

News Briefs

2023-24 Season Ski Passes for Whiteface, Gore and Belleayre

WILMINGTON – Season ski passes are available now for Whiteface, Gore and Belleayre for the 2023-24 season. Don't miss out on a single spring day on the slopes so buy your season pass now with no price increase from last season. Put 25% down and ski for free for the rest of the 2022-2023 season.



Existing 2022-2023 season pass or Frequent Skier Card holders can take advantage of the exclusive renewal rates. Ticket perks and rental/tuning offers on 22-23 season passes should be used before upgrading because these perks are not available until next season. A free payment plan breaks up your season pass purchase into four installments. The payment plan is available for the best season pass renewal rates until August 9. Learn more at: whiteface.com, goremountain.com, or belleayre.com. ▲

Debut Screening of Adventure Film, An Above Average Day

SARATOGA SPRINGS – Filmed in the mountains and wilderness of the Adirondacks and Vermont, *An Above Average Day* is a documentary film that poses the question: What could two men with a 30-year difference in age possibly have in common that would compel them to climb more than 400 mountains and hike in excess of 4,000 miles of trails?

Produced and directed by Katera and Aviral Kapoor, *An Above Average Day* follows the hiking and wilderness adventures, as well as the plain-old good times, of Ray O'Connor, age 68 of Saratoga Springs, and Joe Murphy, age 38 of Halfmoon, who met purely by chance (or fate) on a hiking trip.

Hiking is not just a pastime for these two longtime friends, but their avocation. They challenge themselves and each other physically in nature, while replenishing themselves in mind and spirit. The view from atop a mountain, sitting along a forest stream, standing beneath a thundering waterfall and listening to classic rock and folk music on long rides, make the troubles of life and the world melt away.

The debut screening of the documentary will take place at the Saratoga Arts Center, Saratoga Springs on Saturday, April 15 at 2pm, 5pm, and 8pm. Tickets available at: saratoga-arts.org/events. ▲



Canton Canoe Weekend Returns on May 5-7

CANTON – The Canton Canoe Weekend is celebrating 61 years on May 5-7. The events will kick off on the Grasse River with the Friday afternoon Rushton Tour on May 5. The afternoon paddle will take place between 4-6pm with a flexible start time. The recreational paddle begins at the Pyrites boat launch and continues downstream 4.5 miles, concluding at Taylor Park, following along much of the original race course.

On Saturday, May 6, there will be a variety of activities from 9am-4:30pm at Taylor Park. The day begins with recreational races at 9:30am of one, three, five and eight miles in length on the Grasse River. There will be a special division in the one-mile and three-mile races for paddlers in Rushton style boats. The recreational races will be followed by solo canoe and kayak, amateur and pro races, featuring the C-1 Men's and Women's Pro World Championships held on the Grasse and Little Rivers.

Music and a chicken BBQ will be at Taylor Park from 12:30-4pm for picnicking in the park or for takeout. At 3:30pm the Joe Randi/Rushton Relay Race takes place. This is a two-mile relay race with classes for family and friends, high school, college and open division teams.

On Sunday morning May 7, tandem canoe and kayak, amateur and pro races will begin at 10am. Following the tandem races, you can Try Out a Boat. A variety of adult and youth recreational and racing canoes, kayaks and standup paddleboards will be available for a test paddle.

Sunday is also National Ride a Bike Day. Canton Canoe Weekend is partnering with Grasse River Outfitters to encourage bicyclists to ride to the Park Street boat launch in Canton to watch racers navigate the Little River, and later, ride to Taylor Park to participate in the Try Out a Boat session. While recreational races draw many local paddlers, the pro races attract paddlers from across the United States and Canada. Registration for all races, the Rushton Tour and the chicken BBQ will open in mid-March. Register and information: cantoncanoeweekend.org. ▲




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