Franklin County Visitors Bureau Announces Kick-Off For IceFest 2019

IceFest 2019 starts today, January 31 and runs through February 3 and will include ice carving, sliding, BBQ and chili, and much more. At the 11/30 Visitors Center, see the A Cappella & Unplugged Open Mic, ghost investigations, quilts and paintings!

FRANKLIN COUNTY, Pa. (PRWEB) January 31, 2019 -- Ice Fest 2019 starts today, January 31, at 5 PM with a ribbon-cutting on the southwest quadrant of Memorial Square, tucked between Central Presbyterian Church and the new Franklin County 11/30 Visitor Center. This year, the traditional IceFest cupcakes will be served inside the 11/30 Center. The four-day festival runs through February 3. Come out and start exploring 30-tons of ice and enjoy Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

See blocks of ice, transformed with chain saws and blow torches. Take a turn on the free double-wide ice slide. Check out the Chili and BBQ at Chili-Q. For more events and details, visit IceFestPA.com.

The 11/30 Visitors Center is hosting the Chambersburg Quilt Guild’s annual quilt raffle. See the quilt; purchase raffle tickets. Penn's Woods Printmakers are showing a variety of paintings, drawings, etchings, and linocuts. Plus, local elementary art is on display at the 11/30 Center and throughout businesses of downtown.

On Thursday, from 8 PM to 11 PM, the Ghost Pit team is investigating the 11/30 Visitor Center- a former Bank building dating back to 1865. The public can participate. Tickets are $10 and available here on Eventbrite. On Saturday at 2PM - 4PM, the Ghost Pit team will talk about its findings. The event is free and open to the public in the second-floor Great Room of the 11/30 Visitors Center. The Ghost Pit is followed at 4:30 PM on Saturday, February 2, by the first Acappella & Unplugged open mic. There is no charge to perform and the winner is guaranteed a slot in Round 1 of Acappella & Unplugged at the Capitol Theatre in June 2019. Acappella & Unplugged is a journey to performing in front of thousands before the 1864 Burning & Rebirth of Chambersburg on July 20 and winning $500.

IceFest 2019 is the 17th festival, made possible by the Downtown Business Council of Chambersburg, Downtown Chambersburg Inc, Chambersburg Council for the Arts and the sponsorship of M&T Bank. Each year, it draws 20,000 visitors from south central PA, the tri-state communities adjoining I-81, and Washington DC.

IceFest is just one of Franklin County’s many events in the welcoming communities of Greencastle, Mercersburg, Shippensburg, Waynesboro, and Chambersburg. Franklin County PA is an easy drive to Washington DC, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. Plan a visit at ExploreFranklinCountyPA.com, contacting 866.646.8060, or stopping by the new Franklin County 11/30 Visitors Center on the square in Chambersburg.
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