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YNCU HOSTING FREE MARCH BREAK SKATE FOR BEGINNERS

YNCU's community skate is part of its Motivate 2 Skate program aimed at empowering beginner skaters

SAULT STE. MARIE, ON | March 6, 2025 - Your Neighbourhood Credit Union (YNCU) is thrilled to invite community members to its March Break Community Skate – two free events designed specifically for beginners and those who have never skated before. Taking place at the Soo Pee Wee Arena, this initiative is part of YNCU's Motivate 2 Skate program, which aims to make skating more accessible and inclusive for all.

"We understand that not everyone has had the opportunity to learn how to skate, and we want to change that," says Lisa Colangelo, Chief Executive Officer of YNCU. "This event is about creating a welcoming space where beginners can experience the joy of skating without pressure or barriers."

Please find the events' details below,

Wednesday, March 12 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Friday, March 14 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Soo Pee Wee Arena

In addition to the free ice time exclusively for beginners and first-time skaters, helmets and skates will be available for borrow (sizes may vary and are available on a first-come, first-served basis). YNCU will also have volunteers available at both sessions to assist with fitting skates and on-ice support.

"Our goal is to remove barriers and introduce as many people as possible to this classic Canadian winter activity," adds Colangelo. "We hope to see many new skaters on the ice this March Break!"

YNCU encourages individuals, families, and community groups to take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn a new skill in a fun and supportive environment.

To sign up, attendees are encouraged to RSVP through email by contacting community@yncu.com.

Motivate 2 Skate began in Sault Ste. Marie in the fall of 2022 and has since expanded to Waterloo region, Woodstock, and London. The program offers free skating lessons to international students at post-secondary institutions along with elementary students from the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program, and beginner skaters. Growing community connections one participant at a time, the Motivate2Skate program continues to inspire individuals to lead active and engaged lives.

For more information on YNCU and Motivate2Skate please visit, [yncu.com/about/Motivate2Skate](https://www.yncu.com/about/Motivate2Skate).

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ABOUT YNCU

With 16 branches and a network of surcharge-free ATMs, Ontarians can access financial services close to home across southwestern and northern Ontario. At \$2.8 billion+ in assets under administration and 53,000 members strong (and growing!), YNCU is one of the largest credit unions in Ontario. As a community-based organization, not only do YNCU's partnerships and investments make a difference, but its employees also live and work in the communities they serve. YNCU's foundation is built on connectedness to the communities where it operates. Yearly the organization sets aside a minimum of 1% of the pre-tax profit earned by the credit union in the previous fiscal year to be used for charitable organizations and associations that share their focus on improving our communities. Together with its members, employees and community partners, YNCU is helping to make life better in the places where Ontarians live, work, learn and play!

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