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## COUNCIL NEWS

Here is a great new way to help the Skating Council of Illinois raise funds for our various programs. When you #StartWithaSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to the Skating Council of Illinois. Bookmark the link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/65-1188423> and support us every time you shop.

We just completed the **2016 Illinois Grand Prix of Figure Skating**. There are eight competitions in the series and a skater must compete in at least four of them to receive an invitation to the Grand Prix Final. This year we logged a total of 1,865 starts for the eight competitions, the second highest total in our six-year history (2015 = 1,907 starts). 162 skaters qualified for the Final, five (5) more than last year, setting a new record. The Grand Prix Final was held on September 25 in Highland Park. A great time was had by all. We are looking forward to next year's series. Watch for future information in our Newsletter.

Mark Saturday, January 14, 2017 on your calendars for **Synchro Illinois**. It will be held at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena and we expect it to be a full day event. Volunteer requests will be sent out early in January. This is another great way for your club to make some money.

The Skating Council of Illinois will host three **high school competitions** in 2017. The competitions will be January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Carlson Ice Arena, February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Oakton Ice Arena, and March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena. Teams can compete in one or all of the competitions. More information will be available soon on the Skating Council Web page at [www.skatingcouncilofillinois.org](http://www.skatingcouncilofillinois.org).

## CLUB NEWS

**Rockford Skating Club** (RSC) is presenting their Christmas Show, Snowflakes on Ice, on Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m. at the Carlson Ice Arena in Loves Park.

The annual **Skokie Valley Skating Club** (SVSC) Regionals Exhibition will be held on Saturday, October 8 at 4:00 p.m. at the Winnetka Ice Arena. Any SVSC member registered for Regionals were allowed to reserve a spot in the Exhibition. This is a great opportunity for skaters to perform their programs in front of an audience before the big event.

**Southport Skating Club** is pairing up with RinkSide Sports to promote competing. They are holding a "mock" competition to give Learn to Skate skaters the experience of a competition. The rink will charge a nominal fee and skaters will complete a simple application. Coaches and higher level skaters will judge, and Valarie Berger, a USFS accountant, will do the accounting, so skaters see starting orders, result sheets, etc. All skaters will receive a participation ribbon. The "mock" competition will be held over winter break, and is currently only open to RinkSide Learn to Skate skaters.

The **Springfield Figure Skating Club** (SFSC) will be hosting An American Ice Princess and Her Doll tea party and skating event on Saturday, November 20 at noon at the Nelson Center Ice Arena in Springfield. Registration information can be found on the club website, [www.sfsc4u.com](http://www.sfsc4u.com).

The SFSC will also be hosting their Annual Winter Exhibition and Food Drive on Saturday, December 17 at 2:00 pm. It will include a public skate from 3 – 5 pm.

Beginning this season, the **University of Illinois Collegiate Synchronized Skating Team** will start accepting tax-deductible donations. Please consider supporting the longest running collegiate synchro club in the state and becoming an "IllinoisSupporter". It is through the continued support of family, alumni network, and IllinoisSupporters community that they are able to provide the reasonably priced opportunity for skaters in Illinois. Their skaters have the opportunity to continue their love of skating in college and compete on a nationally competitive team while attending an exceptional in-state university. Your financial contribution will help establish a scholarship fund for current and future Illini and ensure the longevity of this great organization.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the IllinoisSkating Foundation Account through the University of Illinois Division of Club Sports, visit [www.IllinoisSkating.com/IllinoisSupporters](http://www.IllinoisSkating.com/IllinoisSupporters) for details.

IllinoisSkating is a synchronized skating team founded in 2001. They represent the Illini Figure Skating Club, a proud member of the Skating Council of Illinois. The organization is professionally coached by Kati Churchill and Alexis Dodd with an Executive Board made up of elected student leaders. They are committed student-athletes who believe in mutual

respect between coaches and skaters. They strive to create an inclusive and supportive environment that fosters trust, positivity, and excellence both on and off the ice. The organization encourages personal growth and enrichment as skaters, teammates, and individuals.”

Join them to get a glimpse of what collegiate skating at the University of Illinois is like! **The University of Illinois Collegiate Synchronized Skating Team**, IllinoisSkating, will be hosting a fall Prospective Skaters Day on Saturday, October 1st from 11:45AM - 4:30PM for skaters in 8th grade or higher. No previous synchro experience required.

Come experience a fun day of two hours of ice time with IllinoisSkating's team and coaches, lunch, an informational presentation with a question and answer session focused on their personal college and skating experiences, and an official tour of the beautiful campus. Registration fee is \$65 per skater.

Email them at [Illinois.synchronized.skating@gmail.com](mailto:Illinois.synchronized.skating@gmail.com) or visit [IllinoisSkating.com](http://IllinoisSkating.com) for more information!

## COMPETITIONS

The **Greater Milwaukee Figure Skating Club** will sponsor their annual WIM competition on March 23 – 26, 2017. The competition will feature the Artistic/Showcase event for which the top three (3) in each level will receive a scholarship award in addition to their medals. This competition is part of the Grand Prix Series. Check future Newsletters for more information. You may also check the Club's website.

The **Rockford Skating Club** will sponsor the Cranberry Classic Learn to Skate USA and Beyond competition on November 6 at the Carlson Ice Arena in Loves Park. Registration is available on EntryEeze.

The **Springfield FSC** will offer a Basic Skills and Beyond competition on Saturday, November 19 at noon. The competition will be held at the Nelson Center Ice Arena in Springfield. The deadline for entry is October 19. Registration is available on EntryEeze.

## TEST SESSIONS

Chicago FSC: October 28 and December 16, 2016 at West Meadows Ice Arena.

Glenwood FSC: September 18, 2016, March 4, 2017, June 12, 2017, August 11, 2017 at Southwest Ice Arena.

October 10, 2016, May 6, 2017, July 10, 2017, at Oak Lawn Ice Arena

February 6, April 9, 2017 at Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena

Rockford SC: November 5, 2016, at Carlson Ice Arena, Loves Park. Registration on EntryEeze.

Southport SC: November 11, 2016, 8 am at Rink Side Ice Arena, Gurnee. Offering free skate, moves, partnered dance and solo dance.

Skokie Valley SC: October 14, November 18, December 9, 2016, Moves and Free Skate at Winnetka

October 16, November 20, December 11, 2016, Dance at Winnetka

Please check the above clubs' websites for more information.

The next Newsletter will be January 1, 2017. Deadline for submission is December 15, 2016.