

Newsletter

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Ignite the Ice

The Cube is hosting an Open House this Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. All User Groups will be on-hand to answer questions and to register skaters for the 2011-2012 skating season. There will be a FREE open skate with free rental skates. Bring a friend to the rink and let's help celebrate the kick-off to ice skating in Hancock County. Door prizes will be given away, free snacks, and a free ice skating clinic will be taught.

Silver Blades Opening Day – Saturday, Sept. 17 from 8 a.m.- 12 p.m.
8-8:50 a.m. – Group B
8:50-9:35 a.m. – Open Paid Freestyle
9:35-10:05 a.m. – Group A & New Members

10:05-10:15 a.m. – Break
10:15-11:00 a.m. – Group A Freestyle
11:00-12:00 – Group C

SKATE SWAP

If you have gently used skating stuff that you'd like to sell, bring it to the Cube this week and drop it off in the conference room. Mark each item with an envelope and include a brief description of the item, your selling price, name, and phone number. Silver Blades will keep \$1.00 for each item sold over \$5.00. The skate swap will operate during the Cube Open House on Sept. 10 as well as during Silver Blades' opening day, Saturday, Sept. 17. Please pick up your unsold items on Sept. 17 after 12:00 p.m.



Open Paid Freestyle at The Cube

The Cube is offering freestyle times during the next two weeks. The hourly sessions are \$10.00 payable to the City of Findlay. Sign-in and pay a Silver Blades Board Member before entering the ice.

The times are as follows:
Wednesday 9/7- 5-6 & 6-7
Thursday 9/8 – 5/6
Monday 9/12 – 5-6
Tuesday 9/13 – 5-6
Wednesday 9/14 – 5-6 & 6-7
Thursday 9/15 5-6

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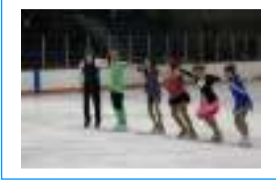
Silver Blades Membership

Send applications with payment to:

Deb Bouts
6904 TR 135
Findlay, OH 45840

Include application, emergency medical form, & signed ice rules.

Team Compulsory



Teams are forming for the 2011-2012 season. Teams will begin practice on Sunday, Oct. 2 from 2-3:30 p.m. and will compete at several competitions. New this year will be Production team. All team skaters will join together to perform one large production number to compete.

To help answer what a compulsory team is, here is a quick outline: A team of six or seven skaters competes

together at one freestyle level, each performing one of the six or seven required compulsory maneuvers from that freestyle level. This team of skaters competes against other teams of skaters from the same level. Music is required. Maneuvers must be performed in the order listed in the ISI handbook. Teams may be similar or mixed and may be divided by age. Teams are formed based upon the skater's last

ISI test passed. A skater may not skate on a team below his/her ISI skating level, but can skate on a team higher than his/her test level. For example: A skater who has passed ISI Freestyle 3 may not compete on a Freestyle 2 compulsory team but can compete on a Freestyle 5 team. Pre-Alpha through Delta skaters may participate on Freestyle teams. For more information, contact Tracy Koehler at jck2@aol.com.

ISI Skating Competitions



Silver Blades is a member of the ISI District 7 and this year there will be a competition series for skaters to compete for district awards. A brochure will be available soon with more information.

Here are the competitions that will be included in the series:

- September 24
Chiller North in
Columbus, OH

- November 19-20 Flag
City Open in Findlay
- January 21-22 Greater
Youngstown in
Youngstown, OH
- February 3-5 Miami
University in Oxford,
OH
- March 3-4 LGRIA in
Newark, OH

If you have questions, see Tracy Koehler or Shelly Bressler

Club Fundraisers

It's extremely important that all skating families participate in club fundraisers. These fundraisers help to keep the annual membership fees where they are today and help to accommodate any shortages the club may experience during the ice show. Upcoming fundraisers include: Great Scot Grocery Giveaway, Frozen Texas Roadhouse Rolls Sale, & City BBQ.

Important Dates

Sept. 17	Opening Day – New Member Evaluations
Sept. 24	Parent Meeting Chiller Competition
Oct. 2	Team Compulsory Practices Begin
Oct. 14	Flag City Competition Forms Due
Oct. 20	Testing Freestyle
Oct. 25	Halloween Parade
Oct. 27	Halloween – Wear Costume
Nov. 19-20	Flag City Competition – Offer Practice Ice & Freestyle Testing
Nov. 24-27	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 1	Ice Show Tryout forms due
Dec. 8	Ice Show Tryouts Christmas Exhibition forms due
Dec. 15	Christmas Exhibition
Dec. 19-20	Normal Skating Schedule
Dec. 21-Jan.2	Christmas Break – no Silver Blades Ice

Gliding Stars are Looking for Volunteers!

Gliding Stars is an adaptive ice skating program that provides individuals who have physical, mental or emotional disabilities the opportunity to reach their potential through the development of ice skating skills. They are in need of volunteers on the ice to provide physical support, encouragement and social opportunities to their special skaters. Go to glidingstars.org for more information. Volunteer training is being held on 9/18 from 3-5 p.m.