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US OLYMPIANS AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BOBSLEDDERS TO VISIT EMPIRE PLAZA SKATING RINK ON JANUARY 28

Men's and Women's sliding teams to highlight day of open skating, autographs and prize giveaways including a Whiteface vacation package

New York State Office of General Services Commissioner RoAnn Destito today announced that the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) in partnership with the Lake Placid Regional Winter Sports Committee, will bring world class bobsled teams to the Empire State Plaza skating rink on January 28 from noon – 3 p.m.

“The bobsled is one of the most exciting of all winter sports,” Destito said. “New York State is extremely fortunate to be able to host world-class competitions right in our own backyard. I encourage everyone to come down to the rink to meet the athletes and then go see them slide in Lake Placid in February.”

There will be lots of fun and giveaways including 2-for-1 Whiteface lift tickets, 2012 World Championship bobsled and skeleton tickets, and a Winter World Championship Vacation Package that includes a two-night, two-day stay for four people with Olympic Sites Passports and Whiteface lift tickets. Athletes will pose for photos and sign autographs and the “Night Train” bobsled will be on site.

USA team members, including 2010 Olympian John Napier and 2010 Olympic bronze medalist Elana Meyers, will be at the Empire State Plaza Skating Rink Saturday, January 28 from noon to 3 p.m. to meet, greet and skate with fans. Bobsledders Jazmine Fenlator, Brittany Reinbolt and Katie Eberling will also be on hand. The sliders are in the Capital Region preparing for the 2012 World Championships that will be held February 17 – 26 in Lake Placid.

“Lake Placid and ORDA are very excited to host one of bobsled and skeleton’s most prestigious events, the 2012 World Championships,” Ted Blazer, Olympic Regional Development Authority, President and CEO, said. “It is important to identify the influence that health and sports play in our lives and working

together with the USA Bobsled and Skeleton Federation and the New York State Office of General Services in Albany is an impressive step in working towards this goal and ORDA is extremely proud to be a partner in this effort.”

Activities include:

- Autographs and photos with Olympians
- Tickets for the bobsled World Championship in Lake Placid
- Giveaways including a Whiteface getaway for four
- Two-for-one Whiteface lift tickets
- Photos with the “Night Train” the sled of the USA Olympic gold medalist 4-man bobsled team lead by pilot Steve Holcomb
- Cash cube game
- Free hot chocolate sponsored by SEFCU, NYSUT, BlueShield of Northeastern NY, East Greenbush Chiropractic, New York Air National Guard and H&R Block

For the latest information on the 2012 World Championships, visit

http://www.whiteface.com/events/bobskel_champ.php.

Skate rentals are available for \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. The snack bar serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken nuggets, and beverages will also be open.

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