



(Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center)



The Big Bear Arena (Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center) is home to the Sault High Blue Devils Hockey team, Soo Michigan Hockey Association, Summer Recreation Program, Champion Force Athletics Cheerleading and the Superior Storm Volleyball Club.

The Big Bear is owned and operated by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was opened September 27, 1996. The facility was named "Chi Mukwa," which is *Ojibwe* for Big Bear. The 150,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art recreational facility is one of Northern Michigan's largest sports and fitness venues. Big Bear Arena is the only ice arena in the Upper Peninsula equipped with 2-ice rinks under one roof.

The recreational facility is also home to the All-In-One Fitness Club, which is the largest fitness center in the city. The fitness center features Hammer Strength and Magnum strength training equipment along with plenty of free weights. The cardiovascular area includes Cybex and Precor steppers, elliptical machines and treadmills. The facility is also home to Sault Tribe Community Health Services as well as a Physical Rehabilitation Clinic. In addition, the Sault Tribe's Language and Culture Department and Sault Tribe's Education Department including, Higher Education, Youth Education & Activities, Adult Education and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act Department are also located in the Big Bear Arena.

Along with the facility's many features, Big Bear hosts various sporting events, youth programs, fitness classes, drop-in activities and social events, making Big Bear Arena the ultimate family destination for fitness and fun.

Recreational Activities & Programs

Public Skating
Learn-To-Skate Program
Youth Hockey Clinics & Camps
Drop-in Hockey
Drop-In Figure Skating
Winter & Spring Hockey Leagues
Adult & Youth Hockey Tournaments
Volleyball Leagues
Pickleball
Totzones
Nature Trail
Playground
Arcade Games
Special Events & Fairs
Skating Parties
Birthday Parties
School Fun Days
Meetings, Trainings & Seminars
Cultural Events & Activities
Food Distributions
Private Ice & Space Rentals

Pro Shop & Concessions

Skate Sharpening
Skate & Snowshoe Rentals
Hockey Accessories
Concessions Stand
Official distributor of **Pepsi®** Products
Vending Machines

All-In-One Fitness Club

Annual, Quarterly & Monthly Memberships
Fitness Assessments & Programs
Spacious Locker Rooms
Aerobic Room
Men's & Women's Sauna
Indoor Walking & Jogging Track
Multipurpose Courts





Kewadin Casino & Convention Center

The Big Bear Arena is conveniently located across from the Kewadin Casino Hotel & Convention Center, featuring Casino Gaming, Live Entertainment, Dining, Gift Shops, Native Art Gallery, and R.V. Campground. For more information visit www.Kewadin.com or call 1-800-KEWADIN.



The Sign of the Bear

The Native American symbol of the Bear signifies authority and leadership. The bear paw and/or bear track symbolizes health and strength. Thus, the arena was named Chi Mukwa (Big Bear) signifying the above bear traits and the acquiring of those traits through fitness and recreation.

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Facility Features

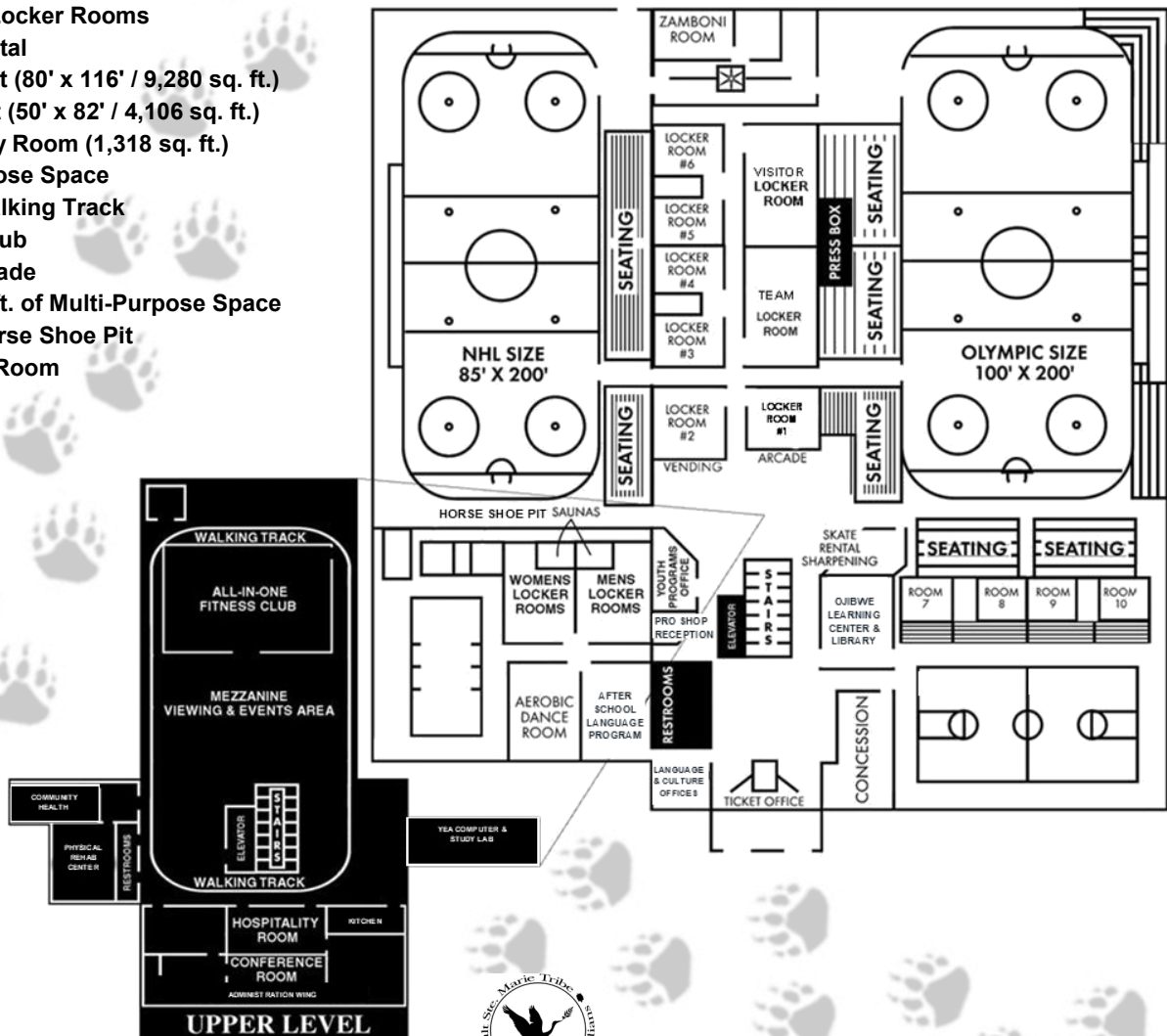
- Olympic Ice Rink (100' x 200' / 20,000 sq. ft.)
- NHL Ice Rink (85' x 200' / 17,000 sq. ft.)
- 10 Team Locker Rooms
- Skate Rental
- Bear Court (80' x 116' / 9,280 sq. ft.)
- Cub Court (50' x 82' / 4,106 sq. ft.)
- Hospitality Room (1,318 sq. ft.)
- Multipurpose Space
- Indoor Walking Track
- Fitness Club
- Video Arcade
- 6,000 sq. ft. of Multi-Purpose Space
- Indoor Horse Shoe Pit
- Aerobics Room

Inside The Bear

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