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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR EMPIRE STATE PLAZA ICE RINK

Rink Will be Closed on December 26 for Maintenance

The New York State Office of General Services welcomes everyone to enjoy free skating and special events this holiday season at the Empire “Skate” Plaza, including learn-to-skate clinics a “Try Hockey For Free” program, and a chance to skate with players from the Albany Devils. And don’t forget, skate rentals are free each Friday, courtesy of Hannaford Supermarkets.

Holiday Schedule at the Rink:

Wednesday, December 24 – Rink closes at 5 p.m.

Thursday, December 25 – Rink closed.

Friday, December 26 – The Empire State Plaza ice rink will be closed for maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Saturday, December 27 – Learn-to-skate clinics. Registration for the December 27 clinics is closed, but additional free learn-to-skate clinics sponsored by BlueShield of Northeastern New York and hosted by the Hudson Mohawk Figure Skating Club will be held on January 17 and 31 and on February 7 and 28. There are clinics for beginner, intermediate, and advanced skaters, and online registration at empirestateplaza.org is required.

Wednesday, December, 31 – Rink closes at 5 p.m.

Thursday, January 1 – Rink open regular hours, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 3 – USA Hockey and Troy Albany Youth Hockey invite boys and girls to try hockey for free. From 9 to 11 a.m., youth, ages 4-12 can experience hockey for the first time and learn the basic skills. No previous skating or hockey experience is required. Participants must pre-register at empirestateplaza.org. Registration will soon be open for another Try Hockey for Free program on February, 21.

Tuesday, January 6 – Skate with the Albany Devils from 5 to 7 p.m.

For updates on all Winter at the Plaza events and programs, find the Empire State Plaza on Facebook at Empire State Plaza, on Twitter @plazaevents, or call the OGS Convention & Cultural Events Office at (518) 474-0549. For additional information about Winter at the Plaza events, including directions, parking, and ground rules, visit www.ogs.ny.gov.

General Rink Information

- **Hours:** Every day from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., weather dependent.
- **Cost to Skate:** Free
- **Skate Rental:** \$3 for children younger than 12 and \$4 for everyone 12 and up. Skate rentals will be available whenever the rink is open. A photo ID is required to rent skates. Every Friday is free skate rental Friday courtesy of Hannaford Supermarkets. For skate rental information, call (518) 473-6299. For all other ice rink related inquiries call (518) 473-1527.
- **Amenities:** Full-service snack bar open Friday nights, weekends, and school holidays; skate lounge with lockers for personal items on the Plaza level; and music.

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