

## ***Northland 300 Ely*** ***Opening Ceremony*** ***set for Friday***

Not only are Northland 300 snowmobilers gearing up and excited for their 25th Anniversary ride, they are celebrating 25 years of raising in excess of \$3.6 million to help those very special individuals with intellectual disabilities of Special Olympics Minnesota.

Opening Ceremonies will take place in Two Harbors and Ely with Northland 300 snowmobilers, Special Olympics Minnesota Athletes and special guests on January 24, 8 a.m. at Superior Shores Resort, Two Harbors, MN and Friday, January 25, 6:30 p.m. at Grand Ely Lodge, Ely.

More than 657,000 miles have been traveled on the trails of the North Shore between Two Harbors, Lutsen, Eveleth, Ely and surrounding areas by more than 700 unique snowmobile enthusiasts throughout the years. All this in an effort to create a life of inclusion through sports training and competition that contributes to life-long physical fitness, personal growth and achievements for those individuals with intellectual disabilities, the athletes of Special Olympics Minnesota.

Northland 300 participants not only love the sport of snowmobiling, they enjoy the challenge and have it in their hearts to help others. They take great pride in the event and being able to help a great cause, Special Olympics Minnesota. The fruits of their efforts are a year-round journey.

Since 1989, Northland 300 snowmobilers have helped increased participation in Special Olympics Minnesota from 3,500 to more than 7,100 individuals.

To learn more about the Northland 300 and Special Olympics Minnesota, visit our websites at [www.northland300.org](http://www.northland300.org) and [www.specialolympicsminnesota.org](http://www.specialolympicsminnesota.org).

