

Montgomery Cheetahs Year 2 Volume 26

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ASHA web site: www.americanspecialhockey.org

Good morning Cheetahs,

We had a great game/scrimmage Saturday against the NoVa CoolCats in Ashburn, VA. Thanks to the CoolCats for the invite and to Cheetahs David, Brian, Andrew, Brendan, Kevin, Aaron, Maurice, Turner, Elias, Shane and Daniel for participating. Coach Lucia divided the group into two lines. Both groups rotated throughout the 1 ½ hour practice which ended in a shootout. When they weren't playing, they were sitting on the bench waiting for their turn. The CoolCats were skilled opponents. Want in on the action? Our next scrimmage is scheduled for March 1. Details below in the Calendar.

Lots of news to cover –

- an invite to practice with an MYHA team,
- a report from our treasurer, and
- an invitation to 8 Cheetahs to participate in a 24 hour USA Hockey game.

Saturday's practice starts at 1:10pm.

Kelly Thackston

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PS I haven't heard from anyone interested in participating in tomorrow (Monday) night's MYHA practice from 8:45 to 9:55 pm at Rockville. Any takers? Remember there is no school on Tuesday!

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I. MYHA practice opportunity

Make it an Ice Hockey Valentine's Day!

The Under-16 A MYHA team has invited the Cheetahs to their practice on Thursday, February 14 from 8:50 pm to 10:00 pm. Practice is at the Rockville Ice Arena. If you can make this, please email me by Tuesday (kcthackston@hotmail.com).

Editor's note: Turner has participated in three of these types of practices. The older athletes are role models for him. Each time he got tons of attention from the older kids. It is a great hockey experience.

II. Cheetah Treasurer Report

Many thanks to Lyda and all others who helped with fund raising.

We collected \$685 in donations from the letters that went out early in January as well as the \$277 from the Cheeburger event for a total of \$962 collected.

We currently have about \$2800 in our account.

Regards,

Kevin VanLowe

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III. 24 Hour USA Hockey Game

This just in from ASHA President, Mike Hickey.

We need 8 Cheetah players to play in a 30 minute game at The Gardens Ice House in Laurel MD from 5-5:30pm on Friday February 29th. This is part of the USA Hockey 24 hour game. Cheetahs will be paired with Ice Dogs and CoolCats to form two separate teams, the STARS vs. the STRIPES.

Players will need to be there by 4 or 4:30pm to be ready to play by 5 pm. Game will officially end by 5:30 although we will have the ice to continue skating until 6pm.

This should be players who are able to get on and off the ice easily, A or B players.

If your athlete is interested, please email me (kcthackston@hotmail.com). The space will be given to athletes on a first come first served basis.

IV. Calendar

2/24/08 Capitals Autism Awareness Night vs. New Jersey Devils

2/29/08 24 Hour USA Hockey Game 4-6 pm Gardens Ice House in Laurel, MD

3/1/08 Scrimmage vs. CoolCats/IceDogs 3:30 pm to 5 pm Ashburn Ice House

4/4/08 to 4/6/08 USA Disabled Hockey festival in Marlborough, Mass

V. Schedule

Practices are held at the ARC Rockville Ice Arena

50 Southlawn Court

Rockville, MD 20850

301-294-8101

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

02/11/08 Monday 8:45 pm to 9:55 pm**

02/14/08 Thursday 8:50 pm to 10:00 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
03/01/08 Saturday 3:30 pm to 5 pm****
03/08/08 Saturday 8:00 am to 9:00 am

*This is a practice with the MYHA U16 team at Rockville

** 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.

**** Scrimmage at Ashburn Ice House w. CoolCats and Ice Dogs

VI. Contacts

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