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Riders Get Ready for Northland 300

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The lack of snow isn't keeping spirits down for an annual charity snowmobile ride in the Northland. Opening ceremonies for the Northland 300 got underway on Thursday morning.

The riders gathered at Superior Shores in Two Harbors for the opening events.

In the past 24 years, the group has raised over \$3 million for Special Olympics Minnesota. This year, because of the snow situation, they brought their sleds up to the Lake Vermilion area on Thursday and will ride there.

Participants like Mike Donely said they wouldn't miss it for the world.

"This is my deer hunting opener or fishing opener. I'm coming whether we have snow or not," said Donely, who has been riding in the event since 1993.

The event has never been cancelled because of weather. It's usually a three-day, 300-mile ride. A wrap-up banquet will happen on Saturday in Two Harbors.

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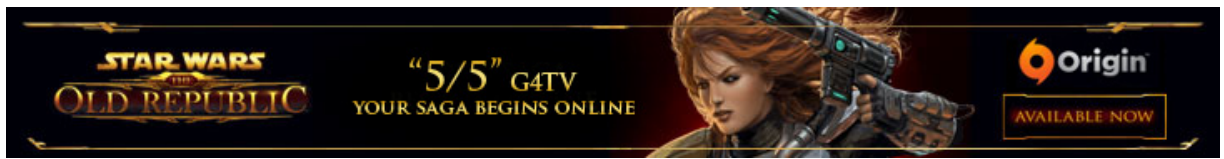
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