



Special Needs

Learn To Skate Program

Welcome to the Skate Company Skating Club's Special Needs Skating Program. This Learn-to-Skate program is divided into several comprehensive levels, based on the Therapeutic Skating program from USFS (United States Figure Skating). Each skater will receive a membership into USFS with your class registration.

Therapeutic Badge program is designed to help the physically/developmentally challenged skater develop skills and enhance their skating for physical recreation and activity while taking limitations into consideration. There are 14 levels in the series with a 15th level of a personal goal set by the family at the completion of the program. This class is taught by certified skating instructors with background and knowledge of students with special needs. The skater will be able to work at their own pace allowing for an enjoyable, positive experience. We, as instructors, would like to work with you and your family to make the skater feel as comfortable as possible in the new setting by discussing individual needs, providing storyboards, and a low anxiety environment. To give the skater the best opportunity for these items, we ask that you fill out the attached registration form completely so our staff can review it prior to first day of class.

FIRST DAY PROCEDURE

Skaters should arrive at least 20 minutes prior to their scheduled class time allowing sufficient time to try on rental skates. The first time your skater attends our program, we will spend a portion of the class off ice just getting them acquainted with their equipment. Once skaters are ready to go on the ice, they may line up with their instructor for attendance.

EQUIPMENT

Rental skates are available for free during classes. When you arrive and check in, there will be an instructor available to help you size and tie the skates. If you bring your own skates, single blade hockey or figure skates are required. All sizes of both styles of skates are available. Helmets are strongly encouraged for all skating participants (bicycle helmets are acceptable)! Comfortable, flexible, and warm clothing, including hats and gloves or mittens are recommended for all skaters. Beginner skaters should wear loose fitting pants while learning how to safely fall and stand back up.

WHO QUALIFIES

Therapeutic skating is offered to anyone who would need special assistance due to medical, physical, or cognitive impairment. Please be sure to fill out the medical history form attached to registration so we can make the first day as comfortable as possible for your skater.

Classes are held on

Friday's

6:25—6:50pm @

Lincoln Park Community Center

3525 Dix Hwy,

Lincoln Park, MI 48146

Classes Begin

November 3rd

7 week class = \$60.00

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