



## IceStars Newsletter

### Sunday, October 18, 2009



Hello IceStars!

#### **Team Photos will be taken TODAY after ice practice for Beginner 2 and Pre Juv teams**

We will be taking photos today immediately after ice practice for both the Beginner 2 and Pre Juvenile teams. These photos will be printed in the competition program for Dr. Porter's in Ann Arbor, MI. **All skaters should be sure to wear their practice outfits and team jackets.** We will have the girls remove any Underarmor shirts they may be wearing just before taking the photo so all will look the same.

#### **Cheer hair for Pre Juvenile team**

The Pre Juvenile team will be wearing cheer hair again this season. Today at practice we will have the color swatches available to match to your skater(s) hair. If you still have your cheer hair from last year, you are welcome to reuse it. If you want new cheer hair, please place your order today. The price for hair is \$20 each this season.

#### **Cheer hair for Beginner 1 team**

The Beginner 1 team will also be wearing cheer hair at competitions this season. At next Wednesday's practice, we will have the color swatches available to match to your skater(s) hair. The price for cheer hair is \$20 each.

#### **Makeup for Pre Juvenile team**

We will be using most of the same makeup for the Pre Juvenile team this season. If you still have your makeup from last year, feel free to use it. If you want new makeup, please place your order today. The cost of makeup is included in your monthly synchro payment. If you choose to use last year's, you will receive a makeup credit on the final month's synchro bill.

#### **Fall Festival was fiendishly fun!**

Many thanks to our Social committee members for all their hard work and creativity in hosting the first synchro social of the season! With over forty synchro family members in attendance, this event was a great success (despite the unsettled weather!). Many of our skaters got into the Halloween "spirit" and came dressed in costume, which made for a great costume contest! We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the IcePlex staff for helping us with a last minute location change to the party rooms and also for agreeing to serve as our impromptu costume contest judges!

#### **Apparel Update**

- Practice dresses, competition tights, warm-up jackets, and pants have all been distributed. **Please put the competition tights away and don't have your skater wear them for practice (we need to keep them nice for competitions). Thanks!**
- Costumes are on schedule to arrive early to mid November (well before our first competition).

- Parent jackets are at the embroiderer. We hope to have them back by next weekend; we'll keep you posted.

**Fundraising Updates**

**Simplified SCRIP is here!** Now each dollar you, your family, and/or your friends spend for everyday purchases from many of your favorite local and national retailers can help support Cutting Edge Figure Skating Club! We are now registered with Simplified SCRIP. You may order gift cards online or through the mail for goods and services from Target, PDQ, Marcus Theatres, Walgreens, Home Depot, and others. You receive the full cash amount of each gift card, and our club receives a merchant donation (percentages differ and are listed on the form included with this newsletter). Please see the flyer and gift card order form at the end of this newsletter for complete details. NOTE: If you order a giftcard online from [www.simplifiedscip.com](http://www.simplifiedscip.com), please remember to enter our city and state (Pleasant Prairie, WI), and then select Cutting Edge Figure Skating Club from the drop down menu to ensure our club gets credit.

**Holiday Poinsettia and Candle Fundraiser kicks off today!**

Please pick up forms today at practice for our latest fundraiser. This has been a good money-maker for us in the past. The poinsettias come from Anton's, and we will have sample candles available for you to smell (ooh, they smell good!).

**Glow Necklace Sales** during Teen Nights/Grade School Nights at IcePlex! We still have a supply of glow necklaces to sell. Signup sheets are now available in the synchro binder to sell glow necklaces at teen night (Fridays) or Grade School Night (Mondays). This is only a little over an hour commitment.

Buy a **USFS 2010 Olympic bracelet** at the IcePlex Guest Services desk; profits go to the 2010 US Olympic Figure Skating team and our club.

**Revised Volunteer Requirements**

- Fall commitment (choose at least one) of the following or pay \$50 opt-out fee:  
 Flower sale at Pilgrim's Progress competition, Sat. Nov. 14  
 Glow necklace sales on one Friday night Teen Night or Monday night School Night  
 Flower sale at Holiday Ice Show, Sat. Dec. 19
- Spring commitment will include helping with the flower sale at the spring ice show and perhaps another volunteer opportunity yet to be determined (or pay the \$50 opt-out fee).

**Dr. Porter's Synchro Classic competition times**

Beginner 2	Saturday, Dec. 5	Around 11 a.m.
Pre Juvenile	Sunday, Dec. 6	Around 8 a.m.

Please email me if you're interested in riding the bus for this competition. We would need to stay over both Friday and Saturday night.

**Hotel Info for Michigan competitions**

Attention: Beginner 2 and Pre Juvenile teams! We have blocked hotel rooms for our first two competitions of the season. **Please make your reservations as soon as possible; you need to call the**

hotel directly to get the group rates we've negotiated (you can't call the 1-800 reservation numbers or book online). **NOTE: Go ahead and book for two nights (Friday and Saturday) at both competitions (you will have time to cancel a night once we find out what time we're competing).** Clicking on the links below will take you to the hotels' websites.

### **Kickoff Classic - Kalamazoo, MI**

**Rooms held for November 20 and 21**

[Holiday Inn](#)

12812 Harper Village Drive

Battle Creek, MI 49014

**1-269-979-0500 (NOTE: This is the direct number to the hotel front desk.)**

Free hot breakfast

Indoor pool

Group rate: \$79 + tax (one room with two queen beds)

### **Dr. Porter's Synchro Classic - Ann Arbor, MI**

**Rooms held for December 4 and 5**

[Hampton Inn](#)

46280 N. I-94 Service Drive

Belleville, MI 48111

734-699-2424

Free Hot Breakfast

Indoor Pool

Group rate: \$89 (one room with two queen beds)

Use Confirmation# 84318624 when making reservations for IceStars' group rate.

### **\*\*\*\*Bus pricing for Kalamazoo competition\*\*\*\***

To date, we have 30 people interested in riding the bus to the first competition (12 adults, 14 children, and 4 coaches). If all commit to riding now, the cost will be **\$55 per person** roundtrip. **Please email me ASAP at [liannac@wi.rr.com](mailto:liannac@wi.rr.com) to confirm your interest so we can reserve the bus.**

### **Seeking Team Parents**

We are looking for three (3) moms from each team to act as team parents. Responsibilities will include:

- Work with synchro director and other team parents to coordinate travel arrangements for all teams attending competitions - help book hotel rooms, arrange transportation (bus or carpools), plan meals, etc.
- Help do hair and makeup for skaters on competition/exhibition days
- Help coaches with skates (taping and/or lacing) and touching up hair and makeup in the locker room.
- Organize and lead phone tree to communicate last minute info to team families as necessary.

We currently have three volunteers for the Beginner 1 team, but we still need three from the Beginner 2 and Pre Juvenile teams. Please email Miss Kristen at [kikiblack99@aol.com](mailto:kikiblack99@aol.com) or talk to her TODAY if you can help. Thanks!

### **Pilgrim's Progress Basic Skills competition**

Miss Jodi is happy to report that there are 71 different skaters registered to compete in 115 total starts for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Pilgrim's Progress on Saturday, November 14! Please come and cheer on all our skaters! I have sent a separate email with Miss Jodi's requests for food donations and volunteers. As always, we appreciate your help!

### **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. Watch for information on purchasing tickets in future newsletters.

Sunday, December 20	4 pm	Beginner 1
Friday, January 22	7 pm	Pre Juvenile
Friday, February 19	7 pm	Beginner 2

### **January, 2010 is National Skating Month**

Save the date! IcePlex has another SkateFest scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2010 to celebrate US Figure Skating's National Skating Month. Stay tuned to future newsletters for more details to come.

**Have a great week; go IceStars!**

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Friends, family, co-workers and neighbors can order without phone calls, deliveries or setting foot in the school! Just pass along an order form or give them the website information. Gift cards make great gifts for holidays, weddings, birthdays, graduations and more, and you can also use them for daily purchases like gas or groceries! This fundraiser is so simple and costs nothing more than you would normally spend.

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Questions?

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