

# FireBird

**January 8-10, 2010  
Ann Arbor, Michigan**

The SYHA annual trip to Ann Arbor Michigan for the Firebird tournament is just weeks away! Below is some important information about the tournament and lodging.

## **Tournament Information**

The Firebird Tournament is a Big Bear Tournament. Information can be found at:  
[www.shootouthockey.com](http://www.shootouthockey.com)

## **Game Information, Schedules & Rules**

Game schedules will be available one week prior to the tournament and will be e-mailed to the team managers/coaches along with the game rules. Please keep in mind the schedule may change even after distribution. Updated schedules will be distributed as they are received. The tournament director can and will start games 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time if they are running ahead of schedule. **As a rule of thumb—all players should be at the ice rink one hour before their scheduled game time.**

There is a 4 game guarantee with the 4th game being either a consolation game or championship.

\*The tournament can start as early as noon on Friday, January 8th. The younger teams usually play earlier in the day with the Bantam teams playing early to late evening. In past years, families have had to make arrangement to take off work and school on Friday. Please keep this in mind and plan accordingly.

## **Ice Rinks**

The ice rinks primarily used for this tournament are the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea, MI and the Yost Arena (home of the Michigan Wolverines) in Ann Arbor. Other rinks may be used as well, including rinks in Western Detroit suburbs and local outside rinks. Rink information will be noted on the schedules. Directions from the hotel to the various rinks will be posted on the SYHA website once schedules are received. Directions can also be found on the Shoot out Hockey website <http://www.shootouthockey.com/bb1/arenamaps.htm>.

## **Team Managers....**

We have copies of everyone's USA Official Team Roster and will be giving them to the tournament director on your behalf. Don't forget to bring your team files including **birth certificates and medical release forms**...just in case.

## Hotel Information

Once again, we will be staying at the Weber's Inn, a SYHA favorite!

### Weber's Inn

3050 Jackson Ave.,  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
(734) 769-2500  
Toll Free Reservations: (800) 443-3050

Weber's Inn is family owned and operated since 1937 and has established itself as one of Ann Arbor's premier hotels. Guests enjoy triple-sheeted beds, Lodgenet on demand movies, high-definition service on 37" LCD's, iPod radios, refrigerators and complimentary high speed internet in all guest rooms. In addition, there is complimentary Wireless access in the lobby, pool area, restaurant and lounge. The Four Seasons recreation complex offers indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool spa, fitness center, game room and Cabana Cafe for poolside refreshments (pizza, hot dogs, bakery, soda and adult drinks). This is a favorite spot for parents and kids to hang out!

Check out the hotel on the web!

<http://www.webersinn.com/>

### Onsite Restaurants and Bars

- ◆ **The Weber's Inn Restaurant** offers several dining options. Weber's restaurant is an Ann Arbor landmark, offering the area's finest prime rib, steaks, and seafood. **Weber's Restaurant will be open for a full breakfast at 8:00am.** In addition, they offer morning breakfast sandwiches and Starbucks coffee for those having to get to an early game and a Sunday Breakfast Brunch for \$9.25 (reservations suggested).
- ◆ **The Ventura Coffee Bar will be open from 6:30am-10:30am.** The Ventura Coffee bar features lattes, espresso, cappuccino, egg sandwiches, and fresh baked pastries from Weber's bakery. To save time in the morning, orders for the coffee bar can be placed from hotel rooms and be ready for a speedy pick up.
- ◆ **Le Bistro** is a secluded dining area inside Weber's Restaurant for those that can find time to slip away!
- ◆ **The Habitat Lounge** is a lively setting for happy hour specials, sporting events and SYHA Parents' dancing to the areas top entertainment. Check out [Joy Ride](http://www.joyrideband.com/home.html) (<http://www.joyrideband.com/home.html>) while we are there.
- ◆ **Room Service** is also available and the food is good too!

### Room Accommodations

All guests will be pre-registered and placed in rooms according to the number of guests noted on the rooming lists. Please be advised this hotel has a set number of rooms with double beds, queen beds with full size pullouts and king beds. They also have cots to supplement. The hotel, along with the SYHA tournament coordinator is working to ensure the best placement possible with the room types available. We will try to do our best in accommodating parents and players but we will need to be flexible. Although we have more than 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of the rooms reserved for SYHA, we are not the only guests staying at the hotel. Hotel cost is **\$105.00 per night plus tax. Cots are \$10.00 extra.**

### Check-in/Check-out

Normal check in time is 4 PM. If your room is ready, the hotel will allow you to check in earlier. Pre-assigned rooms will not be changed for those that arrive before their rooms are ready. Upon check-in, you only need to give your name and sign your folio for incidental charges – you will then receive your key. Check-out time is Noon.

### **Cancellation Policy**

The hotel has a flexible cancellation policy. All rooms are reserved for two nights at this time. Once we receive the schedules, all necessary adjustments to the hotel dates will be made and confirmed with each team. Please contact Jamie Holm ([Jamie.holm@gmail.com](mailto:Jamie.holm@gmail.com)) for any room cancellations/changes.

### **Team Dinners**

The hotel does have banquet rooms available for a team or teams wishing to coordinate a lunch or dinner. Banquet rooms are available Friday evening, Saturday until 4:00p and all day Sunday. There is no cost for the room; however, the team must order food from the hotel. The hotel is very accommodating and will work with any team interested in coordinating a lunch or dinner. They do offer a Pizza Menu and a Sports Menu but can also customize the menu to the team's needs. If you are interested in making arrangements, please Amber Wazeerud-Din. Amber can be reached at 734-769-3237 or through e-mail at [awazeeruddin@webersinn.com](mailto:awazeeruddin@webersinn.com).

### **Pool and Fitness Center**

Weber's Inn offers a four season pool area. Pool hours are from 9:00a-10:00p (11:00p for adults). Snacks are available in the pool area from the Cabana Café. Next to the pool is a fully equipped 24 hour complimentary fitness room with multi station weight machine, aerobic bicycles, step machine, computerized treadmills, and more. The fitness room is accessible 24/7 by room key entry.

The hotel does have some restrictions that we ask all SYHA families to be aware of and abide by:

- ◆ No **hockey sticks** in the hotel; please leave in your car.
- ◆ No outside food & beverage in the hotel area except your hotel room. Please use good judgment when walking around the hotel property with food or drink from your room!
- ◆ **11:00 PM hotel curfew** to minimize noise for those that need to get up early for games. However, coaches have the prerogative to impose earlier team curfews if necessary.

### **Hockey Equipment**

It can be very cold in Ann Arbor in January. You may want to consider bringing in your player's skates overnight. They do not skate well with cold feet!

### **Questions?**

Contact your team manager or e-mail Jamie Holm at [jamie.holm@gmail.com](mailto:jamie.holm@gmail.com)

**GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN – GO SHAKER!**