foreground of my life. While attending the University of Washington, I was introduced to climbing amidst a difficult pursuit of school and the demanding practice schedule of the university's varsity rowing program. In the same way that I approached the rigors and routine of a full time collegiate athlete, my training and passion to push myself segued into my pursuit as a climber.

Seventeen years later I am constantly training for the most beautiful, difficult, remote, technical faces in the world. Be it rock, ice, or mixed I love them all. In the last several years free climbed El Capitan in a single day, mixed climbed M11, put up first ascents all over North America, Asia, and Patagonia and repeated one of Alaska's most difficult grade 6 routes. For me going climbing is always easy, the biggest challenge is maintaining that symbiotic life balance of work, passion, and relationships.



MEET JESSE!

SEE HIS
PRESENTATION

FRIDAY FEB 16TH
MATHER AUDITORIUM



ANGELA VANWIEMEERSCH

Angela grew up as a competitive ice skater in Detroit, Michigan where she danced across the horizontal ice until her late-teens. Following a few years as a fashion design major in college, Angela embarked on a life-changing bike tour that recalibrated her life. Angela found the happiness and inspiration she was looking and is now fueled by the beauty and challenge that ice climbing offers. From the Ouray Ice Park to virgin ice in Zion to amazing alpine adventures in Alaska, Angela is once again dancing on ice, only this time she's moving upward on vertical icefalls.

MEET ANGELA!

SEE HER PRESENTATION WITH
SASHA DIGUILIAN

SATURDAY FEB 17TH
MATHER AUDITORIUM

PRESENTED BY:



Freddie Wilkinson

From the teahouses of Khumbu Himal to obscure glaciers of the Alaska Range to storm-lashed Patagonian spires, Freddie Wilkinson is a climber known for his infectious energy and original lines of ascent. In 2012, Wilkinson received the prestigious Piolet d'Or for making the first ascent of Saser Kangri II, the second highest unclimbed mountain in the world at the time. His climbing adventures have also been recognized with both the Robert Hicks Bates Award and the Lyman Spitzer Award from the American Alpine Club, the Mugs Stump Award, The McNeil- Nott Award, and a grant from the National Geographic Expeditions Council.

In between adventures, Freddie makes his home in the hills of New Hampshire where he works as a writer and guide. His in-depth reporting on the 2008 K2 season changed public perception of the tragedy by telling the story through the eyes of the climbing-Sherpas, and resulted in the narrative non-fiction book *One Mountain Thousand Summits* (NAL/Penguin). His writing has appeared in *Men's Journal*, *Outside*, *The New York Times*, *Alpinist*, *Rock and Ice*, and online at the *Huffington Post*. Wilkinson has also written and co-directed two documentary films, *The Old Breed* (2012), which won awards from the Kendall Mountain Festival and the Boulder Adventure Film Festival, and the upcoming *The Sanctity of Space*.



MEET FREDDIE!

SEE HIS
PRESENTATION

FRIDAY FEB 16TH
MATHER AUDITORIUM



Additional Guides and Athletes



CARLOS BUHLER

Carlos is one of the world's most successful expeditioners. Over the last 25 years he has been at the forefront of exploratory mountaineering. His climbing career spans forty five years with major ascents on five continents. He draws from experience gained on forty expeditions to Alaska, Canada, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Argentina, Uganda, Kenya, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Russia, and Tibet.

PRESENTED BY: LOWA



ANNE GILBERT CHASE

Anne started rock climbing in college, but it wasn't until she moved west to spend time in big mountains that she fell in love with every discipline of climbing. Since then she's climbed around the world, including India, Patagonia, France, Spain, Alaska and Canada. She calls Bozeman, Montana home where she works as a registered nurse at the local hospital.

PRESENTED BY: PATAGONIA



KARSTEN DELAP

Originally from the flat lands of Indiana, Karsten has found his obsession in the mountains. He has climbed extensively throughout the United States and his experience outside of the U.S. includes many peaks over 17,000ft in Bolivia and Ecuador, as well as major alpine objectives in Africa and Argentina. Karsten is an AMGA certified Rock and Alpine guide and spends his winters chasing ice and powder and the rest of the year traveling the world working for Fox Mountain Guides

PRESENTED BY: LA SPORTIVA



BEN ERDMANN

Ben is an avid Alpinist whose initial introduction to recreational climbing was through frozen waterfalls in the Upper Peninsula, seeding his pursuit of the cold and sheer wall. Migrating his year between the extreme poles of the Western Hemisphere, he winters in Patagonia and summers in Alaska where he continues to explore the remote walls of his beloved Kichatna Spires.

PRESENTED BY: CAMP USA



SAM MAGRO

Sam is the owner and Chief Guide for Montana Alpine Guides. He has guided since 2004 throughout the contiguous US, Alaska, Europe, and South America. He considers his back yard, the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, his favorite place to climb, due to the endless opportunities for vertical exploration in every direction. He has an immense love for climbing and for teaching folks the mountain skills it has taken him years to learn.

PRESENTED BY: SCARPA



ARI NOVAK

Ari is an ice climber and mountaineer based out of Bozeman Montana who climbs for Trango. Novak has put up notable first ascents in Hyalite canyon and Alaska. In addition to ice climbing Ari enjoys ski mountaineering and all things winter. His passion for adventure has led him to climb and explore across Africa, the Middle East, Europe and Central America, as well as the organizing the Cody Ice Festival.

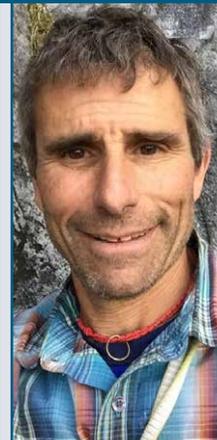
PRESENTED BY: TRANGO



ANNA PFAFF

Originally from Ohio, Anna discovered climbing in Indian Creek, Utah when she was attending nursing school in Colorado. While she loves all types of climbing, from bouldering to big walls, Anna quickly fell in love with the mountains of Colorado, and the complexity of alpine, traditional and ice climbing. Anna has been climbing since 2003, and has completed multiple expeditions Pakistan, Tibet, and Kyrgyzstan. In the process, she had been nominated twice to the preliminary selection for the Piolet d'Or.

PRESENTED BY: THE NORTH FACE



JIM SHIMBURG

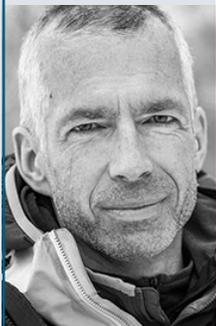
Shim has guided from his home base in New Hampshire since 1985, and has many first ascents on ice, rock and mixed terrain to his credit. Called the "Custodian of Cannon Cliff", Jim has cleared loose rock, developed trails and repaired poor anchors on the huge east face of Cannon Cliff, in Franconia Notch NH, for over 20 years.

PRESENTED BY: LA SPORTIVA

RAPHAEL SLAWINSKI

Raphael's love affair with the mountains started with downhill skiing, first in the Tatra Mountains in Poland. Gradually skiing gave way to the less scripted adventures of mountaineering and he learned he had a facility for ice climbing – or maybe it was just that he was more willing to suffer than other, more reasonable people. Raphael hopes to keep pushing himself and having fun, from the boulders to the Himalaya, for many years to come.

PRESENTED BY: BLACK DIAMOND



NATE SMITH

Nate Smith grew up traveling and living around the world with his family. In 2004, Nate moved to Salt Lake City to attend school at the University of Utah, and has called Utah home ever since. Nate graduated from the University of Utah with a Ph.D. in Health Promotion and Education in 2014, and has made it his goal to contribute in a positive and professional way to the outdoor industry. Nate is the owner and director of Mountain Education and Development, and specializes in teaching ice climbing, rock climbing, skiing, and wilderness medicine.

PRESENTED BY: CAMP USA



KENDRA STRITCH

Kendra made history in 2014 when she became the first North American to win a stage of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour. This historic success arrived on the speed wall in Bozeman, Montana. In 2016 Kendra finished sixth overall in speed after three top ten results. Based in Stillwater, Minnesota, she began climbing in 2006, ice climbing in the winter of 2007 and joined the UIAA World Tour circuit in 2012. The cold winters of Minnesota and her passion for climbing meant scaling ice was a logical progression in her climbing. She enjoys all disciplines of climbing but you can tell there's a little extra passion for ice.

PRESENTED BY: USA ICE CLIMBING



JON WALSH

Jon moved to Whistler B.C. at the age of 18, and was reborn as a mountain athlete. He quickly became passionate about steep powder skiing, and exploring the granite cracks of the Squamish Chief, and soon thereafter dedicated his life to it. He is especially fond of climbing new routes, and exploring new places in constant pursuit of mountain culture, climbing of all types.

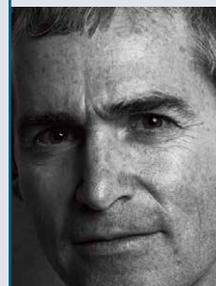
PRESENTED BY: ARC'TERYX



MARK WILFORD

Who's the one guy you can guarantee you'll see at the fest? Mark of course! A long time supporter of the festival, Mark is considered one of the most proficient and diverse alpinist/rock climbers in the world. With more than 30 years of experience, he has accumulated a long resume of bold rock ascents, alpine solos, Alaskan climbs and Himalayan expeditions. Although he has participated in sport climbing and ice-climbing events, Mark is considered a staunch traditionalist when it comes to the style and ethics of climbing. "Whatever that means these days," he jokes. "I just like to climb. I just love climbing."

PRESENTED BY: STERLING ROPE



CAMP Athlete and UP Native Ben Erdmann teaching during the 2017 Ice Fest

Pictured Rocks Climbing Academy &

Sue Knott Scholarship



During the filming of the Imax National Parks Adventure, Conrad Anker stated that he couldn't believe that there were no local kids tearing it up at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. That comment led to the collaboration between The North Face and Michigan Ice to develop a youth climbing program for the central Upper Peninsula! During the 2016 Michigan Ice Fest, The North Face sold TNF beanies, and MIF logoed Yeti beer colsters and raised over \$1000.00 to kick off the Pictured Rocks Climbing Academy!

Pictured Rocks Climbing Academy is a free program available to central Upper Peninsula youths ages 12-17 where mentors guide a small group of four participants through a four step program designed to advance the participants rock and ice climbing skills. Our goal is to develop, advise and foster a youth climbing community in the central Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

At this year's Ice Fest you will be able to meet the recipients of this climbing program and who are the future of Michigan Ice! This program is funded through festival registration dollars and a partnership with The North Face. Be sure to stop by the TNF booth as we will be doing another fund raiser for the PRCA!



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Sue Nott was a native of Vail, Colorado, and began climbing rock and ice at the age of 20. As she grew as a climber she focused on alpine climbing all over the world with destinations like India, Alaska, and the mountains of Patagonia just to name a few. It was her drive, focused direction and experience that led her to become one of the world's top women alpine climbers, but it was her lust for life and infectious energy that left a permanent impression on everyone she met. Unfortunately, Sue was killed while attempting the Infinite Spur on Mt. Foraker in Alaska during the spring of 2006.

Sue dreamed big, lived a large life, and wanted you to be a part of it. For those of us lucky enough to share some time with her, we will be forever changed and will forever miss her.

For nearly ten years Down Wind Sports has awarded the Sue Nott Scholarship to inspire, and introduce young females to ice climbing. Scholarships will be awarded every year for female's age 9-17 years old. The scholarship will include admission to the ice fest, instruction in the women's course, as well as some other surprises!

For More Information on the PRCA and the Sue Knott Scholarship including how to apply please visit
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2017 scholarship winners on Stage Saturday Night

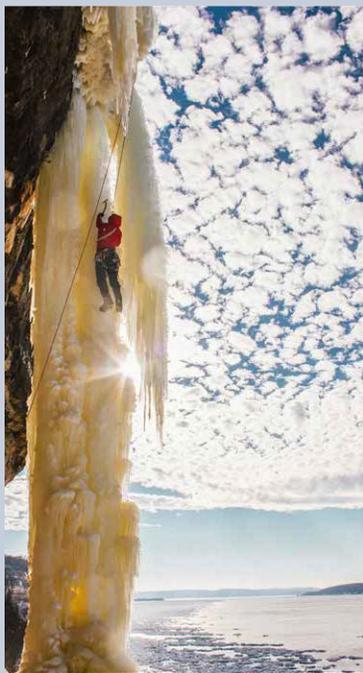
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#Photo Contest

Over the years we have seen some incredible photos of Ice Fest and the climbing at Pictured Rocks - and we think that it's a shame not to reward such creativity. Based on how much fun we had with last year's photo contest we are going to give it another shot!



2017 Winning Photo by Alex Schutzkus

Here's how it works:

1. During the weekend of Ice Fest (February 14th -18th) snap some photos. Photos of climbing, socials, approaches, whatever as long as you feel it represents your Ice Fest experience.
2. Post your photos to social media (Facebook or Instagram) with the hashtag **#michiganicefest2018**. You can enter as many times as you want. Please make sure your privacy settings allow us to see your photos. If we can't see them, you can't win.
3. When the event is over, all of the photos tagged with **#michiganicefest2018** will be judged by a panel of Ice Fest staff. Photos will be judged based on some seriously strict criteria like exposure, composition, creativity, and coolness.
4. The panel's ten favorite photos will be shared on the Michigan Ice Fest Facebook page and the photo with the most likes at the end of one week will be the winner. You must attend the Ice Fest to be eligible and photos need to be taken during the event.

Pretty easy. It doesn't cost you a dime and we know you're posting all of your sweet Ice Fest shots anyway, so you might as well try and win something. The prize will include a registration for the 2019 Michigan Ice Fest and a class of your choice at next year's event. On top of this already stellar prize, we are throwing in gear and clothing from some of our event sponsors. So when you get to Munising make sure you pull out your phone or camera and take your best shot at winning the Michigan Ice Fest 2018 photo contest!

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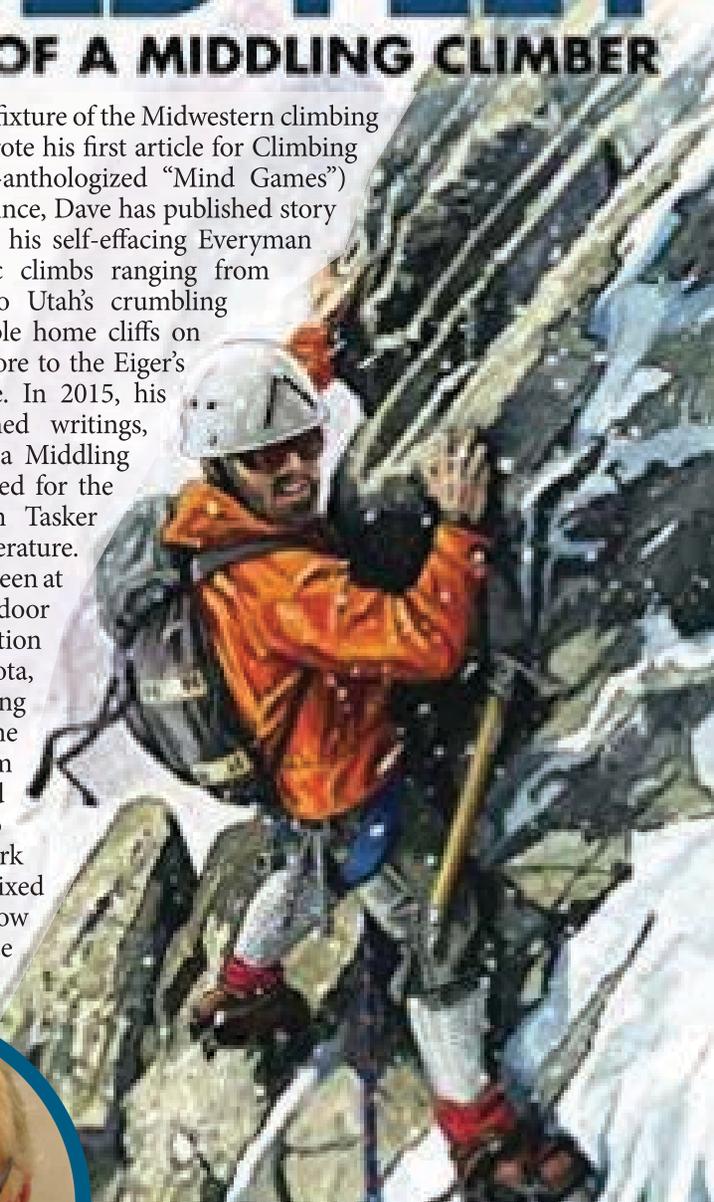
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Presentation & Book Signing

with Author

Dave Pagel

Saturday 5-6pm
Falling Rock Cafe

Sunday 10-11am
Ice Fest HQ

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Since the beginning one of the highlights of the Michigan Ice Fest has been the evening slide shows. We've featured the best climbers in the world and heard some incredible stories. As the festival has grown we've been lucky enough to get more pro climbers to come, teach classes and share their experience. We want to give you a chance to hear their tales of adventure so we've created an intimate second stage at our headquarters where we'll have more slideshows from our athletes.

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We've said it before and it still holds true, this event is a family reunion for us. Seeing old friends and making new ones, watching people from the most diverse backgrounds and wildest corners of our world come together and share their experiences through the lens of climbing is what it's all about. So, thank you, each and every one of you, for sharing that with us. We're all pieces of this mosaic and we're so much better together. It's what makes us the Michigan Ice Fest.

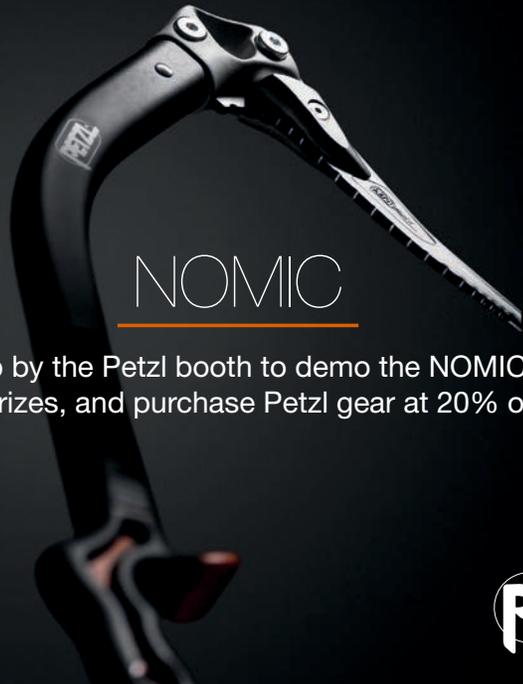


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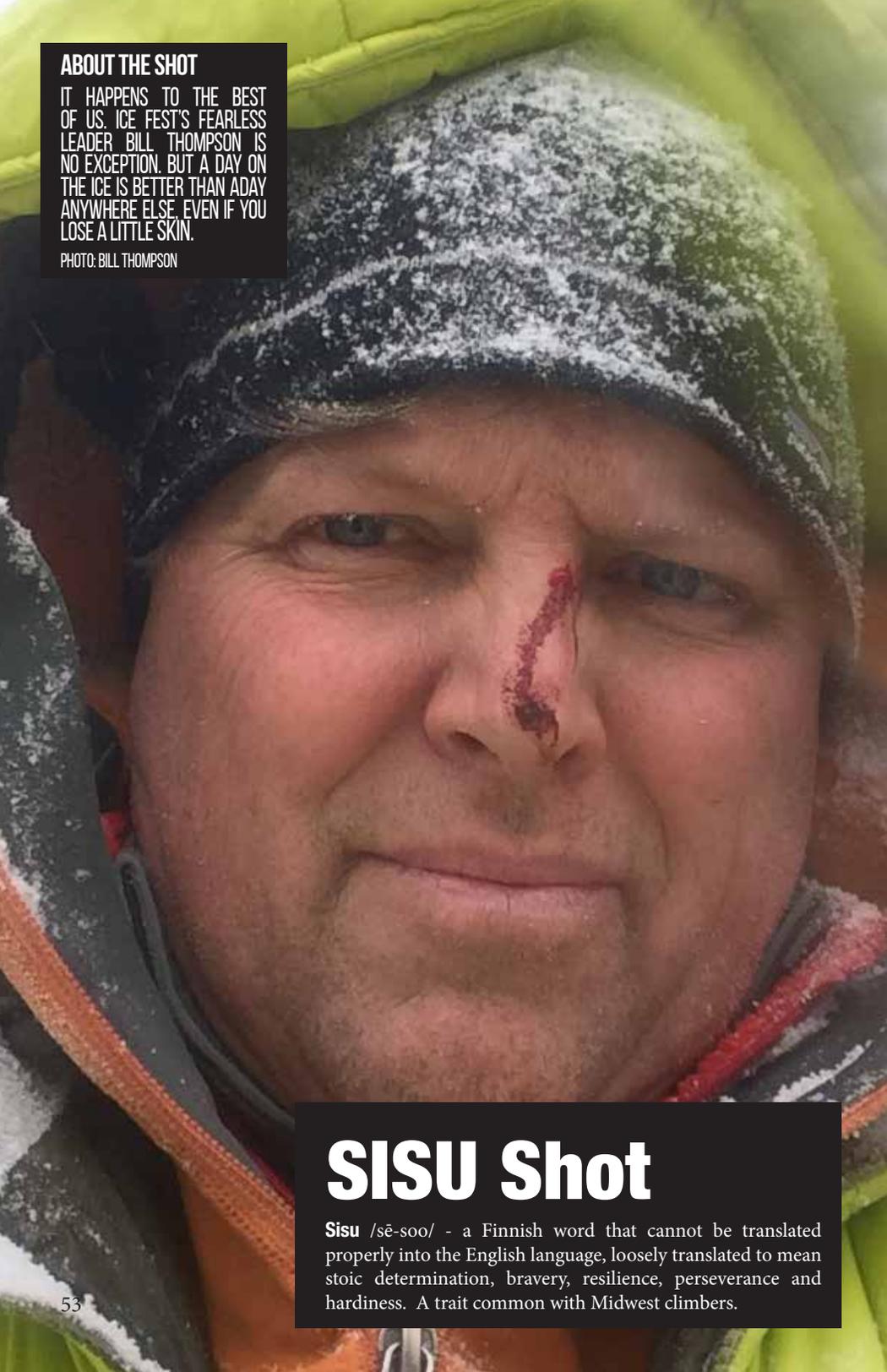
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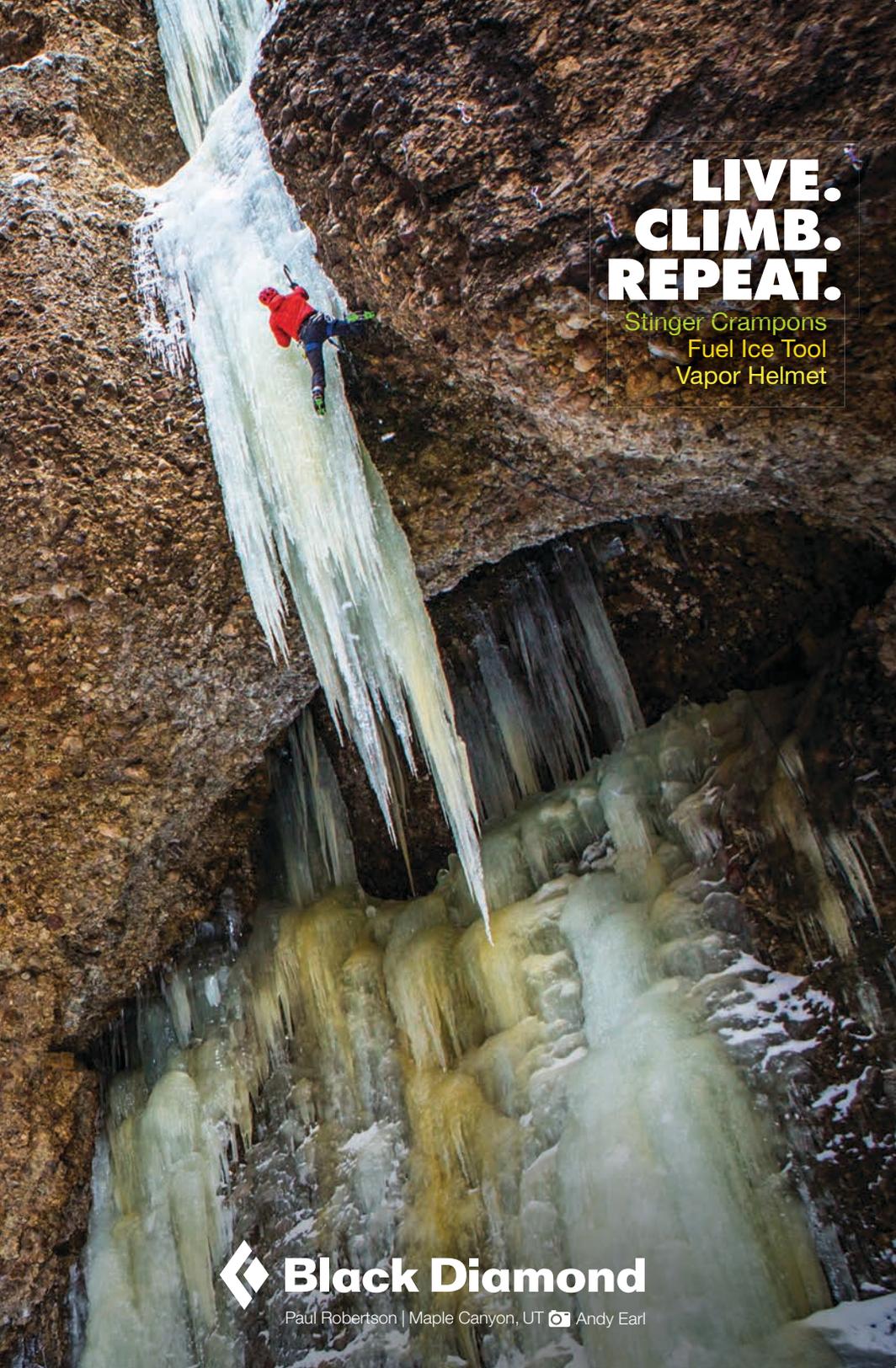


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