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WELCOME TO MICHIGAN ICE FEST TWENTY NINETEEN

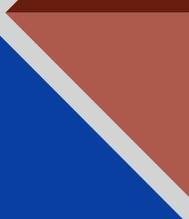
It's cold outside. Really cold. And snowy. How awesome is that! Winter is a time that many people hide from, hibernating away half the year and avoiding the challenge, but in their waiting for spring they are missing out on half the fun. More than half in our opinion.

It takes a little more preparation, a little more motivation, and a little more grit, but winter offers us so many things that we just can't find on warm summer days. At the Michigan Ice Fest we not only embrace winter, but we celebrate it. Feet of snow, howling winds and huge puffy jackets set scene for memories that will last a lifetime and stories you'll never get tired of telling.

Friendships, too, are better made in the winter. That's why ice climbers are such a tight knit family. You never see an unhappy face after a long day out on the ice. Tired sure, but never unhappy.

We have something for everyone at the fest. From the first time climber to veteran of the high mountains, young and old, adventurous and timid, you'll find something to enjoy. Classes help us learn and improve, slideshows and films inspire and entertain us, and socials grow our community and strengthen our bonds.

So join us in celebrating the better half of the year. Makes some friends, have some laughs and have an experience that will sustain you through all of those hot summer days.



What's New for 2019

AMERICAN ALPINE CLUB GROUND SCHOOL

This year our Free Ground School classes will be run by the good folks at the American Alpine Club. Whether you're new to climbing or have been at it for decades, the AAC is your single best climbing education resource and have been at the leading edge of climbing education since they began publishing Accidents in North American Climbing in 1948. Their education team is working with the UIAA and institutions around the country to establish national curriculum and safety standards to improve climbing knowledge and reduce accidents. Classes are a half day, off ice and preregistration is required.

GUIDEBOOK RELEASE PARTY

In case you haven't heard, the new ice climbing guidebook, [An Ice Climbers Guide To Michigan's Upper Peninsula](#) will be released at this year's Fest! With over 200 pages and 100+ new routes, that is a cause for celebrating! Come join guidebook authors Matt Abbotts, Jon Jugenheimer and Bill Thompson for the unveiling of this much anticipated book, Thursday night at 387!

ICE FEST STREET PARTY

The fun will start after our Friday evening presentations where we will gather in the street in front of the East Channel Brewery. This will be a great opportunity to socialize with friends and athletes. Join in the shenanigans as we break it down old school Ice Fest party style!

KLEAN KANTEEN FREE PINT FREE BEER

An event like the Michigan Ice Fest can generate a lot of waste, but it isn't necessary. We're stoked to partner this year with Klean Kanteen to reduce our reliance on single use plastic cups! The first 800 people to register will get an official stainless steel pint glass and that glass will be your ticket to FREE BEER from Ore Dock Brewing during the after parties!

GRIVEL 200 YEAR ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE

How many companies can claim they have been producing climbing gear for 200 years? Well Grivel can! Stop by the Grivel booth before Saturday night to be entered into a special Grivel raffle and help them celebrate their 200th Anniversary!

ENORMOCAST LIVE SHOW

Yes, the one and only Chris Kalous will be returning to his Midwest roots and recording live his very popular climbing podcast The Enormocast! You won't want to miss the riveting interviews and chaos that comes with making a live show.

NEW CLASSES

Make sure you check out all of the new classes we're offering throughout the week. You can learn to cook with Patagonia Provisions, try mixed climbing, or take our two day Women's Advanced Backcountry class to grow your skills enough to take you deep into the wilds of Pictured Rocks.



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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.

Use the Shuttles. Getting around the area can be tough is the weather is bad and parking along Sand Point is a real challenge during the Fest. The city of Munising offers shuttles throughout the weekend with buses running a loop from headquarters to Sand Point. Shuttles run 8am-5pm.

Chat 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 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 our or ascend the rope. If you don't have these skills, check out our free Lakeshore Safety classes.



Useful Phone Numbers

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Visitors Center	906-387-3700
Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Headquarters	906-387-2607
Munising City Police	906-387-2275
Down Wind Sports Ice Conditions / Gear	906-226-7112

The Road Less Traveled

There are some climbs that are just classics and many climbers flock to these climbs. Want to get away from it all for more of an intimate climbing setting? Finding those spots at Pictured Rocks can be a daunting task. The staff of Michigan Ice has compiled a list of our favorite hidden gems and created what we believe is the “Ultimate Hidden 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 new guidebook, *An Ice Climbers To Michigan's Upper Peninsula*, or ask one of our staff members.

✓ MINERS FALLS - WI 3 - 10 METERS

The Miners Falls area offers climbers several lines to choose from with a wide range of difficulties. Want to climb easy grade two? It's here. Looking for difficult spray ice- it's here as well! The falls only freeze after sustained cold weather due to their high volume of water flow.

✓ AGF - WI4 - 20 METERS

Looking for virgin ice? AGF is a large pillar located in a sandstone bowl near Miners Beach. The long approach will reward climbers with a vertical pillar which is strikingly similar to the Dryer Hose!

✓ BULLS ON A PARADE - WI4 - 40 METERS

Bulls on Parade is a challenging remote climb located near Grand Portal Point. Situated right on Lake Superior, the climb starts just off vertical for 15 meters then the angle eases considerably to the top where otherworldly bat wings and umbrellas form to climber's right.

✓ DAPPER DAN - WI 3 - 65 METERS

Out along the West Shore of Grand Island you will find Dapper Dan hanging out in a large bowl of climbs. The route ascends the farthest right hang curtain hugging the right hand side along the cedar trees half way up. Continue left toward the center of the curtains to some bushes for anchors. Dapper Dan can be done as two pitches.

✓ MICHIGAN BLUE - WI 4 - 25 METERS

Being the most aesthetic climb on the North Shore of Grand Island with an unsurpassed view, this climb is one not to miss while climbing way out here on this side of the island. A series of daggers and fangs weld together by early January to make for a large curtain of ice, ranging from deep blue to white in color giving many options on what line to choose.

✓ A BONE TO BE CHEWED- WI 4 - 25 METERS

About as far as you can get out on Grand Island, this climb is located close to the Freighter view overlook. Climb the sometimes thin verglass on a prominent headwall just west of a small alcove. This route usually gets thicker the further into the season we get.

GUIDEBOOK RELEASE PARTY!

A new guidebook is a cause for celebrating! Expanding beyond the ice climbing mecca of Munising, this guidebook will include the entirety of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and feature more than 150 new climbs. Come join guidebook authors Matt Abbotts, Jon Jugenheimer, and Bill Thompson for a book signing and the unveiling of this much anticipated guidebook, Thursday night of Ice Fest at 387 Restaurant/Bar!



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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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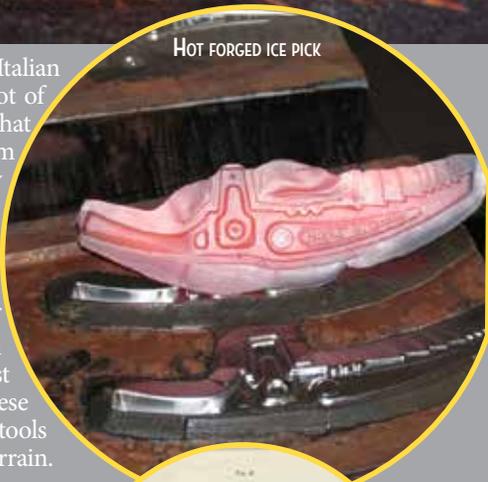
Origins of Alpinism

Celebrating Grivel's 200th Anniversary

One crisp morning in the late 1800's, a young Italian hunter stepped into a blacksmith shop at the foot of Mont Blanc with an odd request. He explained that he had been hired by English tourists to assist them with finding a passage to the top of the nearby mountains, and that they were in need of a unique metal tool: a pick but lighter and longer than usual with a sharp flat part that could be used to cut steps into the ice. The blacksmith went to work expanding on his skilled knowledge of smelting metal. He was able to craft a modification from a common farming tool creating the first dedicated ice axe. As news of the success of these unusual tourist spread so did the legend of the tools that were used to conquer this once formidable terrain.

Skepticism of the effectiveness of these new 'ice axes' quickly transformed to awe as more tourists traveled to Italy to witness the young blacksmith, Henry Grivel, hammer and forge red hot metal into elegantly efficient tools for the mountaineering tourists. One of these such travelers was a young English mountaineer and engineer named Oscar Eckerstein, who presented Henry with a schematic to create a leather strap bound crampon he dubbed the "Ice Claw." The creation of this more modern crampon was an immediate success, garnering a revolution and surge forward in recreational mountain climbing.

As more faith was placed in these new tools, a separation between mountain climbing, 'for fun,' rather than necessity, began to take hold. These bold new tourist began to be referred to as 'Alpinists' and the Grivel family embraced this new recreation adopting a new business model; in winter they would continue the traditional jobs of blacksmithing for the locals, but in the summer, they began to refer to themselves as 'producers of equipment for alpinist'.



HOT FORGED ICE PICK



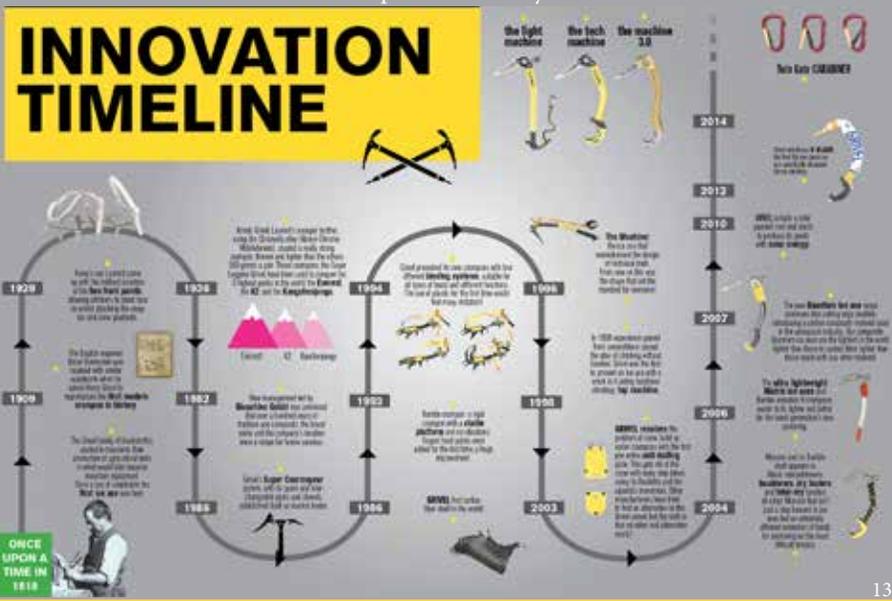
GRIVEL IN ACTION ON HMR DURING ICE FEST 2017

The mountaineering revolution had begun and new technologies gave high quality results: peaks were bagged and business was good. But there still seemed to be something missing. It was Laurent Grivel, mountain guide and Henry Grivel's first son, who added two front points to a pair of crampons. This allowed one to maneuver on steeper and harder gradients. The 12 points crampon was born in 1929. It wasn't just a matter of progress with materials but a change in philosophy, daring those when facing difficulty and steep terrain to be able to face it straight on. The new style was quite controversial (front pointing vs. cutting of steps and side stepping) until the last unsolved route of the Alps, the North face of Eiger was successfully climbed (Heckmair, Vörg, Harrer, Kasparek, 1938) using the front pointing technique with 12 point style crampon.

The Grivel family pushed the revolution once again in 1933 when Henry's other son, Amato Grivel, used a steel alloy to create an unheard of 360 gram crampon. This modern, lightweight crampon was achieved through the blacksmith's 'old world' technique of hot forging the alloy (uniformly aligning the steel carbons, essentially 'ironing out' the metal to be thin but still extremely strong). This hot forging technique is still employed in Grivel steel manufacturing today.

From the humble beginnings in a smoky blacksmith shop at the base of Mont Blanc 200 years ago, man's pursuit to brave benevolent mountain ranges and push up awe inspiring pitches of water ice continues to stoke the fire of creativity for alpine tools. Now in its 7th generation of producers of alpine equipment the Grivel family still forges the way. We are still just tourist visiting beautiful and sacred spaces on this shared planet. The mountains are neither hostile nor an outright enemy to man, but their benevolence can become dangerous when conditions of cold, darkness, weather or even exhaustion compound upon you. It is worth mentioning that despite the advances of access, hand-held beta and mountain equipment, we should always approach the mountains with humility and a tread lightly attitude. Think of those that have traveled through before you, and also of those that will come after you. Strive to be smart and safe out there so you and your tools may return to share the tales of adventure and to explore another day!

by Thaddeus VanDenBerghe



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Just getting into ice climbing and want to research the basics? Head on over to Youtube where you will find the Official Michigan Ice Fest Channel! We have a series of educational videos that will help to get you prepared to come up for an amazing Ice Fest weekend.

Learn how to ascend a rope, put on crampons, how to swing an ice axe or new product reviews. Subscribe to the channel and keep updated on what is new and exciting in the ice climbing industry!



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LIFE'S A PITCH

A PODCAST FROM THE MICHIGAN ICE FEST

Participants who attended the 2018 Michigan Ice Fest may have seen a gentleman walking around headquarters carrying recording equipment interviewing various folks on their Ice Fest experience. That was Lucas. He's in charge of our brand new podcast: Life's A Pitch.

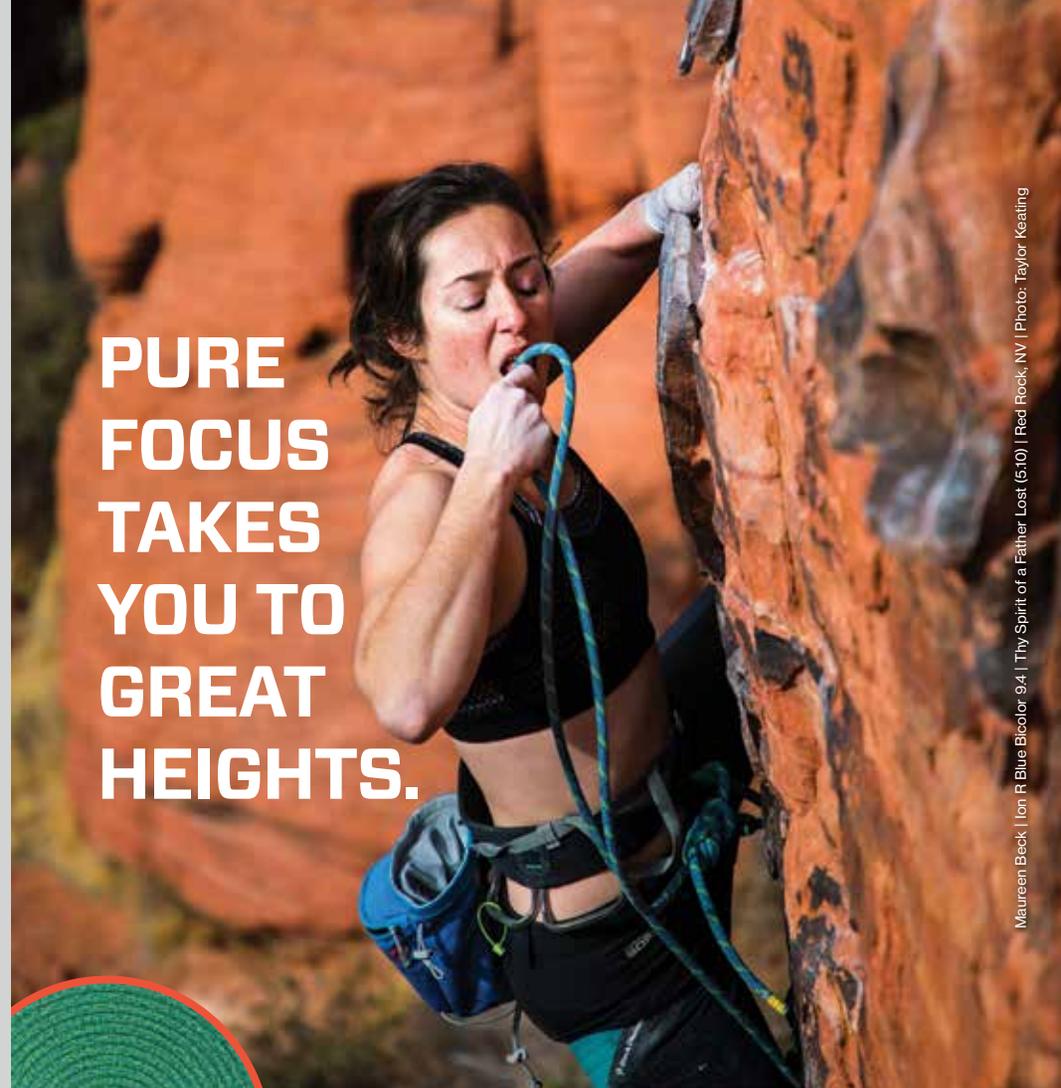
The podcast will focus on the stories that make Michigan Ice Fest so great, told by the people who lived them. From pro athletes to first timers, from remote mountain ranges to our hometown of Munising, this podcast will be a year round outlet for our excitement and love of climbing.

We started rolling out episodes over the summer with more to come. We hear from long time Ice Fest friends like Anna Pfaff, Carlos Buhler, James Loveridge and Raphael Slawinski from Black Diamond, Thaddeus Vandenberghe from Grivel, Brett Merlin from CAMP, and the legendary Maddog, plus a bunch of stoked participants from all over the Midwest.

So give it a listen. Episodes are released on our website and iTunes and you can keep up on all of the podcast news by following Michigan Ice Fest on Facebook. Make sure you subscribe so you never miss an episode.

If you see Lucas wandering around with the microphone at the fest this year, let him know you listened and what you think. And then tell him your story, it just might end up on the next episode of Life's A Pitch.

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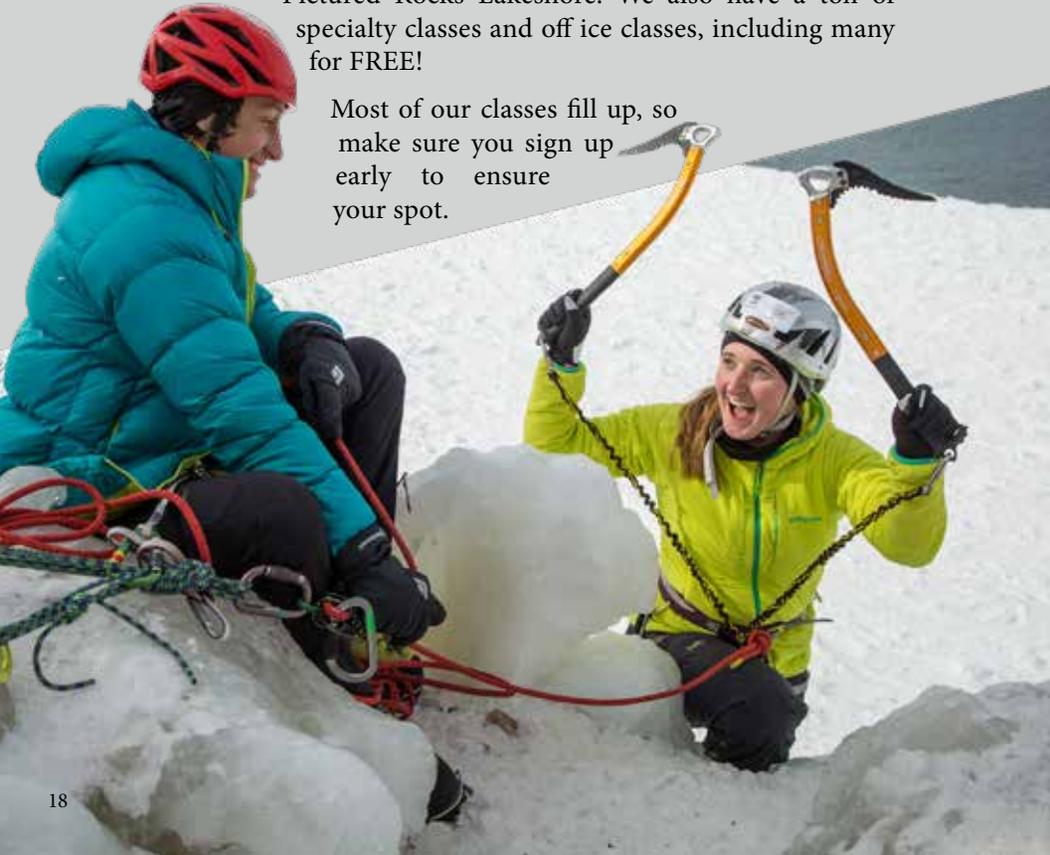
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Climbing ice can be a really intimidating thing to try. Scaling frozen waterfall looks like an insurmountable challenge. How can anyone do that?

We get it, and best way to shorten the learning curve, ease your fears, and have a great time is to get some professional instruction. We bring together the best athletes, guides, and instructors in the country to help you in your ice climbing adventure. All of the equipment is provided for your class and a shuttle will take you to your climbing area to make it as easy as possible.

Classes run the gamut of skills and are perfect for climbers of every skill level. Our Intro to Ice classes are the perfect place to start. If you're an avid rock climber or an occasional gym climber, or if you've never tied into a rope and are want to have an adventure, this class is for you. If you've climbed ice before and are looking to take your skills to the next level our Intermediate Ice or Intro to Leading on Ice classes can speed your progress along. Want to escape the crowds and have an adventure? Sign up for a Backcountry Adventure class and enjoy a day out on the Pictured Rocks Lakeshore. We also have a ton of specialty classes and off ice classes, including many for FREE!

Most of our classes fill up, so make sure you sign up early to ensure your spot.



NEW FOR 2019!

CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR NEW CLASSES AND SIGN UP TO JOIN US

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GROUND SCHOOL HALF DAY - ALL WEEKEND

Focusing on safety, this whole series of off ice classes was created by Michigan Ice Fest and the American Alpine Club will help you develop the basic skills you need to climb anywhere.

And best of all, all of the classes are FREE! That's right free.

Preregistration is required so sign up today



WOMEN'S ADV BACKCOUNTRY 2 DAYS- THURS/FRI

An all women's, two day course designed to help develop confidence and skills, and to guide participants toward more remote and difficult climbs. The class will start close to town on day one and then move further afield focusing on climbing technique and skills.



MIXED CLIMBING FULL DAY- FRI & SAT

Climbing rock with ice tools? No Way! Yes way. This Intro to Mixed Climbing class will travel away from Pictured Rocks to an area where with better rock and help you develop the techniques you need to enjoy this fast growing style of climbing.



TRUE NORTH

Oddly enough I began ice climbing in Kentucky. I saw ice routes form on road cuts and promptly ordered some antiquated ice gear from E-Bay. I took my Simmonds straight shaft tools and Koflach Degree boots to the side of State Route 127 and started ice climbing. A few years later I found myself working in Bozeman, Montana, and I had my first real ice season. I left Bozeman a competent WI3 climber and psyched on the sport. Living back in Kentucky it was obvious I was going to have to travel to become a better ice climber. So I did what most people in the South and East do; I traveled every season to the White Mountains in the Northeast. The climbing up there is phenomenal, challenging, and worth almost every minute of the sixteen-hour drive. While it was great to have a place east of the Mississippi to climb (fairly) consistent ice, it was still a big trip to make every year. Once that trip became too little to quench my thirst for ice, I added a trip to the Rockies every season as well.

About five years ago I heard about the Michigan Ice Fest from one of my climbing partners in Kentucky. Having traveled to most of the “premier” ice venues in the U.S. (including Peabody Ice), I didn’t think that a trip to Michigan would be worth my time. It turns out I was wrong.

I first came to Ice Fest to represent Rab as a vendor. By this time, I had seen some photos of routes like “HMR” and “Dairyland,” and I knew there was some classic climbing to do. I just didn’t realize how much amazing climbing there actually was. I was able to do a Tour de Classics and even got to spend a day at Grand Island. My first round of UP climbing consisted of “Dairyland,” “Midnight Rambler,” “The Good, The Bad and The Ugly,” “HMR,” and a day of curtain and pillar climbing on Grand Island. It was an amazing week, and I was hooked on Michigan Ice.

I returned to the UP again last winter and had another insanely memorable trip. We cragged, we zipped across the channel in sleds behind sleds, and we skied far into the backcountry for some virgin ice. The level of adventure we had was just as big or bigger than all other premier destinations. The Upper Peninsula of Michigan is wild and pristine and the climbing there can be just as hard, committing and “out there” as anywhere in the Rockies or the Whites. The best part — I can leave Kentucky and be climbing pitches in the same day.

I’m most definitely a Southern boy at heart, but every winter to come I’ll be turning my attention true North.

Right: Author Heath Rowland on the first ascent of Copperas Falls in Kentucky’s Red River Gorge.
Mike Wilkinson : 



by
Heath Rowland



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WEDNESDAY
SHOOTER'S 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
387

Guidebook Release Party
Celebrate with the authors at the release of the latest guidebook to the area. Get a first look at *An Ice Climber's Guide to Michigan's Upper Peninsula* and share a drink and some stories with the authors. Rumor is Jon might even sign a copy.

FRIDAY
EAST CHANNEL BREWING
Street Party

A first for us, we're taking it to the streets! Featuring live music, food and a citizens speed climbing competition for participants, this is definitely a party you won't want to miss.

SATURDAY
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The American Alpine Club has been a strong supporter of the Michigan Ice Fest for over a decade and this year we are partnering to create the AAC Ground School. These free half day classes will focus on developing the basic skills we need to be safe, successful climbers. Skills like belaying, repelling, equipment selection and more will be taught off the ice at our headquarters, but space is limited and preregistration is required.

In addition to the free ground school, we will be continuing our tradition of the AAC membership drive and raffle. More people become AAC members at the Michigan Ice Fest than almost any other event in the country, and we are really proud of that. Every person who joins or renews their membership during the festival will be entered into the Saturday night AAC drawing where they are guaranteed to win something. That's right, guaranteed to win.

There are plenty of perks when you join the AAC, but if you really want to know what the AAC is all about and why it's important, take a look around you. Look to the mentor who first showed you how to belay. The partner throwing you a high-five at the summit. Your local legends. The AAC is about all of these people. It's about community—about coming together. It's about the developing the legacy of climbing, and celebrating that legacy. Just like the Michigan Ice Fest, and that's why we make such great partners.



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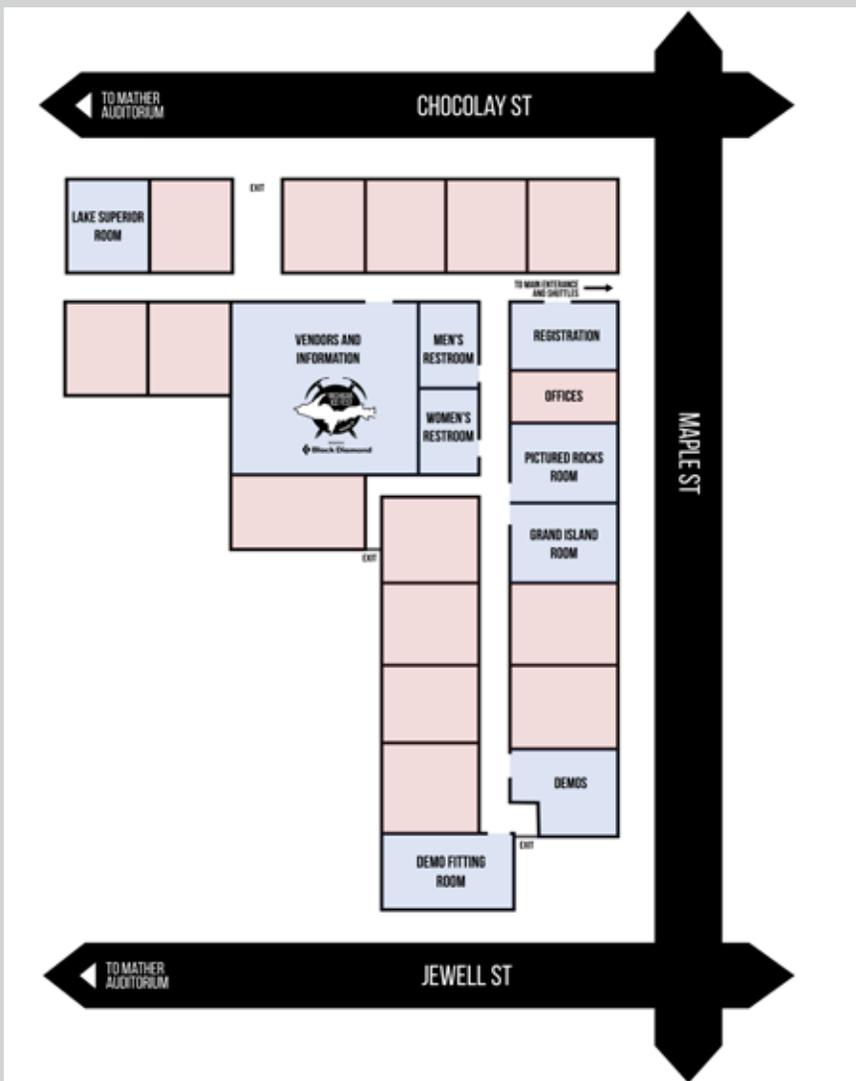


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Getting around during the fest can be one of the biggest challenges. Munising is a small community and adding more than a thousand climbers and unpredictable weather can add a lot of stress. Luckily, the Michigan Ice Fest provides shuttles throughout the weekend to relieve all that stress and help you get around. The shuttles are by far the easiest way to get around and we highly recommend you take advantage of them.

FRONTCOUNTRY

There is no parking on Sand Point Rd and the parking lot is not large enough to accommodate all of the climbers who want to go to this area. So to help alleviate the parking problem the National Park Service has asked the Festival to offer a shuttle to and from the demo area and the Sand Point Road parking area.

The buses depart from the Central Community Center and make stops at the Curtains demo area and the Sand Point parking lot. Buses run approximately every 15 minutes 8am to 5pm all weekend.

BACKCOUNTRY

Getting to the backcountry at Pictured Rocks is a committing day involving miles of skiing. At the fest we pull a sled behind a tracked ATV to speed things up. Shuttle availability and run times will vary so its best to ask at headquarters and talk to the driver to confirm the details.



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Wednesday, February 13th

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 - Mather Auditorium
Film - Mountain of Storms
Film presented by Patagonia

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

Thursday, February 14th

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

4PM - Community Center
Slideshow - Jim Shimberg
Presentation Sponsored by Sterling Rope

5PM - Community Center
Slideshow - Kentucky Ice W/ Mike Wilkinson

6PM - Community Center
All Demo Gear Must Be Returned-

7PM - Mather Auditorium
Slideshow - Nate & Sarah Smith
Presentation Sponsored by CAMP

8PM - Mather Auditorium
Slideshow - Andres Marin & Anna Pfaff
Presentation Sponsored by Scarpa & The North Face

9PM - 387
Guidebook Release Party
Free Beer Provided by Ore Dock Brewing

Friday, 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

9:00AM - 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

4PM - Community Center
Patagonia Provisions Cooking Demo w/ Brittany Griffith
Presentation Sponsored by Patagonia

6PM - Community Center
All Demo Gear Must Be Returned

6PM - Mather Auditorium
Enormocast Live!

7PM - Mather Auditorium
Slideshow - Tim Emmett
Presentation Sponsored by Mountain Hardwear

8PM - Mather Auditorium
Slideshow - Barry Blanchard
Presentation Sponsored by Patagonia

9PM - Community Center
Poster Signing

9PM - East Channel Brewery
Street Party

Saturday, February 16th

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

4PM - Community Center
Patagonia Provisions Cooking Demo w/ Brittany Griffith
Presentation Sponsored by Patagonia

5PM - Community Center
Slideshow - Nikki Smith
Presentation Sponsored by Grivel

6PM - Community Center
All Demo Gear Must Be Returned

7PM - Mather Auditorium
Slideshow - Angelika Rainer
Presentation Sponsored by Grivel

8PM - Mather Auditorium
Slideshow - John and Jess Rosskelly
Presentation Sponsored by Lowa

9PM - Mather Auditorium
Legendary Gear Raffle

9PM - Community Center
Poster Signing

9PM - 387 (formerly Sydney's)
Climber's After Party
Free Beer and Music Provided by Ore Dock Brewing

Sunday, 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

9AM - Community Center
Demos Available

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 2019!

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 abound 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 interested climbing? There is still a lot of adventure to be found in Munising during your visit. With all of Pictured Rocks to explore, it should be no problem for them to find something to keep them having fun while you're on the ice. Just don't be jealous when the tales of these adventures rival yours! Check out our list of other activities you might want to try while visiting.

Other activities to enjoy while you're in town

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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John and Jess Roskelly

Pakistan’s Karakorum range has some of the most challenging climbs in the world. Attempts and ascents of K2, Gasherbrum IV, Masherbrum, Latok, the Ogre and other peaks are legendary. John Roskelley made three of those iconic ascents in the 1970’s; the third ascent of K2 by the Northwest Ridge, and the first ascents of Great Trango Tower and Uli Biaho. His son, Jess, one of the best of today’s fast and light alpinists, has continued America’s tradition of exploration and ascents in the Karakorum recently traveling to remote and newly opened areas of unclimbed 6,000 meter peaks. The father/son duo will present a historical look back and a look forward to the future of climbing in this important climbing region.



Ben Herndon :

MEET JOHN & JESS | SEE THEIR PRESENTATION | SATURDAY • FEB 16 • 8PM
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Andres Marin

Born and raised in Colombia, in the middle of the central mountain range of the country, Andres started climbing mountains in his teens. Captivated by the allure of adventure, in 2003 he moved to the USA and found himself completely addicted to Indian Creek and the Moab area, spending uncountable days climbing wide cracks and desert towers. During his first visit to Ouray, he was stoked to experience vertical ice climbing and was immediately hooked. Andres passion lies in expedition climbing, exploring new mountains and trying to unlock the mystery of climbing new routes.

Hot off a successful trip to Pakistan with teammates Anna Pfaff and David Allfrey, Andres will share his experience on soloing the American Route on Great Trango Tower and climbing Eternal Flame on Nameless Tower with his two partners.



MEET ANDRES

SEE HIS
PRESENTATION
WITH ANNA PFAFF

THURSDAY • FEB 16 • 8PM
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Angelika Rainer



Born and raised in South Tyrol, Italy, climbing was always going to be an obvious pursuit for Angelika. Even from a young age she had a real passion for the outdoors and as a child she regularly hiked with her mother in the mountains of South Tyrol.

Ever since her first alpine fixed-rope route she was hooked, from there she took part in regional, national and international competitions and, after winning the Junior Italian Championships in Sport climbing several times she became three time Ice Climbing World Champion. In the Winter Angelika not only participates in World Cup competitions, but has also repeated some of the most difficult ice, mixed and drytooling routes in the world. In November 2017 she climbed the Drytooling route 'A line above the sky' and became the first woman to climb a route graded D15.

MEET ANGELIKA

SEE HER
PRESENTATION

SATURDAY • FEB 16 • 7PM
MATHER AUDITORIUM

Barry Blanchard

Barry Blanchard, one of Canada's foremost alpinists, will tell why he's dedicated his entire adult life to finding the perfect new route up the perfect mountain. Showing images from climbing adventures to the Canadian Rockies, European Alps, Pakistani Karakorum and Greater Himalaya, including Everest and K2, Barry will illustrate the ways mountains engage and inspire us and how climbing soothes the soul.

Barry will also touch on his career as a Mountain Guide and his involvement in making the Hollywood movies: K2, Cliffhanger and Vertical Limit.



MEET BARRY

SEE HIS
PRESENTATION

FRIDAY • FEB 15 • 8PM
MATHER AUDITORIUM



Nate & Sarah Smith

Nate likes to spend time in diverse mountain terrain and move quickly. He enjoys rock, ice and snow although he does seem to prefer longer more frozen opportunities. Nate has spent the past few years incorporating long distance ultra style running into his training and has started to figure out it's application while tackling routes with long approaches or when combining multiple objectives in single pushes.

Sarah is passionate about covering big mountain terrain on a relatively quick schedule. Over the past few years, Sarah has expanded her first love of rock climbing to include training which enables her to excel on

ice, snow, glaciers, and big trail runs. This has translated into an ability to combine the mediums in order to access bigger alpine terrain.

Together Nate and Sarah make a fast and efficient team in the mountains. The two will present on their amazing accomplishment of the Rainier Infinity Loop. This grueling route includes an up and over traverse climb of Mount Rainier, a run of the Wonderland Trail in one direction back to the starting point, a second traverse climb of Mount Rainier, and final run of the Wonderland Trail in the opposite direction to the start/finish point!

MEET NATE & SARAH

SEE THEIR
PRESENTATION

THURSDAY • FEB 14 • 7PM
MATHER AUDITORIUM

Additional Guides and Athletes



VINCE ANDERSON

Vince is a third generation native of Colorado who climbed his first mountain at age five, started skiing at eight, and has called the mountains home his entire life. He and Steve House completed their famous new route on the Rupal Face of Nanga Parbat (26,660', ninth highest mountain in the world) in alpine style without oxygen in eight days during September of 2005. Vince and Steve have also partnered on numerous other ice, mixed, and alpine climbs, including the first ascent of K7 West in Pakistan and a new route on the North Face of Mount Alberta in the Canadian Rockies.

PRESENTED BY: PATAGONIA



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



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: PETZL



TIM EMMETT

Tim is famous for his infectious enthusiasm. One of the UK's climbing elite, Tim is as happy on rock as ice; his versatility has seen him finish within the top 10 at the 2002 World Ice Climbing Championships as well as completing a series of hard ice routes, classic Alpine routes and notorious Scottish winter routes. In 2012, Tim completed the hardest ice climb in the world in Helmcken Falls, Canada.

PRESENTED BY: MOUNTAIN HARDWEAR



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



BRITTANY GRIFFITH

A committed lifer to the sport Griffith has climbed, led, and bolted some of the most challenging routes around the world, collecting once-in-a-lifetime stories that deserve a page of their own. While her skills beyond climbing are vast and venerable, her self-described "Gypsy Kitchen" cooking style deserves a mention, keeping her fellow climbers well-fed with what's on hand.

PRESENTED BY: PATAGONIA



KIM HALL

Kim is no stranger to adventures in the outdoors. She learned how to climb in college and became passionate about alpine rock climbing and back country skiing. Through adventures and encouragement from female climbing partners she found an affinity for ice climbing that has taken her on adventures from her own backyard in the Wasatch mountains to the inspiring peaks of Alaska.

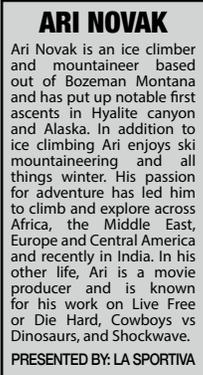
PRESENTED BY: BLUE ICE



JACKSON MARVEL

Jackson was born and raised in Provo, Utah. He started climbing at the age of 15. That same year he also began ice climbing up Provo canyon several times a week. Now Jackson still spends his weekends climbing towers in the desert, an annual trip to Alaska or traveling to a foreign country for big wall climbing.

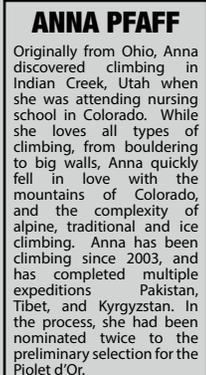
PRESENTED BY: BLACK DIAMOND



ARI NOVAK

Ari Novak is an ice climber and mountaineer based out of Bozeman Montana and 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 and recently in India. In his other life, Ari is a movie producer and is known for his work on Live Free or Die Hard, Cowboys vs Dinosaurs, and Shockwave.

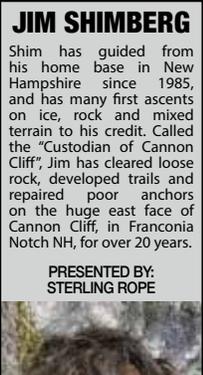
PRESENTED BY: LA SPORTIVA



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 SHIMBERG

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.

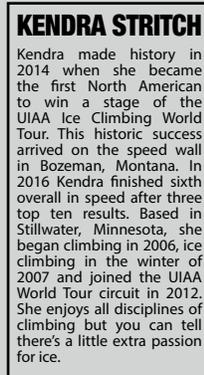
PRESENTED BY: STERLING ROPE



NIKKI SMITH

Nikki has been a climber and outdoor photographer for almost 20 years now and has worked for nearly all the major climbing companies at some point. She is an all around climber with more than 200 first ascents in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and Mongolia. She has climbed all over the US and in 14 other countries. In addition to an impressive career in the Outdoor Industry, Nikki has written articles for Rock & Ice, Alpinist, Deadpoint, Urban Climber, The American Alpine Journal and other climbing publications.

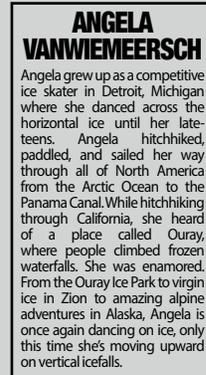
PRESENTED BY: GRIVEL



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. She enjoys all disciplines of climbing but you can tell there's a little extra passion for ice.

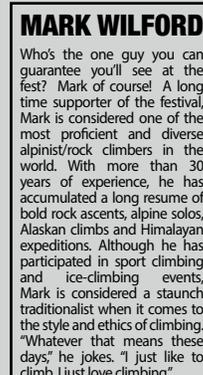
PRESENTED BY: USA ICE CLIMBING



ANGELA VANWIEMEERSCH

Angela grew up as a competitive ice skater in Detroit, Michigan where she danced across the horizontal ice until her late-teens. Angela hitchhiked, paddled, and sailed her way through all of North America from the Arctic Ocean to the Panama Canal. While hitchhiking through California, she heard of a place called Ouray, where people climbed frozen waterfalls. She was enamored. 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.

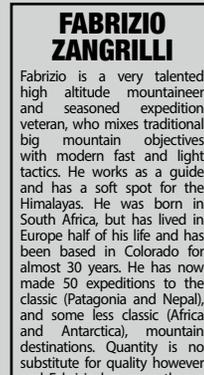
PRESENTED BY: LA SPORTIVA



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



FABRIZIO ZANGRILLI

Fabrizio is a very talented high altitude mountaineer and seasoned expedition veteran, who mixes traditional big mountain objectives with modern fast and light tactics. He works as a guide and has a soft spot for the Himalayas. He was born in South Africa, but has lived in Europe half of his life and has been based in Colorado for almost 30 years. He has now made 50 expeditions to the classic (Patagonia and Nepal), and some less classic (Africa and Antarctica), mountain destinations. Quantity is no substitute for quality however and Fabrizio has more than a few first ascents to his name.

PRESENTED BY: RAB

Pictured Rocks Climbing Academy



During the filming of the Imax National Parks Adventure, Conrad Anker stated that he couldn't believe that there we no local kids tearing it up at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. That comment led to a collaboration between The North Face and Michigan Ice to develop a youth climbing program for the central Upper Peninsula!

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!



Sue Nott Scholarship

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 and it was her drive, focused direction and experience that lead her to become one of the world's top women alpine climbers. Sue dreamed big, lived a large life, and wanted you to be a part of it. Unfortunately, Sue was killed while attempting the Infinite Spur on Mt. Foraker in Alaska during the spring of 2006. For those of us lucky enough to share some time with her, we will be forever changed and will forever miss her.

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

Apply online at MichiganIceFest.com:

1. A letter explaining why they are interested in ice climbing and the Michigan Ice Fest.
2. A picture of their most recent report card. Winners will not be based on the best grades, but students should be trying hard and making an effort at school.
3. A letter of support from someone other than the applicant's parents.

**Deadline for application is
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Applications will be presented to a panel and will be informed to by Jan. 10th 2019

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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!



2018 Winning Photo by: Brandon Rieck

Here's how it works:

1. During the weekend of Ice Fest (February 13th -17th) 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 **#michiganicefest2019**. 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 **#michiganicefest2019** 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 2020 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 2019 photo contest!

WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR CLIMBING PHOTOGRAPHY?

Use the scenery - often the coolest thing about climbing is the location, especially in Pictured Rocks

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Film: Mountain of Storms



MOUNTAIN OF STORMS



Mountain of Storms was released in 1968. It is a film about 5 friends who pile into an old van somewhere in California and surf, ski, and climb their way south toward the then still-mythical land of Patagonia, where they put up the first ascent of Cerro Fitz Roy's Southwest Buttress, the so-called "California Route."

Though the friends didn't know it, Mountain of Storms paved the way for the modern-day adventure film, the type around which an entire industry, including events like Banff Mountain Film Festival, have been built. These guys were just out to have a good time and give their friends something more entertaining than slides to look at when they got back.

For the 50th anniversary of the trip and the film, Patagonia is screening the film in a wide release at Patagonia stores and the Michigan Ice Fest!



WATCH THE FILM

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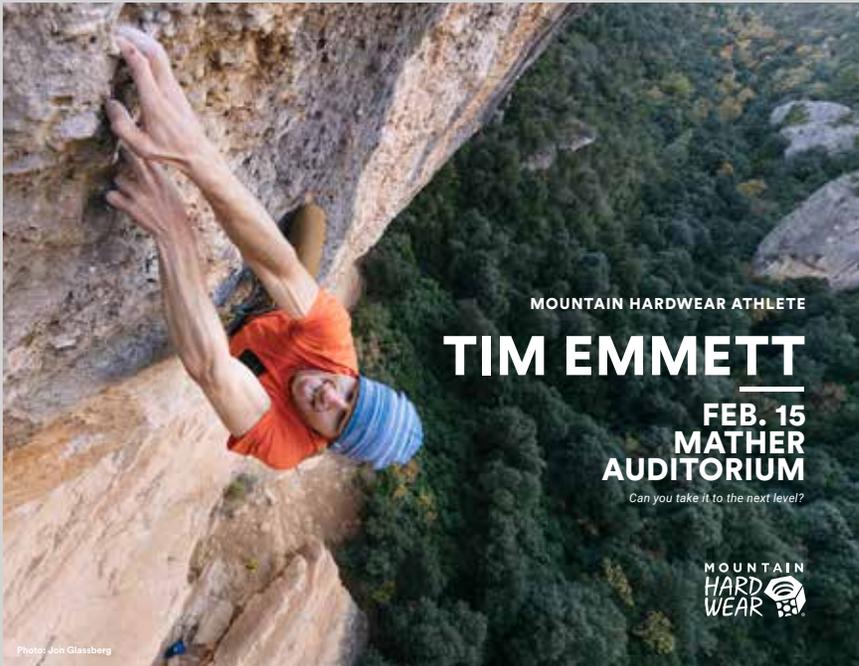
Want to do some climbing outside of the festival weekend, but don't have the skills? Just need a climbing partner to show you around the area? Want to explore what the U.P. has to offer in the summer?



Michigan Ice Fest offers a guide service to help you out with any of your vertical needs in Northern Michigan. Offering both winter and summer guided climbs, lessons and group adventures, we can accommodate whatever goals you have. Want to climb exciting ice over Lake Superior? We can do that. Want to learn how to climb safely? We offer Intro to Ice and Intro to Rock classes. Just want some great photos and an experience you'll never forget? No problem.

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Off Ice Fun

We love climbing, and would love to climb all of the time. Unfortunately, though we hate to admit it, we get tired. Sometimes, we just need a break. But even when we're not climbing, we want to do climbing stuff! So at Ice Fest we are offering tons of off ice activities to keep you stoked while you recover.

Since the beginning one of the highlights of the 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 and share their experience. We've moved our main stage from a small room above a bar to beautiful historic theater that seats nearly 1,000 people. We've also created an intimate second stage at our headquarters so we can offer even more opportunities to hear gear stories from our Athletes.

In addition to slideshows, we try to offer a variety of events covering a wide range of interest. From cooking and art, to podcasting and literature, we want to show off all of the facets of our sport. Climbing isn't just something to do, it's a lifestyle with rich and diverse opportunities for self expression. Come see for yourself at our off ice events.

WEDNESDAY

7PM FILM: MOUNTAIN OF STORMS
MATHER AUDITORIUM - PRESENTED BY PATAGONIA

THURSDAY

4-5PM JIM SHIMBERG
HEADQUARTERS- PRESENTED BY STERLING ROPE

5-6PM KENTUCKY ICE
W/ MIKE WILKINSON
HEADQUARTERS

7-8PM NATE & SARAH SMITH
MATHER AUDITORIUM - PRESENTED BY CAMP USA

8-9PM ANDRES MARIN
MATHER AUDITORIUM - PRESENTED BY SCARPA

9PM GUIDEBOOK RELEASE PARTY
W/ THE AUTHORS
387 BAR AND RESTAURANT

FRIDAY

4-5PM COOKING DEMO
W/ BRITTANY GRIFFITH
HEADQUARTERS- PRESENTED BY PATAGONIA PROVISIONS

6-7PM ENORMOCAST LIVE
MATHER AUDITORIUM

7-8PM TIM EMMETT
MATHER AUDITORIUM - PRESENTED BY MOUNTAIN HARDWEAR

7-8PM BARRY BLANCHARD
MATHER AUDITORIUM - PRESENTED BY PATAGONIA

9PM POSTER SIGNING
HEADQUARTERS

SATURDAY

4-5PM COOKING DEMO
W/ BRITTANY GRIFFITH
HEADQUARTERS- PRESENTED BY PATAGONIA PROVISIONS

5-6PM NIKKI SMITH
HEADQUARTERS- PRESENTED BY GRIVEL

7-8PM ANGELIKA RAINER
MATHER AUDITORIUM - PRESENTED BY GRIVEL

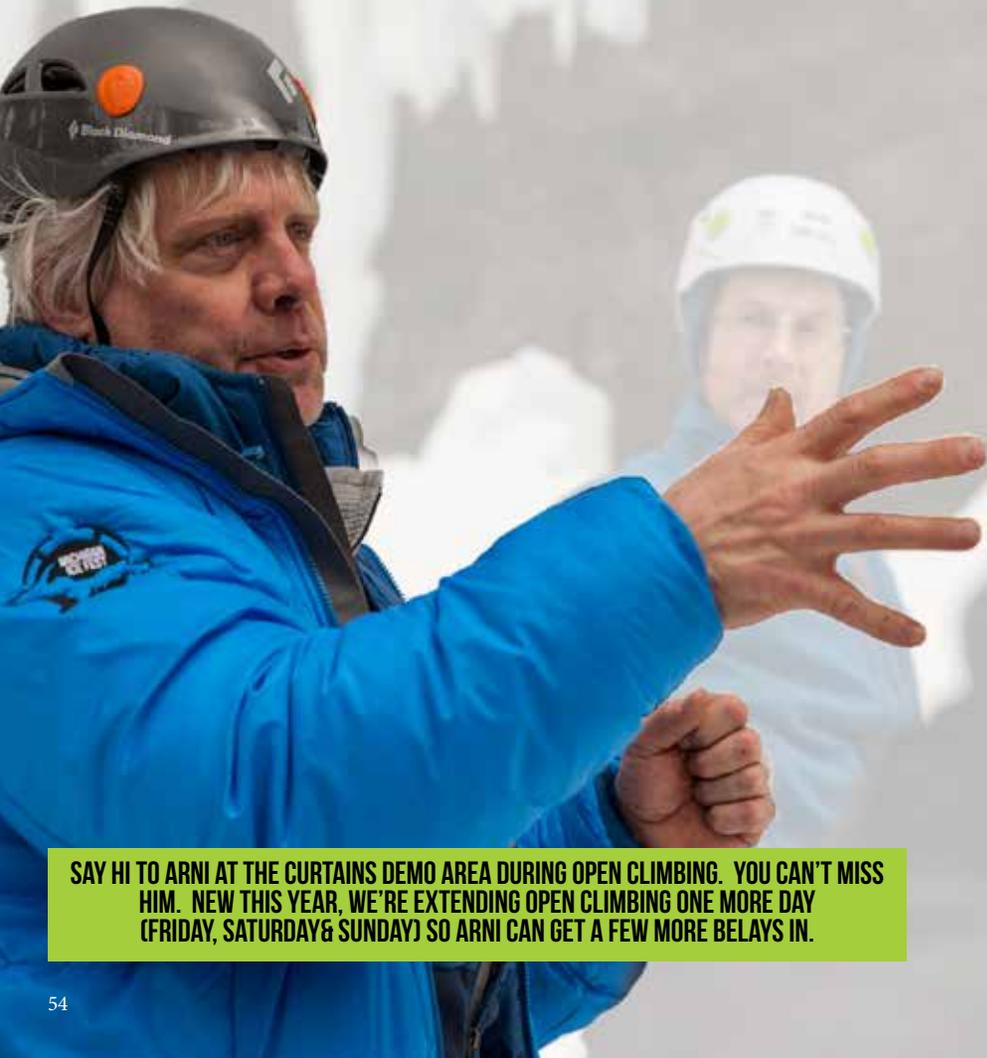
8-9PM JOHN & JESS ROSKELLY
MATHER AUDITORIUM - PRESENTED BY LOWA

9PM POSTER SIGNING
HEADQUARTERS



📷 : NIKKI SMITH ON SPEAR OF FEAR IN JOE'S VALLEY, UTAH. PHOTO BY JAKE HIRSCHI
WANT TO SEE MORE BEEHIVE ICE? CHECK OUT NIKKI'S PRESENTATION AT ICE FEST HEADQUARTERS ON SATURDAY AT 5PM

One of the original Ice Fest organizers, Arni Ronis has been overseeing our demo area for nearly 30 years. From 20 below and white out conditions, to sunny skies and 65 degrees Arni has seen it all and faced it with a smile. A tip of the helmet to Arni for so many years of great service and a million belays!



SAY HI TO ARNI AT THE CURTAINS DEMO AREA DURING OPEN CLIMBING. YOU CAN'T MISS HIM. NEW THIS YEAR, WE'RE EXTENDING OPEN CLIMBING ONE MORE DAY (FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY) SO ARNI CAN GET A FEW MORE BELAYS IN.

Ice climbing gear is really expensive and getting set up can seem like a daunting task. It's really hard to break into this sport when the cost is so high and you have to know so much just to try it out. We feel like those things shouldn't be a barrier to people experiencing something we love so much.

We demo more equipment than any other climbing event in the country. You not only can try climbing without the investment, but you get to try out all of the best gear from the best brands in the industry. It's at the heart of the festival. Many people demo gear for a year or two, fall in love and then buy their own gear. That's also why our partner Down Wind Sports offers a discount throughout the weekend.

On top of gear, we feel everyone should have the opportunity to climb whether they can rig their own ropes or not. At our demo area we set up a bunch of ropes and staff them with trained belayers so you can get in all the climbs you want in a secure, supportive atmosphere. This demo has become such an important part of the event that we have expanded beyond Saturday and Sunday to include Friday as well.



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To Our Volunteers

Putting on an event like Michigan Ice Fest takes a lot of hands. Everyone sees Bill on stage, but it's easy to miss the thousands of hours by so many people throughout the year that really make this work. It's a lot of work and it gets done through the love and stoke of a small army of staff and volunteers. So we want to say a special thank you to everyone who gives a part of themselves to make Ice Fest as great as it is. Your talents, dedication and passion are more than we deserve and everything we need. Thank you.

You can spot our staff and volunteers by the hats they're wearing. If you need something, don't hesitate to ask. If they can't help, they will find someone who can. Making your Ice Fest experience as good as it can be is our major goal. If you're having a good time, let them know. Let them know you appreciate their hard work as much as we do. And maybe buy them a beer, they aren't getting paid after all...



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HIRE A GUIDE

The easy button for sure! People who can't make the festival due to scheduling issues, but still want to experience ice climbing, or people who want a trip that is a little more intimate, can reach out to our guide service. Michigan Ice Fest Guides offers winter ice climbing as well as summer rock climbing adventures. Having guides throughout the Upper Peninsula we have an intimate knowledge of all of the available climbing areas and can create fun, memorable experiences throughout the peninsula.

FIND A PARTNER

I-75 through Michigan and US 41 through Wisconsin see a steady stream of traffic all winter long of climbers making the pilgrimage north (how do we know? It's the stickers!). Why not hop on the Michigan Ice Fest Facebook Page and send a call out for interested partners and split the gas!

BUY THE GUIDE

Keep in the desk drawer at work and secretly plan your next excursion to the great white north! The best way to find some amazing climbing is with the latest edition of the guidebook!

CONDITIONS REPORT

At Michigan Ice we take pride in being your go to site for current ice climbing conditions for Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore as well as climbs throughout the Upper Peninsula. Planning a trip to Pictured Rocks? We have you covered for all the latest snow and ice conditions on all of your favorite climbs. Check back often for updates, pictures, and trip reports!

SIGN UP FOR ICE FEST 2020!

We usually open our registration in May, so keep an eye on our Facebook page and website and sign up so you can start planning your trip. Signing up early gets you some swag and first shot at all of the new classes.



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Thank You

Ice Fest is the highlight of our year, seriously. We pour our hearts into it and seeing the joy it brings to our community is better than actually climbing (I know, right!). The people who travel to this remote outpost on the edge of nowhere to climb are the best people in the world, no exceptions. We're a family. We don't have to agree on everything, or anything, to love each other. In a time where our differences are driving us apart in nearly every aspect of life, this is a place we can let that go. It's special and so important.

You've created this. You've built this family. You've brought us together as one unit, simply because we all like to stand out in the cold and swing sharp objects at frozen water. We can never express our gratitude for what you've made Ice Fest into. We toil all year trying to make the best event possible, but its you who make it into something amazing.

So From the bottoms of our hearts we thank you, each and everyone of you. We're so glad you're part of our family.

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ABOUT THE SHOT

Behind every great climb, is a great belay. Colten Moore keeps his climber safe and his boots wet while Lake Superior rages below HMR.

Aaron Peterson : 📷

See this shot in action in the Michigan Ice Film, available on Vimeo.

SISU Shot

Sisu /sē-soo/ - a Finnish word that cannot be translated properly into the English language, loosely translated to mean stoic determination, bravery, resilience, perseverance and hardiness. A trait common with Midwest climbers.



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