



EVENTS EDUCATION SUPPORT

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Lake Placid Olympic Museum

Happy New Year! On behalf of the Board of Directors and museum staff, we hope you had a safe and joyful holiday season spent with your loved ones.

If you missed our updates, on December 8, we celebrated the first anniversary of the new museum. To recognize the hard work of so many involved over the past 365 days, we shared a 2023 Wrapped campaign. Some of the highlights from the past year include:

- We welcomed 54,100 visitors.
- We met some amazing Olympians, including Chris Stokes (Jamaica Bobsleigh '88, '92, '94, '98), Scott Hamilton (USA Figure Skating '80 and '84 Gold Medalist), Andrew Weibrecht (USA Alpine Skiing '10 Bronze Medalist, '14 Silver Medalist, and '18), and Mike Eruzione (USA Ice Hockey '80 Gold Medalist).
- We expanded our educator resources with free field trips for New York State schools and free teacher resources on our website, and in May, we launched Live Virtual Field Trips for classes unable to travel to Lake Placid.
- We made headlines in the Press-Republican, National Geographic Travel, North Country Public Radio, NBC 5, and Lake Placid News.
- We hosted ten schools in person and virtually!

This past year truly showed the value of the LPOM within the Adirondack community. The support has been overwhelming, and we are excited to continue our goals of sharing Lake Placid's legacy and inspiring future generations of athletes, educators, and history enthusiasts. We are looking to meet these goals through expanding public programs and educational opportunities, and we are thrilled to welcome Bridey Ryan as our Museum Guest Services. Bridey will work on improving the visitor experience by expanding virtual field trip options, creating new museum programs, and helping us plan events.

As always, thank you for your continued support and for being with us in the New Year.



COURTNEY BASTIAN, DIRECTOR
Lake Placid Olympic Museum

CURATOR CORNER



CENTENNIAL OF THE WINTER OLYMPICS

The Olympic Winter Games honors a significant milestone this year - its centennial celebration. To celebrate this milestone, in 2024, we are debuting a temporary exhibit panel in the Lake Placid Olympic Museum that examines the history of the Olympic Winter Games.

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CURATING THE OLYMPIC PIN COLLECTION

A recent donation from Mr. Michael Miller, an impressive Olympic pin collector, is now the main collections project going on in the Museum's archives.

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1980 SOVIET SILVER MEDAL

This medal came into the Lake Placid Olympic Museum Collection around 15 years ago. It is not known which Soviet player left this medal behind.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEE YOU IN PARIS - MUSEUM BENEFIT | FEB 17TH



This January and February, the world is celebrating the centennial of the first Winter Olympic Games hosted in Chamonix, France, in 1924. Lake Placid native Charles Jewtraw received the first Winter Olympic gold medal by winning the 500m speed skating race during these Games.

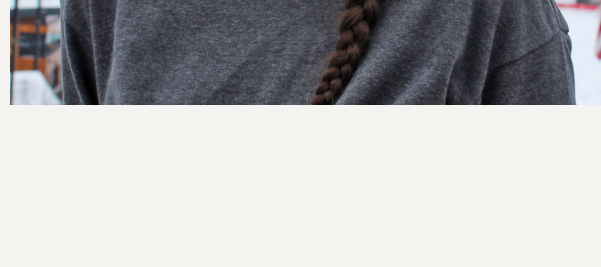
As an Olympic legacy city, our organization's mission is to tell the world about the Olympic movement and Lake Placid's rich winter sports history in order to promote the values of Olympism. To connect with our community and celebrate this historic year, on **Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., we invite you to the "See You in Paris" Wine and Chocolate Benefit at the Lake Placid Olympic Museum.** Enjoy chocolate paired with your choice of wines from local Adirondack vendors. All pairings are curated by the knowledgeable sommelier Justin Wachowski (USA Luge '13, certified sommelier, and *Men's Health Magazine* published mixologist). Enjoy a night at the museum while supporting the home of North America's second-largest Winter Olympic artifact collection! As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, proceeds benefit the Lake Placid Olympic Museum's mission, educational programs, and exhibits.

Tickets for the event are \$60 each and can be purchased by calling the Box Office at 518-523-3330 or [online here](#). When purchasing tickets, please select the time of your wine tasting and arrive at least five minutes prior. This event is for ages 21+. Please bring a valid ID to your tasting.

For more information or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Courtney Bastian, Museum Director, at 518-302-5326 or email museum@orda.org.

[Reserve a spot today!](#)

WELCOME BRIDEY



My name is Bridey Ryan, and I'm so excited to join the Lake Placid Olympic Museum team as the Museum Guest Services! I've lived in the Lake Placid area since graduating from McGill University in 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Studies. Since then, I've worked at the Adirondack Mountain Club with the Summit Steward Program and the High Peaks Information Center. There, I dedicated my time to hike education, teaching others about the region's natural history and recreational safety. Last winter, I had the wonderful opportunity to design exhibits themed around Black History Month and Women's History Month. Learning about the cultural history of this area developed my love of local history and museums. Working at a museum had not occurred to me before, but my passion for education and exhibits made it seem an exciting next step. In the fall of 2023, I joined an AmeriCorps team at the Wild Center as a Community Education Fellow. At the Wild Center, I work on informal education programs and exhibit interpretation to bring visitors closer to the museum's content. Community outreach and the visitor experience also comprise an important aspect of my role, and I get to interact with others through after-school Ski Club and library events.

I love working in education and how it opens communication for two-way learning between myself and my community. While finishing my fellowship, I will be starting part-time at the Lake Placid Olympic Museum, and I can't wait to bring all I've learned on board when I transition fully into this role!

STAFF PICK: *Meddling: The Olympic Skating Scandal That Shocked the World*

As a docuseries enthusiast, I looked forward to finding one that focused on the Olympics. I was pleasantly surprised when my initial searches brought me to "Meddling: The Olympic Skating Scandal That Shocked the World." This four-episode docuseries, available for streaming on Peacock and directed by Todd Kapostasy, details the 2002 judging scandal of the pairs figure skating event at the Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The story revolves around the 2002 pairs skating event and two skating couples: Canada's Jamie Salé and David Pelletier and Russia's Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze.

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STAFF ENTERTAINMENT PICK:

Meddling: The Olympic Skating Scandal That Shocked the World

Streaming: Peacock

Genre: Docuseries

Episodes: 4

Not your typical historical documentary. Leaves you on the edge of your seat after each episode. Fast paced, insightful, shocking, and engaging. Perfect for people looking for a quick sport history fix.

WHAT'S ON AT THE LAKE PLACID OLYMPIC MUSEUM

10 FUN THINGS TO DO AT THE LAKE PLACID OLYMPIC MUSEUM

- FIND** The original scoreboard from the 1980 Olympic Winter Games in the Missile Plaza.
- LOCATE** The first person to ever win a gold medal at the Olympic Winter Games.
- SOAR** Through the air while seeing what all jumping took place from the athlete's point of view.
- RACE** Does the Olympic Bobster of Mount Pinneaux live in the Adirondack?
- SEARCH** Through over 700 Olympic pins. How many Real Americans pins can you find?
- EXAMINE** How do Olympic torches have evolved over the years since 1936.
- FIND** The athlete who won all 5 gold medals in the 1980 Speed Skating events.
- WATCH** The incredible underdog story of the 1980 U.S. Hockey Team in the Miracle on Ice!
- STRIKE A POSE** A top of the Victory Pyramid and get a photo on the iconic Olympic platform.
- LISTEN** To the local Olympian's recount that Olympic games, Olympic memorabilia, and much more!
- WATCH** The incredible underdog story of the 1980 U.S. Hockey Team in the Miracle on Ice!

PIN DETECTIVE

Become a detective as you search up, down, and side-to-side for these Olympic pins! Available in 4 different Olympic-themed editions, "Pin Detective" is a family-friendly activity that gets everyone engaged and searching through a sea of almost 800 pins in the Design & Olympics section of the Museum. This activity is available directly next to the pin display case.

[Visit us](#)

10 FUN THINGS TO DO AT THE LPOM

Keep students and children engaged during their Lake Placid Olympic Museum visit by completing the "10 Fun Things To Do" activity. This easy-to-follow activity guides visitors through the museum by assigning different tasks to complete that encourage learning and fun at the same time! To download this activity, please visit the link below.

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EDUCATION

The Lake Placid Olympic Museum is happy to provide free materials educators can use to explore winter sports history and Lake Placid's Olympic legacy. We offer lesson plans, student worksheets, primary resources, learning objectives, suggested materials, and other resources to make teaching the Winter Olympic Games more interactive and fun for students.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: PREDICTING THE FUTURE

This lesson will introduce students to the ways in which traditions have changed throughout the history of the Winter Olympic Games.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: WHAT IS A CENTENNIAL?

This lesson will introduce students to what a centennial is and help them to visualize the number 100.

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HIGH SCHOOL: COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE CHANGE

This lesson will introduce students to the changes in snowfall in Winter Olympic host cities.

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