

Getting Ready for LEARN TO SKATE!

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Get Registered! If you haven't already:

Registration Details:

Registration opens on the end date of the prior session. Registration closes the Thursday preceding the new session.
[Link to Register](#)

Pricing: The cost of our 30min group lessons are \$18 per class, multiplied by the number of weeks in the session (5-6 weeks for the 2024 – 2025 sessions). An annual Learn to Skate membership fee of \$18.00, payable to Learn to Skate USA, applies to new registrations for the season (expires annually on 6/30).

Session Start Dates and times:

- ✧ **Fall 1:** September 6th – October 12th (6wk)
- ✧ **Fall 2:** October 18th – December 14th (6wk)
- ✧ **Winter 1:** January 3rd – February 1st (5wk)
- ✧ **Winter 2:** February 7th – March 15th (6wk)
- ✧ **Spring 2024:** March 21st – May 10th (6wk)
- ✧ **Summer 2025:** June 9th – August 4th (8wks)

Classes are on Fridays: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm and **Saturdays:** 10:30 am – 11:30 am

- Please send an email to Brandy Hemphill at hemphillb@gilmour.org Re: Information on whether this is a GA student enrollment **and** if you plan for your student to take the bus from the GA Lower School on Friday.

What class should I sign up for?

Beginners: We have 2 introductory classes separated by age only, for those who are just getting started.

Snowplow 1: is for age 5 and under.

Basic 1: is for age 6 and up.

The difference between B1 and SP1 is maturity, comprehension, and natural strength. Often in Snowplow 1 the coaches must prepare for separation anxieties with many of those little skaters.

Hockey 1: In order to sign up for Hockey 1 the skater must have passed Basic 2 or Snowplow 4, and must be able to skate 1 lap around the rink independently. Disclose ADM enrollment please.

***NO EXCEPTIONS** to these enrollment guidelines

WRONG Enrollment: If you are unable to enroll because your required class is full, please DO NOT register for another level. Your skater will be un-enrolled and placed on a waiting list. This is also true if it is discovered during class time.

Enrollment Gap: Took a break from lessons? When re-enrolling it's best to register for the class they previously passed for a refresher. We will be glad to move them forward once they are at their previous skating skill set.

Transferring from another LTS program: Please email Brandy Hemphill stating you are a transfer and include your skater's previous program, dates and levels completed.



Session Details:

- ✧ Learn-to-Skate ice time is one hour, with a 30-minute lesson and a complementary 30-minute practice.
- ✧ Students may practice in the practice area during non-class time, if it's available. Please be aware that the practice area may NOT be provided every session, depending on enrollment.
 - **Sample of practice:** Friday LTS hour 4p – 5p, Class time at 4:30 making practice time 4-4:30

Preparing for Class

- **For Snowplow 1 & 2, helmets and gloves are mandatory. No exceptions.** Children without helmets will be removed from the class and offered a borrowed helmet if available.
- Dress warmly with hats, gloves, and a coat. Snowpants are recommended for lower levels. It's better to overdress and remove layers if needed.
- Wear socks that pull above the skate and bring a water bottle they can keep off the ice.

Check-in:

- Please make sure to check-in at the Welcome table during week 1.

Skate Rentals:

- Skates are available for rent at no cost. Just head straight back and look for the **Skate Rental sign next to Rink 2 entrance**.

Class Start Time:

- Note your class start time, as it may change from one session to another but not week to week.
- Line-up at your designated area in **Rink 1** just prior to your start time. **Look for your class sign on display along the rink walls**, where your coach will meet the class.
- **ASPIRE Coaching:** There may be a coach change mid-way through the class for ASPIRE.



Program and Rink Policies

Cancellation / Make-ups:

- Make-ups are allowed **only** if there is available space in another class of the same level, and prior permission must be obtained.
- Unfortunately, no refunds or credits are provided for missed classes or late enrollment.

Payments and Your Account: Accounts that could not be processed will be notified. Please be sure your current card information is up-to-date. Skaters will be unenrolled for unpaid account balances.



Link to your Jackrabbit account:

<https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/jr3.0/ParentPortal/Login?orgID=534587>

Parental Expectations:

- At no time is a parent allowed on the ice (with or without skates on) unless they are enrolled in a class.
- Parents are not allowed in the hockey box areas. Please remain behind the glass.
- Pay attention to announcements that are posted on-site and emailed
- Remember that your child might need time to adjust to new experiences, so it's essential to be mindful and provide space for the coaches to facilitate a smoother transition. Some kids may still be dealing with separation struggles, so understanding and patience are key.

Ice Usage:

- All ice before and after the Learn to Skate hour is **designated Figure Skating ice**.
- Admission to Figure Skating Freestyle ice should be arranged with your private coach and the Figure Skating Coordinator.

Public Skating:

- Gilmour does **not** currently host Public Skating sessions.