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** Video/Photo Release ** 2019 Lake Placid International Children's Winter Games Underway

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (Jan. 7, 2019) --- More than 450 athletes from 33 cities and 14 countries participated in tonight's, Monday, Jan. 7, 2019 Lake Placid International Children's Winter Games Opening Ceremony.

The event, held in the Lake Placid Olympic Center's Herb Brooks Arena, begins three days of competitions in eight sports to include alpine skiing, freestyle skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, biathlon, long track speed skating, figure skating, and hockey. The events are being held at Whiteface Mountain, Lake Placid Olympic Jumping Complex, speed skating oval, and the Olympic Center.

When not competing, athletes will get acquainted with fellow competitors from other cultures through free-time activities aimed at inter-cultural learning and fellowship. The students will gather together each night at in the Conference Center at Lake Placid where there will be learning activities and presentations including a snowshoe expo, an Olympic athlete meet and greet, team-building games by Experience Outdoors, and much more.

All the competitions are open to the public and are free, with the exception of the freestyle and snowboarding events, which requires a Whiteface Mountain lift ticket. Competitions take place Tuesday, January 8 - Thursday January 10. Visit <u>LakePlacid2019.com</u> for a complete schedule.



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Video and photos from tonight's Opening Ceremony can be found <u>HERE</u>. Video and photos courtesy of ROOST Lake Placid.

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