



A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Lake Placid Olympic Museum

2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the Lake Placid Olympic Museum's archives and collection. This collection, a treasure trove of history, is a testament to our commitment to preserving and sharing the legacy of the Winter Olympic Games.

Our story begins in 1974, shortly after Lake Placid was awarded the 1980 Olympic Winter Games, when community members decided to create a collection of materials about the Lake Placid Olympic legacy for future use in a museum or research facility. At the end of the 1980 Olympic Games, the Olympic and Winter Sports Museum, a private, not-for-profit museum, was opened at the former Austria House in Lake Placid.

In 2005, the Museum, a beacon of our community's Olympic spirit, received the prestigious Olympic Cup, the oldest award given by the International Olympic Committee. This was the first time a museum had received such an honor. The Cup, which originated in 1906, recognizes an institution or association with a general reputation for merit and integrity that has been active in the service of sport and contributed to the development of the Olympic Movement. By 2011, the collection had grown to represent more than just the two Olympic Games in Lake Placid, and the Museum's name was changed to the Lake Placid Olympic Museum.

Today, we care for approximately 30,000 objects and are home to North America's second-largest Winter Olympic artifact collection. Our archives are repositories of valuable objects, documents, and information that provide insights into the past and help us understand our community's heritage. By studying and preserving these materials, the LPOM can contribute to education, research, and appreciation of diverse cultures.

I encourage you to explore our Curator's Corner to learn more about selected artifacts from our collection.

With gratitude



COURTNEY BASTIAN, DIRECTOR
Lake Placid Olympic Museum

CURATOR CORNER



ARTIFACT ACQUISITION

The Lake Placid Olympic Museum proudly showcases the Olympic torches, one of its most popular displays. Featuring 14 different torches, this exhibit highlights their unique and symbolic designs while detailing the history of the torch relay. This past spring, we received a donation of the 2002 Salt Lake City torch. This artifact enhances our ability to tell the story of this remarkable Olympic tradition and provides visitors with an up-close experience of an important piece of Olympic history.

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PRESERVATION MONTH

More than 95,000 properties across the United States have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and two properties operated by the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) are featured on the list: The Olympic Bobsled Track at Mount Van Hoevenberg and the Whiteface Memorial Highway.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month, which highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. Bobsledding is one winter sport that has helped create opportunities for African Americans at the Winter Games. Starting at the 1980 Olympic Winter Games, Team USA has seen several athletes transition from track and field to bobsled.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

We've been hard at work and are excited to share our new weekly summer programming with you! From getting to know our collections to listening to storytime, there's something for everyone. We hope to see you soon!



TOUCH-A-TORCH

TUE | 2:30pm - 3:30pm
FRI | 2:30pm - 3:30pm

In the Museum, visitors are invited to experience history by holding an authentic Olympic torch. This event is open to all ages and is included in the price of admission.

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STORY HOUR & CRAFTS

WED | 10:30am - 11:30am
SAT | 10:30am - 11:30am

Children and their caregivers are invited to enjoy listening to a picture book read aloud and do an accompanying craft. Stories will be about sportsmanship and France to celebrate the upcoming Olympic Games! This is a free event hosted by the Lake Placid Olympic Museum. Registration is not required, but is encouraged via our website. All ages are welcome to attend; programming is made with children three and up in mind.

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OLYMPIC TRUCE

WED | 3:00pm - 4:00pm
SAT | 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Visitors are welcome to explore the history of peace and its role in the Olympic Games through painting! This is a free event hosted by the Lake Placid Olympic Museum. Registration is not required, but is encouraged via our website. All ages are welcome to attend; programming is made with children eight and up in mind.

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BEHIND THE SCENES

THU | 1:30pm - 2:30pm
SAT | 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Come to the Museum to get a behind-the-scenes look at what goes on in the archives and learn how a museum exhibit is made! Visitors will also be invited to try out prototypes for an upcoming exhibit.

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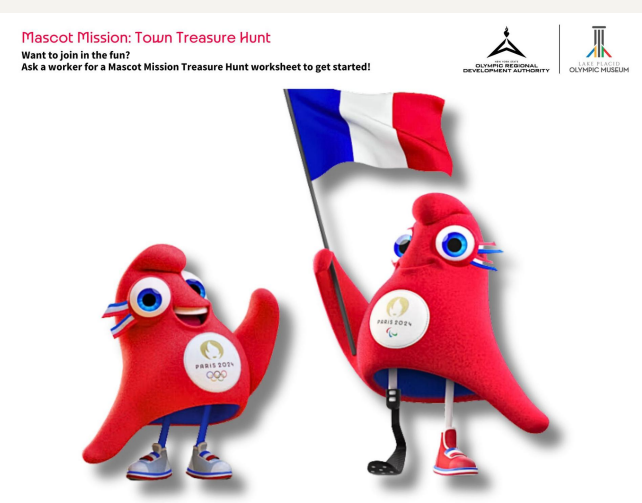
MASCOT MISSION & SUMMER OLYMPICS

BEGINNING JULY 26 - AUGUST 11

This July marks the start of the XXXIII Summer Olympic Games, and as Paris, France, gets ready to welcome the world to its famous city, the Lake Placid Olympic Museum is getting into the Olympic spirit with fun, family-friendly events that bring our community together. In June, the LPOM hosted two events: the "Igniting Dreams: Craft and Touch-a-Torch Program" for LOVE New York's Path Through History Weekend and the "Olympic Day Friendship Bracelets Craft Activity" for the annual Olympic Day celebrations.

At the "Igniting Dreams" program, visitors could hold and take their picture with a 1980 and 2002 Olympic Winter Games torch, a unique educational experience. Torch runner uniforms from 1980 Lake Placid and 2002 Salt Lake City were also displayed, offering a historical perspective. Afterward, they could make their own unique Olympic torch with the craft activity, adding a hands-on learning element to their visit. To celebrate Olympic Day on June 23rd, the LPOM hosted the "Olympic Day Friendship Bracelets Craft Activity," where visitors could make an Olympic-inspired bracelet while learning how to contribute to a peaceful and better world. USA Luge Olympians stopped by this event to make bracelets and connect with the community while sharing stories of their athletic careers.

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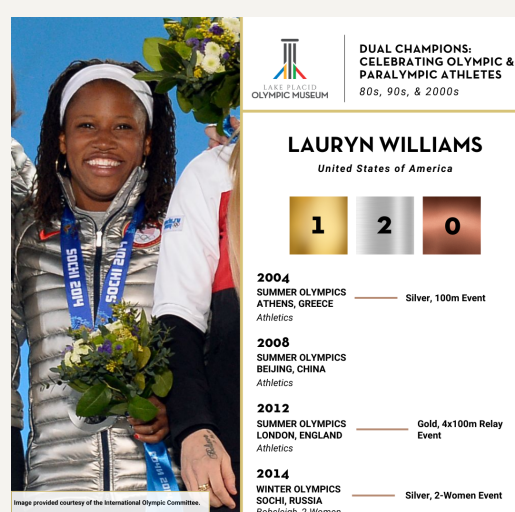
Our special summer events for the 2024 Summer Olympic Games continue with a daily medal count update that will be located in the Olympic Center in Miracle Plaza. The next event to celebrate the 2024 Summer Olympic Games is the "Mascot Mission: Town Treasure Hunt!" In collaboration with the Olympic Authority and ROOST, this event will encourage people to explore Lake Placid and the Legacy Sites while on a mission to locate different mascots from previous Summer and Winter Olympic Games at participating locations. When all the mascots are found, completed lists can be returned to the visitor's desk at the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST), located on the first floor of the Conference Center, to be entered in a grand prize drawing! "Mascot Mission" will run through the Paris Summer Olympic Games from July 26th to August 11th, 2024. For more information about this event, please visit <https://orda.org/2024/05/28/roadtoparis/>.

We are excited to see what this year's Olympic Games brings, and we hope you can join in on the fun this July!

SPECIAL STORY: Dual Champions: Celebrating Olympic and Paralympic Athletes

This summer, the world will come together to cheer on their favorite athletes at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, France. Paris proudly continues its Olympic legacy, having already hosted the Summer Games in 1900, 1924, and now a hundred years later in 2024. In 1900, 1,226 athletes competed; by 1924, the number had grown to 3,088. In 2024, Paris will welcome 10,500 athletes. This year also marks a historic milestone: for the first time, the Olympics will have gender parity, with an equal number of male and female athletes competing.

Competing in the Olympic Games is the height of athletic achievement, demanding immense dedication, skill, and versatility. While most athletes devote their careers to mastering a single sport, a select few have achieved the extraordinary feat of competing in both the Summer and Winter Olympic Games. These remarkable individuals showcase their talent across different disciplines and embody the spirit of Olympism. This month, we delve into the inspiring journeys of some of these dual-season Olympians.



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HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The Lake Placid Hall of Fame Committee is seeking recommendations from Olympic region residents for the 2024 Hall of Fame nominations. The deadline for submission is August 1, 2024. The induction reception will be held in early November.

The Lake Placid Hall of Fame began in 1983 and has inducted over 100 individuals, including the members of the 1948 U.S. Olympic four-man bobsled team and the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team. Plaques and an electronic kiosk commemorating each of member are on display in the Olympic Center's Hall of Fame in the Conference Center at Lake Placid.

To be considered for Hall of Fame induction, individuals must be current or past residents of the Olympic region (defined as Essex, Clinton, and Franklin Counties in New York State) or have a significant connection to the area. Nominees must have made significant sports, cultural, or civic contributions to the region, or their endeavors must have enhanced the area's quality of life, fellowship of man, or historical heritage.

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The selection committee maintains a list of proposed nominees. Nominees will only be considered if they include a list of accomplishments relative to the Hall of Fame's purpose.

Please send nominations electronically to museum@orda.org or by mail:

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