



Foothills Skating Club



October 2011 Newsletter Welcome Back!

The Foothills Skating Club welcomes you and your family to another fun filled year at the Oilfields Arena in Black Diamond. We look forward to another great skating season!

Winter Kickoff Party/Meet the Coach Family Skate

The club celebrated its "Winter Kickoff Party" where the skating families and coaching team had the opportunity to meet and have some fun on the ice. There was also lots of cake and smiles to go around. Looks like we've got some great skaters!



Housekeeping

As we transition from Fall to Winter, please ensure your skaters are dressed warmly. The chalkboard at the rink entrance shows which dressing rooms are assigned to which skaters. As our rink can get quite busy, please ensure to use the designated dressing rooms (not the benches around the ice) to get your skaters ready. This keeps traffic flowing, safety exits clear and skaters WARM. The dressing rooms are heated and there's lots of room to store bags, etc. Because we have lots of athletes this year, please remember to have your skater dressed and ready to step on the ice when it is their time.



Halloween!

This year we will be having two Halloween parties - Monday (Oct 24th) and Wednesday (Oct 26th). The kids are welcome to come in costume. For safety reasons, please ensure the costumes have no masks, capes, long skirts or trailing pieces. Goody bags will be handed out at the end of the hour, as the kids get off the ice. Helmets still need to be worn. Note there will be **no skating** on Monday, October 31st.



Gate Parents

If you're looking to get in a few volunteer hours, don't forget to check the Preschool/Canskate "Gate Parent" schedule on the bulletin board. For safety reasons, we need a parent volunteer to "work" the rink gate during Preschool and Canskate lessons to assist children on/off the ice as necessary. Thanks for your help with this!

Fundraising

As with any nonprofit organization, fundraising is essential to our club's success. This season we are fortunate to have a **Casino** coming in January, 2012. The casino money pays a significant portion of our ice fees making lessons more affordable for all. Our Casino dates are January 21st and 22nd (Sat/Sun). We will have many shifts to fill and will require several volunteers in this effort. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to participate in this very critical fundraiser. Heather Glazier is our Casino Chair. More details will follow and we will have a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the arena lobby.



The club will also be working the gate at the **Millarville Christmas Market** for one shift. This is actually quite a lot of fun! Janine Jones is our Fundraising Chair. More details will follow and we will have a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the arena lobby.

Monthly FFSC Meeting

The executive team holds club meetings once per month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th from 6:30-7:30 in Turner Valley. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact Brenda Thompson if you are interested in further details.

Dates to Remember

- October 10th - Thanksgiving (no skating)
- October 18th - Monthly FFSC Meeting
- October 24th - Halloween Skating Party #1
- October 26th - Halloween Skating Party #2
- October 31st - Halloween Night (no skating)
- November 11th - Remembrance Day (no skating)



Don't forget to check the bulletin board in the lobby for information. You can also check out the **Club's website:** www.ffsc.ca as it is updated on a regular basis! Please feel free to contact members of the Board if you have any questions regarding the club or if you would like to sign up for a volunteer position. Contact information is provided in the FFSC Handbook.

