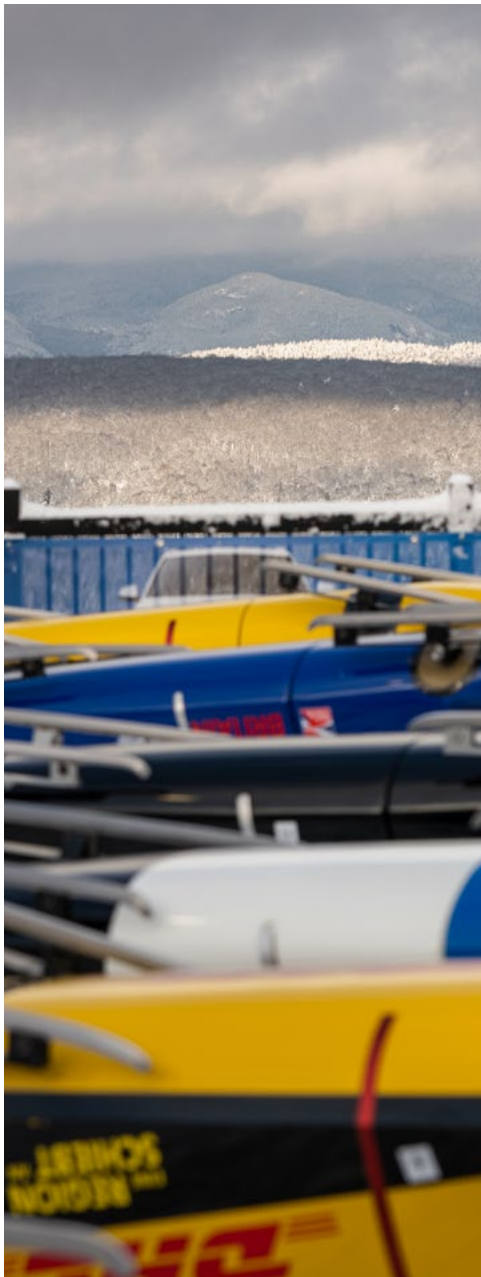


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State of New York  
**Executive Chamber**  
Albany 12224

**Kathy Hochul**  
GOVERNOR

November 29, 2023

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer  
Gene Sykes, Chairman  
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee  
27 S Tejon St.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

On behalf of New York State and the Olympic Regional Development Authority, we submit this proposal to host the bobsleigh, skeleton, and luge events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games. New York's storied Olympic history – kept alive through significant investments in ORDA's world-class facilities and a steady stream of high-caliber competitions in Lake Placid – provides a ready and proven solution for the sliding sports in 2026. The State of New York and Lake Placid are seasoned in hosting international events. Since hosting its first Winter Olympics Games in 1932, Lake Placid has been a stage for the world's elite sporting events. The international appeal and world-class events continue today with hundreds of championships and competitions including the Lake Placid 2023 FISU World University Games Winter this past January 12-22.

The Mt Van Hoevenberg Sliding Center in Lake Placid offers an ideal location that can meet both the International Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation's (IBSL) and the International Luge Federation's (FIL) requirements for Olympic bobsleigh, skeleton and luge competition. The facility annually hosts international competitions including World Cups and World Championships and the track is considered to be one of the world's most technically challenging tracks.

Bringing the sliding events back to New York for a record third time is important to continuing the legacy of the Lake Placid region. Since 1981, it has been our mission to preserve the facilities and keep the Olympic spirit alive. In partnership with Lake Placid, New York City will welcome and celebrate the athletes. New York is an incredibly open, vibrant, and culturally diverse state in an ideal broadcast time zone with Italy. The mountain-to-metropolitan concept provides a compelling solution to host and inspire a new generation through sport, culture, and education in partnership with Milano Cortina.

For decades, New York State's commitment to winter sports has kept the Olympic flame burning bright in Lake Placid. We would be honored to provide the Milano Cortina 2026 with a solution that offers not only the assurance of knowing the sliding events are in good hands in a two-time Olympic host city, but an opportunity to tap into the largest media market in the world and one of the largest and most iconic outposts of the Italian diaspora. We are committed to facilitating memorable and rewarding world-class sporting events and look forward to the opportunity to discuss this with you further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Hochul".

Kathy Hochul  
Governor





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New York State's Olympic Regional Development Authority respectfully shares the enclosed information and extends our invitation for the Milano Cortina 2026 sliding events to be held in Lake Placid at Mt Van Hoevenberg.

Lake Placid's commitment to sliding is demonstrated through decades of hosting prestigious events, including the Olympic Games, World Cups, World Championships, and other international competitions. In June 2024, we will host the congresses of the International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation (IBSF) and International Luge Federation, and in March 2025, we will host the IBSF World Championships. Our new indoor push track is utilized by international teams year-round, and Lake Placid is the proud home of USA Luge. As a former Olympic athlete in luge, I can personally attest to the beneficial environment that Lake Placid contributes to the development of all sliding athletes, as well as the dedicated commitment our organization will make toward successfully hosting the 2026 events.

We will celebrate the many parallels between Milano Cortina and Lake Placid; there is only one degree of separation between us on the map. This would be the third Olympic Games for each site. We each have sliding histories that have helped shape the sports. We look forward to sharing stories about both regions while honoring athletes like Eugenio Monti, who have linked us together over time.

What is unparalleled is the Lake Placid experience - our world-famous and technically demanding track, the pristine setting in the Adirondack Mountains, our community's rich expertise in welcoming large international competitions, and an infrastructure to reliably host events even amid challenging weather conditions.

Using an existing facility such as ours at Mt Van Hoevenberg aligns with the IOC's sustainability goals, and the recent improvements at the venue and throughout our New York Olympic Region, ensure a successful execution of this exciting opportunity. Lake Placid will extend the Olympic spirit of Milano Cortina 2026 further than we knew was possible, all while honoring our role as a secondary partner location.

In sport and friendship,

Ashley Walden, President & CEO  
Olympic Regional Development Authority





**CORTINA AND LAKE PLACID  
BOTH HOSTED THE OLYMPIC  
WINTER GAMES TWICE.**

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Lake Placid 1980 luge gold medal winners Karl Bruner, Peter Gschnitzer, and Paul Hildgartner were all born in Italy's Southern Tyrol Region, where events will take place during the 2026 Games.

James Ernest Lamy won a bronze medal in the 1956 Olympic Games in Cortina D'Ampezzo. He later became general manager of Mt Van Hoevenberg and is related to Emma Lamy, the Olympic Authority's current Sustainability & Environmental Officer.



**CORTINA D'AMPEZZO 45° N  
1 DEGREE OF SEPARATION  
LAKE PLACID 44° N**



*Eugenio Monti won the 2-man and 4-man at the 1961 Bobsled World Championships in Lake Placid.*



**"MINI" MIRACLE ON ICE**  
Team USA defeated Canada in 1956 at Cortina for the first time in Olympic history and to everyone's surprise, finished with the silver medal.



Cortina beat Lake Placid for the right to host the 1956 Games.







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# COMPETITION VENUE





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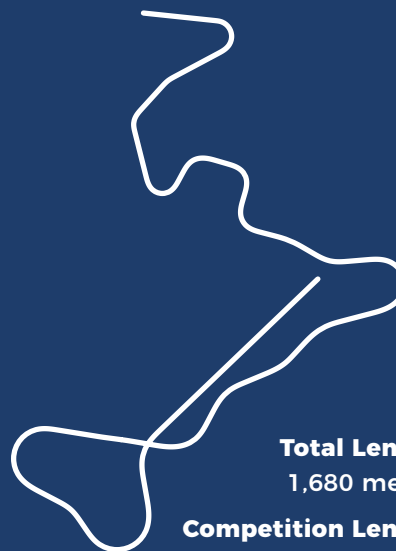
## MT VAN HOEVENBERG

The Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg is a world-class, state-of-the-art facility featuring a mile-long IBSF and FIL homologated bobsled, luge, and skeleton track at the site of the 1932 and 1980 Olympic Winter Games. Through years of elite international competition and regularly hosting FIL and IBSF World Cups, the combined track has earned a global reputation among the world's top sliders as one of the most technically challenging. For the tenth time, the IBSF World Championships will be held at Mt Van Hoevenberg in 2025.

Since its inception in 1930, Mt Van Hoevenberg has hosted two Olympic Games and 10 World Championships. Recent upgrades and modernizations have transformed the facility into a four-season venue that includes the Mountain Pass Lodge, centrally located between the sliding track and a 55-kilometer Nordic Ski and Biathlon Center. The Mountain Pass Lodge is a 5,110 square meter (55,000 sq. ft) facility with two retail spaces, a restaurant and bar, a large media work room, competition service suites, VIP rooms, a climbing wall and refrigerated indoor bobsled/skeleton start facility.

Recent improvements to the track include an expanded start deck area, a refined refrigeration system, energy-efficient lighting, a TV broadcast compound with an enhanced fiber system infrastructure, renovated administrative building, and the incorporation of several spectator decks to enhance the overall experience for audiences on race days.

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS



**Total Length:**  
1,680 meters

**Competition Length:**  
1,455 meters

**Maximum Gradient:**  
20 percent

**Average Gradient:**  
9 percent

**Vertical Drop:**  
128 meters

**Number of Curves:**  
20







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## TRACK MAP





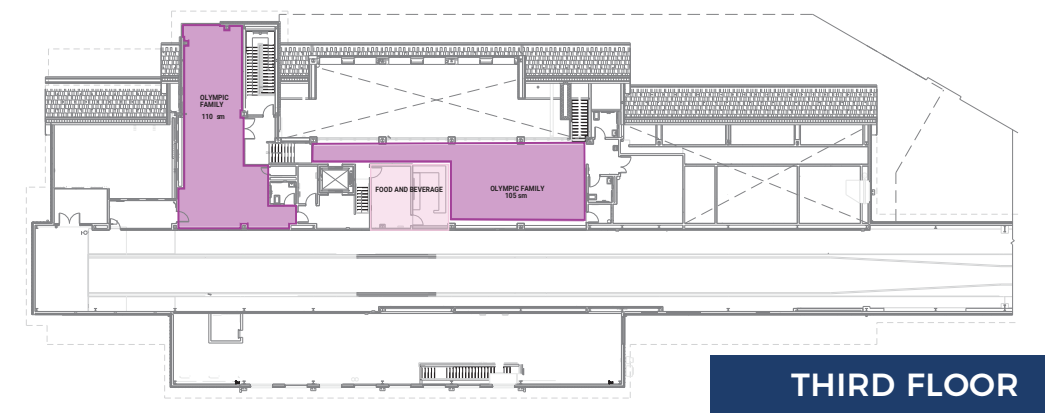
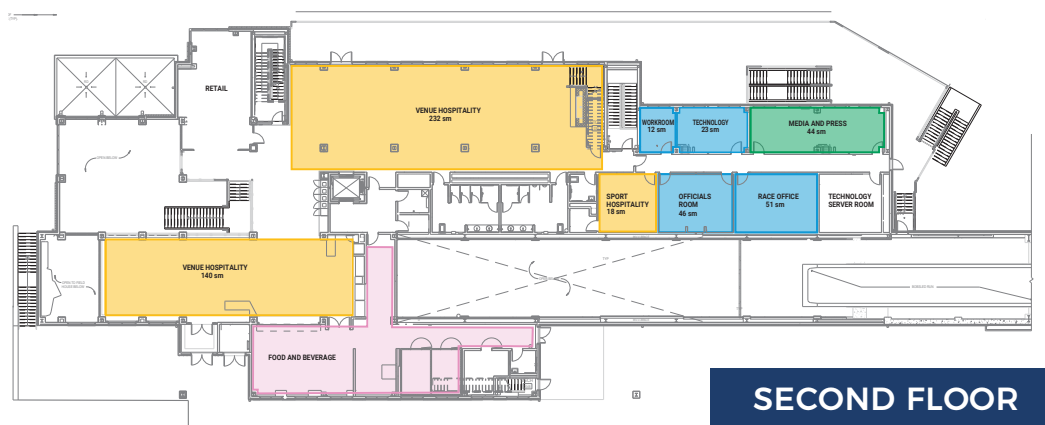
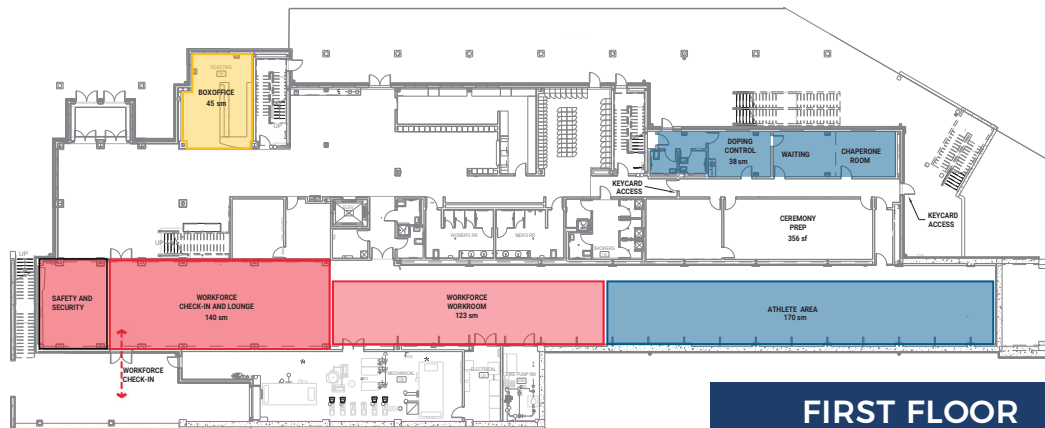


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## MOUNTAIN PASS LODGE

- Olympic Family  
215 m<sup>2</sup>
- Media  
44 m<sup>2</sup>
- Athlete Area  
208 m<sup>2</sup>
- Technical Officials  
132 m<sup>2</sup>
- Food and Beverage  
190 m<sup>2</sup>
- Venue Hospitality  
435 m<sup>2</sup>
- Workforce  
263 m<sup>2</sup>
- Safety and Security  
45 m<sup>2</sup>





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# VENUE OPERATION & MANAGEMENT



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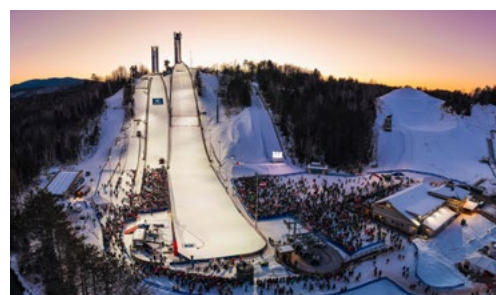
## NEW YORK STATE OLYMPIC REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Established in 1982, the Olympic Regional Development Authority was created by the State of New York following the 1980 Olympic Winter Games to manage, market, maintain, and provide first-class facilities for training and competitions at all venues. The organization and its mission is still firmly in place today, providing an economic engine for the entire region through increased tourism and jobs. Many of these jobs are year-round at all the various Olympic Authority venues. These Olympic venues and the Olympic Authority's operational expertise have provided the platform for elite athletic training and competition. Additionally, Mt Van Hoevenberg has a team of dedicated and knowledgeable local and regional volunteers. Numerous assigned officials from various federations are well acquainted with venue staff, volunteers, and facilities.

Departments within the 65+ person Olympic Authority administrative structure can support and work in collaboration with the Milano Cortina 2026 organizing committee. These departments have seasoned professionals and in partnership, can minimize expenses and maximize efforts.

### PRIORITIZING ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

The Olympic Authority is aligned with the IOC goal of developing healthy, capable and resilient young athletes, while attaining widespread, inclusive, sustainable, and enjoyable participation and success for all levels of individual athletic development. We facilitated over 95,000 winter sport training and competition sessions for beginner to Olympic athletes at our venues in 2022-2023.





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## DECADES OF EXPERIENCE

The 1932 Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid marked the first time the Olympic Winter Games had been held in North America – and the first outside Europe – bringing worldwide recognition of Lake Placid. Then came 1980 and the Olympic Winter Games again put Lake Placid on the map internationally as a destination resort and provided some of the most inspiring performances and unforgettable moments in the history of winter sports. The international appeal and world-class events continue today with hundreds of championships and competitions across multiple sport disciplines. As a result, the Olympic Authority has brought millions of athletes and spectators to the State of New York.

Just this past winter, the Olympic Authority hosted over 50 sporting events and tournaments, including the biggest event since the 1980 Olympic Winter Games, the Lake Placid 2023 FISU World University Games. An additional 50 events will be hosted this winter, including four World Cups, of which two are in sliding sports: FIL Luge World Cup and IBSF World Cup Bobsled & Skeleton.

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

### WCH Bobsleigh -

1949, 1961, 1969, 1972, 1978, 1983

### FIL WCH Luge - 1983, 2009

### WCH Skeleton - 1997

### IBSF WCH Bobsleigh & Skeleton - 2003, 2009, 2012, 2025



COMPLETE LIST OF PAST TO PRESENT EVENTS









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## TEST EVENTS

### FIL

International Training Period  
Proposed Nov. 24-28, 2025

Luge World Cup Proposed Dec. 1-6, 2025

### IBSF

IBSF Bobsled and Skeleton World  
Championships 2025 - Mar. 3-16, 2025

International Training Period  
Proposed Dec. 9-13, 2025

World Cup Bobsled and Skeleton  
Proposed Dec. 16-21, 2025



## LOGISTICS/ FREIGHT

### Monday February 2

Luge Athletes and Sleds Arrive via Charter  
to Plattsburgh

### Tuesday February 3

Freight Flight for Bobsled and Skeleton  
Sleds to JFK

### Friday February 6

Bobsled / Skeleton Athletes attend  
Opening Ceremonies

### Saturday February 7

Bobsled / Skeleton Athletes Charter to  
Plattsburgh from Milan

### Thursday February 12

Luge Athletes Depart to NYC (Medal Ceremony)//  
Charter to Milan w/ Sleds

### Saturday February 14

Skeleton Athletes Depart to NYC (Medal Ceremony)  
/ Charter to Milan w/Sleds

### Monday February 16

Women's Mono / 2-Man Medal Ceremony (NYC)  
2 Man / Mono bobsleds Depart to JFK

### Saturday February 21

Bobsled Athletes Depart / Charter Flight to  
Milan from Plattsburgh / Closing Ceremonies  
in Milan

### Sunday February 22

2-Man / 4-Man Bobsleds Depart for JFK

## COMMITMENT TO DATES

**Shared Use:** September 1, 2025 to  
December 21, 2025  
(to allow for IBSF Test Event)

**Exclusive Use:** December 22, 2025 to March 1, 2026

**Shared Use:** March 2, 2026 to April 28, 2026

## EXISTING CONTRACTORS

- Swiss Timing - Track Timing and Scoring
- Team Worldwide - Sled Shipping and Importing
- Premier Coach - Buses
- Air Planning - Air Charter







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# PROPOSED SCHEDULE

## Monday February 2

Luge Athlete Travel Day / Village Opens

## Tuesday February 3

Sled Arrival / TCM

## Wednesday February 4

Luge Training

## Thursday February 5

Luge Training

## Friday February 6

Luge Training / Opening Ceremonies

## Saturday February 7

Luge Men's Singles (Run 1 & 2)

## Sunday February 8

Luge Men's Singles (Run 3 & 4) /  
Men's Skeleton Training

## Monday February 9

Luge Women's Singles (Run 1 & 2) /  
Men's & Women's Skeleton Training

## Tuesday February 10

Luge Women's Singles (Run 3 & 4) /  
Men's & Women's Skeleton Training

## Wednesday February 11

Luge Doubles (M) (Run 1 & 2) / Doubles (W)  
(Run 1 & 2) /

Men's Skeleton (Run 1 & 2) /  
Women's Monobob Training /  
Women's Skeleton Training

## Thursday February 12

Luge Mixed Team - Relay /  
Women's Skeleton (Run 1 & 2) /  
Women's Monobob Training /  
Men's 2-Man Training

## Friday February 13

Men's Skeleton (Run 3 & 4) /  
Women's Monobob Training /  
Men's 2-Man Training

## Saturday February 14

Women's Monobob (Run 1 & 2) /  
Women's Skeleton (Run 3 & 4) /  
Men's 2-Man Training

## Sunday February 15

Women's Monobob (Run 3 & 4) /  
Men's 2-Man (Run 1 & 2)

## Monday February 16

Men's 2-Man (Run 3 & 4)

## Tuesday February 17

Women's 2-Man Training / Men's 4-Man Training

## Wednesday February 18

Women's 2-Man Training / Men's 4-Man Training

## Thursday February 19

Women's 2-Man Training / Men's 4-Man Training

## Friday February 20

Women's 2-Man (Run 1 & 2) /  
Men's 4-Man (Run 1 & 2)

## Saturday February 21

Women's 2-Man (Run 3 & 4) /  
Men's 4-Man (Run 3 & 4)

**FIL AND IBSF CONGRESSES: Lake Placid - June 2024** The Olympic Authority will host both federations at the Olympic Conference Center and will bring member nations together for strategic discussions about the future of sliding sports. The Mt Van Hoevenberg team will be there to provide answers to any questions about the venue.





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# ITALIAN NATIONAL FEDERATION AND ITALIAN TEAM














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## ITALIAN TEAM TRAINING

The Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg is revered as a competitive track that provides fair play opportunities to nations worldwide. It has long been known as an incubator of small nations and the home of many sliding nations without tracks. Lake Placid is proud to continue this legacy by the Olympic Authority extending Mt Van Hoevenberg as a training site for the Italian Team and to call Lake Placid its home sliding venue. This includes access to the Start Facility (bobsled/skeleton) as well as the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg. A separate agreement between the Italian National Federation and the Olympic Regional Development Authority will be developed and may include:

-  Pre-Games Per Season - up to 40 hours of training time in Start Facility Bobsled/Skeleton
-  January 2024 to March 2024 - up to 40 hours of ice time
-  November 2024 to March 2025 - up to 80 hours of ice time
-  November 2025 to February 2025 - up to 60 hours of ice time
-  Sled Garage and Storage of Sleds
-  Access to Repair and Welding Equipment for Sleds
-  Access to Training Rooms / Weight Equipment
-  Post Games per year - up to 40 hours of training time in Start Facility Bobsled/Skeleton
-  Up to 100 hours of ice time at the Sliding Center per year



In honor of Eugenio Monti and carrying forward his legacy, **the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg will name turn 7 in his honor.** Photo: (Top) Eugenio Monti with the World Championship in Lake Placid (1961 WCH); (Bottom) Gary Sheffield (L) and Eugenio Monti (R) discuss the run.





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# HOST LOCATIONS







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## NEW YORK STATE

New York State has a rich, competitive sports foundation and is seasoned in hosting sporting events. The State is also home to the greatest number of people with Italian heritage (3.1 million) in the world, second only to Argentina.

A New York State partnership to host the sliding and ancillary events between New York City and Lake Placid presents Milano Cortina 2026 with a distinct opportunity to provide athletes with a unique experience. Lake Placid has a storied Olympic past, hosting two previous Winter Olympics, 1932 and 1980, and now reimagined with investment by the State of New York – a climate-reliable host poised for competition at the highest level.

New York State has one of the nation's most ambitious climate plans and is a leader in sustainability and legacy initiatives, aligning with the International Olympic Committee's Olympic 2020+5 Agenda. The Adirondack-Abruzzo Park Exchange was created in 1997, and the two parks, one in the United States and the other in Italy, share a long history. The Adirondack Park which is encompassed by Lake Placid and dozens of communities, spans over 5 million acres (2.02 hectares) and is an international symbol of sustainability for its mix of public and private land as well as its concentration of visitors and tourist amenities at the edge of large expanses of forest and mountain wilderness. The State and regions are committed to equal rights, diversity and inclusiveness at every level.







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## LAKE PLACID

Season after season, year after year, Lake Placid and the Olympic Region has successfully played host to internationally acclaimed events. The Olympic Regional Development Authority, along with the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism carry local expertise and will support the various aspects of the event from the field of play to hospitality.

Lake Placid will be the central location for the sliding events as well as enrichment and entertainment. This concentrated area is closely surrounded by the towns of Wilmington and Saranac Lake, and slightly further Plattsburgh (80 km), Potsdam and Canton (110 km) and Lake George (130 km).

### PASSION AND SPIRIT + SENSE OF COMMUNITY

The people of the Lake Placid Olympic Region are the essence of competition and the Olympic spirit, whether hosting, cheering, competing, or volunteering. The region's rich heritage and decades of elite training and competition have developed a way of life and a commitment to excellence in sports. The spirit of the place is impactful, and the athletes who train and compete here, feel it. From the grocery store to the training site, they feel at home. International athletes, families, and guests are a natural part of the fabric of the Lake Placid Olympic Region and the community looks forward to welcoming the Milano Cortina 2026 sliding sport athletes.





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## NEW YORK CITY

The international melting pot of the world where more than 800 languages are spoken, New York City is a truly magical place. It is home to a staggering 12 professional sports teams and is one of the largest media markets in the world, including ABC, CBS, Fox, CNN, MSNBC, and home of the long-time rights-holding broadcaster, NBC.

### WELCOME TO NEW YORK CITY, TOO - CONCEPT

John F. Kennedy (JFK) airport will serve as a point of entry for arrivals and departures. It will also be the entry point for sleds and equipment customs.

New York City will provide a Celebration Center at Rockefeller Center for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games – Feb. 5-23, 2026. The Celebration Center will host three to four medal ceremonies after each sport discipline during the time period of the Games.

-  **Luge medal ceremony – February 13, 2026\***
-  **Skeleton medal ceremony – February 15, 2026\***
-  **Bobsled medal ceremony – February 17, 2026\***

\*All dates are approximate (based on the Beijing schedule) and include a travel day from Lake Placid to New York City. Flower ceremonies will take place at the Awards Plaza at Mt Van Hoevenberg in Lake Placid with medal ceremonies to follow in New York City at Rockefeller Center at the conclusion of all events for each sport discipline. Athletes and their delegations can experience the city and continue to Milan for the Games and Closing Ceremonies on February 22, 2026. Concept elements include a secure location with set-up over a ~15-day period with podium, mini sliding track,



engagement with NBC and athlete interviews on the Today Show with their medals, viewing parties, athlete meet and greet, cultural integration (Italian American culture aligning with Milano Cortina 2026), and engagement with prominent actors, business people, restaurateurs of Italian American descent and highlighting the Italian diaspora.







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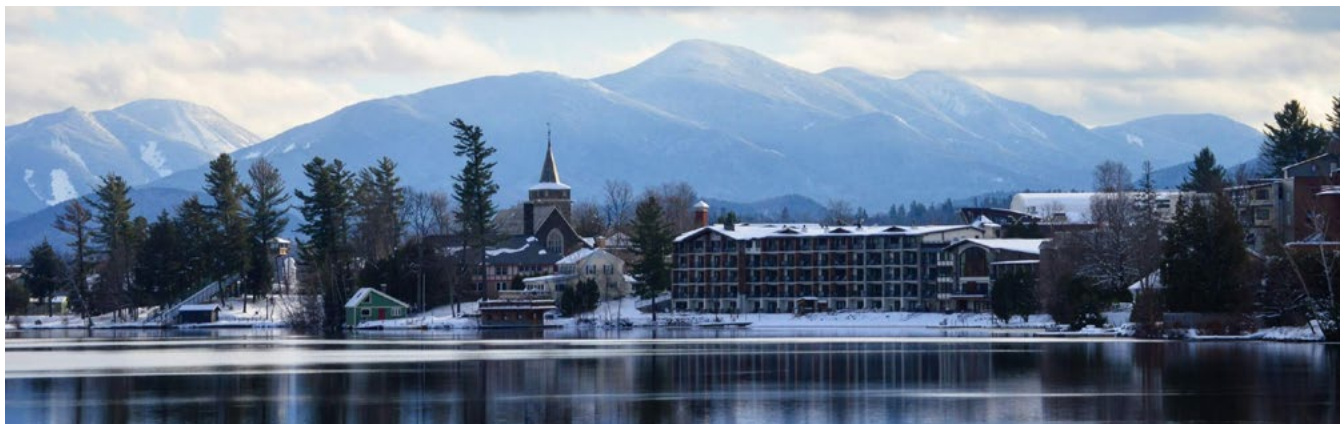
# ACCOMMODATIONS AND ATHLETE'S VILLAGE CONCEPT







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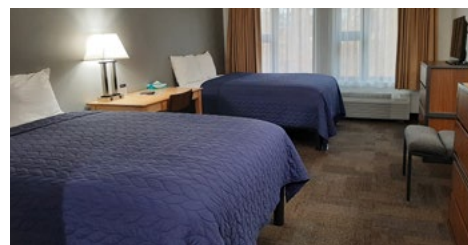
## ACCOMMODATIONS AND ATHLETE'S VILLAGE CONCEPT

The immediate Lake Placid area has approximately 3,000 rooms in privately owned hotels and rental properties. Surrounding regional towns and cities have over 6,000 rooms (hotels/motels/inns/B&B's). As

the host city, Lake Placid, along with regional towns and villages, will provide accommodations to athletes, delegation officials, technical officials, Olympic Family, media, volunteers and spectators. Lake Placid proposes two scenarios for accommodations and the Athletes' Village, of which one will be determined and finalized with further planning and feedback.

## U.S. OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC TRAINING CENTER

The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Center (USOPTC) in Lake Placid is a world-renowned training facility for American athletes preparing for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USOPTC offers facilities that include a weightlifting and fitness center, a sports medicine and rehabilitation center, and a high-altitude training facility. The USOPTC has recently renovated and modernized dormitory-style housing for athletes and coaches, as well as dining facilities and a conference center. Team USA will be housed in the main residence hall and Team Italy in the international wing, with both teams having full access to the amenities at the USOPTC.





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## CONCEPT A

### PAUL SMITH'S COLLEGE

**Athlete and delegation accommodations  
and Athlete's Village**

Paul Smith's College is a private college on a 14,000-acre campus, one of the largest college campuses in the world. Campus facilities include top-quality fitness center, 40-foot (12 meters) ropes course, two gymnasiums, soccer/rugby field, indoor pool, unique head-to-head woodsmen's arena, state-of-the-art esports lab, and more. Recently used for the Lake Placid 2023 FISU World University Games.



Property Name	Distance to Venue	# of Beds	Catering Facility
Paul Smith's College	45km	582	yes
Olympic Training Center	10km	138	yes
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>720</b>	





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## CONCEPT B

### LAKE PLACID VILLAGE HOTELS

Hotel and private rental accommodations are concentrated and in close proximity to this area. In this concept, Team USA and Team Italy will also be accommodated at the Olympic Training Center. The remaining hotel accommodations and temporary housing from Lake Placid to Plattsburgh, Potsdam, Canton, Malone, and the Lake George region will be formalized to accommodate technical officials, media, volunteers, games stakeholders, workforce, and contractors, with the Olympic Family and Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG staff located at a dedicated hotel. An efficient transportation system will be provided to participating housing locations, as well as accommodations that are further from Lake Placid center.







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## ATHLETE AND DELEGATION ACCOMODATIONS

	Category	Distance to Venue	# of Beds
Hotels	★★★★+	12km	582
Olympic Training Center	n/a	10km	138
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>720</b>

## GAMES STAKEHOLDERS ACCOMODATIONS

	Category	Distance to Venue	# of Rooms	Catering Facility
Hotels	★★★★+	12km	732	yes

For a comprehensive list of accomodations see the appendix on page 50.

Average hotel room rate is \$266 in February. Varies by hotel and is subject to change.





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## ATHLETE'S VILLAGE

Within walking distance of the hotels, the Lake Placid Conference Center has 3,344 square meters (90,000 square feet) of flexible meeting and exhibition space with a total of 12 breakout rooms available for concurrent sessions, state-of-the-art audio visual technology, a ballroom, and a full-service production kitchen. The Lake Placid Conference Center would act as the main dining hall for athletes and would remain in operation for a total of 40 days from pre-opening to official closing.

[FloorPlan-web](#). All meetings could be held here.



## LEED GOLD CERTIFIED

The Conference Center is a green building with construction techniques that adhere to the criteria set forth by the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design consortium).







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# GAMES SERVICES





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## GAMES SERVICES

The Olympic Regional Development Authority has a proven track record of orchestrating large-scale international events. The organization's multi-faceted management team oversees a spectrum of crucial planning and support functions, ranging from general administration and event management to finance, personnel, sales and marketing, sponsorship, public relations and information technology. The Olympic Authority, which manages the sliding facility at Mt Van Hoevenberg and five other winter sport venues in New York State would be an invaluable supporting partner to ensure the smooth execution of the sliding events.

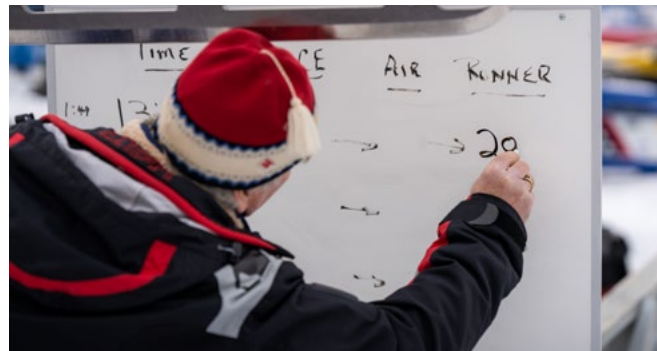
### Additional Supporting Services:

- Accommodations
- Accreditations
- Arrivals and Departures
- Doping Control
- Food and Beverage
- Language Services
- Medical Services
- Transportation
- Fan Engagement
- Signage
- Sustainability
- Cleaning & Waste

### Local Authority Services:

Lake Placid is supported by a number of local resources. These include:

- Lake Placid Police Department
- Lake Placid Fire Department
- Emergency Medical Services
- New York State Police
- Town of North Elba
- Essex County
- New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
- New York State Department of Health



The USOPC international relations team will support immigration and visa requirements from their Washington D.C. office. The USOPC works closely with the State Department and other agencies to expedite consular services and customs needs for special equipment, etc.







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## GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES SERVICES CONFIRMATION

Government Authorities and Services within the Village of Lake Placid, the Township of North Elba, communities around the Olympic Region and the State of New York are highly experienced and proven capable of fulfilling their responsibilities to ensure successful planning, organizing, and staging of major international sport and multi-sport events.

The Olympic Regional Development Authority manages the Olympic venues and employs experts in event organization and compliance with international sport governing body technical standards and other needs, including those of the International Bobsled and Skeleton Federation (IBSF) and the International Luge Federation (FIL).

The Village of Lake Placid lies within the Town of North Elba, and together, the two local government authorities successfully manage complex operations in a small village that attracts more than 600,000 visitors annually. Within the responsibilities of these local authorities are the provision of fire prevention, safety, and rescue operations; policing, crime prevention and investigation, and the maintenance of public order; airport, water, sewer, electric, local highway maintenance, and recycling and waste.

Providing safe, reliable, and efficient transportation, security, and other essential services are also the domain of local and State law enforcement, the U.S. Office of Homeland Security, and a host of State and Federal governmental agencies.

We confirm that the required Government and Local Authority services will be provided.



## AIRPORTS

JFK airport will be designated as the preferred point of entry for athletes, sleds and equipment.

Additional airport options can be utilized for commercial and charter flights, these include:

**Montréal-Trudeau International Airport (YUL)**  
Dorval, Quebec

**Albany International Airport (ALB)**  
Albany, NY

**Adirondack Regional Airport (SLK)**  
Lake Clear, NY

**Plattsburgh International Airport (PBG)**  
Plattsburgh, NY

**Lake Placid Airport (LKP)**  
Lake Placid, NY



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**FINANCIAL EXPECTATIONS** *Lake Placid is pleased to offer the venue, existing venue staff, and utilities at no cost. Below is a breakdown of the financial considerations. We look forward to discussing with you further.*

		MILANO CORTINA	LAKE PLACID	OTHER/ SHARED
Accommodations	Athlete and Delegation	X		
	Games Stakeholders			X
Food & Beverage	Athlete and Delegation	X		
	Games Stakeholders			X
Transportation	Athlete and Delegation - airport to Lake Placid	X		
	Athlete and Delegation - Athlete's Village to Venue	X		
	Athlete and Delegation - Lake Placid to NYC		X	
	Spectator			X
Venue Fees	Mt Van Hoevenberg		X	
Venue Staff	Mt Van Hoevenberg		X	
Additional Track Staff	Mt Van Hoevenberg	X		
Organizing Committee Staff	Mt Van Hoevenberg	X		
Event Staff	Mt Van Hoevenberg	X		
Utilities	Mt Van Hoevenberg		X	
Back up Power Generation	Mt Van Hoevenberg		X	
	Conference Center		X	
	NYC Celebration Center		X	
Ancillary	Opening Ceremonies - Lake Placid		X	
Accreditations		X		
Doping Control		X		
Language Services		X		
Medical Services		X		
Broadcast Production/Services		X		
Brand, Identity, Look		X		
Sport Presentation		X		
Security				X
Cultural Aspects			X	
Ticket Management		X		
Dryland Training Facilities			X	
Uniforms (Staff / Volunteers)		X		
Capital Investment in Track			X	
VIP / Sponsor Management		X		
Additional Infrastructure (Tents, Stadium Seating, Restrooms, Sound, Radios)				X





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# CULTURAL PROGRAM





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## CULTURAL EXCHANGE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND UNITY AMONG NATIONS

Cortina and Lake Placid have a binding spirit of the Olympic Games, thus we propose an innovative cultural exchange concept for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter sliding sports with a robust blend of Italian and Lake Placid sport and lifestyle, and cultural experiences. From sharing Lake Placid's own unique sport, historical, and mountain landmarks that parallel those of Cortina, to a celebration of the mountain roots that both communities share, to Italian cooking exhibitions featuring renowned chefs from Milan and Cortina, we'll create an experience that promotes mutual respect, understanding, and shared enjoyment.

To anchor the concept and solidify this cultural bond, we suggest instituting a "Sister Cities" program between Lake Placid and Cortina. We propose implementing tactics that enhance the overall experience for athletes and spectators alike. Additionally, we suggest incorporating elements of sustainability into the Olympic Village design, such as utilizing renewable energy sources and promoting eco-friendly practices. By doing so, we will showcase our commitment to preserve the environment, connect with the demands of athletes around the world, and inspire future host cities to do the same.



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCE IDEAS THAT LINK THE TWO CITIES:

-  Nightly cultural showcases.
-  Community service projects that occur simultaneously in both locales.
-  Simulcast of the events.
-  Digital Interactive displays that connect to the same display in the Olympic Village within Milan's Porta Romana district and provide live interaction between athletes at both locations.
-  Athlete welcome ceremony that combines the cultures of both Italy's Cortina region and Lake Placid.
-  Italian cooking exhibitions and other cultural experiences.
-  Tours of the Lake Placid Olympic Museum that include a temporary exhibit of Italian Olympic History.







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## OLYMPISM - ART, CULTURE, AND EDUCATION ALONG WITH SPORT

Artwork produced by Olympians is on display at Lake Placid's venues following a new partnership established between the Olympic Authority, the Al Oerter Foundation, and its affiliate organization, Art of the Olympians (AOF).



Emanuela Pierantozzi is the Artist Representative on the Board of Directors at AOF.

AOF will establish, in conjunction with the New York State Department of Education and the Olympic Authority, a statewide education program within schools that promote Olympism/Paralympism and mirrors the program that AOF partnered on in Milano Cortina Gen26. AOF will assist, guide and support this initiative starting first in the Olympic Region for the 2024-2025 school year.

AOF will continue their partnership with the Olympic Authority on existing and future initiatives related to art, fashion, and educational programs throughout the region and in connection with existing programs in Milano Cortina 2026.



The Lake Placid Olympic Museum, an official member of the IOC's Olympic Museum Network, continues to be active in the service of sport and the development of the Olympic Movement. The revamped Museum opened its doors in December 2022 and has benefited from and is augmented by the Olympic venues and programs.

Adjacent and accessible from the Museum is the Empire Room, a hospitality space for VIPs, sponsor, or athlete receptions, meetings, or events. The Museum, which boasts the second-largest Olympic collection in the world, is part of the Olympic Center and offers in-house event coordination, including IT support and food and beverage services.



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## LETTERS OF SUPPORT

USA Bobsled/Skeleton

United States Luge Association

New York State Senator Chuck Schumer

New York State Assembly, 115th District

New York State Assembly, 44th District

New York State Senate, 45th District

Village of Lake Placid

City of New York

Town Of North Elba

Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism

Adirondack North Country Sports Council

Lake Placid Olympic Museum





November 15, 2023

To:  
Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer  
Gene Sykes, Chairman  
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee  
27 S Tejon St.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milan Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

It is with great honor and pride that USA Bobsled/Skeleton pledges its support for Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milan Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg have the time-honored distinction of hosting two Olympic Winter Games and an endless number of international world-class sporting events. As an active venue and home of our National Governing Body, Lake Placid is well poised to host the sliding sports on behalf of Milano Cortina.

Despite the unfortunate circumstance of the sliding sports not taking place in Italy, based on our past experience of hosting bobsled and skeleton events in Lake Placid, I have full confidence that the local organizing committee and volunteers will ensure that the athletes receive the Olympic experience they rightly deserve.

Please accept this letter as a sign of commitment and assurance that Lake Placid has the organizational capabilities and competence necessary to host an exceptional cross-nation experience for the athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. McGuire", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Aron McGuire  
Chief Executive Officer  
USA Bobsled/Skeleton



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To:  
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Gene Sykes, Chairman  
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee  
27 S Tejon St.  
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Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

It is with great honor and pride that USA Luge pledges its support for Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg have the time-honored distinction of hosting two Olympic Winter Games and an endless number of international world class sporting events. As an active venue and home of our National Governing Body, Lake Placid is well poised to host the sliding sports on behalf of Milano Cortina.

USA Luge is excited to host the first international FIL World Cup of the 2023-2024 competitive season on December 8 & 9, 2023 in Lake Placid. Hosting is a testament to the support we continue to maintain and receive at the international level.

Please accept this testimony as a sign of commitment and assurance that Lake Placid has the organizational capabilities and competence necessary to provide an exceptional cross nation experience for the athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

With kindest regards,

Jim Leahy  
CEO / Executive Director  
United States Luge Association



# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3203

November 29, 2023

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer  
Gene Sykes, Chairman  
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee  
27 S Tejon St.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

It is with great honor and pride that I pledge my support for New York State to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events at the world-class facilities in Lake Placid, and for New York City to welcome and celebrate athletes for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

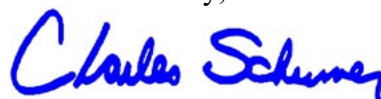
Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg have the distinction of hosting two Olympic Winter Games and an endless number of international world class sporting events. The track has a superb reputation within the winter sports community for being challenging and fair. We are proud that Lake Placid is known for being open and welcoming to all athletes from around the globe. As an active venue with an experienced operational team, Lake Placid is well poised to host the sliding sports events and its athletes on behalf of Milano Cortina 2026.

New York City, which is accessible to Lake Placid, offers a vibrant and culturally diverse welcome place for the athletes that can provide exceptional fanfare and cultural enrichment to enhance the experience for the athletes and the Olympic Movement. Plans are already drawn up to transport international athletes from New York City to Lake Placid and return them for departure either to Milano Cortina or to their home countries.

With this Olympic Winter Games being the first multi-national event, it is only fitting that Lake Placid, with its Olympic roots, sport development excellence, and state-of-the-art venues be the partner to host the highest level of sport with Milano Cortina in 2026. Just last week, I had the pleasure of visiting Lake Placid and I know how determined and prepared it is to host such prestigious and world-renowned sporting events.

I know that Lake Placid and New York City have the organizational capabilities and event experience to provide an exceptional cross-nation experience for the sliding athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator



BILLY JONES  
Assemblyman 115<sup>th</sup> District

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November 17, 2023

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer  
Gene Sykes, Chairman  
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee  
27 S Tejon St.  
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Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

As the Assemblymember representing District 115, it is with great honor and pride that I pledge my support for New York State with New York City to welcome and celebrate athletes and Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg have the time-honored distinction of hosting two Olympic Winter Games and an endless number of international world class sporting events. As an active venue and home of our National Governing Body, Lake Placid is well poised to host the sliding sports on behalf of Milano Cortina.

This past winter, the updated, world-class venues in Lake Placid hosted the 31<sup>st</sup> winter edition of the FISU World University Games. The decision to host the FISU Winter Games in Lake Placid illustrates the success of significant investment by New York State to upgrade their winter sports facilities. This was the second time Lake Placid hosted the FISU Winter Games, and it is the only location outside of Europe or Asia that has been a host. This is a testament to Lake Placid's longstanding tradition of sports development excellence and historic venues.

Please accept this testimony as a sign of commitment and assurance that Lake Placid has the organizational capabilities and competence necessary to provide an exceptional cross nation experience for the athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Sincerely,

D. Billy Jones  
Member of Assembly, District 115





ROBERT CARROLL  
Assemblymember 44<sup>th</sup> District

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Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

It is with great pride that I pledge my support for New York State with New York City to welcome and celebrate athletes and Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

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As someone who has a home in the Adirondacks and as the Assemblymember for the 44<sup>th</sup> District in Brooklyn, I know Lake Placid and New York City can offer a truly world class competition, setting, and experience for the bobsled, luge, and skeleton athletes who will participate in the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games.

Sincerely,

Assemblymember Robert Carroll  
District 44

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November 17, 2023

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Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

Please accept this letter as my support for Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg have the time-honored distinction of hosting two Olympic Winter Games and an endless number of international world class sporting events. As an active venue and home of our National Governing Body, Lake Placid is well poised to host the sliding sports on behalf of Milano Cortina.

This testimony is a sign of commitment and assurance that Lake Placid has the organizational capabilities and competence necessary to provide an exceptional cross-national experience for the athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Daniel G. Stec  
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Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

It is with great honor and pride that the Village of Lake Placid pledges its support for Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg have the time-honored distinction of hosting two Olympic Winter Games and an endless number of international world class sporting events. As an active venue and home of our National Governing Body, Lake Placid is well poised to host the sliding sports on behalf of Milano Cortina.

I also have a personal stake in Lake Placid continuing its Olympic legacy. My father, Art Devlin Sr., was an Olympic ski jumper in three Olympic games and then continued promoting the sport as a commentator. I have grown up surrounded by Olympic heritage not just in this Village but in my home. Nothing would please me more than to see that heritage continue to thrive.

Please accept this testimony as a sign of commitment and assurance that Lake Placid has the organizational capabilities and competence necessary to provide an exceptional cross nation experience for the athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Sincerely,

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Art Devlin  
Mayor



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November 28, 2023

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer  
Gene Sykes, Chairman  
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee  
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Re: Milano Cortina 2026 Sliding Events Proposal

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes:

It is with great pride that I pledge my support for New York State's campaign to welcome athletes to Lake Placid for the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games.

Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt. Van Hoevenberg have the distinction of hosting two Winter Olympic Games and several international world-class sporting events. They are prepared and well-positioned to host these events, and we look forward to making New York City the gateway to these games. By hosting these events in the Empire State, we will provide a distinctly New York experience, welcoming participants at New York City's world-class airports, providing exceptional fan engagement experiences right here in the five boroughs, and hosting the medal ceremonies at iconic New York City landmarks. There is no better place for athletes and their families to enjoy exceptional dining, world-class cultural institutions and entertainment, and the experience of the Italian diaspora.

Please accept this testimony as a sign of commitment and assurance that New York State has our administration's full support in hosting an exceptional experience for the athletes of the 2026 Winter Olympic Games.

Sincerely,

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Eric Adams  
Mayor



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November 16, 2023

To:

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer  
Gene Sykes, Chairman  
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee  
27 S Tejon St.  
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Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

It is with great honor and pride that the Town of North Elba pledges its support for Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid and the Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg have the time-honored distinction of hosting two Olympic Winter Games and an endless number of international world class sporting events. As an active venue and home of our National Governing Body, Lake Placid is well poised to host the sliding sports on behalf of Milano Cortina.

Please accept this testimony as a sign of commitment and assurance that Lake Placid has the organizational capabilities and competence necessary to provide an exceptional cross nation experience for the athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Sincerely,

Emily K. Politi  
Deputy Town Supervisor



November 20, 2023

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer  
Gene Sykes, Chairman  
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee  
27 S Tejon St.  
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Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

Thank you for this opportunity to put forward the Sliding Center at Mount Van Hoevenberg, in Lake Placid, as a possible host for the sliding events for the Milano/Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

The Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST) pledges our support and is prepared to help coordinate the hospitality needs if Lake Placid is selected. With a team effort by New York State, the New York Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA), the Adirondack Sports Council, ROOST, and the community of Lake Placid, we are confident this proposal offers the Milano/Cortina Organizing Committee the best solution for a successful competition for their games. Working in conjunction with the USOPC and the IOC, we look forward to the solution that this offers the Olympic Movement.

Lake Placid offers the Olympic spirit and atmosphere necessary to make this a successful event for the sliding sports of the Milano/Cortina Games.

Please accept this assurance that Lake Placid has the organizational capabilities and competence necessary to provide an exceptional Olympic experience for the sliding athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Sincerely,

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James McKenna  
Chief Executive Officer  
Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism





**November 16, 2023**

To:

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer  
Gene Sykes, Chairman  
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee  
27 S Tejon Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,

The Adirondack Sports Council pledges its support for Lake Placid to host the bobsled, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid and its legendary Sliding Center at Mt Van Hoevenberg, share a storied history of successfully hosting two Olympic Winter Games and innumerable world-class international sporting events on an ongoing basis. Lake Placid's status as headquarters for both USABS and USA Luge coupled with Mt Van Hoevenberg's status as a world-class, active venue to present this plan as evidence of Lake Placid's support of Milano Cortina 2026 and the IOC's mission of Olympic Spirit to value friendship, solidarity and fair play.

The ADKSC believes strongly that this collaborative solution to host the sliding sports' competitions in Lake Placid for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games will ensure a memorable experience for all participants. As the official organizing committee for the Lake Placid 2023 FISU World University Games, we are eager to offer our readiness and expertise in organization and event management to support this endeavor.

We offer this letter as a testament to our commitment and an assurance that Lake Placid possesses the requisite capabilities and expert resources to ensure an outstanding and memorable experience for all athletes of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tracy M. Smith", is written over a light blue horizontal band.

Tracy M. Smith  
Executive Director  
Adirondack Sports Council

November 16, 2023

Sarah Hirshland, Chief Executive Officer  
Gene Sykes, Chairman  
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee  
27 S Tejon St.  
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Re: Lake Placid Sliding Center Proposal for Milano Cortina 2026

Dear Ms. Hirshland and Mr. Sykes,


It is with great honor and pride that I, Courtney Bastian, Lake Placid Olympic Museum Director, pledge my support for Lake Placid, NY, to host the bobsleigh, luge, and skeleton events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Lake Placid has a rich history in winter sports and has proven itself an exceptional host for major sporting events. With its stunning natural landscapes and newly upgraded facilities, Lake Placid offers the perfect setting for athletes and spectators alike to experience the thrill and excitement of the Olympic Winter Games.

The Mt Van Hoevenberg track, located in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains, is a historic winter sports venue. Constructed in 1930, it was the first bobsleigh track in the United States and has since become an iconic location for sliding sports to train and compete. Over the years, the Mt Van Hoevenberg track has witnessed countless inspiring moments and remarkable achievements. It has hosted numerous international competitions, including the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics and, most recently, the 2023 FISU World University Winter Games. The track's challenging layout and high speeds have tested the skills and courage of athletes from around the globe. Its reputation as a world-class venue is further enhanced by its continuous upgrades and improvements, ensuring the highest safety and performance standards for the athletes' wellbeing and enjoyment.

Furthermore, Lake Placid's strong commitment to sportsmanship and respect aligns with the Olympic spirit. The town's warm hospitality and welcoming community will create a memorable experience for athletes, officials, and visitors. I enthusiastically support Lake Placid's bid to host the skeleton, luge, and bobsleigh events for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games. I am confident Lake Placid will deliver an unforgettable and successful Olympic experience.

Sincerely,



Courtney Bastian  
Lake Placid Olympic Museum Director





## APPENDIX

### LAKE PLACID HOTELS

Property Name	★★★★ Category	Distance to Venue	# of Rooms
Golden Arrow	★★★	12km	166
Grand Adk Hotel	★★★	12km	92
Adirondack Inn	★★★	12km	49
Crowne Plaza	★★★	12km	220
Mirror Lake Inn	★★★★★	12km	131
High Peaks	★★★	12km	133
Lake House	★★★	12km	44
Cambria	★★★	12km	185
Wildwood	n/a	12km	35
Placid Bay	n/a	12km	22



## APPENDIX

### LAKE PLACID HOTELS *continued*

Property Name	★★★★ Category	Distance to Venue	# of Rooms
The Devlin	★★	12km	50
Lake Placid Inn Boutique Hotel	★★★	12km	40
Lake Placid Inn Main Street	★★★	12km	9
Lake Placid Inn Residences	★★★	12km	11
Hampton Inn	★★★★	12km	97
The Haus	★★★	12km	10
The Pines	★★★	12km	30
Eastwind	Not Rated	12km	26
Bluebird	★★★	12km	90
Spruce Lodge B&B	★★	12km	13
Town House Lodge	★★	12km	27
Whiteface Lodge	★★★★	12km	96
The Boha	★★	12km	22
Cobble Mountain Inn	Not rated	12km	14
Interlaken	Not rated	12km	10
Maple Leaf Inn	★★	12km	15
Lake Placid Lodge	★★★★	12km	30
Courtyard Marriott	★★★	12km	96
Cascade Inn	Not rated	12km	11
Rentals	Est. 1,600+ units averaging 2.5 bedrooms each		

### NON-HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Property Name	★★★★ Category	Distance to Village	Distance to Venue	# of Rooms
Paul Smith's College	Not Rated	35 km	45 km	582
Olympic Training Center	Not Rated	3 - 5 km	10 km	138



## APPENDIX

### SARANAC LAKE HOTELS

Property Name	★★★★ Category	Distance to Lake Placid	Distance to Venue	# of Rooms
Ampersand Bay Resort	★★	17 km	15 km	20
Gauthiers Saranac Lake Inn	★★★★	13 km	15 km	32
Saranac Waterfront Lodge	★★★★★	14 km	15 km	93
Sara Placid Inn & Suites	★★	13 km	15 km	17
Hotel Saranac	★★★★★	15 km	15 km	122
Best Western Saranac Lake	★★	13 km	15 km	69
The Point Resort	★★★★★	40 km	43 km	11

### PLATTSBURGH HOTELS

Property Name	★★★★ Category	Distance to Lake Placid	Distance to Venue	# of Rooms
Holiday Inn Express Plattsburgh	★★	78 km	82 km	105
Days Inn by Wyndham	★★★★	78 km	82 km	102
Comfort Inn & Suites Plattsburgh	★★	78 km	82 km	112
Best Western Plus Plattsburgh	★★★★	78 km	82 km	126
Hampton Inn & Suites Plattsburgh	★★★★	78 km	82 km	94
Fairfield Inn & Suites Plattsburgh	★★★★	78 km	82 km	91
Microtel Inn & Suites Plattsburgh	★★	78 km	82 km	58
La Quinta Inn & Suites Plattsburgh	★★	78 km	82 km	103
Quality Inn & Suites	★★	78 km	82 km	70







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