

Montgomery Cheetahs Year 2 Volume 28

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ASHA web site: www.americanspecialhockey.org

It's hard to believe we've only got 3 regularly scheduled practices before the tournament in April! But don't worry, we've got several more ice time opportunities for the athletes.

Congrats and good luck to 5 Cheetahs who will play on Sunday at the Verizon Center during the Capitals v. Devils game which is also Autism Awareness Night – Maurice VanLowe, Kevin Coleman, Zach Range, Elias Tsakiris and David Lucia.

Please note that Coach David Lucia and Treasurer Kevin Van Lowe have new email addresses. They are listed below in the contact section.

On Saturday we have two practices scheduled. The first one starts at 8:30 with an MYHA Pee Wee team at the usual Rockville Rink. The second, a regularly scheduled Cheetah practice, begins at 12 noon. Please email me if you plan on attending the 8:30 am practice so I can give the coach a head count

Keep reading for additional ice hockey opportunities. FYI - there are three events to RSVP for, so please include your athlete's name and the event you are responding about.

Thank you,

Kelly Thackston

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I. 24 Hour Ice Hockey

ASHA President Mike Hickey has organized a game with the Cheetahs, CoolCats and IceDogs which is a part of a USA Hockey 24 hour game. Players will be combined to form two teams – Stars vs. Stripes.

This is a part of the International Ice Hockey Federation's 100th anniversary. All 50 states will participate in the event at a specific time. Maine starts the first game at 12 noon on Feb. 29th. Hawaii concludes the game on March 1st. A national score will be kept at <http://www.usahockey.com/24hourgame/> Click on the link below to see a schedule of when each state is playing and more info on this commemorative game: http://www.usahockey.com/Template_Usahockey.aspx?NAV=AU_01&id=217936

Of those states who have finalized their schedules, only Massachusetts and Maryland have teams representing Special Hockey. The others include adult league teams, mites, squirts, pee wee, college teams and high school teams among others.

We've got Turner, Aamer and Brendan participating in this event on Friday, February 29. If your athlete can play, please email me ASAP so I can email Mike with the final list.

Meet at the Laurel Ice Rink between 4 pm and 4:30 pm. Be ready to play from 5 pm to 5:30 pm with free skate until 6pm.

For directions, click on the link below
http://www.thegardensicehouse.com/directions_main.asp

The Gardens Ice House -
13800 Old Gunpowder Rd - Laurel MD - 20707
(W)301.953.0100 - (B)410.792.4947

II. Practice with CoolCats

It's time for another scrimmage against the CoolCats.

Where: Ashburn Ice House in Ashburn, VA.
<http://www.ashburnice.com/>

When: Saturday, March 1, 3:30 pm to 5 pm

Why: Get ready for the tournament, have fun, learn about offense and defense

RSVP: kcthackston@hotmail.com

So far we've got two athletes signed up for this (Brendan and Turner).

III. 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

IV. Schedule

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

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 Pee Wee team at Rockville.
**** Scrimmage at Ashburn Ice House w. CoolCats and Ice Dogs

V. Contacts

Questions? Contact a contact.

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