

News Release

Eighth Annual Justin Knebel Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament

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Win prizes and support scholarships during the 8th Annual Justin Knebel Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament to be held Saturday, February 3, 2018. The tournament, which supports scholarships at the University of Minnesota Crookston, will be held at Zippel Bay Resort on Lake of the Woods, Williams, Minn. Tickets are available for \$20 by contacting Derek Martin at 218-281-8436. Tickets are also available at Zippel Bay Resort, 6080 39th St. NW, Williams, Minn., 800-222-2537



Registration for Saturday's fishing tournament, limited to the first 225 tickets, begins at 9 a.m. on the ice at the tournament site with fishing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the first person to catch a fish, along with prizes for the largest walleye, northern, sauger, perch and other species caught during the tournament. The registration fee also includes a raffle ticket and road access fee.

All proceeds from the tournament support the Justin Knebel Memorial Scholarship Fund at the U of M Crookston. Following the tournament, there will be a social at the igloo on the ice. The Justin Knebel Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament corporate sponsors are Streiff Sporting Goods and Zippel Bay Resort.

Prizes sponsored by Streiff Sporting Goods, Cabela's, Fishing House Supply.com, and Grayden Outdoors LLC. A number of other businesses in Northwest Minnesota support the tournament through the donations of prizes and monetary support.

For more information on the tournament, visit <http://z.umn.edu/1brc>.

Background

Justin Knebel, who played basketball for the U of M, Crookston Golden Eagles, grew up in Warroad, Minn., graduating from Warroad High School in 2001. A talented athlete, he lettered in basketball, cross country, and track. After graduation, he attended the University of Minnesota, Crookston where he played basketball as a point guard for the Golden Eagles. He was the ultimate team player working hard on the court and in the classroom.

Besides his passion for playing basketball, Knebel loved the Warroad area and outdoor sports in Minnesota, making the ice fishing tournament an apt tribute to the memory of this outstanding student athlete. For more information on the tournament, visit www.umcrookston.edu/justinknebel.

Members of the planning committee for the event include Derek Martin, Stephanie Helgeson, Amber Bailey, and Rose Ulseth.

The University of Minnesota Crookston now delivers 34 bachelor's degree programs, 22 minors, and 40 areas of emphasis on campus as well as 14 degree programs entirely online. These degrees are offered in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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