



The Skater's Edge

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Winter '07 Learn to Skate Calendar

Mark your calendars now!

This session's Learn to Skate classes will run each Saturday beginning January 6 through Saturday, March 10...BUT WAIT!!!! Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 11 at 3:00 p.m. for a special Ice Show which will highlight your child's accomplishments from this winter's session! This will be a special time for parents, grandparents and other family members and friends to see skaters demonstrate what they've learned during the previous weeks of lessons.

We have a great group of coaches continuing with our Learn to Skate program this session. Our current coaching staff & helpers include:

- ◆ Rebecca (Becky) Buckley
- ◆ Debi Kozak
- ◆ Ann Pinkerton
- ◆ Emily Svezia
- ◆ Kim Werths
- ◆ Tammy Wilke
- ◆ Kayleigh Bosco (H)
- ◆ Mallory Simmons (H)



Rent the Rink!

A great idea for groups and parties!

Have you ever thought about renting the entire rink for a private party? Private rental of the rink guarantees the entire rink for only those you invite! The Meeting Room and skate rental is included for all of your guests. This is a great deal for church groups, clubs and organizations, even schools for PE or field trips. Call today for more information at 618-254-7465.

Inclement Weather

Where to find out about rink closings

As we found out during the recent ice storms, the loss of electricity in the area also affected the ice arena. Not only were we without electricity but our phone lines were down as well, resulting in our recorded messages being unavailable to let the public know that games, skating sessions, stick times and skating lessons were also cancelled.

In the event of future instances, any rink closings will be broadcast along with school closings on the local radio station, WBGZ 1570 AM. They will also be noted on the home page of our web site, www.eastaltonicearena.org. Please make a note of this as we will be unable to contact people on an individual basis regarding closings.



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ISI Membership

Participating in a Learn to Skate class at the East Alton Ice Arena allows skaters the opportunity to become a member of ISI – the Ice Skating Institute, a national organization made up of ice skating facilities, managers, coaching professionals, suppliers and individual skaters

Why join ISI?

ISI's learn-to-skate program is a fun recreational ice skating program for all ages and abilities. You'll learn basic and advanced skating skills and can purchase colorful badges for each completed level. Want to perform in a show or competition? ISI hosts and endorses competitions and shows in member ice arenas across the country. ISI promotes these events in Recreational Ice Skating magazine, which you receive FREE as a member.

Who can be an ISI Individual Member?

- ◆ Beginning Skater
- ◆ Recreational Figure Skater

What is included in the Membership?

- ◆ Personalized membership card
- ◆ Recreational Ice Skating - quarterly magazine featuring recreational ice skaters, programs, events and tips
- ◆ Test registration
- ◆ Skating badges available for purchase
- ◆ Opportunities to perform locally and nationally
- ◆ Access to skating manuals and brochures
- ◆ Accident Insurance

What is the cost to join?

- ◆ Registration Fees are \$13.00 for one year

How do I join?

- ◆ You may download a membership form and pay online with a credit card at:

http://www.skateisi.com/HTML/memb_info/indiv.cfm

or pick up a Membership Application at the East Alton Ice Arena.



Learn to Skate Etiquette & Rules

Rules exist for everyone's safety

- ◆ Please arrive 15 minutes before your class time in order to get your child ready for the ice. Make sure your child's skates are the right size (If he/she wears a size 3 shoe, the skate size will probably be a size 2). Be sure that the skates are tied tightly around the top of the foot and slightly looser around the top of the ankle. This allows for the foot to be secure in the skate heel cup and still allow for the skater to slightly bend their knees which helps with their balance.
- ◆ Parents are not permitted on the ice with the students; the coaches will assist your child in getting on and off of the ice.
- ◆ We do require our Tots to wear helmets. This can be a bicycle or a hockey helmet; we prefer hockey helmets as they allow for more protection of the head.
- ◆ Parents must not carry children on the ice.

We wish to make skating a fun and safe sport and we appreciate your help!

Concessions

Feeling hungry? Did you know that our concession stand offers a variety of delicious food and beverage choices? Our menu includes pizza, chicken strips, toasted ravioli, mini tacos and mini burritos, hamburgers and hot dogs as well as pretzels, nachos, fries and cheese sticks. We even offer Edy's Ice Cream Dibs and fresh baked cookies when you're ready for dessert!

We request that no outside food is brought in the rink. We also ask that you do not bring in "Kid's Meals" from other restaurants.

We feel that our concessions offer a good variety of food and beverages at reasonable pricing.

Now...aren't you hungry?



Winter Session Time Assignments

The following time assignments have been made for the following groups. If you are unsure what group your child will skate in, please contact Sherie Gottlob at the East Alton Ice Arena.

Tots (ages 3 to 5)

Time – 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Pre-Alpha (ages 6 and older, 1st time skaters)

Time – 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Alpha

Time – 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Beta

Time – 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Gamma

Time – 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Delta

Time – 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Freestyle

Time – 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

REMINDER

Please plan on arriving 15 minutes prior to the scheduled class time in order to get your child's skates on properly. Classes will begin promptly at the times listed.

How to Properly Wear Your Helmet

Wear the helmet flat on top of your head, not tilted back at an angle! Make sure the



helmet fits snugly and does not obstruct your field of vision. Make sure the chin strap fits securely and that the buckle stays fastened.

Upcoming Events

Don't miss the 2007 "Smucker's Stars On Ice" coming to the Scott Trade Center in St. Louis on Friday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m. Posters are displayed in the rink listing famous professional skaters appearing.

We will be giving away two tickets each to two different winners from our Learn to Skate students.

Upcoming Events - *continued*

Entry forms will be available Saturday, January 13 and Saturday, January 20. Only those in our Learn to Skate program this session will be eligible. This looks like it is going to be a fun evening and a chance to see some great professional skating!



Spring Session Learn to Skate

It's not too early to plan!

Please mark your calendars now for our Spring Session Learn to Skate lessons. They will run Saturdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. beginning March 18 through May 20 and will also end with a Spring show on Sunday, May 21.

Information on pre-registration for the Spring Session will be mailed out sometime mid February.



Adult Learn to Skate

Contact Us Now!

We now have non-credit classes scheduled through Lewis & Clark Community College for their Spring I and Spring II class sessions. Classes offered are Adult Learn to Skate, Parents and Tots Skating and Fundamentals of Ice Hockey for Adults. Please contact us at the ice rink, by email at skating@charter.net or visit our website www.eastaltonicearena.org if you have an interest in one of these classes or some suggestions for classes you would like to see us make available in the future.

We also have forms which can be completed and turned in if you have an interest in adult learn to skate classes on Saturday mornings. Please see our bulletin board.