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Southwest Airlines' Rink At Park Tavern Opens Thanksgiving Day

Families Can Enjoy Ice Skating Through Winter Months

ATLANTA, Nov. 20, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Thanksgiving Day will mark the opening of the new Southwest Rink at Park Tavern. This fall, [Southwest Airlines](#) announced a new partnership with Park Tavern, the historic restaurant at beautiful Piedmont Park, which includes a new outdoor seating area called the Southwest Porch and re-branding of the annual ice skating rink located at the Tavern.

All skaters who have their photo taken at the rink and post it to the Southwest Airlines Facebook page are entered into a contest to win a pair of tickets to any of the 78 destinations served by Southwest Airlines. The cost of skating is \$15, which includes skate rental. Tickets are available at <http://www.parktavern.com/about/swarink/> or in person at the rink. The rink will be open from 4:30 p.m. to midnight during the week, with adults-only hours beginning at 9 p.m. The rink opens at 10:30 a.m. on weekends, with adults-only skating from 9 p.m. to midnight. All holiday activities continue whether rain or shine, and Park Tavern offers "pouring" specials inside during inclement weather.

The Southwest Rink at Park Tavern offers modern amenities for day and night skating, including a heated tent, a state of the art sound system, and rink-side dining. After enjoying the fun on the ice, skaters can warm up with hot chocolate and s'mores by the fireplace. The Southwest Rink has high quality leather hockey skates made by Bauer available for rent. This skate is perfect for beginners or anyone getting back on the ice.

Visitors can also enjoy Piedmont Park's 2nd annual Season of Magic, which has relocated to the southeast corner of the park near Park Tavern. The Season of Magic includes daily horse-drawn carriage rides in Piedmont Park, the only Atlanta park to offer these. During the rides, visitors are carried through the historic areas of the Park, enjoying beautiful holiday lights and ornaments under the scenic Atlanta skyline. Rides are available every ten minutes from 4:00 p.m. to 10:40 p.m. daily. Each ride is approximately 20 minutes in length. Infants (0-2 years old) ride free.

During Season of Magic, visitors can also enjoy carousel rides or romantic strolls through the festive Park. Tickets for both the carriage and carousel rides are available at Park Tavern. The Piedmont Park Conservancy also is offering corporate cocktail party packages throughout the season, hosted in Magnolia Hall.

The Conservancy conducts the Season of Magic in partnership with the City of Atlanta. All funds raised through the program will directly benefit the ongoing maintenance and security of historic Piedmont Park.

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