

2019 Zorra Skating Carnival Information

Plans are well under way for our annual carnival. Everyone is getting excited about their performances. Our carnival is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our skaters and let them all be skating stars for the day. Coaches are spending some time each skating session working on their carnival numbers, so it is very impices. Please read the information below to note changes to practice schedules and items requiring your help. If you have questions please ask a board member or carnival chair.

Costumes

Getting an outfit that works with the number and makes each skater feel special is a big task. Most items being used this year are from our collection, but will require altering in some cases. Some new costumes will require sewing.

Please do the following when you come to the arena:

1. Ask if there is something that your skater should try on.
2. Make sure a label with the skater's name is attached to the costume.
3. If the costume requires altering, make sure it gets marked.
4. Be sure the information gets recorded as to what needs to be done.
5. Offer to help wherever you can. (If you have sewing skills, we would appreciate your help!)

****Most female skaters will require beige tights****

A list will be given to you AND posted on the bulletin board if you required to supply other items

Food

All our skaters need nourishment. We ask however that you **DO NOT** allow your skater to eat while in costume. Only water is permitted in the change area. Unfortunately when the "no eating rule" is not followed, accidents happen and expensive costumes are ruined.

For your convenience, the skating club will be offering a sub meal on Monday technical rehearsal and Thursday dress rehearsal nights. This meal must be purchased in advance and consists of a sub, drink and treat for \$5 and \$3 for extra sub.

If you wish to stay at the arena between the afternoon and evening shows on carnival day, a pot luck dinner will be held and all skaters and families are welcome to attend.

Hair and Makeup

Technical rehearsal - Hair and Makeup is the Parent/skater's responsibility so that it is appropriate for pictures. Headpieces, etc will be used on ice and for the group photos. If your skater wears a helmet for skating, they will wear a helmet for the show. The helmet can be removed for pictures unless it is part of the costume.

Dress rehearsal - Some hair and makeup will be tried out for the show. Not all skaters will require makeup.

Carnival day - Hair and makeup will be done in a designated change room. If parents

wish to do their child's hair, a list will be posted to indicate what it should look like. Please note: if your skater wears a helmet, he/she will be wearing the helmet in the carnival. Please allow ample time to have face painting done if your number requires it. (Please arrive 1 hour before show time)

Pictures Monday March 4th

All skaters will have their pictures taken on the technical rehearsal night. There will be individual and group shots. Remember, hair and makeup is the skater's responsibility for technical rehearsal. It is expected that any hair requirements or headpieces etc. needed, will be in place for the group photo shots. Hair and any make up wanted for individual shots are up to the parents.

If you wish to have special pictures taken please sign the list on the bulletin board. Some parents use this opportunity to get professional pictures with siblings or pictures in competition outfits. **Please Note Only special pictures that are signed up for will be taken and at the assigned times only.**

Technical Rehearsal, Monday March 25th **Junior/Intermediate/Senior Skaters Only**

Please check the bulletin board or attached chart for the times that your skater(s) are on the ice. Skaters will have assigned dressing rooms so that their groups are all together. They should be in full costume for this rehearsal. They will need to be on the ice for their individual group. Please ensure all costume pieces are put together on your assigned hanger so that they can be put away for the dress rehearsal before leaving the change room.

Dress Rehearsal, Thursday March 28th

Skaters are expected to be ready in costume by times posted on the attached chart or bulletin board. Please sign your child in at the security desk. We will be running this in order of the show with the exception of the first half finale. It will be skated first. Skaters are expected to wait in the change room area until their number is called. We ask that all parents helping on carnival day be in their assigned area to learn the ropes. **This is a closed rehearsal. There will be NO opportunity to view this performance.** For the comfort and privacy of our older skaters, we ask that only same sex parents be in their change areas. Skaters will be allowed to leave once their number has been finished and their costume has been hung back up ready for carnival day. They will be brought to the security desk to be signed out when they are ready to leave. **Please Note:** Due to the young age of our CanSkate A's, they will have their own dressing room in which **ONE** parent will be allowed to stay with the skater. As the room will be crowded, we ask that there be **NO Siblings or Strollers** in the room with the parent & skater.

SKATERS ARRIVE 5:30 & first half will start at 6:15pm

CanSkate A & B - Your skaters will be in two numbers first the Opening Number (All CanSkaters) and then their group number. Once they are done that number they are free to go.

Skaters in the Second Half only arrive at 6:45 and will start by 7:30. We will start with the finale so when your final number is done you may leave.

Carnival Day, Saturday March 30th

Show times are 2pm and 7:00pm. All skaters in the first half of the show should arrive one hour before show time unless otherwise stated on the chart. All skaters in the first half should be dressed with hair and makeup done before the show starts. There will be two finale numbers. The first one is for the first half skaters and occurs before the show intermission. The second one is for the second half skaters and is at the end of the show.

Once again, parents are asked to please sign their children in and out of the change room and at the security table. Unless the skater is performing in the second half of the show, they should be picked up at intermission at the security table. Skaters will be brought to the table once their costume has been removed and all hung back up. Younger skaters may wish to bring a small toy, colouring book, etc. to entertain themselves while they are waiting to perform. **REMEMBER, NO FOOD in change room areas. Any food or beverages, other than bottled water will be removed from the room.**

Tickets

Tickets are now available. There are two shows. One show is at 2:00pm and the other is at 7:00p, on Saturday March 30th. Advance tickets will cost \$8/adult, \$4/children (5-12) and preschoolers are free. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$10/adult, \$5/children. It is very important that you sell all the tickets you can so that we can cover our carnival expenses. Tickets are limited so get them early! Remember: There may be no tickets at the door if the show is sold-out in advance.

Parent Volunteers

We ask that each family volunteer to help at one show. This will allow you to watch the other show and see your star skater in action. We will need volunteers to help with selling tickets and programs, costume sewing, doing hair and makeup, supervising change rooms, security, Prop Manager (collecting and creating props as well as working with props behind stage), painting ice, set up and tear down, etc. Please sign list on bulletin board once it is posted. For more information on job requirements speak to a board member or the Carnival Chair.

Important Dates:

March 4 - Photo Night, Schedule to be posted on Bulletin Board and Social Media

March 25 - Technical Rehearsal for all Junior/Intermediate and Senior Skaters

March 27 - CanSkate night for both Wednesday and Friday Skaters

March 28 - Full Dress Rehearsal (CLOSED TO PARENTS)

March 29 - No CakSkate, Ice to be used to change older skaters routines if necessary

March 30 - Carnival Day shows at 2pm and 7pm