

Warm up to High on Ice

TRAVEL B.C.: Put on parka and head up to Fort St. John

The snow will fall and the parkas will be ready as Fort St. John prepares to mark B.C.'s 150th birthday — on ice.

The High on Ice Festival brings family fun to northern B.C., with a wide array of activities that embrace winter rather than flying away from it.

The festival celebrates B.C. in true northern style — with ice and snow, a true sense of adventure, and the bundled-up energy that only winter can bring out.

Set for Jan. 17 to 20, the High on Ice Festival is one of Fort St. John's feature B.C. 150 events, which will showcase ice sculptors from around the world.

As the ice flies, spectators will witness blocks of ice being transformed into frozen works of art.

With more than \$15,000 in prizes, 10 teams of international sculptors will compete to best reflect this year's theme of "Celebrating Canada in the North."

Among this year's competitors



Kids have fun in the snow at Ft. St. John's High on Ice Festival.

is world-renowned ice sculptor Junichi Nakamura of Japan, who has taken several first places in the National Ice Carving Association awards at Ottawa's Winterlude and Lake Louise's Ice Magic event.

The festival's fun doesn't end with ice sculptures. Kids of every age can take part in oth-

er winter-wonderland events such as amateur snow carving, the ice-fishing derby, snow golf, sleigh rides, toboggan races, curling bonspiels and many more.

For more details on the festival and registration, visit Fort St. John's website at www.cityfsj.com.