

Northland 300 About to Set History

For the first time in the history of Special Olympics Minnesota and the Northland 300, an athlete and a coach will be participating in the Northland 300.

Special Olympic Athlete Steven Eull and Coach Jason Reinsch have turned in their registrations, attended the first Driver/Support Meeting and are out raising funds for a cause they truly believe in. Steven's mom, Patsy, has also climbed on board and will be part of the Northland 300's Support Team.

Eull is a Special Olympic athlete who loves winter. He is excited to be riding on the back of his coach's snowmobile to participate in the 2009 Northland 300. He was born with Down syndrome and has been involved in Special Olympics Minnesota since he was 8 years old. He is a member of the Area 12 Flames team and competes in softball, swimming, track and field, bowling, golf and downhill and slalom skiing. He also is part of the Athlete Leadership program where he has been trained to be a Global Messenger speaking at public events.

Reinsch is a certified coach and has been coaching Eull for 11 years. This will be a fun and exciting challenge for Jason. This will be a historical moment for Special Olympics and the Northland 300. To follow Steven's adventure and for additional information, visit www.northland300.org. ■