

Santa takes to the ice

Santa Claus will take to the ice this weekend. The first 200 skaters of all ages who show up between 12:10-1:20 p.m. Saturday at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena will share the ice with Santa. The \$6 fee includes a hot dog and pop.

"We hope to have a Polaroid camera there as well," said Val LeBlanc, the arena's skating program director.

The ice arena will be open for the holidays except for Christmas and New Year's Day.

Arena manager Jerry Nelson said most of the arena's programs have had great attendance, especially the youth hockey programs and clinics.

"We'd still like to see our lunch time skating have better attendance," he said.

The arena, in the Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile west of Gill, has open skating from 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. Monday-Friday, and open skating Saturday from 12-1:20 p.m. and from 3:30-5:20 p.m. Sunday.

There are also teen skate sessions on 3-4:50 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Parent and tot skate from 9-10:50 a.m. Monday and Wednesday, adult skate from 9-10:50 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and family skate from 7-8:50 p.m. Tuesday and Friday.

Fees are \$3 for Farmington Hills residents and \$5 for non-residents. Skate rental is \$2. For more information, call the arena at 478-8800.

Bearing up



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RECREATION NEWS

Each week the Recreation Division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column. For further information regarding programs, contact the Recreation office at 473-9570. Preregistration is required for most activities.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE
Purchase or sell used sports equipment from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the William Costick Activities Center, 28600 Middlebelt Road, Gates 3 or 4. Items include skates, downhill and cross country skis and boots, sleds, roller blades and more. Equipment consignment for registering items to be sold will be Friday, Dec. 5 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

DOWNHILL SKIING
Students in grades 4 through

12 can enjoy skiing at Mt. Brighton on Friday evenings. Buses leave designated sites throughout the city at 4:30 p.m. and return at approximately 10 p.m. There are three, two-week sessions and one, one-week session scheduled. The first session will run Jan. 10 and 17. The fee is \$50 for a two-week session. If ski rental is required, an \$11 rental fee will be collected on the bus.

COMMUNITY CHORUS
The Farmington Hills Community Chorus presents "Songs of Good Cheer" for their annual winter concert at Farmington High School auditorium, 32000 Shiloh Road, west of Orchard Lake Road, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, and Friday, Dec. 20. Tickets will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. Tickets will be available at the

door if concert does not sell out.

HOLIDAY BREAK DAY CAMP

A day camp for children ages 5-7 and 8-11 will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 25, 27, 30 and 31 at the Heritage Park Day Camp Center. Campers will enjoy winter activities, arts and crafts and games. A fee of \$70 per child is required and camps may be combined for some activities.

NUTCRACKER

The Recreation Division in cooperation with the Eric Johnston, Detroit Ballet Company, will present the seasonal favorite, "The Nutcracker" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Farmington High School auditorium, 32000 Shiloh Road, west of Orchard Lake Road. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children under 12.



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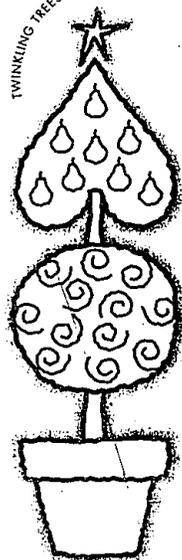


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