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BLUE CROSS RIVERRINK WINTERFEST SEASON DETAILS

Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest returns for its 24th year as an ice skating rink, and its fifth season as Winterfest, making it an established holiday tradition for Philadelphians and those around the region and a must-do during the winter season. The rink is made possible by the continued support from Independence Blue Cross, the founding and title sponsor. Blue Cross RiverRink is the only outdoor regulation-sized rink in Philadelphia, and with the Delaware River to the east and the Ben Franklin Bridge to the north, it makes for a spectacular winter scene.

HOURS

Open seven days a week including all holidays from November 24th, 2017 to March 4, 2018.

Regular Operating Hours

Monday - Thursday: 1PM - 11PM

Friday: 1PM - 1AM

Saturday: 11AM - 1AM

Sunday: 11AM - 11PM

*Skating session times vary from operating hours. Session times are listed on the [website](#).

Please note activities close 30 minutes prior to the park closing time.

Opening Weekend Hours

November 24: 11AM - 1AM

November 25: 11AM - 1AM

November 26: 11AM - 11PM

Extended Holiday Hours, December 23 – January 1

Monday - Sunday: 11AM - 1AM

Christmas Eve: 11AM - 8:30PM

Christmas Day: 1PM - 8:30PM

New Year's Eve: Two special New Year's Eve Parties on Ice from 5 - 8PM and 10PM - 1AM

Martin Luther King Day and President's Day Weekend: Monday from 11AM - 11PM

PRICING

Skate sessions run 90 minutes with a 30 minute zamboni break on the even hours (Example: 11AM - 12:30PM session + 12:30 - 1PM zamboni break). The first session Monday through Thursday runs from 1PM - 4:30PM with the exception of holiday week. Skating admission can be purchased online at <http://riverrink.ticketfly.com/> or in person at the rink.

General admission to Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest is FREE and open to the public.

Skating Admission – \$3

*FREE skating admission for all Independence Blue Cross cardholders and employees.

Discount applies to four people including the cardholder

*FREE skating admission for first responders and military with ID

Skate Rental – \$10

Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest has a variety of skate sizes available for rent, from Kids 8 – Adult 15. Double blades are also available for the youngsters. Visitors are welcome to bring their own skates to the rink for no charge, and skate sharpening is offered on-site at Guest Services.

PARTIES & RENTALS

Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest [can be rented for birthday and holiday parties, private events, and group outings.](#)

Warming Cabins

Adjacent to the fire pits and the Franklin Fountain Confectionary Cabin are the popular warming cabins, which are fully-furnished and available to reserve on a first-come first-served basis. Each of the 5 cabins is outfitted with its own unique seasonal décor, complete with electric fireplaces, infrared heating, warm armchairs, and loveseats.

Kids Lodge

Visitors can reserve tables in the Kids Lodge, which is playfully decorated, and features a variety of games, including small rides, pinball, Skee-Ball, air hockey and more, making it the perfect place to host a birthday party.

The Lodge

Rentals are also available for specific areas within the Lodge, the cozy ski-chalet inspired gathering space furnished with comfortable couches, tables, bistro seating, mantles with electric fireplaces, and decorative touches.

The Rink

The entire ice skating rink can be rented during off-peak times as well as the full Lodge. Information about entire facility rentals is available through our DRWC team at riverrink@drwc.org.

More information about rentals can be found on the [Blue Cross RiverRink Website](#).

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WHERE: 101 S. Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia PA, 19106

TRANSPORTATION

- Bus Routes 25, 21, 42, 17, 33, 48 and 12 all stop within walking distance of Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest.
- SEPTA Market-Frankford Line stops at Second St and Market St, which is a five minute walk from Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest.
- Bike parking on-site
- Ride Indego stations
 - Columbus Blvd and Race St
 - Columbus Blvd and Spruce St
 - 2nd St at Market St
 - 2nd St and Race St
- Parking lots located at Market Street and Walnut Street at Columbus Boulevard

TICKETS: [Individual ice skating tickets and special event tickets](#)

WEBSITE: www.riverrink.com

PHONE: 215-925-RINK

SOCIAL MEDIA:

- Facebook - [Blue Cross RiverRink](#)
- Twitter - [@river_rink](#)
- Instagram - [@Blue_Cross_RiverRink](#)

Additional Information

More information about programming, food and beverage options, and season details can be found in our [press room](#). Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest high resolution photos can be downloaded via [our website](#) (password is aidemdrwc).

Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest Sponsors

Winter Programming is made possible by [Independence Blue Cross](#), [Beneficial](#), [Visit Philadelphia](#), [NBC10](#) and [Telemundo62](#), [Liberty Coca-Cola Beverages LLC](#), [PECO](#), and [Philadelphia Magazine](#)

About Independence Blue Cross

[Independence Blue Cross](#) is the leading health insurance organization in southeastern Pennsylvania. With our affiliates, we serve more than 8.5 million people in 24 states and the District of Columbia, including more than 2.5 million in the region. For almost 80 years, we have

been enhancing the health and well-being of the people and communities we serve by delivering innovative and competitively priced health care products and services; pioneering new ways to reward doctors, hospitals, and other health care professionals for coordinated, quality care; and supporting programs and events that promote wellness. To learn more, visit www.ibx.com. Connect with us on Facebook at [ibx.com/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ibx.com/facebook) and on Twitter at [@ibx](https://twitter.com/ibx). Independence Blue Cross is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

About the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation

DRWC is a 501(c)(3) created in January 2009, exclusively for the benefit of the City of Philadelphia and its citizens. The fundamental purpose of DRWC is to design, develop, program and maintain public amenities such as permanent and seasonal parks, trails, and streetscape improvements to transform the waterfront into a vibrant destination for recreational, cultural, and commercial activities for the residents and visitors of Philadelphia as is consistent with the goals of the Master Plan for the Central Delaware. Daily programming throughout the entire year is changing the way Philadelphians see and converse about the waterfront, and is helping to create spaces and communities that connect residents and visitors to the waterfront.

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