



## All you need to know about the Christmas Show

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016 we will be holding our annual Christmas Show. This annual event is a chance to celebrate the festive season and for our members to share their love of skating with friends, family, locals and tourists. To be able to take part each skater is asked to make a small financial contribution towards the costumes and props.

Our Christmas show is a well-known Chamonix event and draws a large crowd of enthusiastic supporters. This year is even more special as in 2017 we will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The event is also a chance for us to do some important fundraising for the club and we ask parents to pitch in by manning stands, selling programmes, and providing cakes to sell.

The show takes place in the evening from 5.30pm to 8.30pm, which helps us to attract a larger audience. As it's a long day we suggest that our younger skaters try to have an afternoon nap to give them the energy for the evening. Failing that, adrenalin seems to work!

Each year there is an over-arching creative theme and a series of routines featuring skaters from the different groups with a finale featuring all our skaters together. This year as every year the theme is a secret! Each skating group will have their own music, routine and costumes (which will remain the property of the club). In order to ensure the best show possible our training team reserves the right to choose the roles for the children and to change the training times if needs be.

In the weeks running up to the event your children will practise their routines during each training session. They will use these sessions to become familiar with their music, polish their performance and learn to work with their friends to put on a good show. All the training sessions preceding the show (5 or 6) are compulsory so that your children can be properly prepared.

All costumes are provided by the club and we ask for a small financial contribution, payable in advance, to cover a small part of these costs. We always need help from experienced dressmakers and extra pairs of hands to help make the costumes. Please do let us know on [chamonixpatinage@gmail.com](mailto:chamonixpatinage@gmail.com) or [patainge.chamonix@free.fr](mailto:patainge.chamonix@free.fr) if you would like to help (you don't necessarily have to be good at sewing!).

During the show you will need to make sure that your child stays warm. The smaller skaters do not expend so much energy when they are waiting on the side and they can get chilly. **Skaters in the Découverte, Initiation, Détection and Ados Loisirs groups must wear warm white or flesh coloured base layer/s and white or flesh coloured tights. The only gloves allowed in the show are white woollen gloves.** You will also need to make sure your child has a very warm zip up jacket to put over their costume whilst they are not on the ice. A blanket to keep them warm is also a good idea.

We will let you know how you will need to style your child's hair nearer the time. However we do ask you to make sure that their hair is put up tightly so that no pins or clips can fall out onto the ice. They can also wear light make up and you can use glitter!!!

Your child will need to arrive at the rink an hour and a half (**at 4pm**) before the show starts. We ask you to drop your child off with us in the dressing rooms where they will then be looked after by nominated parents, older skaters, members of the committee and the training team. To keep the show a surprise (!) and to help us keep the children calm, parents are asked to leave the dressing rooms as soon as they have dropped off their children.

Our team will help your children to get into their costumes, brief them and make sure they are ready for the show. The children will stay with us for the whole of the show, allowing you to fully relax and enjoy it whilst ensuring that they are where they need to be on time. During the interval the children often change their costume. If you would like your child to return to you in the interval please let us know in advance. You will be responsible for making sure that they return to us after the interval.

The success of the show relies heavily on the help of the parents. You can help by:

- Promoting the show through your websites, mailing lists, schools and associations.
- Helping to sell programmes to guests
- Baking savoury and sweet items for us to sell
- Manning the cake and gift stands, making hot dogs and crepes

Please let as many of your friends know as possible and if you have a specific skill that could be useful (e.g. design, photography, filming, dress making) please do contact us. We are very grateful for anything you can do to help.

We hope that this guide has answered some of your questions and helps to prepare you and your child for a truly memorable event. If you have any further questions please do ask any of our trainers or our committee members.

Team CPAC