



# Southwest Michigan Skating Club

## Skate With U.S. News

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL OF OUR NEW AND RETURNING SKATERS!

During the first week of classes, our instructors will be spending time going over skating safety rules and class guidelines. Although we know that skaters are anxious to begin working on their skills, we ask for your patience, since this important first step will allow us to ensure a safe and effective learning environment. We want your skaters to enjoy their time on the ice! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk with a Coach Coordinator or our Group Lessons Assistant at the registration table or contact us at (269) 345-5777 or [swmichskatingclub@yahoo.com](mailto:swmichskatingclub@yahoo.com).

### ABOUT OUR CLASSES

- **Preparation** - Wear comfortable, layered clothing and mittens for warmth. Bicycle or hockey helmets are encouraged for the safety of very young children. Any long hair should be tied back away from skater's faces.  
**\*\*Class buttons, which are to be picked up at the registration table, need to be worn and returned each night of class.**
- **What to expect** - Each hour-long class is divided into two halves - one for instruction and the other for individual practice of the new skills introduced.
- **Testing** - Your children will learn new skills on the ice and they will be reinforced throughout the session. Toward the end of each session, skaters will be tested on the elements learned on a pass/no pass system. (This is done in a friendly, no-pressure manner!) Skaters who pass an entire level will receive a cloth badge and be eligible for the next level of lessons. Those skaters who pass some, but not all skills in a level, will receive a certificate of accomplishment. **Test forms, badges and certificates will be available for pick up at the registration table on the last night of class.**

### **Important Dates!!**

\*\* Please check our website ([www.swmichskatingclub.org](http://www.swmichskatingclub.org)) during the summer for our next session start date in September!!  
We'd love to see you again!

### **CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER**

Should we need to cancel classes because of inclement weather, you may check TV Channel 3 or call the club voicemail number (269) 345-5777. Sorry these classes will not have scheduled make-ups and there will be no money refunded.



### **Makeup Policy**

It is important to come to all classes during a session, but we realize that, occasionally, that isn't possible. We do allow **one** make up class per 7-week session. Make ups need to be scheduled prior to the class that will be missed except under extenuating circumstances. If a make up is needed, please see a Coach Coordinator or Group Lessons Assistant at the registration table or email [swmichskatingclub@yahoo.com](mailto:swmichskatingclub@yahoo.com).