



IceStars Newsletter

Tuesday, December 1, 2009



Hello IceStars,

It's competition week for the Beginner 2 and Pre Juvenile teams! Please read carefully for important information.

Apparel update

Competition costumes for Beginner 1 team skaters should be shipping this week. We plan to distribute at practice next Wednesday, December 9.

Team trading pins for competition

We will be selling team pins from previous years again for \$2 each tomorrow night at practice beginning at 6 p.m. in the lobby. Please see Lianna to get your pins!

Dr. Porter's Synchro Classic

Each team will receive an email with a complete competition itinerary tomorrow, Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Competition Times

<u>Team</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Compete</u>
Beginner 2	Sat., Dec. 5	11:08 a.m.
Pre Juvenile	Sun., Dec. 6	8:47 a.m.

Hotel

[Hampton Inn](#)

46280 N. I-94 Service Drive

Belleville, MI 48111

734-699-2424

- Rooms held for December 4 and 5 - Both teams are welcome to stay Friday and Saturday nights. Beginner 2 families will need to stay Friday night; Pre Juvenile families will need to stay Saturday night (please see competition times above)
- Free Hot Breakfast
- Indoor Pool
- Group rate: \$89 (one room with two queen beds)
- Use Confirmation# 84318624 when making reservations for IceStars' group rate.

***Attached is a list of rooms booked under our block for the Ann Arbor competition this weekend. Please check to be sure you have the correct number of rooms and nights listed. If your name is not on this list and you did book with the Hampton Inn, please call them ASAP to get your reservation added to our block so you'll get the group rate. If you aren't staying at the hotel with us, you're sharing with someone and the room is reserved under their name, or you've booked outside the block for some other reason, please email to let me know that so we're sure everyone is accounted for. Thanks! ***

Rink

Ann Arbor Ice Cube
2121 Oak Valley Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-213-1600

Fundraising Updates

- Poinsettia orders will be available for pickup next Wednesday, December 9
- Admiral's game tickets (please see info below and order form attached)
- Holiday ice show flower sale
 - We will have pre-sales on Saturday, Dec. 12 during finale rehearsals
 - We will have approximately six volunteer slots available to prepare orders and sell/distribute flowers on Saturday, Dec. 19 (show day)
 - Sign up sheets will be available soon (please contact Kathy Goessl for details)

Admiral's Game Exhibitions

Please mark your calendars for our teams' Admiral's Hockey games exhibitions at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee. Our teams will be performing their synchro programs between periods. **Attached is an order form for purchasing tickets; please note the deadlines for your team.**

Team	Game Day/Date	Time	Purchase tickets by the following Sunday
Beginner 1	Sunday, December 20, 2009	4:00 PM	December 9, 2009
Beginner 2	Friday, January 22, 2010	7:00 PM	January 10, 2010
Pre Juvenile	Friday, February 19, 2010	7:00 PM	February 7, 2009

Social Updates

Secret Synchro Santas

The social committee is coordinating a Secret Synchro Santa Program this year. We will exchange names tomorrow night, Wed. December 2, at 6:15 p.m. and keep it a **secret** until the holiday ice show on December 19! If you would like to participate here are the details:

- **Beg 1:** Melissa Pirkola, Social committee liaison, will arrive early to practice tomorrow to collect sign up sheets from your skaters.
- **Pre Juv and Beg 2:** Please show up a bit EARLY as I would like to have your forms filled out and ready to exchange at 6:15 when Beg 1 gets off the ice.

Please see the flyer/form attached for all the details.

Adopt-a-Family in Need

The IceStars are adopting three families in need for the holidays through an organization associated with the Salvation Army. Vicki Cottone-Schultz from our Social committee is organizing this effort. She will randomly pick a family for each team and then make a list of what the family's needs and wishes are. She would like a volunteer from each team to coordinate donations for one family. This volunteer would keep track of what each

IceStars family has donated to make sure we don't have a lot of duplicates. If an IceStars family would prefer to donate money, we can use that to purchase a grocery store gift card for the family.

Vicki will give each team's parent volunteer the family lists tomorrow night at practice, and she'll be communicating with them weekly to check their progress. She must have our family items by December 17, so she can arrange a drop-off time with the Salvation Army in time for Christmas.

We don't want any of our IceStars families to feel obligated to participate, but we do believe that helping a family in need - especially at this time of year - not only benefits the recipients but also the people giving. We think it's important to get our girls involved at a young age in giving to those that need help.

Professional Photos - Wednesday, Dec. 16

We will be having professional photos taken of each team, as well as individual skater photos, and an all-team on-ice photo. The schedule is as follows:

- Beginner 1 team and individual photos starting at 7 p.m.
- All team on-ice photo at 7:30
- Beginner 2 and Pre Juv team and individual photos starting at 7:45
- Order forms for purchasing photos will be available that night

All skaters should wear full costume, makeup, and hair for these photos. Also, please be sure to bring your skater(s) team jackets in case we decide to wear them for the all-team on-ice photo.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Power/edge class for the Beginner 2 and Pre Juv teams will begin at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16, due to the photography schedule.

Have a great week; go IceStars!

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