



## Howelsen Hill Celebrates Closing Day Sunday

*Final Ski Free Sunday & Pond Skim Competition Close Out Season*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-March 21, 2023**-This weekend, North America's Oldest Operating Ski Area, Howelsen Hill, will be wrapping up its 107<sup>th</sup> season with a special Ski Free Sunday and Closing Day Celebration set for Sunday, March 26.

"We couldn't have asked for a better season," said Howelsen Hill Ski & Rodeo Manager Brad Setter. "Mother Nature gifted us with incredible snow, we saw Tube Howelsen come to life, we hosted numerous first-rate events, the ski area's popularity grew with increased daily attendance, and we hosted 17 Ski Free Sundays throughout the season."

Steamboat Springs' hometown hill will celebrate closing weekend in style with several fun activities both on and off the snow on Sunday.



After a long hiatus, Howelsen Hill will bring back its historic Rat Lake Pond Skim Competition from 12 PM to 2 PM. Advanced registration and a signed waiver are required to participate. Visit [steamboatsprings.net/closingday](http://steamboatsprings.net/closingday) for details and to register. The event will be capped at 100 participants, so register today! Prizes will be awarded for best skims and costumes are highly encouraged.

Lunch will be provided for FREE courtesy of City Council while supplies last. Stop by the council tent to say hello and grab a voucher for a free burger or brat from The Outrun Snack Bar.

In addition to the grill, The Outrun Snack Bar will be offering its full menu, and you can quench your thirst at the outdoor bar, which will be offering several closing day drink specials. Play yard games and enjoy live music by local band The Rattlin' 44's from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM.

The ski area wants to see your closing day photos! Snap a shot of your closing day activities and post to social media for a chance to win a special Howelsen Hill merchandise package. It's simple, just tag @HowelsenHill and use the hashtag #HowelsenHill to be entered for a chance to win.

"I want to thank the incredible crew at the hill who worked through every condition this winter to serve up great skiing and riding for the community," continued Setter. "And a huge shout out goes to everyone who continues to make this hill the community gathering place and shares our spirit for the sport."

Howelsen Hill Ski Area is owned and operated by the City of Steamboat Springs and is a skiing institution across the community, Colorado, and the nation. Skiing since 1915, the ski area has been the training ground for 100 Winter Olympians, 33 members of the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame, 15 members of the National Ski Hall of Fame, athletes from the acclaimed Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club and generations of families.

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