

Montgomery Cheetahs Year 2 Vol. 20

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Cheetah web site: www.usahockey.com/montgomery_spe

ASHA web site: www.americanspecialhockey.org

Happy New Year Cheetah athletes, mentors, coaches and families! We are looking forward to a great 2008.

There are quite a few messages for you from the Coaches ,Equipment Specialist, and Fundraising Chair (the attachment is from her).

We've got two upcoming weekday practices scheduled with MYHA teams:

Monday January 7th at **Cabin John Ice Rink** at 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 10th at 8:50pm to 10pm at our usual Rockville Ice Arena.

Please RSVP to me if you plan on attending these practices so I can give the teams a head's up.

Our next practice is on Saturday from 12 noon to 1:10 pm.

Thank you,

Kelly Thackston

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I. Message from the Coaches

Coaches Schwab (dsterp93@yahoo.com) and Lucia (davide.lucia@pentagon.af.mil) and Steve (Steven@chavezgertler.com) have decided that all athletes participating in Cheetah practices must have the proper ice hockey equipment for the athlete's safety and to help build the team concept. This will officially begin on January 19, 2008.

A list of equipment needed appears below. Cheetahs can receive free equipment. Please keep reading for a message on how to request equipment.

Helmet with face guard, skates, shoulder pads, elbow pads, hockey pants/girdle, shin guards, gloves, hockey stick

II. Message from the Equipment Specialist

Area Special hockey teams have access to a warehouse where donated ice hockey equipment is stored.

There are two ways to get equipment for your Cheetah athlete.

1. Email your request to Carol Hyndman (clhyndman@comcast.net) ASAP. Include your athlete's height, weight, size as well as what equipment he/she needs.

2. Drive down to the warehouse with Carol to choose the equipment yourself with or without your athlete. She is making the trip after practice on **Saturday, January 5th**. Please RSVP to her to let her know you will be attending. She is planning on stopping at a fast food place after the practice and then driving to the warehouse.

III. Message from Fundraising

Hello everyone:

With our goal in mind of raising some money to help defray expenses, support tournament efforts, etc., I have developed a 'fundraising' letter that we can send out to our family and friends.

I've left blanks in it so that you can fill in your player's name, and it includes the address where donations can be sent. I'll bring several with me to our next practice in case you can't open the attachment.

Anyway, if we all sent out a few letters to people that know our athletes, and know how important the Cheetahs have been to all our families, I bet we could raise some money! In the meantime, we have the 'Cheeburger' night coming up at the end of January (more on that later as we get more details from the 'Cheeburger' folks.)

See you on the ice!

Lyda Astrove
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IV. Caps Shoot-Out Opportunity

The Washington Capitals are hosting American Special Hockey Association in an exhibition shootout during a Caps game intermission on Monday March 3, 2008. The game is scheduled to be played at the Verizon Center vs. the Bruins at 7 pm.

The three area clubs (Washington Ice Dogs, Northern Virginia Cool Cats and Washington Ice Dogs) will supply 3 players each to shoot once on goal.

There are 3 spots for Cheetah shooters available. Each player will receive a game entry ticket. Additional tickets are available for purchase at discount prices.

Please email me (kcthackston@hotmail.com) if your athlete would like to participate. The first three to make the request will attend.

V. Capitals tickets

Going, going, almost gone... There are four tickets left for athletes, mentors, coaches. Please email me if you would like to go. First requests are honored first!

Games are held at the Verizon Center in Chinatown in Washington, DC
<http://capitals.nhl.com/team/app/?service=page&page=NHLPage&id=8845>

Date	Time	(tickets available)
Thursday 1/17	7pm	(4)

VI. Schedule

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

01/05/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:10 pm
01/07/08 Monday 6:15pm to 7:30 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 at our usual rink, the Rockville Ice Arena
*** This is a co-practice with an MYHA team at the CABIN JOHN ICE RINK in Potomac, MD.

VII. Contacts

Questions? Contact a contact.

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