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Winter Sports Center at Okee to Open on Sunday

The official opening of the newest and most scenic Winter Sports Center in Wisconsin will take place Sunday, January 29th at the Ferry Hill Center, two miles west of Okee at the junction of Highways 113 and V.

A ski-tow, a remodeled farm home as a warming house, a variety of sliding hills, ski and hiking trails, all in a setting of scenic beauty are the outstanding attractions. This ski center is located on one of the highest hills in south-central Wisconsin, overlooking Lake Wisconsin, and the Baraboo Bluffs.

The hill is directly south of the Merrimac Ferry and west of the Village of Okee. There is adequate space for parking on the crest of the hill where spectators may see the activities on the hill and in the snow bowl and admire the view for miles around.

Sunday will be devoted to test runs on the sliding courses and trial runs on the ski-tow. All facilities, including the ski-tow, will be free to the skiers and the public. Parking will also be free. Other sliding courses, for tobogganing, sleds, and bumps sliding are not yet ready but will be installed later.

The grand opening of the Center will take place on Sunday, February 5th with a special program of competitions. Five, of a series of winter sports activity queens, will be selected. For this first Sunday, they will be queens of cross-country skiing, bob sledding, speed skating, ice boating, and the dog derby. Any girl from 18 to 28 years of age, single or married, is eligible to compete in this event. Approximately 30 winter sports activity queens will be selected during the season, and from these "Her Imperial Majesty, Miss Lake Wisconsin I," will be chosen.

The Ferry Hill Winter Sports Center and the three Fisherees to be held on Lake Wisconsin during February are a part of an all-year-round recreation and community program being developed for tourists, recreation groups, and local residents by the Lake Wisconsin Recreation Association, Inc., with headquarters at Lodi.

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