

## Notes from the Director

The Universal Access Program's own Gigi Ranno was recognized for her outstanding contributions to the Universal Access Sailing Program at Community Boating this past November. Gigi's collaboration with Community Boating launched a unique program, with specialized sailboats, that today offers adaptive sailing for people with disabilities seven days a week from April through October. We'd like to thank Gigi for all she does for so many of our programs.

Please join us this winter at our skating, skiing, and other winter programs. There's plenty to do with the Universal Access Program year round! See you in the parks!

*Tom McCarthy*



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**May 31, 2014**  
**Adaptive Recreation Fair**  
**Artesani Park, Brighton**

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation  
**Universal Access Program**  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600  
Boston, MA 02114

To:



# Access News

## Universal Access Program

## Winter Schedule

**January – March 2014**



[www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr)

## Before You Go:

### 1. Pre-register!

Get onto the snow sooner when you arrive at the park! Come with your waiver filled out!

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/universal-access/waiver-dcr.pdf>

### 2. In the event of poor weather:

Call the following numbers for recorded messages as to program status-

**Eastern Massachusetts: 617-626-1294**

**Western Massachusetts: 413-545-5758**

### 3. Need to cancel? Running late?

Please call the registration number and leave a message so we know!



**Sled Skate on Your Own:** Use ice sleds on your own during public skating hours at state rinks in the following cities and towns:

**Auburn, Boston, Brighton, Brockton, Cambridge, Charlestown (new), Franklin, Greenfield, Holyoke, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Medford, Newburyport, North Adams, Plymouth, Revere, Roxbury, Springfield, Taunton, Weymouth (new) and Worcester.**

Call Universal Access at **413-545-5758** for information about rink locations or visit [www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr)

## Outdoor Programs



Explore winter outdoors with instruction, adaptive equipment and assistance provided free of charge.



**Weston Ski Track:** Come to DCR's Leo J. Martin Golf Course in Weston to enjoy cross-country skiing, kicksledding and snowshoeing on a groomed course. Call Stavros Outdoor Access at **413-259-0009** to sign up. 12-4 PM

**Sundays: Feb 2 Feb 23 Mar 2**

**Monday: Feb 17**



**DCR's Wendell State Forest:** Explore the wilder side of winter in western Massachusetts! Activities include outdoor skating, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobile rides as conditions permit. Call All Out Adventures at **413-584-2052** to sign up. 11AM-3PM

**Saturdays:**

**Jan 11 Jan 18 Jan 25 Feb 1 Feb 8**



**DCR's D.A.R. State Forest:** Join Stavros Outdoor Access for a fun-filled day in Goshen. **413-259-0009** to register.

**Thursday: Jan 23**

## Indoor Opportunities on Ice



**Skating - Asiaf Rink in Brockton:** Assisted skating during public skating time on a separate section of the rink using ice sleds and skate walkers. Sundays 1:30-3:30PM. Call All Out Adventures at **413-584-2052** to sign up. Free of charge.

**Jan 26 Feb 9**



**Adaptive Skating and Games - Don't miss out on a whole rink of fun and games!** Come as you are and play with us or just enjoy gliding on the ice during our free skate at two locations!



**Cronin Rink in Revere:** Call Universal Access at **617-626-1294** to register. 11:30AM-1:30PM

**Tuesdays: Dec 17 Jan 21 Feb 18 Mar 18**



**Fitzpatrick Rink in Holyoke:** Call Universal Access at **413-545-5758** to register. 11AM-1PM

**Sundays: Jan 12 Feb 9 Mar 9**

**Thursday: Feb 20 10AM-12noon**