

Montgomery Cheetahs Year 2 Vol. 4

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New web site link: http://edit.usahockey.com/montgomery_spe/main_site/main/home///

What a practice last week – the rink was divided into three sections for varying abilities. The team received some gorgeous practice jerseys thanks to the Simons family. Cheetah veterans, Zach Range, Aaron Hyndman and Harris Bouvier-Weinberg returned to this ice for the first time since the Special Hockey International tourney in April. Mentor Julia Karron helped returning Cheetah Cara Rose. Bryce Simons did a nice job as Steve Berk's assistant. Thank you mentors, coaches and volunteers.

There are quite a few messages to relay, so please keep reading. Take note of the schedule. Steve has added an additional summer practice on July 21 with a parent meeting immediately following practice.

Look for some Cheetah history coming next week – how did we get our name? How was the team formed?

The Thackstons are gone for another week. The Berks will be gone for the next two weeks. Look for Coach Schwab (dsterp93@yahoo.com) and Lucia (davide.lucia@pentagon.af.mil) and mentor coordinator Lynn Weintraub (hibob99@aol.com).

Happy Fourth of July.

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I. Fundraising

A. Treasurer

The Cheetahs welcome Kevin VanLowe (kvanlowe@emassist.com), father of Cheetah Maurice VanLowe, as our treasurer this year. Thank you Kevin!

B. Request for Donations

Last year, our inaugural year as a team, the Berks paid for our uniforms, which cost \$1,694. We'd like to reimburse the Berks and generate funds for additional uniforms, tournament costs, mentor appreciation, practice jerseys etc. We are suggesting a donation between \$50 to \$100, or whatever you are able to give. Please make checks payable to "Special Hockey Montgomery" and give them to Kevin during one of the practices. All donations are tax deductible.

C. Fundraising Committee

Thanks to those who have volunteered to be on the fundraising committee, Najma Kahn, Sarah Medearis and Sonia Ginyard. Look for information on fundraising this Fall.

II. Equipment for Athletes (attention new athletes) Equipment and Uniform

coordinator/designer, Carol Hyndman

(clhyndman@comcast.net) will be bringing equipment to practice next week.

Please email Carol if you need equipment. Give her your athlete's name and size information. Equipment consists of skates, hip pads, knee/shin guards, elbow pads, shoulder pads a hockey stick and possibly a hockey bag.

Getting equipment involves trying on different items and making sure everything fits well. Equipment is bulky, so if you have a big bag, bring one to help keep the gear together. If bags are available, Carol will find them/bring them. Don't have a bag? Try a large rolling suitcase.

III. Practice Jerseys

Thank you Simons family - Dave and Lisa, Cheetah Dakota, Assistant Bryce and Cheetah supporter Wesley for the cool practice jerseys you've given our Cheetah athletes and mentors! They are amazing, with the same Cheetah logo as our team jerseys. Thank you for your generosity and time.

IV. Spotlight – Athlete of the Week

This week we are highlighting Cheetah veteran Maurice VanLowe. During practice last week Maurice was working with mentor Robby Medearis. Robby also began working with a new Cheetah, Michael. Maurice, with an outstretched arm, helped guide, prod and encourage Michael on the ice.

Thanks for helping to lead by example Maurice. Nice job.

V. Schedule

Arrive about 30 minutes before ice time (7:30am) to get equipment on/matched with a mentor.

ARC Rockville Ice Arena

50 Southlawn Court

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A. Ice Times/Dates

Date	Day	Start time	End time
07/7/07	Saturday	8:00 AM	8:50 AM
07/14/07	Saturday	8:00 AM	8:50 AM
07/21/07	Saturday	8:00 AM	8:50 AM**

B. Parent Meeting

PARENT MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRACTICE ON JULY 21.

VI. Contacts

Questions? Contact a contact.

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