

# Fourth Annual UMD RSOP Island & Boulder Lake Snow Kiting Expo Schedule February 7-8, 2009 (15 miles north of Duluth, MN)

## Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> - Island Lake

- 11 am - Instructors, Dealers & Industry Representatives meeting at Island Lake Launch Site (see Island Lake Kite Map)
- Noon - 4 pm - Open registration for One Hour Intro Sessions held on a first come first served basis at the Island Lake Launch Site (see Snow Kite Expo Flyer 2009 for details)
- Noon - 2 pm - Open registration and practice for the Two Person Kite Towing Challenge and the Individual Time Trial Challenge (Must use your own kite)
- 2-5pm - Day one scored runs for Two Person Kite Towing & Individual Time Trials
- 5-7pm - Dinner Break (Porkies Restaurant, Island Lake Inn or bake your own pizza at Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center)
- 7-10pm - **Snow Kiter Reception** (FREE for all) at the Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center, video from day one of the expo, movies, snacks, display tables, prize drawings, day one tow and time trial awards ceremony (a map to the Boulder Lake ELC is available at the Island Lake Launch Site or on-line at [www.boulderlake.org](http://www.boulderlake.org) which also offers up to the minute wind data)

## Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> - Boulder Lake

- 8am - Staff breakfast at the Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center
- 9am-Noon - Kite Exploration Session on Boulder Lake (Must use your own kite)
- Noon - 4 pm - Open registration for One Hour Intro Sessions held on a first come first served basis at the Boulder Lake ELC site (see Snow Kite Expo Flyer 2009 for details)
- 2-4 pm - Alternate time for Two Person Kite Towing Challenge and the Individual Time Trial Challenge (Must use your own kite)
- 4 pm - Alternate awards ceremony time for Two Person Kite Towing Challenge and the Individual Time Trial Challenge
- 5 pm - All wrapped up

### **Two Person Kite Towing Challenge:** (\$5 per person registration fee covers both challenges)

All participants must provide their own kiting equipment. A 20 foot piece of webbing or rope sometimes referred to as a "cows tail" will be provided and is attach to the back of the kiter's harness who will pull their team member cross wind on an oval shaped course. The start/finish line will be centered between two cones, one cone to the right and one cone to the left, which clearly defines the span of the oval that must be negotiated by the team in the shortest possible time. The team score will be the sum of two timed runs so each person on the team is completing one run as the tower and one run as the towed. Ski and snowboard categories will be recognized separately. Perhaps one day this skill will come in handy on a tour if a friend needs a little help getting back to civilization.

### **Individual Time Trial Challenge:** (\$5 per person registration fee covers both challenges)

All participants must provide their own kiting equipment. The start/finish line will be centered between two cones, one cone to the right and one cone to the left, and a third cone down wind which clearly defines the span of the triangle that must be negotiated in the shortest possible time. This will test individual kiter's cross wind, downwind and upwind skills. Ski and snowboard categories will be recognized separately. The better of two runs will count.

Please direct questions by e-mail or phone to: Randy Carlson at [rcarlso6@d.umn.edu](mailto:rcarlso6@d.umn.edu) or 218-726-6177. Kite Safety, Education, Access and Community Development are the guiding principals for this expo. The expo site will be managed with specific safety policies that are designed to help everyone have an enjoyable experience. As a group, we're here to explore not to explode. Please visit the Island Lake Launch Site white canvas registration shelter for more specific details on what will be offered.