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2016 US Log Rolling Open Holds June Tournament at Orland Park's Lake Sedgwick



Orland Park's Lake Sedgwick, located within the village's 192-acre Centennial Park, is one of the community's prized locations for fishing, pedal boats and kayaks.

Fishing great Babe Winkelman was the guest of honor for 2000 debut of the 75-acre lake named for the community's first train depot.

In June, Lake Sedgwick will host its first national tournament.

The 2016 U.S. Log Rolling Open is coming to Lake Sedgwick on Saturday, June 11, 2016. The event will be regionally broadcasted on Comcast Sportsnet and will take place from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m.

This national tournament is the season opening tournament on the pro circuit in 2016, followed by the La Crosse Open and Midwest Championships (Madison, Wis.) in June.

"This will be a first for Orland Park," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "I don't think we've ever held a log rolling competition in the village and we're excited that a national contest is coming to Orland Park."

In a log rolling competition, opponents step onto a floating log, spin it repeatedly, stop or snub it suddenly to try to reverse the motion of the log in order to send their opponents into the water. A match is the best three out of five falls.

"It's going to be what we hope becomes a top professional tournament," said Tournament Director Katie Rick. "It's a new opportunity for the sport to expand into the state of Illinois."

"Bringing a national sports competition to Orland Park is great for the village, our local businesses and the many restaurants in town," the mayor said. "We welcome everyone to Orland Park for what promises to be an exciting competition."

Orland Park Village Trustee Pat Gira chairs the village's Recreation and Parks Committee.

"We're looking forward to showcasing Lake Sedgwick and Orland Park's beautiful Centennial Park," Gira said. "And, we invite everyone to come out to watch the fun on June 11."

"To have a sport of this caliber come to the Chicago Southland shows the versatility and commitment our municipalities have," said Jim Garrett, President / CEO for the Chicago Southland CVB.

Admission is free for the contest that will be held from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. Free spectator parking will be available at the 153rd Street Metra Train Station. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Concessions will be available for purchase.

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