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SISU Reaches Agreement with Ramsey County For Outdoor Center at Battle Creek

ST. PAUL, MN—Dec. 21, 2011— The SISU Foundation today announced that they have reached a preliminary agreement with Ramsey County and its Board of Commissioners to begin the work to design and fund an outdoor center at Battle Creek Regional Park in Saint Paul.

The proposed facility will act as a gateway enabling citizens of the community to get outside, be active, and live healthy. The facility will provide opportunities to rent equipment, receive instruction, host events, engage in continuing education and offer youth programming. “This is an exciting step forward in the process of getting a facility built at Battle Creek to enhance and enable a variety of outdoor activities there – x-c skiing, hiking, biking, snowshoeing, birding, trail running to name a few,” explained Ben Popp, Executive Director of the SISU Foundation.

Additional lighting of trails for evening activities and snowmaking capabilities at Battle Creek Park are also part of the project plans.

“Once completed, this facility, paired with the hundreds of acres of park land at Battle Creek will be a great asset to the community,” Popp went on to say. ”

The agreement provides a framework for the center to be built at Battle Creek Park with funds raised by the SISU Foundation. The Outdoor Center will be open to the public year-round with a variety of programs, opportunities and community events. SISU has recently begun fundraising activities. For more information or to support the effort, visit www.sisu-foundation.org.

About Ramsey County Parks

Ramsey County has more than 6,300 acres of parks, open space, trails and recreation areas used for a variety of activities. It is the mission of Ramsey County Parks and Recreation to enhance the quality of life for the people of Ramsey County by preserving, developing, maintaining and managing a system of parks, open space, trail corridors and special use areas; and by providing year-around recreational programs, services and facilities which are responsive to changing needs, compatible with the resource base and most effectively provided at a county level. For more information about Ramsey County Parks, visit: <http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/parks/> or call 651.748.2500

About the SISU Foundation

Based in St. Paul, Minn., the Sisu Foundation is dedicated to the development, support and promotion of Nordic Skiing and related outdoor activities in Minnesota. Through coaching, mentoring, education and support, Sisu provides participants of all levels with the opportunity to grow and succeed. To learn more about the Sisu Foundation, visit: www.sisu-foundation.org or call 651.964.8442.

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