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**Iced at WinSport postponed one week due to warm temperatures**

CALGARY, Alta. – Mother Nature's roller-coaster ride with Calgary temperatures will delay the launch of Iced at WinSport, an ice carving festival celebrating the wonders of ice.

Iced at WinSport had been scheduled to open on Saturday, but with the mercury forecasted to rise to double-digits on the weekend, the festival will now open on Feb. 4 and run for three consecutive weekends (weather depending, of course!).

Although warm temperatures could turn the ice to puddles, the snow on the hill remains in excellent condition, so we're encouraging Calgarians to come out this weekend for skiing, snowboarding or sliding down the Acura Tube Park.

Next weekend, festival goers of Iced at WinSport can interact with sculptures, participate in ice games, climb on ice and snow structures, trek through an ice maze and take a ride down the nine metre (30-foot) slide. In addition, participants have the chance to try their hand at carving and sculpting ice. Since carving ice can work up an appetite, Iced at WinSport will also include the city's only Ice Lounge where and snacks will be available for purchase.

Iced at WinSport is made possible through partnering with local ice studio, Frozen Memories. Owner Lee Ross has been bringing ice sculptures to life for more than 30 years. His work is showcased across Alberta and Western Canada and he's competed in several ice carving competitions with the most notable being a first-place finish among Canadian teams at the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Iced at WinSport runs on weekends beginning Saturday, Feb. 4, until the weekend of Feb. 18. The festival is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with ice carving demonstrations from Ross and his team taking place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Every week will feature new structures and games.

Daily ticket prices start at \$8 for children between the ages of 3-12 and \$10 for a for participants 13 and older. A family pass is priced at \$30. Children under the age of two attend for free. Tickets can be purchased online at [winsport.ca](http://winsport.ca) or at the Festival Tent.

Iced at WinSport also gives festival goers an opportunity to help WinSport put underprivileged kids and new Canadians on skates for the first time, through Charity Chipping. Each weekend, 20 gift cards will be frozen into a single block of ice. A \$15 donation gives you 10 minutes to attempt to chip out a WinSport gift card, which range from \$5 to \$100, and can be used to purchase tickets, enrol in programs or make purchases at eateries or the retail store on campus.

Visit [www.winsport.ca](http://www.winsport.ca) for more information.

**About WinSport**

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