

# Carnival of Silver Skates

Dear Ice Skaters & Parents,

September 2016

All area youth are invited to participate in Groton's **79th Annual Carnival of Silver Skates**. Unlike many sports activities, those who sign up for Silver Skates will ALL have the same opportunity to participate. This year's carnival will offer fun and promote fitness for everyone! Even though this may seem early, **those who want to participate need to register**.

Children are welcome to participate in the Carnival of Silver Skates beginning at age four by September 1<sup>st</sup>. A **free ice skating clinic** will be offered in Groton, to be announced at a later date, for ages 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Ice skating lessons are also available through the Aberdeen Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department (626-7015). If you need ice skates, many sizes are available for loan from the City's inventory at the warming house. Skates are also available for rent at a reasonable price from Dakota Outdoors in Aberdeen (229-0123).

Boys snowflakes to second grade will skate in one group, and boys third grade and older will skate with their entire class.

Please carefully review the included Carnival of Silver Skates Policies which address mandatory practices, costume deposit and registration fee refunds, among other topics. Before registering to participate in the Carnival, please consider these policies and the commitment of time required. Please also note the important dates listed below before deciding whether or not you can commit to participating in the Carnival.

**Please mark your calendars NOW** with these dates:

	Date	Time
Registration and Costume Measuring -Warming House <b>Skaters must be present for measuring!!</b>	<b>Sunday, September 11</b> <b>OR Monday, September 12</b>	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Free Skating Clinic	Tuesday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Time: TBD
First Practices -Skating Rink	<b>Sunday, January 1</b> (high schoolers) <b>Saturday, January 7</b> (elementary)	*Group times TBA
Costume hand-out - Emmanuel Lutheran Church	<b>Saturday, January 7</b>	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Photos by Hardin's Photography - Groton High School	<b>Saturday, January 14</b>	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM *Group times TBA
Specialty act try-outs	<b>Sunday, January 15</b>	
Dress rehearsal	<b>Sunday, January 22</b>	2:00 PM
Carnival of Silver Skates	<b>Sunday, January 29</b>	2:00 PM & 6:30 PM
Costume turn-in	Sunday, January 29 OR Monday, January 30	Immediately following evening performance 4:00 – 6:30 PM

## ATTENDANCE:

Practices are mandatory. Choreography and practice is dependent on every student's participation. Because there are so few practices, missing even can be an issue. Please contact your instructor if you have concerns about meeting this expectation. *Questions? Please contact: Rachael Crank (881-4853).*