

Explore Florence County winter events

Sis's Florence County Fair Smear Tournament

Jan. 27 — Registration begins at 5 p.m. and tournament starts at 6 p.m. at the Florence County Community Center. Admission \$10 per person. Beer, soda and sandwiches available for purchase. No carry-ins please. For more information contact Shelly VanPembrook, 715-528-3595

Roberts Memorial Ski Race & Lessons

Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Keyes Peak Ski Hill, located 3 miles south



of Florence on Hwy. 101. Ski instruction in the morning. Optional timed runs on a NASTAR course in the afternoon. All participants ages 6-17

will be awarded medals. Only \$10 includes lessons, lift ticket, ski rentals if needed and a chance to race the course if you want to. \$20 maximum per family. For more information contact Lori Moore, 715-528-5377 Ext#101

Chili Ski-In

Feb. 3 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Lauterman Trail Highway 70. Admission is free. The Friends of the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center as well as the USFS will host their annual Chili Ski-In at the Lauterman Shelter located 9 miles west of Florence on Hwy 70. For more in-



formation call Lori Moore, 715-528-5377

Keyes Peak Snowmobile Hill-cross and Hill-climb Championship Races

Feb. 3 beginning at 10 a.m. at Keyes Peak. The MASTERS Keyes Peak Snowmobile Hill Cross and Hill Challenge (sanctioned races) will take place on February 3, at Keyes Peak on Hwy 101, 4 miles south of Florence. Competition starts at 10 a.m. both days with gates open at 9 a.m. A pass is \$10 with kids under 12 free. For more information, see advertisement on page 11 of this Wild Rivers Guide.

Roadhouse 139 Annual Ice Fishing Derby on Long Lake

Feb. 3 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Long Lake and Roadhouse 139, 3322 Hwy 139, Long Lake. Roadhouse 139 Annual Ice Fishing Derby on Long Lake will take place on February 3. Entry fee is \$8 and you can sign up until noon that day. Measure all fish on the lake from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Proceeds go to Long Lake Association. Punchboard raffles start Friday night and go until board is done. Contact Dawn Lord for more information 715-674-4576

Leff's 7th Annual Fishing Derby

Feb. 17 from 5 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Keyes Lake, 5050 Keyes Lake Drive, Florence. Admission Fee: \$5. You can fish any Florence County water. Derby starts at dawn and ends at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy the raffles, food and fun. For more information, contact Leff's Bar, 715-528-5151

Fireman's Ball

Feb. 24 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Encore on Central Ballroom, 748 Central Ave, Florence. Admission is \$5. The meat raffle is from 5 - 8 p.m. and the band Next Myle rocks the house from 8 p.m. until midnight. For more information, contact Joe Witynski, 715-528-5499

Pete "Toad" Church Ice Fishing Derby

Feb. 24 from 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Pine River Flowage, Power Dam Road, Florence. Pete "Toad" Church Ice Fishing Derby is sponsored by the Aurora-Homestead Conservation Club. Entry fee is \$7 for adults, with kids 12 and under free. Registration starts at 6 a.m. on the ice. Or you can pre-register at Bob's Midland in Aurora. Cash prizes will be awarded, and food and soda will be available.



ble. For more information contact Aurora-Homestead Conservation Club, 715-589-4400

Keyes Peak Winterfest

Mar. 3 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Keyes Peak Ski Hill, Hwy 101 4 miles south of Florence. It only costs \$15 per person for a whole day of skiing, snowboarding, tubing, snowshoeing and games (\$5 for season pass holders). This price includes your lift ticket, rental equipment and the chance to take part in other fun activities. The event starts at 11 a.m. and the lift ticket is good until hill closing at 9 p.m. Activities include lessons from professional snow carvers, snowshoe potato race, human bowling and guided snowshoe hikes on the new Chickadee Snowshoe trails.

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