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COME EXPERIENCE WINTER IN OTTER TAIL LAKES COUNTRY

January 23, 2019—OTTER TAIL COUNTY, MN – Are you looking for a unique story for sweeps? How about a truly one-of-a-kind #OnlyinMN experience? Otter Tail Lakes Country Association is hosting their second annual OTC-ON ICE! festival February 8-9, 2019. Dubbed as the "best darn music festival on ice" the 2-day event will feature 4 bands from Minnesota and one from North Dakota with all sorts of winter fun. There will be dog sledding, "redneck curling", ice fishing, snowmobiling and plenty of food, fun and libations. You are invited to immerse yourselves in our lifestyle and #FindYourInnerOtter.

FISHING- First and foremost, Otter Tail County has more lakes than any other county in the nation. Ice fishing opportunities abound and it's easier than one might think. Unlike other destinations that have one large major body of water that is the center of attention, we have over 1,000 lakes that hold world class bluegill and crappie fishing. Maybe you'd like to do a story on spearing for Northern Pike? Don't worry, we have walleye fishing too. Otter Tail Lake, the site of OTC-ON ICE! is nearly 14,000 acres and is considered by many to be a walleye factory. Nearby Battle Lake will be hosting their 3rd Annual Fishing derby on Saturday, Feb 9th to add another angle to your visit. Guided trips are available upon request.

SNOWMOBILING- We have snow, and the trails are groomed. Otter Tail County has a sophisticated snowmobile trail system. Local clubs oversee maintaining the trails and we will arrange a ride-along if desired. The Otter Trail Riders Club will be on hand at OTC-ON ICE! on Feb. 9th. They will have some vintage sleds on display and will be leading trail rides beginning at 11:00 am.

MUSIC- Our music lineup is chocked full of Minnesota pride. Pert Near Sandstone is a Twin Cities based bluegrass band. They will be performing Saturday, Feb. 9th at 8pm and they plan to stay in a fish house for the event! The4onthefloor is a rock and roll band and is also based out of the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. They've been known to fly a Minnesota flag during their shows and will bring great energy at 8pm Friday, Feb. 8th. Aaron Simmons and the Roadkill will get the event started on Friday, Feb. 8th at 6pm. Aaron Simmons has a song called "Minnesota" that features the line "you'll get used to the cold." Last but certainly not least is Tigirlily. Two gals from a small town in North Dakota who have moved to Nashville, TN to chase their dream of being stars.

There are plenty of stories to be told and a good time to be had. If you are interested in learning more or planning to attend, please contact Erik Osberg, Rural Rebound Initiative Coordinator, Otter Tail County.

OTC on ICE 2018: <https://youtu.be/1wLqgZI4IDo>

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