

PARADE SPRING ICE SHOW

April 25th and 26th, 2008

Dear Skaters and Parents,

Plans are in the works for our annual Skating Show, which will be produced by the Parade Figure Skating Club. The theme of this year's show is "**The Hit Parade**" as, through our skating, we celebrate the top musical hits of each decade. Skaters who wish to participate must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be enrolled in fall or winter session of SportQuest Skating School at Parade Ice Garden, the Minnehaha Academy Ice Arena Skating School, or be a member in good standing with the Parade Figure Skating Club. All ages and ability levels are welcome. Grouping for Show numbers will be determined by skating level.
2. Must be present for at least 2 of the planned 3 rehearsals for each group, but we certainly hope you will attend all practices. Practices take place at Parade Ice Garden starting in late March and continuing into the month of April. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be available in mid February. We are trying to avoid having practices during the week of March 31-April 5 during the Spring Break of many schools, but because of limited ice time that is available, we may need to schedule practices on Sunday April 6 in the late afternoon.
3. We want to emphasize that these shows rely on volunteer effort. We need a commitment from each skater's parents to help with costumes or props for their skater's number. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the lobby of the rink—PLEASE dive in and help! The ice show always creates a great sense of community at Parade. Your help is both greatly needed and greatly appreciated.
4. The fees being charged for the show are calculated to (hopefully) break even and covers the costs of the coaching for choreographing the numbers, the cost of lights, the cost of the music sound board, etc as well as the costumes. The Minneapolis Park Board several years ago in a budget cutting round took away all direct support of the skating programs at Parade

Important Dates to Remember:

- Costume Pick up and Picture Day is planned for Wednesday April 9, 2007- starting at 5:00 p.m at Parade Ice Garden. Please note that there will be no photo retake day. If you can not be present for photos on this day, you will be listed as "not pictured" in the show program. Usually picture day takes a couple hours to get all the costumes picked up, tried on and pictures taken. This is also the opportunity for discussing any alterations that may be needed to the costumes.
- Practices: Each group will be assigned 3 practice sessions starting in late March. Schedule will be posted.
- Dress Rehearsal: Thursday April 24, 2007 starting at 6:00 PM.
- Shows: Friday April 25, 2007 starting at 7:00 PM and Saturday April 26, 2007 2 shows one starting at 1:30 PM and the other one at 7:00 PM.

Forms are due by February 23. (No late entry- no refunds). Checks should be made out to Parade Figure Skating Club (PFSC)

Solo placement will be determined by the level you have passed by Feb. 9th. Group numbers will be determined by the level you have passed by Feb. 16th.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Rodrigues tel 651-405-9512 email web@paradefsc.org.

The show registration form is attached. Please take the time to give all the information asked for. Thank you and we look forward to another fine performance by all of our talented skaters!!!