

Grand Falls Winter Carnival kicks off this weekend

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Numerous activities, including the official measurement of a giant igloo and organizers' hopes that it will bring back the Guinness World Record to Grand Falls, will make up this year's edition of the Grand Falls Winter Carnival slated to be held this weekend.

Moonlight cross-skiing will kick off the carnival on Friday, Feb. 18, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. with chicken stew being served at 8:30 p.m. The activity is hosted by the Kahoutek Cross-Country Ski Club and will be located at its hall behind the E. and P. Sénéchal Centre.

Saturday's events will all be held at or near the centre and will include the following: a visit to the giant igloo, a giant snowslide, free outdoor skating, Talk With Me for children 2-5 years old at the Joe and Kay Toner Hall (upstairs at the E. and P. Sénéchal Centre) from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., rappelling with Grand Falls firefighters from 1 to

4 p.m., Mr. Balloon for kids from 1 to 4 p.m., free horse sleigh rides from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., free outdoor skating with the Cataracts from 2 to 3 p.m., free moonlight skating from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Other activities will include the official measurement of the giant igloo from 2 to 4 p.m. Those wishing to enter the giant igloo are asked to contribute a food item which will be donated to the Grand Falls Regional Food Bank. As well, the PTA Elites hockey team will host the Woodstock squad from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the E. and P. Sénéchal Centre. The local Richelieu Club will sponsor a casino night from 7:30 p.m. until midnight at the Joe and Kay Toner Hall. There will also be live entertainment with Acoustic Train from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. and a giant bonfire will light up the area from 8 p.m. until midnight. The Golden Age Club will host a dance from 9 p.m. until midnight.



Another try for the world record

Official measurements will be taken this Saturday afternoon in an effort to regain the Guinness World Record for the biggest igloo built out of ice blocks. Meanwhile, Eric Ouellette and his crew of volunteers were busy this past weekend completing the structure. (Madeleine Leclerc photo)