

# SNOWKING

YELLOWKNIFE NWT



*“If you choose not to find joy in the snow, you will have less joy in your life  
but still the same amount of snow” ~ Anonymous*

**FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 3, 2025**

We are very excited to again welcome international, national and local teams to transform a large cube of the world’s best snow into beautiful sculptures on the ice of Yellowknife Bay.

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## **ATTENTION CARVERS**

This is a call-out for all interested, artistic individuals and groups, who would like to join the the 2025 **Snowking Winter Festival International Snow Carving Symposium**.

Please submit your application, including a sketch or a photo of your design, by email, no later than **October 28, 2024**. Further details are on the application form. You can find it on the website at [www.snowking.ca](http://www.snowking.ca).

For further information, please email [snowcarving@snowking.ca](mailto:snowcarving@snowking.ca)

## Conditions for participation:

The Snow Carving Symposium, organised by Snowking's Winter Festival Society, will be held between February 26 and March 3, 2025. The detailed schedule is attached to this document.

The symposium is open to teams of three adults.

Consistent with the theme of **Snowking XXX** – the Winter Festival's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!! -- the **artistic theme** of the Symposium will be "*Medieval Lore.*" The team is developing plans for a most amazing Castle Build for the anniversary year, and your sculptures will further enhance the medieval tone. Think gargoyles, throne rooms and dungeons, dragons, knights in armour, etc.

The sculptures must be **made of snow**, with minimal amounts of ice. Sculptures may extend up to a total of **2 meters beyond the footprint** of the original cube of snow. **No additional snow** may be added, beyond the original 10x10x10 ft (3m x 3m x 3m) blocks.

Teams will be provided with a snow scoop to move snow, one 'lift' of scaffolding with two platforms (1.5 m high), and various larger tools (such as ladders) to share. Power tools are not permitted. Colouring the snow is not permitted.

The blocks of snow will be assigned to the competitors by lottery draw prior to the start of sculpting.

Two non-cash prizes will be awarded:

- **Artists' Choice** – voted by snow carving competitors and the Castle's carving team. This will be announced and awarded at the end of the symposium.
- **Peoples' Choice** – voted by visitors to the Snow Castle during the entire Snowking Winter Festival, announced at the castle's closing ceremony;

Most meals and hospitality will be provided, plus a small per diem will be provided to cover additional expenses. A welcome reception and a wrap-up dinner will be provided by the Festival.

A stipend to support the costs of carvers' travel to Yellowknife, and lodging for out-of-town teams will be provided by the Festival.

If you must travel outside scheduled dates due to flight availability, you must apply to the organiser for additional compensation, **prior** to booking.

If you choose to arrive earlier or stay later than scheduled dates to take in the many attractions of Yellowknife in March, that is at your own expense.

Extras such as telephone and bar, are not refunded.

Local teams who don't qualify for the travel stipend, will receive an honorarium for the creation of their sculpture.



**2025 International Snow Carving Symposium**  
**SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, February 26	Arrivals in Yellowknife by 1800 MT 1600 – Site orientation doe early arrivals 1900 - Welcome Banquet
Thursday, February 27	Carving Day 1: 0900 – Site orientation, Draw for blocks 1000 – 1800 – Carving 1200 – Lunch delivered to site 1900 – Dinner Provided, location tba
Friday, February 28	Carving Day 2: 0900 – 1800 – Carving 1200 – Lunch delivered to site 1900 – Free night for carvers
Saturday, March 1	Carving Day 3: 0900-1800 – Carving 1200 – Lunch delivered to site 1900 – Dinner provided, location tba
Sunday March 2	Carving Day 4: 0900 -1500 – Carving 1200 – Lunch delivered to site 1530 – Carvers complete Artists’ Choice ballots 1600 – Artists’ Choice Award Announcement and Presentation 1630 – 1800 - Final Site Cleanup, Scaffold dismantled, Tools Stored 1900 - Wrap-up Banquet (Bullock’s Bistro tbc)
Monday March 3	Departures from Yellowknife