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SKATE AMERICA
November 12-15, 2009



Dear Club Official,

In case you haven't heard, Skate America is back in Lake Placid, N.Y. for its 35th Anniversary. We are so excited to be hosting this prestigious event since it all began here in 1979 with Flaming Leaves/Norton Skate. Such skating legends as Scott Hamilton, Lisa-Marie Allen, Kitty & Peter Carruthers and Judy Blumberg & Michael Seibert have all competed at this event in Lake Placid.

Skate America 2009 promises not to disappoint - scheduled to compete are current World Champions Evan Lysacek and Yu-Na Kim, as well as former World Champions Xue Shen & Hongbo Zhao and Isabelle Delobel & Olivier Schoenfelder. Sasha Cohen, 2006 Olympic silver medalist, is also assigned to this event in her return to competitive skating. And we can't forget about 2006 Olympic silver medalists, Tanith Belbin & Benjamin Agosto. These skaters are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the amazing athletes who will be competing here in what promises to be an exciting season culminating in Vancouver.

On behalf of the Local Organized Committee for Skate America, I want to invite you not only to watch Skate America, but to participate in our other programs and events that are being held in conjunction with Skate America. It is sure to be a fun-filled weekend for everyone. Some of the things that we are doing at Skate America that might be of interest to you and/or your club members include the following:

- *Ticket Sales as Club Fundraiser* - we will sell you tickets to the event at a discounted cost and you can sell them at a higher price (up to retail price) and keep the profit as a fundraiser for your club.
- *Skate Lake Placid: Basic Skills Competition* - this competition will have events for Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-8 and Free Skate 1-6.
- *U.S. Figure Skating Skatifest* - on Sunday from 10:00am-12:00pm there will be free public skating and group lessons for skaters of all levels. Special guest appearances as well as goodie bags are planned!
- *Group Number for Skate America Exhibition* - we want everyone to feel like they are part of Skate America and are extending the invitation to any skater who has passed at least pre-preliminary moves in the field to participate. More information including rehearsal times and cost is attached.
- *Fan Celebrations* - special nightly outdoor celebrations are in the works!

We hope that you will be able to join us for what promises to be a fun and exciting event both on and off the ice!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me - 518.523.1655 x295 or marye@orda.org (e-mail preferred).

Sincerely,

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