Adirondacks, USA – Winter in the Adirondacks is one of the most festive and beautiful times of the year. This 6.1 million acre region in upstate New York is comprised of 5,000- foot mountains, glacial lakes, towering pine forests, seemingly endless system of recreation trails, and quaint towns and villages. And when the snow falls, a foundation is created for outdoor recreation and winter-inspired events.

From November through March, revelers find ways to celebrate and play in the snow with traditional pursuits like downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, pond hockey and ice fishing. Somewhat more unconventional activities include riding a toboggan down a 30-foot high slide, competing in a cardboard sledding race, and watching fireworks set above a colorfully-lit palace made from two-ton bricks of ice.

A day can be skiing at one of our five downhill ski centers or riding on a dogsled on Mirror Lake while soaking up the views of the nearby High Peaks. Enjoy a locally-brewed beer and heart meal at one of our brew pubs, and end the day in front of a fire in your cabin in the woods, or room at a full-service resort.

Why now?
Because we have a winter packed with events, from world cup competitions to winter carnivals. There are also some new activities, events, and lodging options.

What’s New?
The ski areas of Whiteface Mountain, Gore Mountain, Oak Mountain and Titus Ski Center have all received attention and upgrades to enhance the skiing and riding experience.

Whiteface is renovating and expanding its lodges and learn to ski area.
Gore Mountain is also upgrading and adding new lodges, increasing their snowmaking, and Oak Mountain added a Sunkid lift, a conveyor belt type lift at its bunny hill.
Titus Mountain Family Ski Center built four new ski-in, ski-out cabins.
The iconic Hotel Saranac, built in the gilded age, is getting a makeover and will re-open at the beginning of January of this year. Originally opened in 1927 and visited by New York City magnates, the hotel will retain much of its original architecture and offer upscale and full-service amenities.

February 24-25: Inaugural Adirondack Snowshoe Fest – a weekend of snowshoe competitions, guided tours, strolls along trails with stops at bonfires with hot chocolate, live music inside the lodge, and more.

**Winter Events:**
November 9-10 World Cup Bobsled and Skeleton

November 24-26 Skate America
December 1-2 World Cup Para Bobsled
December 8-10 Lake Placid Holiday Stroll weekend
December 30: Stars on Ice Legends
December 15-16 World Cup Luge
January 19-20 World Cup Freestyle
February 1-4 Empire State Winter Games
February 2-11 Saranac Lake Winter Carnival
February 3 Northern Challenge Fishing Derby
February 24 USOC PyeongChang Olympic Winter Fest
March 4-10 USCSA Ski & Snowboard Championships
March 18 Lake Placid Nordic Festival and Loppet
March 16-17 ECAC Hockey Men’s D1 Championships
March 25-26 Miracle on Ice Fantasy Camp

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