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Kickapoo Valley Reserve to Celebrate the 24th Annual Winter Festival

LA FARGE, WISCONSIN—January 11, 2025

Come to the Kickapoo Valley Reserve and celebrate winter in Wisconsin at the 24th Annual Winter Festival!

Winter Festival will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025, with activities beginning at 10 AM to delight all ages, including guided hikes, mutt fun run (bring your dog we supply the cart), Community Winter Art Panels, children's adventures and games, horse-drawn wagon rides, hiking with the llamas of Midwest Llama Packing. La Farge Lions will host their famous Chili and Bread Contest. Enter the contest by visiting the KVR Website or calling the KVR Visitor Center.

Winter Festival will have raffles, a silent auction, warming fires, winter sports demos, old time ice skating on the pond and a drone demo by La Farge Fire Department. The Ho-Chunk Nation will provide programming in the ciiporoke.

Celebrate yourself and your health by registering for an outdoor race during the event. A 5K Resolution Run/Walk will be held at 9am on Saturday morning and Smoosh and Penguin races start at 11am.

Fireside talks will take place throughout the day, including a morning and afternoon Raptor presentation with live birds, bobcat ecology talk, guided ice hikes and a presentation about sandhill cranes. Explore a winter encampment and enjoy storytelling, facepainting and nature crafts.

Concessions provided by Friends of Kickapoo Valley Reserve will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Additionally, there will be a candlelight hike/ski/snowshoe at Wildcat Mountain State Park beginning at 5pm.

Admission to the festival is free and open to the public. Everyone is encouraged and welcome. Free parking!

Bundle up and head to the Kickapoo Valley Reserve for a day of Winter Adventure for the whole family.

For more information and an up-to-date schedule of all activities, visit: kickapoovalley.wi.gov or the KVR Facebook Winter Festival page or call the Visitor Center at 608-625-2960.

The Kickapoo Valley Reserve is an 8,600-acre tract of public land located between the villages of La Farge and Ontario in southwestern Wisconsin. Proceeds from the Winter Festival event support stewardship and programs on the KVR.