

ALEXANDRIA FIGURE SKATING CLUB

FALL 2014 NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Nov. 3, 6, or 9** – MANDATORY Parent Meetings
- **Nov. 13** – deadline for Holiday Exhibition Registration
- **Nov. 17** – 2nd payments due
- **Dec. 1 & 8** – Registration nights for Annual Ice Review
- **Dec. 7** – Holiday Exhibition
- **Dec. 8** – Testing
- **Mar. 14** – Battle of the Blades
- **Mar. 28 & 29** – Annual Ice Review



36 YEARS OF SKATING – WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Alexandria Figure Skating Club, I would like to welcome parents and skaters to our 36th season as a skating club. We are looking forward to working with you and your skater to make this season great!

Sandy Sheets, Club President

REMINDER: PAYMENTS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 17, 2014

Please mail your payment to PO Box 471, Alexandria, MN 56308, or stop by the AFSC office. Thank you for helping to keep costs down by not requiring billing statements. Please note, statements are available upon request by contacting AFSC Treasurer, Amy Klimek.

PARENT MEETINGS

Parent meetings are MANDATORY. Please be sure to attend one of the meetings scheduled below:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014 6:15 P.M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014 6:15 P.M.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014 6:15 P.M.

This is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY for you to become more informed and involved in the skating program. Please ask questions during the meeting.

***The meetings will be held in the upstairs viewing area of the main rink unless otherwise posted.**

CLASSES

If your skater seems like he/she is struggling or appears to be leaps and bounds ahead of the other skaters, please let us know. Our coaches are aware of these challenges and usually bring them to our attention first. We can't change or correct something if we are unaware. Parent feedback is always welcome. Please let your Basic Skills Director (Kris Juettnr) know of any such issues. Skaters will be moved into appropriate levels based on their performance of skills. REMINDER TO PARENTS, please remember to sit in the bleachers or upstairs viewing area during your skater's classes. You are **not** allowed to sit in the hockey boxes.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons are available to all skaters who wish to enhance their skills, move faster, work on struggles, and work towards competition or testing. If you would like to learn more about private lessons, please speak to a coach or board member.

WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

If weather/driving conditions are poor, it is the AFSC's policy to remain *in session*. Ice time cannot be easily rescheduled as the AFSC shares ice with other organizations. Your coach may choose, at his/her discretion, to cancel their private lessons, and your respective coach would be responsible for contacting you. The RCC has, in the past, closed due to weather/road conditions. If that is the case, an announcement would be made on local radio stations and/or we would post notices to Facebook, our website, and send a mass e-mail. *To receive e-mails, please be sure to go to the AFSC website and enter your e-mail information were indicated.

HOLIDAY EXHIBITION – DECEMBER 7, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M.

SIGN YOUR SKATER UP to be an Elf or Reindeer to take part in a group routine.

SIGN YOUR SKATER UP to be a featured skater.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE AFSC OFFICE OR ON-LINE.

A special guest appearance will be made by Santa! Coffee, cider, and cookies will be served after the exhibition. Ask your friends and family to join in the fun!

ANNUAL ICE REVIEW – THIS YEAR'S THEME: "IGNITE"

Our 36th annual show is set for **March 28 & 29, 2015.**

REGISTRATION FOR THE ANNUAL ICE REVIEW will be held on **Monday, December 1 and Monday, December 8, 2014.** Costumes need to be ordered at the end of December to ensure costumes will arrive in time for the show. **All** skaters are welcome to register, including those skaters who are learning to skate for hockey. This is another complete session of ice time and the more your skater is on the ice, the better your skater will get! A show deposit is required at the time of registration.

BASIC SKILLS COMPETITIONS

Our own basic skills competition, **BATTLE OF THE BLADES**, is open to skaters in ALL LEVELS, including Basic 1, and is set for MARCH 14, 2015. The figure skating clubs in Willmar, St. Cloud, and Fergus Falls host their own competitions and all four clubs work together to host a series for our skaters in which they can receive trophies or medals based on how they performed overall in these competitions. You are not required to compete at all four locations, but may do so if you choose. **For more information about competitions, please speak to Kris Juettnr. Remember, this is the pathway to the Olympics! REALLY!**

TESTING NIGHT – MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014

On this evening we evaluate your skater to see if he/she is ready to move into the next level of skating. No need to tell your skater that this is happening. The skaters will be tested by their coaches as they are working on their skills. Please stop by the AFSC office to see what level to sign your skater up for next session. They will either receive a “passing certificate” or a “needs improvement” certificate.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you'd like to volunteer your time and talent to help the AFSC, we need help with fundraising, exhibitions, competitions, shows, etc. Sign-up sheets will be posted as volunteers are needed. Your help is expected and will be GREATLY appreciated!







AFSC COACHING STAFF

Our coaches this season are: Sara Linow, Kelsey Krawiecki, Kelly Cabana, Kasey Corcoran-Peterson, Tessa Dutcher, Kassandra Gibbons, Connie Brunkow, and Anna Thieschaefer (Student Coaches: Morgan Hess and AnaLea Sheets). Several of these coaches are currently coaching private lessons as well as classes. You can obtain more information about each of them at the AFSC office or on the AFSC website: www.alexandriafigureskating.org.

2014/2015 AFSC BOARD MEMBERS

A list of the current Board Members is posted on the AFSC bulletin board along with their contact information.

WAYS TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE CLUB

-  Website: www.alexandriafigureskating.org
-  Facebook – “like” us on Facebook to see newsfeeds and receive notifications
-  Newsletters
-  Attend the parent meetings
-  Bulletin board outside the AFSC office and dry erase board
-  Ask questions of any AFSC board member

The AFSC is very excited to be working with you and your skater!