OFFICIAL PROGRAM
FEB 2ND-10TH 2024
SAULT STE. MARIE, ON

FEATURING

OLG OPENING CEREMONIES & FIREWORKS • SNOW SLIDES • ALGOMA UNIVERSITY POLAR BEAR PLUNGE & HUNGER FREEZE • POLAR RUSH URBAN OBSTACLE COURSE • SEARCHMONT RAIL JAM • NORTHERN SUPERIOR BREW CO. 19+ ZONE • BRETT KISSEL LIVE • SAULT BLUES SOCIETY PRESENTS: THE BLACKBURN BROTHERS MACHINE SHOP GOURMET DINNER • AOR WAGON RIDES • COMEDY DUO THE DEADLY AUNTIES • HELICOPTER RIDES • PUC’S BONCON & MARIO KART TOURNI • PONY RIDES • FIRE & ICE HOT SAUCE CHALLENGE • DJ DISCO SKATE • ILLUSIONIST RYAN McFARLING • EDM SNOWBATH • HIWATHA HIGHANDS LANTERN SKI • GLOW NIGHT • RAPP BNGO • CLIMB N FUN RIDABLE ANIMALS • INFLATABLE MAZE • LASER TAG • ZTAG & MORE!

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At **OLG**, we believe in the power of community. That’s why we’ve been a proud sponsor of the **BON SOO WINTER CARNIVAL** for over 25 years!

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À **OLG**, nous croyons au pouvoir de la communauté. C’est pourquoi nous sommes un fier commanditaire de l’**Ontario Winter Carnival Bon Soo** depuis plus de 25 ans!
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: The Board acknowledges, with respect, that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory, that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and known as Bawating. Bawating is the home of Garden River First Nation, Batchewana First Nation, the Historic Sault Ste. Marie Metis Council.

HOLD ONTO YOUR TOQUES - BON SOO IS BACK!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TITLE SPONSOR: Ontario Lottery and Gaming (OLG) has a long history of supporting festivals that bring people together and strengthen communities, like Bon Soo! Supporting community events is part of OLG’s commitment to making Ontario a better place to live. We have been a proud sponsor of the Bon Soo Winter Carnival for over 25 years and are thrilled to be continuing the celebrations this year!

WHO IS MR. BON SOO? A beloved 6’ft tall snowball with rosy-red cheeks known as Mr. Bon Soo made their first public appearance in 1963. Sporting a red toque with a pom pom on the end and a big red coat, Mr. Bon Soo came into the city of Sault Ste. Marie like a storm, and brought with them joy, laughter, a sprinkle of mischief and tons more snow! Now, every February, Mr. Bon Soo returns to the Sault as the official representative of the winter carnival to continue spreading joy, laughter and warmth to help us through the final stretch of winter.

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE BON SOO? The Bon Soo Winter Carnival started with a community of individuals coming together in the spirit of fun to create an enjoyable event for all ages! The Bon Soo Winter Carnival became an official and annual event. Bon Soo was created and designed by local artist Ken McDougall in 1963. His legacy lives on with the Bon Soo Button which as been designed by Brian Oja for many years now. A special thank you to Jerret Semczyszyn for the 2024 brand refresh.

WHERE IS THE BON SOO WINTER CARNIVAL?
Bon Soo events happen all over the City of Sault Ste. Marie! You’ll find locations and times beside each event in the program. This year you’ll find most of our programming happening downtown in 3 ZONES:

ZONE 1 - THE CANAL DISTRICT
87 HURON ST

ZONE 2 - DOWNTOWN PLAZA & CLERGUE PARK
10 EAST ST

ZONE 3 - NORTHERN SUPERIOR TAP ROOM
50 PIM ST

EVENT INFO:
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Headline Show!

Brett Kissel
THE COMPASS TOUR
NATIONWIDE
Sault Ste. Marie, ON
The Machine Shop
February 7, 2024

TICKETS AT: showpass.com/brettkissel/

Polar Plunge
FEB 10
Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre
registration: 12noon
jumps start at: 2pm
weather dependant

live music from the
Jay Case & The Aces
indoor change stations
bar service - canteen

SHOP 2024 MERCH
store.skgroupinc.com/bon_soo/shop/home
FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 2

ONTARIO LOTTERY GAMING PRESENTS
Bon Tidings: Opening Ceremonies
Bum Slides + Kids Zone
ZONE 1 - CANAL DISTRICT
COST: BON SOO BUTTON

5:00PM - BUM SLIDES OPEN
6:00PM - OPENING CEREMONIES
7:00PM - OPENING REMARKS
7:20PM - FIREWORK EXTRAVAGANZA

VENDORS
• Hogan’s Homestead
• Beaver Tails
• Roolz Vending

TEMPORARY TATTOOS FROM:
Discover the Canvas

OPENING CONCERT:
Saturday Nights
ZONE 1 - CANAL DISTRICT
COST: BON SOO PASS
8PM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2 - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5

Mcleod Bros. Mechanical
Bon Soo Curling Bonspiel
Tarentorus Sports Club - 56 Avery Rd
COST: $300 PER TEAM registration: 705-542-7862
Friday Feb 2 - Sunday Feb 4

The ShoeFits
FEATURED EVENT: SnoSpike
Water Tower Inn
Entry $100 per team registration: 705-942-3934
Saturday Feb 3 - Sunday Feb 4

BOOK YOUR TIME ON THE CROKICURL RINK
DAILEY AT: shorturl.at/mnw17

Some of our events rely on cold weather!
Be sure to check in on our social media pages
@mrbonsoo for any last minute weather delays,
postponement or cancellations!
ZONE 1 - CANAL DISTRICT

Pancake Breakfast
COST: ADULTS $12, SENIORS $10, KIDS 7 & UNDER $7
9AM-11:30AM

Sensitive Sliding
Dedicated hour for those who prefer a quieter sliding experience
COST: BON SOO PASS
9AM - 10AM

ZONE 2 - DOWNTOWN PLAZA + CLERGUE PARK

Centre Francophone Skate
Downtown Plaza
Hot Chocolate Provided
COST: BON SOO PASS
10AM - 12PM

Hidden Hills Pony Rides
Clergue Park Skate Trail
A winter ride on horseback
COST: BON SOO PASS
12PM - 4PM

Mr. Bon Soo Is An Artist Too
Art Gallery of Algoma
Join the fun and create a Bon Soo inspired artistic creation!
COST: BON SOO PASS
2PM

ZONE 3 - NORTHERN SUPERIOR TAP ROOM (19+)

EDM SNO BATH
OUTDOOR ROOFTOP DJS - GROUND LEVEL DANCE FLOOR
COST: BON SOO PASS
8PM - MIDNIGHT

GREAT LAKES MASKWA AVIATION'S
Helicopter Rides
COST: $75 a person or $200 for 3
Weight restrictions apply. Ages 2 & up
10AM - 5PM

Algoma Offroad Trailer Rides
COST: BON SOO PASS
10AM – 2PM + 4PM – 8PM

GLOW NIGHT
6PM-8PM -ZONE 1 & 2
NEON SKATING & SLIDING!
COME GLOWING OR PURCHASE GLOW STICKS AT EACH LOCATION

Vendor Ally
Downtown Plaza
Hogan’s Homestead Taffy Making
Beaver Tails & Roolz Vending

Bon Soo Chess Tournament
The North Branch Library
Register: https://bonsoo.on.ca/event/2725/

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**ZONE 1 - CANAL DISTRICT**

**Algoma Steel Inc**

**Snow Slides + Kids Zone**
- COST: BON SOO PASS
- 11AM - 8PM

**Sault Trailblazers’ Snowmachine Rides**
- COST: BON SOO PASS
- 12PM - 4PM

**Algoma Offroad Trailer Rides**
- COST: BON SOO PASS
- 10AM – 2PM + 4PM – 8PM

**GREAT LAKES MASKWA AVIATION’s Helicopter Rides**
- $75 a person or $200 for 3
- Weight restrictions apply. Ages 2 & up
- 10AM - 5PM

**3 on 3 Ringette Challenge**
- COST: BON SOO PASS TO SPECTATE
- 9AM - 6PM

**朋友们 by the Fire**
- The Canal District hosts an outdoor bar and poutine by the warm fire.
- 7:30PM

**FEATURED EVENT: Polar Rush**

**Winter Obstacle Course**
- 35 CANAL DRIVE (FORMER MILL MARKET)
- PRE REGISTER: bonsoo.on.ca/event/polar-rush/
- COST: BON SOO PASS
- 10AM - 5PM

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**ZONE 2 - DOWNTOWN PLAZA + CLERGUE PARK**

**Gather by the fire with Thrive Tours**
- Gather around the fire and hear land based teachings of Baawating
- COST: BON SOO PASS
- 5:30PM - 7PM

**Open Skate & Photo Opp with Mr. Bon Soo**
- COST: BON SOO PASS
- 5PM - 8PM

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**ZONE 3 - NORTHERN SUPERIOR TAP ROOM (19+)**

**McDougall Energy**

**4 on 4 Hockey Tourney**
- A classic 4 on 4 road hockey tourney
- REGISTER YOUR TEAM: bonsoo.on.ca/event/4-on-4-street-hockey-tournament/
- COST: BON SOO PASS
- 1PM - 2PM

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**Fox & Hound Fat Bike Race**

**All Ages & Abilities Welcome!**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**2:00 PM AT CRIMSON RIDGE**

bonsoo.on.ca/event/fat-bike-rides/
**MONDAY - FEBRUARY 5**

**ZONE 1 - CANAL DISTRICT**

**ALGOMA STEEL INC**

**Snow Slides + Kids Zone**

COST: BON SOO PASS
5PM - 8PM

**DNM**

**SnoBall Family Dance**

Science North Stations, Snacks, & Climb ‘n’ Fun for Mr. Bon Soo’s Big 6-1!
COST: BON SOO PASS
6PM - 8PM

**ZONE 2 - DOWNTOWN PLAZA + CLERGUE PARK**

**RAPP BNGO at the Sault Ste. Marie Museum**

RAPP BNGO is an interactive hip-hop DJ performance, where the audience is invited to participate in a stakes-free game of RAPP BNGO. 
Disclaimer: This performance contains strong language. Attendee discretion is advised.
COST: BON SOO PASS
8PM

**Torch Light Luau Skate**

Enjoy a winter evening skate dreaming of palm trees and sunshine at Clergue Park. Wear your best Hawaiian themed attire and enjoy roasted pineapples over the fire.
COST: FREE
6PM - 8PM

**Skate ‘n’ Screen**

The Downtown Plaza hosts a Film on the big screen. Enjoy the snow! (err...the show!)
COST: FREE
6PM - 8PM

**ZONE 3 - NORTHERN SUPERIOR TAP ROOM (19+)**

**Join the Legends at the Tap Room**

After a full weekend of fun Bon Soo activity enjoy a chill night with board games, music, interesting info on the local brew pub and more.
COST: CONSIDER BUYING A SUPPORT PASS
7PM - 9:30PM

**SAULT STRYDERS’**

**5km Fun Run + 2km Fun Walk**

Join in for a Bon Soo fun run or walk to keep active!
Headlamps and clothing appropriate for the weather conditions.
COST: $2
7PM - 9:30PM

**BOOK YOUR TIME ON THE CROKICURL RINK**

**DAILEY AT: shorturl.at/mnw17**

**TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 6**

**ZONE 1 - CANAL DISTRICT**

**ALGOMA STEEL INC**

**Snow Slides + Kids Zone**

COST: BON SOO PASS
5PM - 8PM

**PUC’S**

**FEATURED EVENT**

COMICON MEETS BON SOO Vendor Ally by Vintage Games n Junk, Svenny McG’s Mario Kart 8 Tourni (Kids and adult heats) Cosplay performances by Haus of Gore & Science North Stations!
COST: BON SOO PASS
5:30PM - 11PM

**JAYTEQ PRO SHOP**

**Ice Accuracy Shootout Competition**

HOCKEY + RINGETTE PLAYERS
GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT TEST YOUR ACCURACY ON NET.
register: bonsoo.on.ca/event/shootout/
COST: BON SOO PASS - 6PM-8PM

**ZONE 3 - NORTHERN SUPERIOR TAP ROOM**

**FIRE & ICE**

sample five wings doused in locally made Cabajan Kitchen hot sauce
wings by esquire club
COST: BON SOO PASS
ALL AGES SEATING: 7PM • 19+ SEATING: 9PM
BOOK YOUR SEAT: bonsoo.on.ca/event/fire-ice/
90 person capacity per seating • Proudly Sponsored by Quattro Hotel
WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 7

ZONE 1 - CANAL DISTRICT

Sensitive Sliding
Dedicated hour for those who prefer a quieter sliding experience
COST: BON SOO PASS
3PM - 4PM

ZONE 2 - DOWNTOWN PLAZA + CLERGUE PARK

Greyhound Viewing Party
The Soo Greyhounds play the Sudbury Wolves tonight at 7 p.m. Come to the Downtown Plaza to watch the game on the big screen! Enjoy a drink on the heated outdoor patio
COST: FREE 6PM - 9:30PM

ZONE 3 - NORTHERN SUPERIOR TAP ROOM (19+)

Quattro Presents
The Deadly Aunties
The Deadly Aunties Live at Northern Superior Tap Room
Turtle Island’s funniest & sexiest Indigenous comedians ever
COST: BON SOO PASS 7PM
100 person capacity first come first served

HEADLINE SHOW
The Machine Shop Presents
Brett Kissel
The Compass Tour - Nationwide
TICKETS AT: showpass.com/brettkissel/

OTHER EVENTS HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

PUC’s
DJ Disco Skate
Northern Community Centre
Strap on your skates and dance to music from DJ Bobby Lawn at this fun Community Skate!
COST: BON SOO PASS 5PM - 8PM

Snow Much Fun Euchre Tournament
Royal Canadian Legion - Marconi Club
Turn down a bower....don’t lose this tourni!
COST: BON SOO PASS 6:45PM - 10:15PM

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 8

ZONE 1 - CANAL DISTRICT

ALGOMA STEEL INC
Snow Slides + Kids Zone
COST: BON SOO PASS
5PM - 8PM

ZONE 2 - DOWNTOWN PLAZA + CLERGUE PARK

Science North Science Shows
Science North ‘Blue Coats’ take to the plaza stage to demonstrate the phenomenal power of science!
COST: BON SOO PASS 6PM - 8PM

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SCAN & VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION!
THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 8 CONT

Desserts & Liqueurs
FEB 8 at the MACHINE SHOP
7-9pm - 83 Huron St
Come to the Steamfitters Lounge and enjoy a tasting of desserts paired with specialty liquors.
BUY TICKETS AT: www.showpass.com/bon-soo-desserts-and-drinks/

having fun? Be part of the awesome team that will put on bon sooo 2025 sign up at: bonsoo.on.ca/volunteer
**LANERN SKI**

**HIAWATHA HIGHLANDS**

Explore the majestic Hiawatha Highlands and enjoy the natural beauty of our Northern Ontario winter.

**COST:** BON SOO PASS

6PM - 10PM

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**ZONE 1 - CANAL DISTRICT**

**ALGOMA STEEL INC**

**Snow Slides + Kids Zone**

**COST:** BON SOO PASS

5PM - 8PM

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**ZONE 2 - DOWNTOWN PLAZA + CLERGUE PARK**

**Colour SKATE**

Skaters do laps at the Clergue Park Skate Trail and are 'bombed' with Bon Soo Red & White colours – wear something you can get messy in!

**COST:** BON SOO PASS

8PM

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**ZONE 3 - NORTHERN SUPERIOR TAP ROOM (19+) + BUSHPLANE MUSEUM**

**Quattro Presents**

**Ryan McFarling**

His charming personality and expert sleight of hand are guaranteed to leave you 'delightfully frustrated'.

**COST:** BON SOO PASS

8PM

100 person capacity first come first served

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**OTHER EVENTS HAPPENING FRIDAY**

**Lantern Ski**

**HIAWATHA HIGHLANDS**

Explore the majestic Hiawatha Highlands and enjoy the natural beauty of our Northern Ontario winter.

**COST:** BON SOO PASS

6PM - 10PM

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**SPONSOR the 2025 FESTIVAL!**

email: finance@bonsoo.on.ca

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**THE MACHINE SHOP PRESENTS:**

**Gourmet Dinner**

Immerse yourself in a tasting menu featuring Internationally inspired cuisine

Dinner at 7pm

showpass.com/bon-soo-gourmet-dinner/

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**BON SOO Block Party!**

Join the Downtown Association merchants to celebrate local and Bon Soo!

East St to Brock St

5PM

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**MOVIE MANIA**

at the bushplane museum

**KIDS FEATURE**

Bring your own blankets and pillows for a screening Canteen open for hot chocolate and popcorn to purchase.

Kids Harmonica Craft: 6PM

Film: Ice Age Movie in the Event Center 7PM

**ADULT FEATURE**

Enjoy a beverage as we screen a film in our wildfires theatre

Film: Cool Runnings in our Ranger Theatre 9PM

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POLAR PLUNGE
MUSIC FROM JAY CASE AND THE ACES • BEER GARDEN • CANTEEN
Support the Hunger Freeze food drive! Bring a food donations to support the Algoma University Students’ Union food pantry.
COST: BON SOO PASS  BUSHPLANE MUSEUM  SATURDAY-FEB 10
*shoes required  registration required - starts at 12noon

THANK YOU! the bon sooo winter carnival would not be possible without the support of so many community members, businesses & sponsors! because of these collective efforts we continue to enjoy all that Northern Ontario has to offer. here are a few, but not all, of our amazing partners! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!
What should Mr. Bon Soo wear today?
Submit your photo to @mrbonsoo on Facebook!