

Montgomery Cheetahs Year 2 Vol. 12

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Hello Cheetahs,

We had two good practices last week. Halloween is over, but we still have some treats below. Keep reading for some insight into the CoolCat/Cheetah scrimmage. Cheetah mom Zoie Kania captured the event in photos. We are working to get those up on our web site soon.

We have planned a lunch at CiCi's after practice on Nov. 10th where mentors and athletes eat free (thanks to Carol Hyndman for arranging this.).

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday night.

Practice on Saturday, Nov. 3 is from 12 to 1:10 pm. Full schedule appears below.

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I. Meeting at CiCi's after Nov. 10 practice

Message from Equipment Specialist, Carol Hyndman:

Saturday Nov. 10 immediately following practice we will go to CiCi's on the Rockville Pike for lunch. It is an all you can eat buffet. The buffet includes salad, pizza, some pasta, breadsticks, and several desserts.

Lunch will be free for the team and mentors. The only requirement is that they are wearing their team jersey/practice jersey to eat free.

Parents will plan on having a brief meeting during the luncheon.

The address for CiCi's is 12111 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852
Phone: 301-770-4600.

We are still trying to determine whether we will be caravanning to the Warehouse after the luncheon to get equipment for our athletes. Please look for additional information in the next email.

Use this practice to take note of what equipment your athlete needs. Some athletes might have grown out of last year's equipment. Equipment includes: skates, knee/shin guards, hip pad/girdle, shoulder pads, elbow pads, hockey stick, gloves. Helmets are required but should be purchased separately.

II. CoolCats/Cheetahs Practice News

Observations from Cheetah parent Sean Twombly (thanks Sean):

Cheetahs Rise to the Occasion, Meet Cool Cats in High Scoring Affair

In an early season tune-up the Cheetahs rolled into Ashburn Ice House to face off with the NOVA Cool Cats on Saturday, October 27. Though only five strong, the Cheetahs accepted a welcome addition from the opposing squad and put forward a fantastic effort. Under the direction of Coach Dave Lucia, linemates David Lucia, Zach Range, Ben Twombly, Adam Rothstein, Ryan Lee and Brendan Kania, skated with emotion for over an hour with great passing and teamwork resulting in some impressive goals.

The enthusiasm of the kids was tremendous. It was clear that the tournament experience from the Spring served them well in this match. The play was fast, competitive and fun. A crowd of people watching from the stands cheered all the players throughout. Coach Lucia commented during a stoppage in play that practice can often be a challenge for kids but when an actual game rolls around they don't want to be left out and give it their all. This was very apparent in this game.

The Cool Cats were thrilled with the opportunity to add some game time experience to their lineup and suggested we get together again soon. We hope to host them at Rockville when we next secure a full sheet of ice. We have also approached the Laurel Ice Dogs about potential game opportunities.

- Sean Twombly

III. Schedule

Practices are held at the ARC Rockville Ice Arena

50 Southlawn Court Rockville, MD 20850

301-294-8101

(<http://www.rockvilleicearena.com>)

11/10/07 Saturday 10:40 am to 11:40 am

11/17/07 Saturday 10:40 am to 11:40 am

12/01/07 Saturday 11:50 am to 12:50 pm

12/06/07 Thursday 7:10 pm to 8:15 pm*

12/08/07 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:05 pm

12/15/07 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:10 pm

12/22/07 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:05 pm

01/05/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:10 pm

01/10/08 Thursday 8:50 pm to 10:00 pm*

01/12/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:10 pm

01/19/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:10 pm
01/26/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
02/02/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
02/09/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
02/16/08 Saturday 1:10 pm to 2:20 pm
02/23/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
03/01/08 Saturday 8:45 am to 10:00 am
03/08/08 Saturday 8:00 am to 9:00 am

*This is a co-practice with an MYHA team

** This is a practice with the NOVA CoolCats at the Ashburn Icehouse in Ashburn, VA

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