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Dear Braemar Arena Fall Skating Participants,

We are pleased to welcome you to the Braemar-City of Edina "Learn to Skate" Program. We are proud to utilize the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program for our lessons. Participation in the program will enable skaters of all abilities and ages to learn the fundamentals of ice skating. The curriculum is designed to be fun, challenging, and rewarding for everyone.

Please read the following information to make your learning experience more enjoyable.

Be Prepared:

- Arrive:** 15 minutes prior to class time. For the first class session, please arrive 30 minute early for a parent and skater welcome meeting.
- Skates:** Properly fitted and laced with blades sharpened - No double runners.
- Apparel:** Warm and comfortable – don't forget mittens or gloves. Helmets are optional, but are recommended for younger skaters. Bike helmets are acceptable.
- Check In:** Find your child's nametag on the table in the arena. The nametags will be placed under their lesson time. A colored dot will be placed on the nametag to indicate which class your child is in.

Class Placement:

- Based on:** Ability and age. Changes may be made after the first few lessons, and will be indicated by a new color dot on nametag. If you're a returner you will be registered for the next level. However, if you take a break your child may be moved back to their passed session until skills have been refreshed to the new level.

Parents Role and Responsibility:

Have you child ready for class each week. Watch from above the ice. Please do not walk onto the ice. If you have questions, Please do not hesitate to talk to Shannon or Kristen. You will be able to identify them by their Green Braemar Arena Fleece Jackets.

Instructors, Evaluation & Testing:

- Instructors:** Combined, the Skating School Staff has over 100 years of training and coaching experience. All are members of U.S. Figure Skating and U.S. Hockey. The majority of the Skating School Instructors coach for the Braemar-City of Lakes Figure Skating Club. All of the coaches are members of the Professional Skaters Association and have many personal and coaching achievements and accreditations.
- Evaluations:** During the last few weeks of each session, we prepare a written evaluation by asking each child to test each element that they have been working on. The evaluation from will also let you know what level to register for next session.

Badges: Provided for those students who move up to the next level and will be included with the evaluation. If you miss your last class when evaluations and badges are handed out, you will have two weeks after the last class to pick up from Braemar arena office.

Continuation of Lessons:

Register: We have lessons offered every eight weeks. Registration forms are available in the office. We have an annual Ice Show each April. Sign up for the show will take place during the winter and spring session. For current participants, we offer early registration on the last night of the current session. This is the best way to guarantee class placement in your skater's level.

Communication:

Braemar Arena will provide an off-ice staff person to be available for any questions/concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to talk to Shannon or Kristen. You will be able to identify them by their Green Braemar Arena Fleece Jackets.

Has your child developed a love for figure skating, hockey and other ice sports?

Figure skaters, try out the Braemar-City of Lakes Figure Skating Club, www.Braemarfsc.org . Contact the Skating School Director, Joan Orvis, for more detailed information.

Hockey players, the Edina Hockey Association, www.edinahockeyassociation.com or your local hockey association is able to help you continue your love for the game.

Looking for additional practice ice and instruction?

Developmental Ice available is available most mornings for figure skating (schedule varies). Contact one of the Learn to Skate Coaches for more details. For hockey players, the Arena offers Developmental ice on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Thank you for your participation in Braemar-City of Edina and the Learn to Skate Program.

Sincerely,

Joan Orvis
Braemar Skating School Director

Shannon Schenck
Program Coordinator