



## Winterfest LIVE is canceled

The MECCA community annually looks forward to hosting Winterfest and promoting outdoor winter recreation in the Northwoods. Winterfest Live has gradually become known as the best-run small event in the region.

As race director, it's usually nice to communicate news about the event. Unfortunately, at this time I'm disappointed to inform you that **the live ski racing scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.**

As we all know, this year has been a truly unusual experience and, without any significant snow in the forecast, the reality is that it would be unsafe to host ski races on January 20<sup>th</sup> at MECCA.

The good news, though, is that racing at MECCA is not over for the year. The very popular virtual ski racing option will continue to be offered and supported. This event evolved during the height of Covid, and currently allows individuals that couldn't make the live event the chance to participate. All registered live participants will immediately have the opportunity to race virtually. Simply ski the well-marked course at MECCA as many times as you would like and record your fastest time.

Virtual racing will continue through February 19<sup>th</sup>. It's not too late to [register to participate in any of the virtual ski or snowshoe events](#). The snowshoe/hike/ski event on January 27th will be another way to enjoy outdoor recreation at MECCA, and we hope to see you there. [Check out our events calendar](#) for more information.

Sorry to share the disappointing news. Hope to see you on the trails,

*Rodney Silvis*

2024 Winterfest Race Director