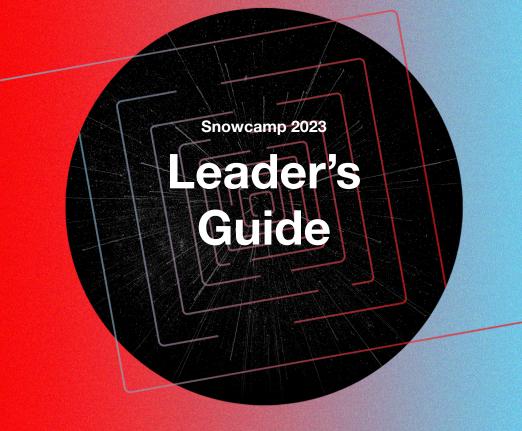


A Word of Life Camp





WELCOME

Welcome to Snowcamp! Whether it's your first time or you've been coming for 40 years, we are so excited to have you here with us. It's our mission at Snowcamp to help every camper take their next step with Jesus, and we are grateful for the opportunity to partner with you in this important endeavor. We have been praying for your students for months – and will continue to, long after their weekend is over.

This year, we have made a change to the way we have planned the theme for the weekend. We have decided to move away from the fun aspect of the theme and focus on the spiritual part exclusively (I've included some more info about this decision, and this year's theme on page 4). Our theme this winter is "Out of Control," and we are going to talk about casting our cares on Jesus. While our world might feel out of control, we can rest knowing our Savior is never out of control.

I want to invite you to join us for the Leaders, Meeting on Friday night at 7:45 PM in the Upper Library (connected to the lake side of the Wyrtzen Center). We'll talk about some important details for the weekend, including the Leaders' Lounge and leaders-only events, such as the breakfast on Sunday morning.

Our entire team is here to serve you. If there is anything we can do for you this weekend (or beyond), please let us know.

Thoughtfully,

Tommy Sewall





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THIS YEAR'S THEME

This winter, we are departing from what has become our traditional model with the theme and going in a new direction. For many years, we have assigned a genre of sorts to the season – something like vikings or lumberjacks – and combined this program theme with a spiritual theme that was connected in some way.

For 2023 and on, we are going to just focus on the spiritual theme. This is primarily for two reasons. First, believe like Snowcamp is exciting all by itself. We don't need a lumberjack theme to make Snowcamp exciting. It was fun, but it was a bonus, not a vital part of camp. Secondly, this will allow us to focus on the spiritual theme without any need to modify it, or in some cases water it down, to fit into a specific genre.

This year, our theme is "Out of Control," and our key verse is 1 Peter 5:7. The world has felt out of control over the past few years. The battle with mental health often leaves us feeling out of control in our emotions and in many other areas. We are looking forward to a great season of spiritual growth with a focus on who is in control when things feel out of control.

We can't wait for another Snowcamp season with all of you in 2023!



COMING 2.12.23

ALTERNATIVE HALFTIME SHOW



wol.org/halftime

Take your football watch party to the next level; sign up for this FREE livestream event today!



CHECK OUT HUSKIES GAMING ON TWITCH!



huskiesgaming21

We play games like Fortnite, Halo, Valorant, Apex Legends, and more – all with the purpose of reaching other gamers with the hope of Jesus.

WHAT'S NEW

Our primary facility update from this year is our renovated Library and Study Center (where we host the Leaders' Meeting on Friday night). We also replaced the gym floor in the Huskies Den last spring due to bubbling issues that made the playing surface unsafe.

Health Center

The Health Center has found a new home in the Huskies Health and Athletic Center! You can't miss it – it's the huge building overlooking the soccer field. If you are entering the building from the first floor, the Health Center is up the stairs to your right. If you are entering the building from the second floor, it's located through the main doors to your left. Thank you for your patience with the location updates over the past few years. See map on p.24

Program Changes

Last season, we made changes to the basketball tournament, added pizza to the polar plunge, and added a worship night on Saturday night. After getting a lot of positive feedback, we decided to keep all these changes in place for this year.

We made two significant changes to the program for this season, both on Saturday.

First, instead of doing topical or gender-specific breakout sessions on Saturday morning (both things we have done in the past), we are asking students to attend the breakout session specific to where they are in their spiritual journey. We will walk students through a process of identifying whether they are an unbeliever or skeptic (a one), a believer who is struggling to embrace their faith (a two), or a believer who has fully embraced the life of a Christian (a three). We are hoping this will allow us to be more strategic with the messages in those breakouts.

The second significant change is to the rally on Saturday night. We have done a variety of programs Saturday nights – dramas, messages, and combinations of the two. This year, we are trying something brand new; we will have a variety of guests sitting around a table discussing common "Christian" phrases that are not actually in the Bible. The cool part is, we are going to record these conversations as a live video podcast and publish them on our YouTube channel each week. Our hope is that students will watch some of the other conversations that are published throughout the season and be encouraged by them. It might even be a valuable tool for your youth group.



One Night for Eternity

Bring your youth group to the best all-night evangelistic event! Reverb is a fun, fast-paced experience that you and your friends will never forget. The terrific food, team games, and tremendous events are all a part of pointing teens to the message of hope found in Christ.



Scan the QR code to learn more! Register today at wol.is/reverb.

LEADER INFORMATION

We are extremely excited to have you involved at Snowcamp! We have designed a program that allows you the freedom to choose your level of involvement with your students. Use this time as a retreat; you can drop your students off and spend time together as leaders, or stay more involved with your students' schedule. You are more than welcome to attend any of the activities and meetings throughout the weekend.

Our Mission

Since 1947, Word of Life Camps have been committed to evangelism and discipleship of youth through various means consistent with Scripture to help build and strengthen Jesus-followers everywhere. We continue to carry on this purpose at Snowcamp, making it our mission to help every camper take their next step in their walk with Jesus.

Meeting Structure

Friday / Know Gospel presentation with a public invitation

Saturday / Grow Instructing students on practical application of the Bible

Sunday / Show

Dedication service

Leaders' Meetings / Friday Night at 7:45 PM / Upper Library

We will introduce staff, announce any changes, and open the floor for Q&A. We will also collect names of unsaved campers for whom you would like us to pray throughout the weekend. This is a very important meeting you will not want to miss.

Youth Leader Breakfast / Sunday at 8:45 - 9:45 AM / Huskies Den

Join us for a hot breakfast and a time to share about the weekend.



WARM UP WITH

Free Beverages

ALL WEEKEND LONG

Coffee and other hot drinks are available for you all weekend in the BSLC Dining Room. Just grab a cup from the Student Services Desk!

*For youth leaders only

Student Services Desk

The Student Services Desk is staffed to meet your needs. The desk is located in the Bollback Student Life Center (BSLC) and is open from 7:30 AM – 12:00 AM daily. You can also call us at 518.494.1471 at any time. Our desire is to serve you and provide a way for you to contact any of our Snowcamp leadership in a matter of minutes.

Lodging for Leaders

Word of Life provides lodging at The Pines at an affordable price. Accommodations start at \$240 for up to four people. For more information on pricing, larger group accommodations, and booking, please call 518.494.6000 (opt. 1).

Meal Passes for Leaders & Non-Snowcampers

A weekend meal pass that includes all six meals (Friday dinner – Sunday lunch) may be purchased ahead of time for only \$65 (\$50 for kids ages 5-12; free for kids under 5). Weekend meal passes should be ordered in advance by calling 518.494.6000 (opt. 1). Alternatively, meals may also be purchased individually in the meal line (\$8.00 for breakfast, \$11.00 for lunch, \$13.00 for dinner with a 25% discount for those who fall into the child age range.)

Media Policy

Please note that we do have a no-media policy for campers. That policy includes iPads, iPods, laptops, cell phones, gaming systems, etc.

Cancellation Policy

All reservations must be paid in full two weeks prior to arrival. Registration deposits are NOT refundable, and balances are NOT refundable within two weeks of arrival. If needed, you may replace one camper with another, preferably of the same gender.

Lost & Found

Lost and Found articles are returned upon claim by parents or youth leaders within 14 days following the weekend. After 14 days, unclaimed articles are removed from the property. We do request that the owner reimburse Word of Life for the cost of shipping. Please call 518.494.6000 or email CustomerService@wol.org.

REGISTRATION

Directions

OUR PROPERTY

(4230 Glendale Rd., Pottersville, NY 12860)

Traveling North on I-87

Take Pottersville Exit 26. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp. Continue on this road for 4/10 of a mile until you reach a stop sign. At the stop sign, turn right (north) on to Route 9. Continue north on Route 9 for 7/10 of a mile and turn right onto Glendale Road.

Traveling South on I-87

Take Pottersville Exit 26. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp. Turn right (south) on to Route 9 at the stop sign. Go south on Route 9 for approximately 1/10 of a mile and take your first left on to Glendale Road.

Before You Arrive

ONLINE ACCOUNT

Register at **wol.is/accountlogin** and complete all camper information requested in your online account (name, address, phone number, date of birth, and parent's name and phone number).

HEALTH FORM

Complete the required online health form for every camper. Health form instructions can be found on our website **wol.is/snowcamp**. Online account information, forms, and all camper balances must be completed and paid two weeks prior to arrival. For questions, please call **518.494.6000 (opt. 1)** or email **customerservice@wol.org**.

HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

Housing assignments are made before you arrive and will be based upon the number in your group and housing availability. We generally try to keep groups together. If you have special housing requests, please notify Customer Service in advance by calling **518.494.6000 (opt. 1)**. Please be flexible in this area; we try our best to accommodate everyone's needs. If there is anything we can do to help you in this process, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Check-in

Please arrive at the Wyrtzen Center parking lot between 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Take **all** luggage with your campers to go through luggage check. Bring **all** camper medications with you, including inhalers and EpiPens.

Step 1

Main leaders and campers with meds go through Door 1. All other campers and leaders go through Door 2 to go through baggage check and meet with counselors.

Step 2

Go to the next available station to check in and you will receive a report showing which stations you will need to visit.

Step 3

If you have any questions about housing, please visit the Housing Table.

Step 4 Visit each Health Center Station.

Step 5

Sign up for all tournaments during registration at the Activities Sign-Up Table.

Step 6

Meet up with your campers and their counselors to head to their housing.

Late Arrivals

If you arrive after 5:00 PM, please check in at the Student Services Desk located in the Bollback Student Life Center (BSLC).



PACKING TIPS

WHAT TO BRING

- Bible, notepad, pen or pencil
- Bedding, sleeping bag and pillow, towels, flashlight
- Toiletries toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, shampoo, deodorant and soap
- Casual, warm clothes, jeans, winter jacket and pants, gloves, warm hats
- Sneakers and/or winter boots
- Spending money (for optional activities, Xavante Grill & Sports Center and Bookstore Café)

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- Clothes or modest swimsuit for polar plunge
- Clothes and shoes for gym activities

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- No tight-fitting clothes
- No short shorts, mini skirts, or two-piece swimsuits
- No electronic devices (phones, tablets, music, players, game systems, etc.)
- No contraband (knives, weapons, drugs, etc.)
- No books

COMPETITIONS

Sports Competitions

Sign up at Registration

- Guys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Volleyball
- Dodgeball
- Soccer

Cardboard Sled Race & Sled Design Guidelines

Build these ahead of time or bring the supplies and work on it at camp. Guidelines are for both design and race competition.

- Sled may be constructed of cardboard, PVC, tape, glue, string, inner tubes, rope, etc. No part of the sled's construction may be made of wood or metal (This includes fasteners, nails and screws).
- No part of the sled may be made of items originally manufactured for sledding purposes. It is acceptable to use tires or inner tubes.
- The only permissible material on the bottom of the sled (what will touch the snow) is cardboard. A wax coating and tape are permissible. This is a safety policy as other materials can accelerate the sled to an unsafe speed.
- 4. The sled needs to fit through a 5'x 7' doorway.
- Construction Guidelines must be followed completely in order to be entered in either competition.
- **6.** Design Competition Guidelines: Sleds are judged on originality, complexity, color and theme.
- Race Competition Guidelines: Sleds are timed, and there is a maximum of five people per sled.
- 8. Sleds need to be vehicle themed.

ACTIVITIES

open activities

- Rumble Ball
- Ping Pong
- Snack Shack Xavante
- Bookstore Café
- Mega Tube Hill
- Hungary Tube Hill
- Ice Chute

- Gaga Ball
- Broomball
- Ice Skating
- Archery Tag
- Snowshoeing
- Council Hall Tube Hill
- Axe Throwing

tournaments

- Guys Basketball / Sign up at Registration
- Girls Basketball / Sign up at Registration
- Volleyball / Sign up at Registration
- Dodgeball / Sign up at Registration
- Soccer / Sign up at Registration
- Cardboard Sled Race / Bring sled to snowboard demo
- Cardboard Sled Design / Bring sled to Saturday Night Rally

Backstage Pass

The Backstage Pass gives students who are interested in music, drama, and tech

a behind-the-scenes look at what happens at Snowcamp in an effort to encourage and inspire them. Students who participate in the Backstage Pass will get to be a part of a sound check for one of the rallies, where they will get to see how the entire team works together to produce a Snowcamp rally. They will also have time to interact with members of the band, the tech team/meeting producers, and drama coaches. Students who participate in the Backstage Pass will still be able to participate in all of the fun activities of Snowcamp but will hopefully be encourage and inspired by this behind-the-scenes experience.

This year, we are excited to offer the Backstage Pass for free to any camper who is a member of a worship team, drama team, or tech team at their local church.

Sign up by noon on Saturday at the student services desk!



Sign-up Activities

Snowshoeing / Free

A 1-11/2 hour guided expedition throughout the wooded area of campus.

Paintball / \$15 Per person

Available all day Saturday and located on the Ranch end. Markers, 100 paintballs, and equipment will be provided. Additional ammunition may be purchased. Players may only use Word of Life ammunition and equipment (with the exception of their mask, which is subject to Word of Life approval).

Sports Competitions / Free

Participate in any of these fun competitions for the chance to place and win an award during the Sunday Morning Rally.

Snowmobiling / \$20 per 20-Minute Session

On Saturday, drive around the track on your very own snowmobile. No age limit or license required. Time slots may not be shared, and there is a one-person limit per snowmobile.

Xavante Grill & Sports Center

Friday 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM, 10:00 PM – 11:30 PM

Saturday 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM, 9:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Bookstore Café

Friday 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM, 10:00 PM – 11:30 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM, 9:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM





JOIN US FOR CAMPUS PREVIEW DAYS 2023!

Florida Campus Dates

March 30 - April 1 April 27-29 (Accepted and Confirmed Students Only)

New York Campus Dates

March 2-4 March 30 - April 1 May 11-13 (Accepted and Confirmed Students Only)

Schedule your visit at

wol.is/visit

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SPORTS RULES

General

- 1. Each player may play on only one team per sport. If that player loses and is eliminated from the tournament, they cannot join another team in that sport.
- 2. Counselors may play only with the campers they are assigned to counsel.
- Violation of any regulations may result in a team disqualification at the discretion of officials. In other words, a team may not benefit (win) as a result of violating regulations.
- The time or point limit of each game may vary depending on how many teams participate.
- Churches are permitted to field up to two teams per competition. If you have registered over 25 campers in your group, a third team may signed up for the tournaments.
- **6.** When a team wins a game, the team advances to the next round of the tournament.

Volleyball

- Rally scoring will be in effect. A point will be awarded after each serve regardless of which team had possession last. In other words, a team does not have to have possession of the serve to win the point.
- The length per match depends on the number of teams entering the tournament. You will be notified at the beginning of the tournament whether it is timed or a set score.
- **3.** Teams must win by two points. In case of a tie, the next point wins, including the ball in play.
- Championship games will be played to a set score with no time limit. Rally scoring will be in effect.
- Six players per team are allowed on the court. There must be at least two GIRLS on the court at all times. There can be no more than two NON-CAMPERS on the court at all times (youth leaders or counselors).

Basketball

- The games will be played with a running clock (clock doesn't stop). The length of the game will depend on the number of teams entering the tournament. The length of games will be announced at the beginning of the tournament.
- When fouled on a shot, the team fouled will receive ONE POINT AND THE BALL. When fouled on a shot that is made, the team will receive THREE POINTS and the opposing team will gain possession of the ball.
- There are NO time outs, except in the championship game.
- A team consists of five players. There can only be a maximum of TWO NON-CAMPERS on the floor at one time. Youth leaders (currently serving) and counselors are the only eligible NON-CAMPERS.
- 5. The championship game will consist of two running time halves; the length will be determined prior to the start of the game. The clock will stop in the LAST TWO MINUTES of the game on every dead ball. Fouls on shots in the last two minutes of the game will be ruled the same as in the preliminary games.
- 6. Teams will be awarded one time out per half. They are not transferable.
- Substitutes must enter the game on dead balls.
- **8.** There is no back court violation except during championship games.
- **9.** Technical fouls will result in two points, the ball and the ejection of the player.
- **10.** Intentional fouls will result in two points and the ball.

Soccer

- Five-on-five soccer (four players and one goalie). Only TWO NON-CAMPERS may be on the 'field' and must have at least TWO GIRLS on the field at all times.
- 2. Rock, paper, scissors will determine the kick-off.
- **3.** Sidelines and nets are out of bounds.
- **4.** Back walls are considered to be out of bounds. Once the ball passes behind the goal, it is considered out of bounds.
- Goalie is in a designated box and can use hands ONLY in that marked area.
- 6. When the goalie throws the ball, it **MUST** hit the ground before reaching midfield.
- All out-of-bound plays result in an indirect kick (kick at the spot where the ball went out).
- Overtime will result in a sudden death shootout. Each team will get the same amount of attempts.
- **9.** Typical high school rules: No tripping, no handballs, etc.

Dodgeball

- 1. The length of the game is dependent on the number of teams that sign up to play, and the time will be announced at the beginning of the game.
- 2. Each team may consist of only ten players. Of that ten there must be at least **THREE GIRLS** and only **TWO NON-CAMPERS**.
- 3. You are out when you either get HIT BY A BALL thrown by the opposing team or someone from the opposing team CATCHES YOUR THROWN BALL. EXCEPTIONS: You are hit in the head; the ball bounces before hitting you. If you are holding a ball, you can deflect the ball thrown from the other team; however, if you drop your ball while deflecting, you are out! If a ball hits you and YOUR teammate catches it before it hits the ground you are still IN.
- 4. Once you are out, the only way to rejoin the game is if one of your teammates makes a basket in the opposing team's basketball hoop, and, at that point, everyone who is out on your team can rejoin the game.
- 5. The match is over when everyone on your team is out or when time has run out. The team with the most players left wins. In case of a tie, the ball is brought back into the middle, as it is a new game. Only the players left will play, and it will be played as a sudden death game.

SNOWCAMP WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

3:00 – 5:00 PM	CHECK-IN (WC)
3:00 – 5:00 PM	ACTIVITIES OPEN
5:00 – 6:30 PM	DINNER (BSLC - CAMPER MEDS)
6:00 – 8:45 PM	ACTIVITIES OPEN
6:30 – 8:00 PM	BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**
7:45 – 8:15 PM	LEADERS' MEETING (UPPER LIBRARY)
8:30 – 10:00 PM	RALLY (WC)
10:00 – 11:00 PM	FREE TIME (TUBE HILLS, OPEN GYM, XAVANTE &
	BOOKSTORE CAFÉ OPEN)
10:00 – 10:30 PM	NIGHT MEDS (HEALTH CENTER)
11:00 – 11:30 PM	POLAR PLUNGE (CENTER QUAD)
11:45 PM	IN CABINS
12:00 AM	DEVOTIONS
12:30 AM	LIGHTS OUT

Saturday

8:00 - 8:30 AM	QUIET TIME
8:30 – 9:30 AM	BREAKFAST (BSLC - CAMPER MEDS)
9:00 – 11:00 AM	ACTIVITIES OPEN
9:15 – 10:45 AM	INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT**
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
	(VARIOUS LOCATIONS)
11:30 – 12:00 PM	BI STUDENT LUNCH
12:00 – 12:45 PM	LUNCH (BSLC - CAMPER MEDS)
	JR/SR LUNCH
	(JRS, SRS & GRADUATES ONLY IN THE HUSKIES DEN)
1:00 – 6:00 PM	ACTIVITIES OPEN
1:30 – 3:00 PM	DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT**
3:30 – 5:30 PM	VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**
5:30 – 6:30 PM	DINNER (BSLC - CAMPER MEDS)
6:30 – 7:00 PM	BI STUDENT DINNER
7:00 – 8:30 PM	RALLY (WC)

Saturday Continued

CARDBOARD SLED RACE AND SNOWBOARD DEMO
BURGER NIGHT
FINAL FOUR – MEN'S BASKETBALL**
ACTIVITIES OPEN (SOUTH END ONLY)
NIGHT MEDS (HEALTH CENTER)
WORSHIP NIGHT (WC)
IN CABINS
DEVOTIONS
LIGHTS OUT

Sunday

8:30 – 9:30 AM	BREAKFAST (BSLC – CAMPER MEDS)
8:45 – 9:45 AM	LEADERS' BREAKFAST (HUSKIES DEN)
9:00 – 9:30 AM	QUIET TIME
10:00 – 11:30 AM	RALLY & SNOWCAMP AWARDS (WC)
	Youth Leaders Pick-up Meds in JWC Lobby
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	LUNCH

WC = WYRTZEN CENTER BSLC = BOLLBACK STUDENT LIFE CENTER **ALL SPORTS TOURNAMENTS WILL BE IN THE HUSKIES REC CENTER

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MAP





New York

4230 Glendale Rd Pottersville, NY 12860

518.494.6000



Parking

Restrooms

Private Residence

Buildings

Outdoor Space



Water Roads / Pathways

Buildings & Facilities

1.	BOLLBACK STUDENT LIFE CENTER	13.
	Dining Hall	14.
	Campus Store / Cafe	15.
	Xavante Snack Shack	16.
2.	NORTH AMERICA HALL	17.
3.	CENTER QUAD	18.
	Polar Plunge	19.
	Broom Ball	1
4.	HUSKIES DEN & RECREATION CENTER	20.
5.	/ MINISTRIES CENTER	
6.	SOUTH AMERICA HALL	21.
7.	ADIRONDACK HALL	22.
8.	SYDNEY	23.
9.	SAO PAULO	24.
10.	SCHROON RIVER COTTAGE	25.
11.	CEDAR CABIN	26.
12.	WATER'S EDGE	27.



SOCCER COMPLEX
EUROPE HALL
ARGENTINA HALL
ASIA HALL
ENGLAND HALL
HUSKIES HEALTH & ATHLETIC CENTER
WELCOME CENTER
THE WYRTZEN CENTER
PAGE CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS
Laundry
BANGLADESH
MEXICO
MEGA TUBE HILL / SNOWBOARD DEMO
HUNGARY HALL
CHILE HALL
TURKEY
COLOMBIA HALL

- 28. COUNCIL HALL 29. MUSIC BUILDING AUSTRALIA 30. 31. BRAZIL 32. CANADA 33. ECUADOR 34. GERMANY 35. **IRIAN JAYA** 36. ISRAEL 37. KENYA 38. PHILIPPINES 39. PORTUGAL 40. KOREA HALL SOUTH AFRICA 41. 42. UNITED STATES VENEZUELA 43.

44. ICE CHUTE / ICE RINK 60. RANCH BEACH

45. SOFTBALL FIELD MUSTANG 46. 47. BRUMBY 48. BRONCO 49. **ARTS & CRAFTS** 50. COURTHOUSE 51. TOWN HALL 52. WARMING HUT 53. **BUFFALO HOUSE** 54. FARM HOUSE GAGA BALL 55. 56. **TRAIN STATION / SNOW** SHOEING 57. PAINTBALL FORT / ARCHERY TAG 58. 59. SNOWMOBILES

61. BEACH HOUSE HORSESHOE CABINS 62. (Listed from top to bottom) ONEIDA NAVAJO MOHAWK IROQUOIS HURON COMANCHE CHOCTAW CHEYENNE CHEROKEE CAYUGA BLACKFOOT APACHE ALGONQUIN







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