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WHEATON ICE ARENA PLANS WINTER EVENTS

WHEATON, MD -- The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) announced the winter schedule of special events at Wheaton Ice Arena in Wheaton Regional Park. Included in the 2005/06 winter lineup are **Give a Gift Program, Friday, December 9; Teen Skate Nights, Fridays, December 16 and January 6; Winter on Ice Show, Saturday, December 17 and Heat Wave in January, Friday, January 20.**

Friday, December 9

During **Give a Gift Program**. M-NCPPC staff will collect new toys, children's books, and gloves, hats, scarves and boots. Gifts will be donated to local homeless shelters. Those who donate a gift may skate for only \$3, which includes admission and skate rental, during the following sessions: 12:30-2:30 p.m., 3:45-5:45 p.m. and 8-10 p.m.

Fridays, December 16, 2005 and January 6, 2006

Teen Skate Nights, 8-10 p.m., are open to youth ages 11-19. **Admission and skate rental are \$6** with student identification or report card. (Held monthly)

Saturday, December 17

Winter on Ice Show features student and special group performances, 6:45-8:45 p.m. and admission is free. Staff will be collecting non-perishable food items for area food banks.

Friday, January 20, 2006

Heat Wave in January features \$3 ice skating admission for those who donate towels, toiletries and blankets for local homeless shelters. Three sessions will be held: 12:30-2:30 p.m., 3:45-5:45 p.m. and 8-10 p.m.

Wheaton Ice Arena will be closed on Sunday, December 25. For more information, call Wheaton Ice Arena, 301-649-3640 or log on to www.wheatonicearena.com.

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