

ICE CHIPS

Fort Collins Figure Skating Club

Mark Your Calendar

*** All events at EPIC unless otherwise noted.*

Scheduled Test Sessions

April 4th, June 7th, September 20th

*Deadline for April 4th test is **March 21st.**

Fort Collins Classic

April 4th - 7th

*LATE REGISTRATION CLOSES: Friday, March 8th!

*Music upload deadline/ PPC 3/24/24 at midnight (\$25 late fee after).

Smashburger Fundraiser

April 4th

Modern Market Fundraiser

April 5th

Ice Extravaganza Ice Show

Saturday, May 11th,
Two shows- 1pm, 6pm

**TICKETS GO ON SALE
April 1st through Eventbrite!**

Letter from FCFSC President

Dear Club Members,

Spring might be making an early appearance here in Fort Collins, and at the skating rink we are gearing up for competition season! Our club has been hosting our own competition, the Fort Collins Classic since 1991–33 years! FCFSC was founded in 1987, so within 4 years the founding members quickly established the Classic at EPIC. The Classic has been an important part of the Front Range’s competition schedule for competitive figure skaters in Colorado and from surrounding states. Scheduled in early April, between Denver Invitational and Alpine Skating Club’s Funtastics, the Fort Collins Classic is a great early season competition to debut new programs. US Figure Skating judges and officials always tell us how much they love coming to our competition as they enjoy our wonderful hospitality and friendly atmosphere.

Hosting competitions is how our club earns money for our year-round programming and events. A 3-4 day competition requires ALL our club members who compete or benefit from the proceeds to volunteer some time to support the Classic. Our wonderful Volunteer Coordinator, Stacy Morse, VP, will create an online Sign Up with volunteer options that can work into any member's schedule and abilities.

As soon as Fort Collins Classic wraps up 2024 Ice Extravaganza Ice Show rehearsals get underway! If you missed it, our show theme will be "Up In Lights!" Watch for more information regarding volunteer opportunities and rehearsals, and the cast list coming very soon! Volunteering for club events is a requirement for all our membership levels, and the ability to offer fun events is dependent on our volunteers who organize and run them. If you enjoy these events, we depend on you to share in the work. When the sign-ups get published to the club please help fill all the volunteer slots as quickly as possible! I'll be looking forward to working with all our families both at the competition and at the Ice Show!

Happy Springtime Skating!

Gayleen Carpenter

FCFSC President

"Up in Lights" Theme

This spring our skaters will go UP IN LIGHTS during the Fort Collins Skating Club's Ice Extravaganza. Iconic characters from stage and screen will take the ice for a show celebrating winners and nominees from the Tonys, the Grammys, the Oscars, and the Emmys. Please join us as we celebrate our 2024 graduating class, our competitive teams/skaters and our Learn to Skate program as they all sparkle like stars.



Testing

We had 19 skaters pass tests in the past 2 test sessions. Congratulations to all our club skaters who passed their tests! Special congratulations to our Addie Mitchell on passing her Gold Singles test on December 1 with her coach Katie Holmes with her! We are so very proud of you, Addie! Our next test session will be on Thursday April 4, 2024 ahead of the competition. Follow the link [HERE](#) to get to our club website to follow our links to register for the upcoming test session. Please don't forget to check your family folder in the wood filing cabinets in the green rink to pick up your certificates for your passed tests from US Figure Skating!



Addie Mitchell – Gold Singles!

December 1, 2023

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| Ava Alvarez | Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills & Singles |
| Saturn Warren | Pre-Preliminary Singles |
| Claire Schump | Pre-Preliminary Singles |
| Leo Stasevich | Preliminary Skating Skills |
| Abby Meazoa | Preliminary Singles |
| Mackenzie Irish | Pre-Bronze Singles |
| Rocio Pardina | Pre-Bronze Singles |
| Lauren Knuckey | Bronze Singles |
| Addison Mitchell | GOLD SINGLES!! |

February 2, 2024

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| Patricia Kuyper | Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills |
| Lindsay Gillikin | Adult 21+ Pre-Bronze Skating Skills & Singles |
| | Adult 21+ Bronze Skating Skills & Singles |
| Sage Mastbergen | Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills & Singles |

Claire Schump	Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango & Rhythm Blues, Partnered Follow
Alexis Foster	Pre-Silver Skating Skills
Lauren Knuckey	Pre-Silver Skating Skills, Honors
Sarah Stump	Pre-Silver Skating Skills
Robyn Seldin	Swing Dance & Fiesta Tango 50+, Solo Follow

Virtual Tests

Katy Hicks	Fourteenstep, Solo Follow w/ Kansas City FSC (2/15) Silver Skating Skills w/ Skating Club of Phoenix (11/28/23)
Melina Miller	Bronze Solo Free Dance w/ Central Florida FSC (2/13) Willow Waltz and Hickory Hoedown, Follow Solo w/ Ames FSC (1/16)
Stephanie Hopkins	Willow Waltz Adult 21+, Follow Partnered and Adult 21+ Pre-Silver Solo Free Dance w/FSC of Osceola (1/19)

Program Run-Throughs for Fort Collins Classic

Sign up to reserve a time to run through your program with music and props before Fort Collins Classic— Sunday, March 24th from 4:15 - 5:15pm on the blue rink. Skaters are limited to reserve 2 programs until Sunday, March 17th. If there are spots left after this, skaters can sign up for more. Cost is \$12/program, you will be billed. Coach Katie will make the order a week prior so skaters know which program is going first, second, and etc.

Email music by Friday, March 15th to fcfigureskating@gmail.com so we can create a playlist.

Click on this link to sign up:

[Sign Up for Program Run Throughs](#)

Ice Show Fundraising

HELP NEEDED!!

We are looking for 2024 ice show sponsors! Do you own a business? Do you know someone who does?

If so, please e-mail fcfsc.treasurer@gmail.com for more information!



Ice Show Sponsorship Program Goals





The ice show's current funding sources are fees, ticket sales, and fundraising. Our goal is to raise \$10,000.

Your donation will help ice show participants by:

- Buying ice time · Paying for coaches · Buying props · Paying for lighting · Buying music



Sponsorship Levels

DESCRIPTION	TOE LOOP \$250 - \$499	DOUBLE TOE LOOP \$500 - \$999	AXEL \$1,000 +
Half page ad in program			
Full page ad in program			
Your company banner displayed at ice shows			

All sponsorship levels include a link to company on Fort Collins Figure Skating Club's website

Important Dates:

“Up in Lights” Ice Extravaganza Ice Show

Tested Skaters begin off ice rehearsals for the Ice Show Monday, 4/8 and Wednesday, 4/10, 4:45-6:15pm.

All on ice rehearsals for Tested and Learn to Skate begin April 15th.

- Tested skaters will practice Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays.
- Learn to Skate skaters will have rehearsals Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:45-6pm.

Tech week begins May 5th. Full rehearsal schedules to come!

Post show Cast Party May 18th -11am-3pm.

Dine Out to Support Ice Extravaganza Ice Show

Keep an eye out for dining opportunities to support the ice show.

Currently, we have two. On April 4th, Smashburger (2550 E. Harmony Rd.) will donate 20% of its dining, take out, and pick up orders to FCFSC. The next day, Modern Market (3260 S College Ave.) will do the same but give us 30%! Keep an eye on our social media and please share the posts with friends and family.

RSVP at these links so restaurants can plan for our counts. We need at least 20 advance commitments for each before April to keep the fundraiser active. Thank you!

[Smashburger -- RSVP Now](#)

[Modern Market Eatery - RSVP Now](#)

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

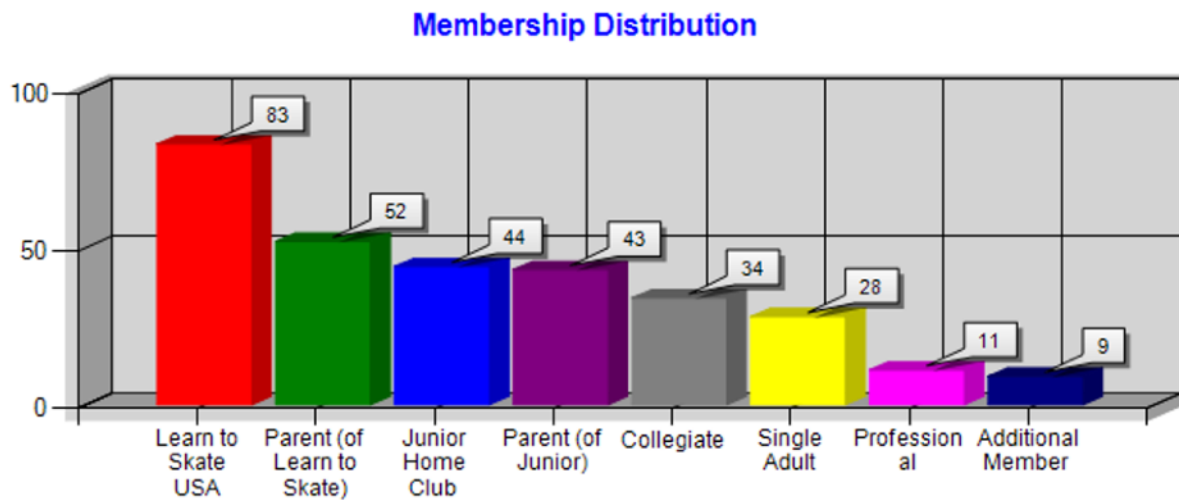
Don't forget to sign up for The Graduating Seniors Award Program. To apply go to U.S. Figure Skating Members Only website—"Programs"—"Graduating Seniors" page. **Click here for details.**

Application timeline:

- General application deadline: March 18, 2024 @ 11:59 pm MT
- Late application deadline: June 30, 2024 @ 11:59 pm MT
- No applications will be accepted after the 2023-24 U.S. Figure Skating membership year closes on June 30, 2024.

Club Membership

Our Club currently has 318 members and is 178 families strong! Here is the membership breakdown:



Please mark your calendars! All memberships will be up for renewal from **June 1-30**. Reminder emails will be sent out at the end of May.

The Club would like to publish a member directory. The directory will include **members' phone numbers and email addresses only**.

Please email fcfsc.membership@gmail.com by **Friday, March 8th** if:

1. You do not want to be included in the directory.
2. You only want your phone number published in the directory.
3. You only want your email published in the directory.



2024 Skate Colorado Compete USA Series

<p>Aspen Invitational (Lewis Arena) Date: Dec 1-3, 2023 www.aspenfigureskatingclub.com 0861 Maroon Creek Rd Aspen, CO Competition Chair: Janette Buchanan janettebuchanan@yahoo.com (650) 465-1720 Competition Application Deadline: October 27, 2023</p>	<p>Denver Invitational (South Suburban Sports Complex) Date: March 7-10, 2024 www.denverfsc.org 4810 E. County Line Road Littleton, CO 80126 Competition Chair: Lisa May li@dcfsc.org (720) 272-0290 Competition Application Deadline: Feb 4, 2024</p>
<p>Ft. Collins Classic (EPIC) Date: April 4-7, 2024 www.fortcollinsfsc.org 1801 Riverside Fort Collins, CO 80525 Competition Chair: Amy Aspeland aspelua@gmail.com 970-556-4850 Competition Application Deadline: March 21, 2024</p>	<p>Funtastics (APEX) Date: April 12-14, 2024 www.alpinesc.org 13150 W 72nd Ave Arvada, CO 80005 Competition Chair: Carol Zeles / Mary Lynn Conway cmzeles@gmail.com / marylynn.conway@gmail.com (303) 979-0802 Competition Application Deadline: TBD</p>
<p>Centennial Spring Classic (Monument Ice Rinks) Date: May 3-4, 2024 www.centennialskatingclub.org 16240 Old Denver Highway Monument, CO 80132 Competition Chair: Lisa Landon lisa_landon@comcast.net (719) 659-0912 Competition Application Deadline: April 3, 2024</p>	<p>Front Range Invitational (Greeley Ice Haus) Date: May 31-June 2, 2024 www.mountainviewskatingclub.com 900 8th Avenue Greeley, CO 80633 Competition Chair: Lyndsay Buxman / Sarah Mitchell competition@mountainviewskating.com (303) 332-7868 / 970-978-3192 Competition Application Deadline: TBD</p>
<p>Broadmoor Open (World Arena) Date: June 23, 2024 www.broadmoorskatingclub.com 3185 Venetucci Blvd Colorado Springs, CO 80906 Competition Chair: Barbara Bradley HoneyB23@aol.com (719) 540-5655 Competition Application Deadline: May 8, 2024</p>	<p>Vail Invitational (Dobson Arena) Date: July 14, 2024 www.skateclubvail.com 321 E. Lionshead Cir Vail, CO 81657 Competition Chair: Kelly Deimund kellydeimund@hotmail.com (630) 379-6867 / (970) 376-3945 Competition Application Deadline: TBD</p>
<p>Cup of Colorado/Colorado Gold (South Suburban Sports Complex) Date: Aug 15-18, 2024 www.denverfsc.org 4810 E. County Line Road Littleton, CO 80126 Competition Chair: Cassy Papajohn cup@dcfsc.org (303)910-0303 Competition Application Deadline: July 14, 2024</p>	<p>Colorado Springs Invitational/RMSG (Monument Ice Rinks) Date: Sep 13-14, 2024 www.centennialskatingclub.org 16240 Old Denver Highway Monument, CO 80132 Competition Chair: Lisa Landon lisa_landon@comcast.net (719) 659-0912 Competition Application Deadline: Aug 11, 2024</p>
<p>*** All 2024 Skate Colorado Compete USA Competition Series awards will be presented at this competition ***</p>	

EPIC Productions

EPIC Productions revealed their Showcase theme for 2024 through a fun scavenger hunt at **EPIC: Wonderland, The Musical**. Their Large Ensemble cast members are:

- Zoe Anderson - Storybook Alice
- Calvin August - White Knight
- Sadie Coatman - Modern Alice
- Emily Davis - Storybook Alice
- Nour Hamden - Queen Of Hearts
- Lauren Knuckey - The Mad Hatter
- Olivia Melchert - The March Hare
- Melina Miller - The Cheshire Cat
- Claire Schump - Ace Of Spades
- Claudia Schuster - The White Rabbit



Member News and Highlights

Right: FCFSC Member Reede Lunt (*top, second from left*) represented FCFSC with his partner Jolene Grohne (*bottom, middle*) at 2024 Prevagen U.S. Figure Skating Championships. They competed in Novice Pairs Short Program and Novice Pairs FreeSkate events. Reede thanks fellow FCFSC members for their support.



Skater of the Quarter: Brooklyn King

Age: 19

Skating Level: Senior moves in the field, novice free skate, and bronze pattern dance

Coach: Marianne Strobel

How long have you been skating? Since I was was 8 years old

How and why did you start skating? I went on a trip to Steamboat with my family in 2012, and we went ice skating for the first time at the rink there. When we were done I asked my mom to sign me up for skating lessons which doesn't really make sense since I spent the entire time sobbing in frustration.

How has skating improved your life?

Skating is very creatively fulfilling for me. I have a lot of creative outlets but I don't think any of them excite me as much as building a new skating program.

Skating just makes me really happy.

What are some of your biggest accomplishments in skating? Creating my iconic bumble bee routine.

What else would you like to share about yourself? My biggest dream has always been to skate for Disney On Ice. Thankfully they invited me to audition with them in April, so wish me luck!

What else would you like to share about yourself? I'm really into fashion, music, and makeup. Also really love my kitties.



Skater of the Quarter: Katherine Pietras

Age: 15

Skating Level: Intermediate Moves in the Field, Juvenile Freeskate

Coach: Head coach-Christopher Darling; spins/jumps— Beth Ferguson; Moves in the Field— Katie Holmes.

How long have you been skating? since I was 5.

How and why did you start skating? I started Learn to Skate lessons when I was five years old with Coach Trudy, Coach Marianne, and Coach Susan. It was difficult for me to be in group lessons because I wanted to skate fast and do tricks like the older girls. My Dad used to push me around the ice really fast and he'd sing a song while we skated fast! I think that feeling of freedom kept me motivated to keep taking lessons.

How has skating improved your life? Skating has taught me discipline, perseverance, and that it takes a lot of failures to finally succeed. I learned that to be proficient in jumps and spins, that it takes countless hours of hard work to succeed.

What are some of your biggest accomplishments in skating? It took years to learn how to do an Axel, but when I finally figured it out, I was ecstatic! I quickly added into my program I competed at the Broadmoor, and wound up getting 3rd place in my category.

What are some of your future skating goals? I'd like to be able to land all of my double jumps. Right now, I'm working on my double Salchow. I'd also like to pass my Novice Moves in the Field and my Intermediate Freeskate tests.

What else would you like to share about yourself? I love performing! I am a pianist, a music theater actress, a singer, and I recently performed three different acts in my high school talent show.



Skater of the Quarter: Kate Rosgen

Age: 9

Skating Level: Freeskate 2

Coach: Katie Holmes

How long have you been skating? 3 years

How and why did you start skating? I tried it because Grandma used to figure skate and kept coming back to it as her favorite sport.

How has skating improved your life? I'm loving the enjoyment and creativity that it brings to my life.

What are some of your biggest accomplishments in skating? Being on the Fire Crystals Synchro team and competing in my first solo performance at Winter fest 2023 and then at Laramie in January where I placed 6th in the Aspire 1-4 Showcase Category.



What are some of your future skating goals? Keep enjoying skating and improving my skills. Creating more unique programs to my favorite music with Coach Katie.

What else would you like to share about yourself? I work hard to do well at the things I love to do. When I'm not on the ice I'm horse-riding, skiing, painting, crafting and singing.

King Soopers Community Rewards Supports FCFSC



The graphic features a green banner with the text "KING SOOPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS" in white. To the left of the banner is an illustration of a family: a man with a beard, a woman, and a child. There are also two bees flying around the scene.

- **Log onto your King Soopers app.**
- **In the menu icon select rewards, then community rewards.**
- **Select Fort Collins Figure Skating Club.**
- **Enter your phone number each time you check out.**

Every purchase you make will support FCFSC!



The King Soopers logo consists of a red shopping cart icon to the left of the word "KING" in a red, outlined font, with "Soopers" in a yellow, cursive font below it.

Funds earned help all our club efforts: holding seminars with guest coaches, supporting our various teams (EPIC Productions, Fire Crystals Synchro), producing the ice show, and much more! Please take a moment to enroll now. Thank you for your support!!!!

***Note: The rewards are separate from your fuel points. Your fuel points **won't be penalized** by enrolling in this program!