

Montgomery Cheetahs Year 2 Volume 23

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Cheetah web site: www.usahockey.com/montgomery_spe

ASHA web site: www.americanspecialhockey.org

Hello everyone,

Good news – we've got more invitations from MYHA teams to practice as well as an upcoming scrimmage with the Northern Virginia CoolCats and the Washington Ice Dogs. There is also a schedule change. Please keep reading.

Thank you to the MYHA Mites, Midgets and Pee Wee teams for generously inviting the Cheetahs to your practices. These are valuable experiences for these athletes. I encourage any athlete who has not yet attended one of these sessions to give it a try if possible.

Saturday's practice begins at 12 noon to 1pm. Please arrive early to get equipment on/matched up with a mentor. Remember to bring water for your athlete.

Please don't forget about the Cheeburger Cheeburger fundraiser on Monday!

Additional announcements below.

Thank you,

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I. Practices/Scrimmage

A. Practices

Two additional practices with MYHA teams have been added to our schedule:

Monday February 11th 8:45 pm to 9:55 pm Midget Rockville Ice Arena

Sat. Feb. 23 8:30 am to 9:40 am Pee Wee Rockville Ice Arena

B. Scrimmage

****We will be canceling the early morning Feb. 9 practice with the MYHA Mites due to a scrimmage that has been scheduled later in the evening.****

We still have our regularly scheduled practice on Feb. 9th at 12 noon.

What: Scrimmage CoolCats vs. Ice Dogs/Cheetahs
When: Saturday Feb. 9th from 6:30 pm to 8 pm
Where: Ashburn Ice House is located at 21595 Smiths Switch Road, Ashburn, VA 20147, (Phone: 703-858-0300) exactly 2 miles west of Route 28 on Waxpool/Farmwell Road.
Why: Get ready for the tournament in April/Have fun!

Please RSVP to me if you can attend this event.

Rink web site: www.ashburnice.com

II. Calendar

1/28/08 5pm to 9pm Fundraiser at Cheeburger Cheeburger in Falls Grove
2/6/08 7:30 pm Whitman Ice Hockey game vs. Magruder HS Cabin John Ice Rink
2/24/08 Capitals Autism Awareness Night vs. New Jersey Devils
4/4/08 to 4/6/08 USA Disabled Hockey festival in Marlborough, Mass

III. Special Hockey in the News

A. NY Times article

Thanks to Cheetah mom Gail Coleman who passed along this article. Please click on the link below.

NEW YORK REGION / NYREGION | January 20, 2008

[Parenting: Skates, Sticks and a Little Support](#)

By MICHAEL WINERIP

Special winter sports teams specialize in getting children with disabilities onto the ice.

B. Fox News piece

This in from ASHA president, Mike Hickey -

A new FOX News video about Minnesota Special Hockey has been posted to the ASHA site, the link is:

http://www.americanspecialhockey.org/asha_7193_15669.html

IV. Schedule

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

01/26/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

02/02/08 Saturday 7:00 am to 8:05 am*

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02/09/08 Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
02/11/08 Monday 8:45 pm to 9:55 pm**
02/16/08 Saturday 1:10 pm to 2:20 pm
02/23/08 Saturday 8:30 am to 9:40 am***
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 practice with the MYHA House Mites team at our usual Rockville Ice Arena.

** This is a practice with the MYHA Midget team at the Rockville Ice Arena.

***This is a practice with the MYHA Pee Wee team at Rockville.

V. Contacts

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