

## Montgomery Cheetahs Volume 13

January 11, 2007

I apologize for the delay in this email. I have been waiting to receive more info about the Taff award, which the Montgomery Cheetahs have earned and will receive on Monday, January 15 at a ceremony at Rockville HS. Details below.

If you went to the Capitals game last Saturday, please share how it went and it will be featured in next week's email.

Are you new to the team? Please be sure to see Sutura Bobbo (sutura@hotmail.com), who helps to coordinate registration of our athletes with USA Hockey. All athletes must be registered. New athletes in need of equipment and current athletes who need additional equipment can speak to Carol Hyndman (chyndman@comcast.net). Please give her a detailed list of what your athlete needs.

The Cheetahs need a tournament volunteer to help get the team organized, registered and ready for tournaments. Please email me if you want this important but easy job (kcthackston@hotmail.com)

Practice as usual on Saturday. Arrive at 10:10, get on the ice at 11:40.

ARC Rockville Ice Arena  
50 Southlawn Court Rockville, MD 20850  
301-294-8101  
(<http://www.rockvilleicearena.com>)

Please send me an email if you would like to stop receiving the weekly Montgomery Cheetah email. I will take you off of the list.

Thank you,  
Kelly Thackston  
kcthackston@hotmail.com

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### **I. Taff Awards**

The Montgomery Cheetahs are going to be honored by the Mayor of Rockville, the Council of Rockville and the City's Human Rights Commission. This award belongs to everyone involved in this organization – coaches, volunteers, mentors, athletes etc.

Everyone is invited to come. I will bring a flyer to pass around Saturday with directions and info.

When? Monday, January 15, 2007 at 12 noon

Where? Rockville HS auditorium 2100 Baltimore Road Rockville, MD 20851

Who? Mayor of Rockville, Paul Berry, WJLA anchorman, Rockville High Jazz combo, Soul in Motion Players

Reception follows the program. Admission is Free. Wheelchair accessible. Sign Language Interpreted. Call 240 314-8137 for more information.

Why are we receiving this award? We submitted an application describing the team, the work that has gone into making it successful and the impact it has made on the lives of our athletes and their families. We were the ones chosen to receive the award! The Taff Award honors an individual or organization that has made a contribution to improving the lives of people with disabilities.

## II. Capitals Tickets

It's not too late to start planning for a game in the middle of winter or in the Spring!

Thanks again Olie Kolzig, the goalkeeper for the Washington Capitals for giving the Montgomery Cheetahs tickets. Email me with your requests.  
kcthackston@hotmail.com

3/27 – 7:00 pm (4 tickets)

4/3 – 7:00 pm (2 tickets)

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01/20/07	Saturday	10:40 AM	11:40 AM
01/27/07	Saturday	10:40 AM	11:40 AM
02/03/07	Saturday	10:40 AM	11:40 AM
02/10/07	Saturday	10:40 AM	11:40 AM
02/17/07	Saturday	10:40 AM	11:40 AM
02/24/07	Saturday	10:40 AM	11:40 AM

## IV. Tournament reminder

Have you noticed the coaches have been conducting a more structured practice with drills? We are getting ready for the Special Hockey International Tourney in VA

What: 2007 Special Hockey International Tournament in Arlington, VA,  
When: April 18 – April 22, 2007.  
Where: Capitals Ice Center, Arlington, VA  
Who: Thirty teams

Want more info? A preliminary team handbook is available in pdf format. It is a 4.5 megabyte file. It includes information about preliminary events, opening ceremonies, player's dinner/social event, coaches game, team tours of the Caps practice facility, etc.

There is a link to the handbook at our team web site:

[http://www.usahockey.com/montgomery\\_spe/main\\_site//](http://www.usahockey.com/montgomery_spe/main_site//)

Additionally, you can email Niki Bouvier (nbouvier@verizon.net), our liaison to American Special Hockey Association to request a copy via email.

**\*\*Athletes and families will be flying into the Washington area from out of town to participate. We need a tourney volunteer to help us prepare for this event. All athletes must be registered.\*\***

## **V. Contacts**

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Lead coordinator

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Liaison to American Special Hockey Association (ASHA) and Montgomery Youth Hockey Association (MYHA). ASHA can help us with coaching, equipment and tournaments. Parent email. USA Hockey registration

Kelly Thackston  
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Special Hockey Montgomery newsletter/parent information. USA Hockey registration.

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Carol Hyndman  
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Equipment and uniforms (yes uniforms) coordinator.

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Coordinator for our many (and enthusiastic) mentors.

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