



Skaters Pick

RECREATIONAL—FEBRUARY / MARCH 2011

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NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Mar 6, 2011**
Last Day Eastwood Program
- **Mar 8, 2011**
Recreational Program Ends
(PreTest, T1, etc. continue)
- **Mar 11, 12, 13, 2011**
Carnival Practice Begins
- **Mar 14—20, 2011**
March Break—NO SKATING
- **Mar 21, 2011**
Carnival Practice Resumes
- **Apr 8, 2011**
Carnival Dress Rehearsal
- **Apr 9 & 10, 2011**
Carnival "Monopoly On Ice"
- **Apr 26, 2011**
SPRING SESSION BEGINS

A reminder to all our recreational families that our club is a non-profit organization and is largely run by volunteers.

LAST DAY OF SKATING

The last day of the 2010 Fall / 2011 Winter Recreational programs is Tuesday March 8, 2011. (NOTE: PreTest, T1 and up continue right through to carnival)

If the skater(s) are signed up for Carnival, practice schedules are out and come on the dates you are scheduled for practice:

- Mar 11, 12, & 13—Carnival Practice Begins
- Mar 14—20—March Break NO SKATING
- Mar 21—Carnival Practice resumes

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax Receipts will be available on "as requested" basis. If you require a tax receipt, please sign up in the office and the tax receipt will be ready for pick up approximately 1 week later.

HAMILTON SKATING CLUB WEBSITE SPONSORSHIP

We are looking for Web Page sponsors.

\$100.00 12 Month Sponsorship

\$60.00 6 Month Sponsorship

Please see Brenda in the office if you would like to support the Hamilton Skating Club.

SPRING 2011 SESSION

Spring 2011 Brochure and Registration is now available. The Spring Session runs from April 26 to June 17, 2011.

Private lessons will no longer be offered on our CanSkate sessions. The sessions are being expanded to 50 minutes of group instruction. CanSkate is a National Learn to Skate program, based on teaching in a group environment. Skaters are still able to book private lessons with a coach, but this will be offered on PreSchool Icetime. The PreSchool session

will remain the same, but skaters in Private lessons will have access to the Fast Track as well as about 1/4 of the ice surface.

Once skaters have attained Stage 4, they have 2 options. If they are wearing hockey skates, they can move to the CanPowerSkate session. If the skater is wearing figure skates, then they can move to the PreTest sessions. Both sessions are based on a group instruction.

Private lessons are still available on the PreTest session. It is the parents responsibility to arrange private lessons, directly with the coach of their choice. Phone numbers are all listed on the brochure.

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CARNIVAL UPDATE**MONOPOLY ON ICE****WHEN?** APRIL 9, 2011 6 pm

APRIL 10, 2011 2 pm

WHERE? Dave Andreychuck Mountain Arena and Skating Centre, 25 Hester, Hamilton ON**TICKET PRICING** (Available in advance OR at the door)

\$10.00 Adults

\$ 5.00 Children up to 12 years old

FREE Children under 5 years old

CARNIVAL SPONSORSHIPS

We are looking for Carnival Sponsorships.
Rates are as follows for the Carnival program.

\$25 Business Card \$40 Quarter Page

\$75 Half Page \$125 Full Page

Please contact Tony Simpson if interested or
info@hamiltonskating.org.

COSTUMES

Costumes have started being handed out and some of the costumes will be "sew" costumes which means the fabric will be pre-cut and instructions provided. Seamstresses (at a cost) will be available for you to contact to make arrangements if you are unable to sew the costume.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for those who have signed up to be Volunteers for the Carnival. We still require many more volunteers. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board.

Please check to see if there are any memo's for volunteers when you are picking up your skater(s) nametags and please also check the bulletin board

WHICH SHOW DATE DOES MY SKATER SKATE ON?

Recreational Skaters will only skate one show (either the Saturday 6 pm OR the Sunday matinee 2pm). This information has been posted since late Jan / early Feb. Skaters must skate on the day assigned, no changes allowed.

Saturday 6pm Show Sunday 2pm Show:

Saturday CanSkate

Tuesday CanSkate

Saturday Preschool

Friday CanSkate

Monday CanSkate

Friday Preschool

Sunday CanSkate

Sunday Preschool

CARNIVAL PRACTICE & SCHEDULE

Carnival Practice Schedule has been posted and is available for you to take with you:

- Mar 11, 12, & 13— Carnival Practice Begins
- Mar 14—20—March Break NO SKATING (PreTest, T1, etc.. Continue to skate)
- Mar 21—Carnival Practice resumes

A DRESS REHEARSAL—APRIL 8, 2011

Dress Rehearsal is on Friday April 8, 2011. Skaters are to be at the arena for 5:00 pm and must be signed in upon arrival in the lobby. More details will be made available closer to the date.

We will be having Future Stars Photography coming in to do group and individual skater pictures on Dress Rehearsal Day. Photo Packages will be available for purchase. Further information will be made available prior to the dress rehearsal.

??? WHAT HAPPENS ON THE CARNIVAL SHOW DAYS ???

Skaters are to be dropped off and registered in the main lobby outside the Hamilton Skating Club office. Only the parent who registers the skater will be permitted to pick them up.

The Audience Entrance is the Hester Street Entrance. Parents must walk around to the Hester Street Entrance to enter the arena for the show after dropping off their skater(s).

PRESCHOOL SKATERS

PreSchool skaters must be accompanied by a parent at all times at the dress rehearsal and show. Once they have skated on the show day, they will join the parents in the stand to watch the remainder of the show. They are not part of the finale.

CANSKATE SKATERS

All CanSkaters will be able to watch the other half of the show they are not in. They will be accompanied by the Dressing Room Volunteers. Children must stay with the group and will not be allowed to join their parents in the stands. CanSkaters are part of the finale.

SNACKS FOR SKATERS

Please send bottled water and snacks with the skaters —preferably nothing that is sticky or staining (due to costumes). It is a long show and the skaters will require drinks and snacks.

Concession Stand / Vending Machine visits are NOT permitted.

NO VALUABLES PLEASE

Please do not send skater(s) with any valuables (ie. money, video games, mp3 players, cell phones, etc..) -we are not responsible for any lost or missing items.