



# IceStars Newsletter

## Sunday, November 15, 2009



Hello IceStars,

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

### **Competition costumes are here!**

Competition costumes for Beginner 2 and Pre Juvenile teams have arrived and will be distributed today at practice. Please have your skater(s) go home tonight and try on all parts of the costume so you'll have time to make any last minute adjustments if necessary.

Competition costumes for Beginner 1 should be coming soon...we'll keep you posted!

### **Dress Rehearsals this Wednesday, Nov. 18**

This Wednesday, November 18, we'll be having a full dress rehearsal during our power/edge ice time for both the Beginner 2 and Pre Juvenile teams. Skaters should wear their costumes, team warm up jackets and pants, over-the-boot tights, and competition hair and makeup. NOTE: If you need/want help with your skater(s) hair and makeup, please plan to arrive at the rink by 6 p.m. to meet with a team mom.

<b><u>Pre Juvenile Team Moms</u></b>	<b><u>Beginner 2 Team Moms</u></b>
Kristine DeLara	Vicki Cottone-Schulz
Jamie Gilliam	Dawn Leousis
Wendy Henke	Deb Maloney
Paula St. Peter	Danielle Marifern

NOTE: Beginner 1 team will have their regular practice this Wednesday evening.

### **Team trading pins for competition**

We will be selling team pins from previous years for \$2 each next Wednesday, Nov. 18 at practice.

### **Kalamazoo Kickoff Classic**

This first competition has something special that is not available at all competitions. Both the Beginner 2 and Pre Juvenile teams will have an on-ice critique Saturday evening after the competition is over. A group of USFS synchro judges will be rinkside at the boards to provide qualitative feedback to our teams and their coaches. Each team's critique session lasts for 15 minutes. During this time, they will skate the program again (and again) for the judges and have a chance to hear directly from them about areas of strength and suggestions for improvement.

## Competition Times

<u>Team</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Compete</u>	<u>Critique</u>
Beginner 2	Sat., Nov. 21	1:52 p.m.	8-8:15 p.m.
Pre Juvenile	Sat., Nov. 21	5:41 p.m.	7:45-8 p.m.

## Team Itineraries

Please watch your email (early this week ... definitely before Wednesday) for a detailed competition itinerary for your skater's specific team.

## Saturday evening meal for skaters (family members may also sign up)

The Pre Juvenile team won't have time to go anywhere to eat between the competition and the critique. Wings Stadium doesn't permit food or beverages to be brought in from the outside. They do have several restaurants in the complex and a catering department, and they are offering box lunches (dinners, in our case) for \$6.50 each, but they must have our order in advance. I have attached an order form, which I will need back TODAY if you want a box dinner. Pre Juvenile families will definitely want to order at least one for their skater(s); Beginner 2 families are also welcome to order if they are staying to watch the Pre Juvenile team (we really encourage the teams and their families to support one another by attending all teams' performances when possible).

## Hotel

\*\*\* Attached is a list of rooms booked under our block for the Kalamazoo competition next Saturday, Nov. 21. 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 Holiday 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! \*\*\*

## [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.)

- Rooms held for November 20 and 21 - you will probably want to book for SATURDAY night due to our competition and critique times (please see above)
- Free hot breakfast
- Indoor pool
- Group rate: \$79 + tax (one room with two queen beds)

## Rink

Wings Stadium Complex

3600 Vanrick Drive

Kalamazoo, MI 49001

## Dr. Porter's Synchro Classic

### Competition Times

<u>Team</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Arrive at rink</u>	<u>Compete</u>
Beginner 2	Sat., Dec. 5	10 a.m.	11:08 a.m.
Pre Juvenile	Sun., Dec. 6	7:45 a.m.	8:47 a.m.

### Bus

To date, I only have 11 people who have committed to riding a bus to Ann Arbor. If more people don't decide to ride, the cost to rent the bus will be prohibitive. Some of the parents have expressed an interest in sharing the rent for a large van to take this smaller group. Please email Vicki Cottone-Schultz at [vickiwickiwicki@hotmail.com](mailto:vickiwickiwicki@hotmail.com) if you're interested in this option.

### 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.

### Fundraising Updates

#### **Holiday Poinsettia and Candle Fundraiser**

Our holiday fundraiser was a success. Congratulations to our top sellers:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Lindsey Goessl	\$100 American Girl Gift Card <u>or</u> \$100 Spa gift card
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Mialee St. Peter	Zuca bag insert
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Hannah Michaud	\$25 Pro Shop gift card (Which is actually a RecPlex gift card)

#### **Lia Sophia Jewelry Fundraiser**

Melissa Pirkola began handing out Lia Sophia fundraising packets Wednesday night at practice to the Beginner 1 team families. She will get the rest out today at practice to the Beginner 2 and Pre Juv teams. This fundraiser will run through Wednesday, November 25, and 30% of sales (before tax and shipping) will go to the IceStars. Melissa is donating her profits from all sales to our teams. Her website [www.liasophia.com/melissapirkola](http://www.liasophia.com/melissapirkola) has additional information; you can actually buy online through the secure site and support the IceStars!!!

### 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 (signup sheets are in the synchro binder)
  - ✓ **Flower sale at Holiday Ice Show**, Sat. Dec. 19
- Spring commitment (choose at least one) of the following or pay \$50 opt-out fee:
  - ✓ **Flower sale at Spring Ice Show**
  - ✓ **Perhaps another volunteer opportunity** (yet to be determined)

### Pilgrim's Progress Basic Skills Competition

Congratulations to all our team skaters who participated in this competition yesterday at IcePlex! I heard many wonderful compliments about our skaters, coaches, the facility, and the IcePlex staff. Thanks to Miss Jodi and Miss Kacy, competition co-chairs, on a very successful event!

### 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.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>GameTime</u>
Beginner 1	Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009	4 p.m.
Beginner 2	Friday, Jan. 22, 2010	7 p.m.
Pre Juvenile	Friday, Feb. 19, 2010	7 p.m.

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

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**Group Rooming List**

Room No.	Name	Conf. No.	Arr. Date	Dep. Date Carr. Code	Room Type	Res. Status	Adl.	Chl.	Nts.	Rms.
	Swanson, Scott	610798	11-20-09	11-22-09	TQNN	CC	1	0	2	1
	Becker, Lynda	617829	11-21-09	11-22-09	TQNN	GC	1	0	1	1
	Michaud, Judy	612561	11-21-09	11-22-09	TQNN	CC	1	0	1	1
	Maloney, Debra	611788	11-20-09	11-22-09	TQNN	CC	2	1	2	1
	Lesperance, Bonnie	615047	11-20-09	11-22-09	TQNN	GC	1	0	2	1
	Goesso, Kathy	613580	11-21-09	11-22-09	TQNN	GC	1	0	1	1
	Black, Kristen	621320	11-21-09	11-22-09	TQNN	CC	1	0	1	1
	Croft, Lianna	617336	11-21-09	11-22-09	TQNN	CC	1	0	1	1
	St. Peter, Paula	614093	11-20-09	11-22-09	TQNN	GC	1	0	2	1
	Marifern, Danielle	610550	11-20-09	11-22-09	TQNN	CC	2	2	2	1
	Leousis, Dawn	611309	11-20-09	11-22-09	TQNN	GC	1	0	2	1
	Henke, Wendy	610819	11-21-09	11-22-09	TQNN	GC	1	0	1	1
	Antle, Lisa	619827	11-21-09	11-22-09	TQNN	GC	1	0	1	1
	Cottone-Schultz, Vicki	612849	11-20-09	11-22-09	TQNN	GC	1	0	2	1
	Myers, Jeff	611314	11-20-09	11-22-09	TQNN	GC	1	0	2	1
	Bozarth, Suzanne	611839	11-20-09	11-22-09	TQNN	GC	1	0	2	1
	Jones, Mike	616351	11-21-09	11-22-09	TQNN	GC	1	0	1	1
	Myers, Elizabeth	611826	11-20-09	11-22-09	TQNN	GC	1	0	2	1
	Cordova, Rhodora	620789	11-20-09	11-21-09	TQNN	GC	1	0	1	1
	Gilliam, Jamie	610569	11-20-09	11-22-09	TQNN	CC	1	0	2	1
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>Reservations</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>20</b>



## FACILITY POLICY: No outside food or beverages are allowed anywhere in the Wings Stadium Complex

Our Catering Department is available to take care of any of your food and drink needs. Our Menu is available upon request and ranges from Rib and Chicken Dinners to Cakes and Cookies. If there are specific food needs or you would like something that is not on our menu, please don't hesitate to ask.

We also have the Icehouse Bar and Grille available for food and drinks. If a group of 8 or more, pre-orders are preferred.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call Chad Rodgers, Assistant Director of Food and Beverage, Wings Stadium Complex, at (269) 345-1125 x 243. If ordering box lunches please send to: Attn: Chad Rodgers, Wings Stadium, 3600 Vanrick Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

### **BOX LUNCH ORDER- \$6.50 EACH**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TEAM:** \_\_\_\_\_

All sandwiches will be served on a bun with lettuce, tomato, and cheese. The chicken salad sandwich will not be served with cheese. Each boxed lunch includes: carrots, celery sticks, a bag of Sun-chips, a chocolate chip cookie, and one bottled water.

Please indicate the amount you wish to order of each.

Vegetarian Sandwich (cucumbers, roasted red peppers, lettuce, tomato)

Roast Beef

Turkey

Ham

Chicken Salad