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News Release

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Summer SnowFest Saturday in Jordan Valley Park

The 12th Annual Summer SnowFest returns to downtown Springfield's Jordan Valley Park, 635 E. Trafficway Saturday, June 15, 4 to 9 p.m.

Kids of all ages are invited to climb, slide and build snowmen in a mountain of snow made from ice shavings from Mediacom Ice Park. The event also features kids' inflatables, Touch Tennis, hockey on the patio, badminton and other games, as well as live music.

Several times a day, Ice Park staff resurfaces the ice with a Zamboni, a machine which shaves irregularities and smoothes the ice. The Zamboni collects the shavings, which are normally dumped and allowed to melt. Over the last few weeks, Ice Park staff allowed the normal ice depth to nearly double on the West Rink to about two inches thick. Saturday, staff will shave the ice back to its normal depth of 1¼" and haul the shavings outside for Summer SnowFest.

Summer SnowFest is FREE. Concessions are available. SnowFest is sponsored by the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.

For more information, call Jeff Cumley, Jordan Valley Park Manager, at 417-837-5710. For media inquiries, call Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Public Information Administrator for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, at 417-874-2176 or 417-224-5510.