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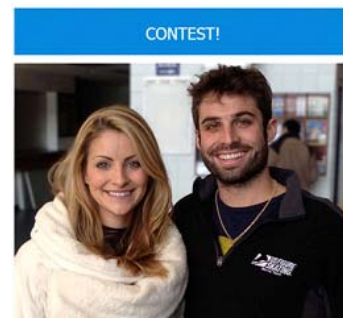
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Atlanta FSC To Host U.S. Figure Skating S.T.A.R.S. Camp



Once again, the Atlanta FSC has been selected to host a **S.T.A.R.S.** camp on **Sunday, June 16**, following the Atlanta Open at The Cooler. This year the first three S.T.A.R.S. locations to reach 100 registered athletes will receive a visit from one of USFS's celebrity athletes, **Tanith Belbin** or **Rockne Brubaker**, who will assist with the seminar and have extra time for questions as well as photo and autograph opportunities.

In order to participate, you must be a USFS member, at least six years old, have passed the Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field test, and be injury free at the time of assessment. The camp is comprised of 15 tests in 1) agility /balance/ coordination; 2) strength/power; and 3) flexibility. All tests are administered by National Strength and Conditioning Association C.S.C.S. trainers.



Tanith and Rockne

The cost is \$49/skater and includes all testing, an interactive seminar - "Training, Overtraining and Recovery," a t-shirt, and raw test scores as well as a final report that compares the athlete with others of the same skating level, age, and gender across the country. An updated S.T.A.R.S. exercise guide will be available online on March 1 to help athletes and their coaches and trainers.

Online registration opened on **March 1** at **STARScombine.org**. **Last year the camp filled up in less than two days, so register quickly to secure a spot (and win a celebrity visit)!**

Atlanta Open!

The Atlanta Open will be held on June 13 - 15 at The Cooler. **The registration deadline is Friday, May 3.**

New to the competition this year will be final rounds in events with more than one flight. We will also offer critiques to skaters at the Juvenile and above levels. Pre-registration through EntryEze is required.

Board of Directors Election Candidates Selected

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Jane Jud, is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates to fulfill expiring terms of current Board of Directors members:

Senior Candidates

John Millier
Laurie Sanii
Kathy Shehee

Junior Candidates

Francesca Sichenze-Bryant
Erika Ono
Kim Rutter

A total of five candidates will be elected. Ballots have been emailed to all eligible members and must be returned by **April 30** (postmark or email).

Magical Magnolia!



Olivia Barnes (Pre-Juvenile), Kaitlyn McGarigle (Pre-Preliminary), Caroline Mura (Preliminary), Madeline Freeman (No Test), Grace Crossen (Pre-Preliminary), Mingda Liu (Pre-Juvenile), and Katie Sanyal (Pre-Preliminary).

More than 235 skaters from nine USFS clubs, eight rinks, and six states participated in this year's magical Magnolia Open!



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Jan Brown, Sheila Catanzarite, Carrilynn Corbin, Dana Forehand, Fran Gregory, Dawn Kisella, Cynthia Kornetzke, Gloria Lewis, KB Lim, Peggy McCarthey, Haley Osenbaugh, Janet Payne, Kathy Shehee, & Kathy Williams

All of our great volunteers, officials, and sponsors!



Exhibitions
February 22 &
March 1



Athena Landon & Madeline Freeman (Pre-Preliminary), Kasey Anne D'Eloia (No Test), Amelia Marsh (Basic 2), Pari Ghosh (Beginner), Campbell Young, Chloe Rutter (both Freeskate 1), and Bailey Snead (Beginner).



Anne Cole (Preliminary), Charlie Liu (Pre-Juvenile), Morgan Sliker, Julia Kornetzke, Emily Nolan, Elvira Junnila (all Preliminary), Stephanie Amodeo (Pre-Juvenile), Ying Yip, Nastasia Rozenberg (both Preliminary).

GOLD MEDALISTS!

Stephanie Amodeo (2)
Libby Bickford
Mitchell Castelletti
Maggie Cawston (2)
Miranda Corbin
Alexa Davila (4)
Melody DeMerchant
Elizabeth Douglas (2)
Helena Fisher
Triniti Fong
Madeline Freeman (2)

Olivia Garrett (2)
Pari Ghosh
Jessica Gregory (2)
Courtney Hand
Shayla Jolliffe
Monica Kantor
Ashley Kaloyanides
Olivia Kaloyannides
Katia Kochengina
Finnuala Koran
Julia Kornetzke

Athena Landon (2)
Ava Landon
Charlotte Lichtenfeld (2)
Charles Liu
Natalie Martin
Amelia Marsh
Kaitlyn McGarigle (2)
Kelly Mi
Emily Moosbrugger
Madison Mueller
Caroline Mura (3)

Rahly Osenbaugh
Heather Phillips (2)
Alexa Phillips
Kaitlyn Plaziak
Nancy Ellis Riggs
Caroline Riley
Nastasia Rozenberg
Chloe Rutter
Katie Sanyal (2)
Melanie Schael

Bailey Snead
George Song
Emily Stark (2)
Breelie Taylor
Leah Weinberg (3)
Anna Scott Wieler (2)
Adeline Wieler
Regan Williams
Katie Wishert
Campbell Young



Kaitlyn Plaziak (No Test), Courtney Hand (Beginner), Triniti Fong (No Test), Nicole Strain (Limited Beginner), Sarah Suh (Preliminary), Kelly Mi (No Test), Jessica Gregory (Pre-Preliminary), Melanie Schael (Freeskate 2)

Magnolia Open Member Results

March 8 - 10



NOVICE

Free Skate, Test Track

Helena Fisher	1st/2
Dezarae Vazquez	2nd/2

INTERMEDIATE

Free Skate, Test Track

Natalie Martin	1st/3
Emily Stark	2nd/3
Rachel Korn	3rd/3

JUVENILE/OPEN JUVENILE

Compulsory Moves

Rahly Osenbaugh	1st/5
Natalie Martin	3rd/5
Olivia Barnes	4th/5
Rachel Korn	5th/5

Footwork

Emily Stark	1st/1
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Jumps

Emily Stark	1st/2
Rachel Korn	2nd/2

PRE-JUVENILE

Free Skate

Mingda Liu	2nd/6
Olivia Barnes	4th/6
Charles Liu	5th/6
Rahly Osenbaugh	6th/6

Free Skate, Test Track

Stephanie Amodeo	1st/1
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Jumps

Alexa Davila	1st/3
Charles Liu	2nd/3
Elvira Junnila	3rd/3



PRE-JUVENILE

Compulsory Moves

Alexa Davila	1st/7
Charles Liu	2nd/7
Julia Kornetzke	3rd/7
Claire Sosnow	4th/7
Elvira Junnila	5th/7
Nastasia Rozenberg	6th/7
Emily Brothman	7th/7

Moves in the Field

Melody DeMerchant	1st/1
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Footwork

Emily Moosbrugger	1st/1
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Spins

Charles Liu	1st/2
Olivia Barnes	2nd/2

Light Entertainment

Nastasia Rozenberg	1st/2
Emily Brothman	2nd/2

PRELIMINARY

Free Skate, Test Track, Grp. A

Caroline Mura	1st/4
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Free Skate, Test Track, Grp. B

Olivia Garrett	1st/4
Stephanie Brimeyer	2nd/4
Zoe Dellaert	3rd/4

Jumps

Libby Bickford	1st/4
Morgan Sliker	2nd/4
Anne Cole	3rd/4
Katrina Morgan	4th/4

Compulsory Moves

Katie Sanyal	1st/8
Emily Nolan	2nd/8
Anne Cole	4th/8
Ashley Catanzarite	6th/8



PRELIMINARY

Free Skate, Grp. A

Alexa Davila	1st/6
Elvira Junnila	2nd/6
Nastasia Rozenberg	3rd/6
Ying Yip	4th/6
Anne Cole	5th/6
Claire Sosnow	6th/6

Free Skate, Grp. B

Julia Kornetzke	1st/7
Emily Nolan	2nd/7
Emily Moosbrugger	3rd/7
Morgan Sliker	4th/7
Sarah Suh	5th/7
Emily Brothman	6th/7
Ashley Catanzarite	7th/7



Magnolia Open Member Results

PRELIMINARY

Moves in the Field

Jessica Gregory 1st/1

Spins

Ying Yip 2nd/3

Impromptu Interpretive

Stephanie Amodeo 1st/1

Light Entertainment

Caroline Mura 1st/2

Elvira Junnila 2nd/2



PRE-PRELIMINARY

Free Skate, Grp. A

Katie Sanyal 2nd/8

Libby Bickford 4th/8

Jeslyn Choi 6th/8

Athena Landon 8th/8

Free Skate, Grp. B

Monica Kantor 4th/9

Katrina Morgan 6th/9

Mathilda Zimmerman 9th/9

Free Skate, Test Track, Grp. A

Kaitlyn McGarigle 1st/4

Aubrey Alkhazraji 4th/4

Free Skate, Test Track, Grp. B

Grace Crossen 1st/4

Eva Salter 2nd/4

Jessica Gregory 3rd/4

Livi Ludwick 4th/4

Free Skate, Test Track, Grp. C

Olivia Linn 2nd/2

Jumps, Grp. A

Triniti Fong 1st/5

Grace Crossen 2nd/5

Melody DeMerchant 3rd/5

Kaitlyn McGarigle 4th/4

Jumps, Grp. B

Olivia Garrett 1st/6

Stephanie Brimeyer 3rd/6

Alexa Phillips 4th/6

Jessica Gregory 6th/6

PRE-PRELIMINARY

Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Madeline Freeman 2nd/7

Jeslyn Choi 3rd/7

Elizabeth Jester 4th/7

Melody DeMerchant 5th/7

Kasey Anne D'Eloia 6th/7

Compulsory Moves, Grp. B

Caroline Mura 1st/7

Kelly Mi 2nd/7

Alexa Phillips 3rd/7

Kaitlyn Plaziak 4th/7

Jessica Gregory 5th/7

Alexandra Strain 6th/7

Risako Nonaka 7th/7

Compulsory Moves, Grp. C

Monica Kantor 1st/7

Olivia Garrett 3rd/7

Anneliese Hill 5th/7

Zoe Dellaert 7th/7

Footwork

Alexa Phillips 2nd/2

Spins, Grp. A

Melody DeMerchant 2nd/5

Kaitlyn McGarigle 4th/5

Risako Nonaka 5th/5

Spins, Grp. B

Alexa Phillips 1st/5

Anneliese Hill 2nd/5

Jessica Gregory 3rd/5

Monica Kantor 4th/5

Olivia Garrett 5th/5

PRE-PRELIMINARY

Impromptu Interpretive

Athena Landon 1st/2

Jessica Gregory 2nd/2

Light Entertainment

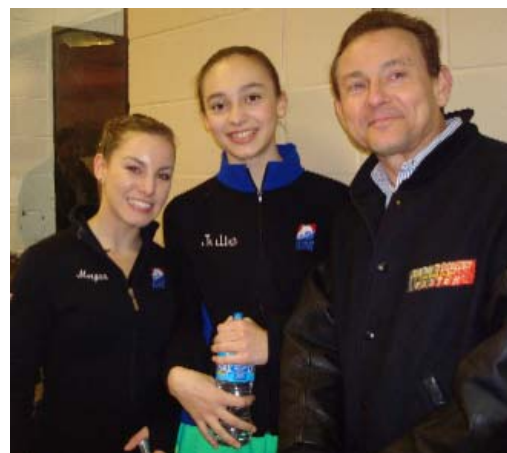
Olivia Linn 3rd/4

Grace Crossen 4th/4

Showcase, Duet

Athena Landon/ 1st/1

Madeline Freeman



Magnolia Open Member Results



NO TEST

Free Skate, Grp. A

Madeline Freeman	3rd/6
Triniti Fong	4th/6
Elizabeth Jester	5th/6

Free Skate, Grp. B

Kaitlyn Plaziak	1st/7
Kasey Anne D'Eloia	3rd/7
Olivia Kaloyannides	4th/7
Alexandra Strain	5th/7
Isabel Bobrik	7th/7

Free Skate, Grp. C

Kelly Mi	1st/7
Risako Nonaka	3rd/7
Alexa Phillips	4th/7

Free Skate, Grp. D

Finnuala Koran	4th/8
Graham Felton	7th/8
Rylee Manning	8th/8

Jumps

Anna Scott Wieler	1st/4
Bailey Snead	2nd/4
Aubrey Alkhazraji	4th/4



NO TEST

Compulsory Moves, Grp. A

Anna Scott Wieler	1st/5
Pari Ghosh	2nd/5
Aubrey Alkhazraji	4th/5

Compulsory Moves, Grp. B

Finnuala Koran	1st/5
Regan Williams	3rd/5

Compulsory Moves, Boys

Mitchell Castelletti	1st/2
George Song	2nd/2

Footwork

Livi Ludwick	2nd/3
Aubrey Alkhazraji	3rd/3



NO TEST

Spins

Olivia Kaloyannides	1st/2
Aubrey Alkhazraji	2nd/2

Impromptu Interpretive

Madeline Freeman	1st/2
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Light Entertainment, Grp. A

Mitchell Castelletti	5th/5
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Light Entertainment, Grp. B

Regan Williams	1st/7
Shayla Jolliffe	3rd/7
Rylee Manning	7th/7

Showcase, Duet

Kaitlyn McGarigle/	1st/3
Caroline Riley	
Aubrey Alkhazraji/	3rd/3
Faye Edens	

ADULT SILVER

Free Skate

Nancy Ellis Riggs	2nd/2
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Jumps

Leah Weinberg	1st/1
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ADULT SILVER

Compulsory Moves

Leah Weinberg	1st/1
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Impromptu Interpretive

Nancy Ellis Riggs	1st/1
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Dramatic

Nancy Ellis Riggs	2nd/2
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ADULT BRONZE

Free Skate

Leah Weinberg	1st/2
Tea Junnila	2nd/2

Compulsory Moves

Heather Phillips	1st/1
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ADULT PRE-BRONZE

Free Skate

Heather Phillips	1st/1
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SOLO DANCE, COMBINED

Novice Final

Wendi Hiller	2nd/3
Helena Fisher	3rd/3

Novice (Starlight Waltz)

Wendi Hiller	1st/3
Helena Fisher	3rd/3

Novice (Paso Doble)

Wendi Hiller	2nd/3
Helena Fisher	3rd/3

Intermediate Final

Maya Neel	2nd/2
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Intermediate (American Waltz)

Maya Neel	2nd/2
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Intermediate (Tango)

Maya Neel	2nd/2
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Novice Free Dance

Wendi Hiller	2nd/3
Helena Fisher	3rd/3

Intermediate Free Dance

Maya Neel	2nd/2
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Magnolia Open Member Results

SOLO PATTERN DANCE

Pre-Gold Final

Wendi Hiller	2nd/3
Helena Fisher	3rd/3

Pre-Gold (Blues)

Wendi Hiller	2nd/3
Helena Fisher	3rd/3

Pre-Gold (Paso Doble)

Wendi Hiller	2nd/3 T
Helena Fisher	2nd/3 T

Silver Final

Soucci Taylor	2nd/3
Maya Neel	3rd/3

Silver (American Waltz)

Soucci Taylor	2nd/3
Maya Neel	3rd/3

Silver (Tango)

Soucci Taylor	2nd/3
Maya Neel	3rd/3

Pre-Silver (Fourteenstep)

Breelie Taylor	1st/1
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Pre-Silver (Foxtrot)

Breelie Taylor	1st/1
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Pre-Bronze Final

Alexa Davila	1st/4
Stephanie Brimeyer	2nd/4
Elvira Junnila	3rd/4
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	4th/4

Pre-Bronze (Cha Cha)

Alexa Davila	1st/4
Stephanie Brimeyer	2nd/4
Elvira Junnila	3rd/4
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	4th/4

Pre-Bronze (Fiesta Tango)

Alexa Davila	1st/4
Stephanie Brimeyer	2nd/4
Elvira Junnila	3rd/4
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	4th/4

Preliminary Final

Katie Sanyal	1st/3
Kaitlyn Plaziak	2nd/3

Preliminary (Canasta Tango)

Katie Sanyal	1st/3
Kaitlyn Plaziak	3rd/3

Preliminary (Rhythm Blues)

Katie Sanyal	1st/3
Kaitlyn Plaziak	2nd/3

LIMITED BEGINNER

Free Skate, Test Track, Grp. A

Nicole Strain	3rd/4
Faye Edens	4th/4

Free Skate, Test Track, Grp. A

Shayla Jolliffe	1st/3
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BEGINNER

Free Skate, Test Track, Grp. A

Bailey Snead	1st/4
Anna Scott Wieler	3rd/4

Free Skate, Test Track, Grp. B

Pari Ghosh	1st/5
Courtney Hand	3rd/5

Free Skate, Test Track, Grp. C

Regan Williams	3rd/5
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Free Skate, Test Track, Grp. E

George Song	1st/2
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FREESKATE 1/2

Interpretive

Chloe Rutter	1st/2
Faye Edens	2nd/2

FREESKATE 2

Program with Music, Grp. A

Melanie Schael	1st/3
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Compulsory, Grp. A

Campbell Young	2nd/2
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Compulsory, Grp. B

Courtney Hand	1st/2
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FREESKATE 1

Program with Music, Grp. A

Adeline Wieler	1st/4
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Program with Music, Grp. B

Campbell Young	1st/4
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Anna McPeak	2nd/4
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Program with Music, Grp. C

Miranda Corbin	1st/5
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Compulsory, Grp. A

Chloe Rutter	2nd/4
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BASIC SKILLS

BASIC 8

Program with Music, Grp. A

Haley Blankenship	3rd/3
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Program with Music, Grp. B

Tasha Weinberg	2nd/4
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Elements, Grp. A

Tasha Weinberg	2nd/2
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BASIC 8

Elements, Grp. B

Maggie Cawston	1st/3
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Program with Music, Grp. C

Maggie Cawston	1st/4
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BASIC 5

Program with Music

Charlotte Lichtenfeld	1st/3
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Adeline Rees	2nd/3
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Elements

Charlotte Lichtenfeld	1st/2
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Adeline Rees	2nd/2
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BASIC 4

Program with Music, Grp. A

Ava Landon	1st/3
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Elements

Ava Landon	1st/5
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Elizabeth Douglas	3rd/5
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Program with Music, Grp. B

Elizabeth Douglas	1st/6
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Trewcci Taylor	4th/6
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BASIC 3

Program with Music, Grp. A

Madison Mueller	1st/2
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Program with Music, Grp. B

Ashley Kaloyanides	1st/3
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Program with Music, Grp. C

Katie Wishert	1st/4
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BASIC 2

Program with Music

Amelia Marsh	1st/5
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Alexis Kibbe	4th/5
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BASIC 1

Program with Music

Katia Kochengina	1st/4
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Isabella Giordano	4th/4
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Elements

Isabella Giordano	2nd/3
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All Ages
Welcome!

SAVE THE DATE!

Modern
Music!

The Atlanta Figure Skating Club presents



THE 6TH ANNUAL ATLANTA ICE DANCE WEEKEND

May 31-June 2

The Cooler, Alpharetta, GA

The Atlanta Figure Skating Club is pleased to host the 6th annual ice dance weekend at The Cooler in Alpharetta, GA. The weekend is designed to promote ice dancing, provide quality instruction, and *have fun!* The agenda will include two levels of ice dance clinics on Saturday and Sunday, and dinner with ballroom dancing on Saturday night. More detailed schedule to follow! **NEW THIS YEAR - MODERN MUSIC! FROM DOLLY PARTON TO USHER!**

INSTRUCTION

Graham Payne

Graham Payne is a former senior national and international ice dance competitor and a national and world competition coach. He has been coaching for over 30 years, is a member of the PSA, and is the resident ice dance coach at The Cooler.

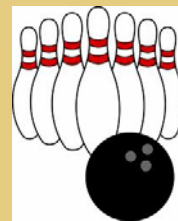
FACILITY

The Cooler is a privately-owned, multi-sport facility located at 10800 Davis Drive in Alpharetta, GA. The home rink of the Atlanta Figure Skating Club for nearly nine years, it has two ice surfaces (200' x 85' with rounded corners and hockey barriers), ample parking, dressing rooms, and a snack bar.

Contact **Laurie Sanii** (laurie.sanii@gmail.com / 404.987.2123) for more information. Or check out **Atlanta Ice Dancers** on Facebook

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**SUNDAY,
JUNE 9**

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SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Jabe Roberts

What motivates you to continue skating?

I love the feeling of the ice under my blades and being able to jump and rotate through the air. My parents and coaches help keep me motivated.

What is your weekly training regimen?

I skate twice a day, six days a week. I stretch every other day and work out the days in between. I go to a personal trainer on Mondays and Wednesdays.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite footwork is the one in my current program, Vivaldi. I love all jumps, but if I had to chose one, I would probably pick the double toe loop. My favorite spin is the death drop.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

My most memorable accomplishments are competing at the 2012 Junior Nationals and making it to the podium at Regionals in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Who is your favorite skater?

Evan Lysacek. I have always looked up to him because he started so late in his life, and it didn't matter to him. He was so determined and such a hard worker, and despite everything he won the Olympics.

Whom do you admire most?

I admire my parents for making it through so much in their lives and for sacrificing so much so I can skate.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I'm in the 8th grade and have made straight A honor role every year since fourth grade. My favorite subjects are math, reading, and science.

I'm a Boy Scout and help my mom with her work.

Favorite program?

My favorite program is my current long program, Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons."

Tell us about your family.

I have one brother, 16, and my parents. I have a dog named River, and eight fish.

Tell us something about yourself that no one knows.

For a year and a half my brother and I didn't see each other because the orphanage had us on separate floors of the building.

Best advice you have ever received?

*If you don't fall, you don't learn.
~ Debbie Prachar*

What are your future skating and educational goals?

My short-term goals are to land my double Axel and two triple jumps. My long-term goals are to make it to Junior Grand Prix and eventually Olympics.

I will go to college and major in architecture. I also want to continue skating and maybe do some coaching.

I would like to meet ...

I would like to meet Jim Carrey, Robin Williams, or Adam Sandler because they are really funny.

If I weren't a skater, I would have

ridden horses or played tennis for a sport.

My three favorite things are

My iPod, my skates, and my house.

Favorite word: Perky

Least favorite word: Depressed

Favorite quote: *"It doesn't matter if you've failed, if you've been beaten. All that really matters is if you get back up and try again. Because winning is fun, but winning when nobody thought you would IS JUST AWESOME."* ~Unknown.

What turns me off: *People who are always grumpy and never happy.*

Favorite book: The Hunger Games

Favorite movie: "The Hunger Games"

Favorite song: *"One More Night" by Maroon Five*

Favorite TV show: "Big Bang Theory"

Favorite color: *Neon orange*

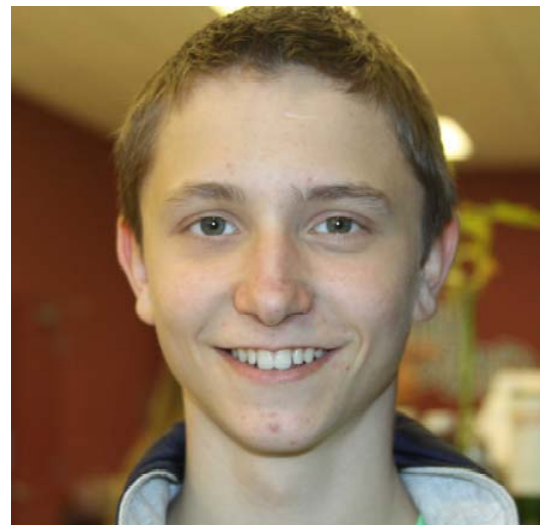
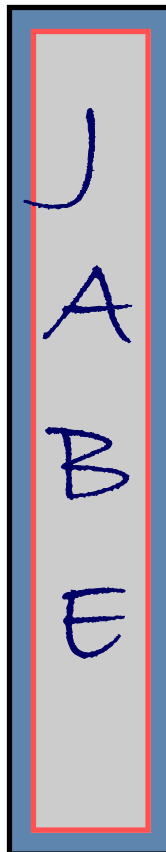
Sound I love: *Nature*

Sound I dislike: *Little kids screaming*

I would never want to be: *An accountant*

Three words that best describe me: *Funny, perky, and upbeat*

If I were stranded on a deserted island, I would have to have: *My skates, my iPod, and an ice rink*



It's All in the Family!

I was born into a skating family. My father was one of the founders of the Atlanta FSC and often President. He partnered my mother, sister and me through many ice dances, and we all took part in the club shows. When I became active in the club again as an adult, I didn't really see any families on the ice together. Well, now I am happy to say that this is changing! We have a number of families that have at least one parent and child lacing up together, so I invited them to share their stories and thoughts with us! ~ Nancy Ellis Riggs

A couple of European transplants, **Svetlana Strain** from Russia and **Tea Junnila** from Finland, learned to skate outdoors as small children. Tea even took ice skating lessons in PE! **Karen Crossen** learned as a young child with her parents, and **Barbara Landon** reports that her mother took her to the rink. Now mothers, they all wanted to share skating with their families and encouraged them to try the sport. In fact, Tea was worried that if the family ever moved back to Finland, the children might be teased if they didn't know how to skate!

Barbara admits that being a coach can make skating with her daughters, **Athena** and **Ava**, difficult, but says, "I wouldn't trade the rewards with the difficulty I sometimes face. If you think I get excited and emotional over a skating student, imagine the pride that swells inside when I see my own little girl do well on something that I myself taught her. Unimaginable feelings emerge!"

To have passion for something, anything, is a life lesson. Thank you "skating" for all you've given to me, my daughters with whom I share this love and the future that all the hard work in this sport will give them no matter what they do! So what are you waiting for... GO lace up a pair of skates, glide and... smile! - Barbara



The Landons

If you're at The Cooler on Fridays before Club Ice, you might see **Svetlana, George, Sasha, and Nicole Strain** all on the public session together. George says, "We've had some falls along the way, but have enjoyed it immensely. Now while both Sasha and Nicole are both much better skaters than us, we still enjoy skating together as a family and pushing each other to work on new elements."



The Strains

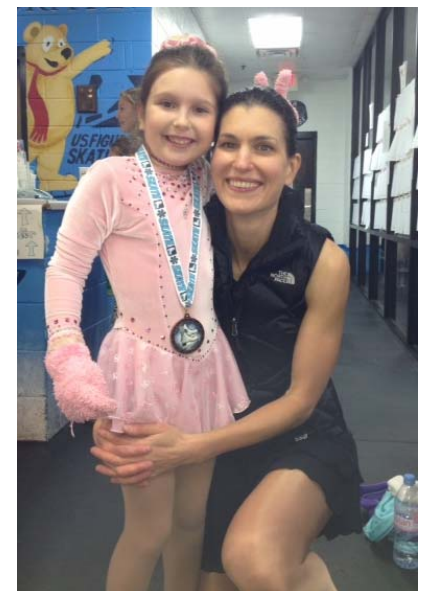
Two mothers are even sharing the experience of competitive skating with their daughters: **Dr. Leah Weinberg** and her daughter, **Tasha**, and **Tea** and **Elvira**. They appreciate how long it can take to perfect a new element.

Some of our other families have enjoyed learning and progressing together, even if they aren't all at the same level. Tea admits to "spying" on Elvira when she began to become more skilled, trying to learn what she was learning.

Every skating parent should do at least public skating with their child. And summer is just around the corner: it is a great leg work out! - Tea

Karen says that her daughters **Grace, Faith** and **Julia** all enjoy spinning around her. Even though Grace is the only one who skates competitively, Karen says, "Faith and Julia are always happy to jump onto the ice when they get the chance! We always have fun goofing around or having Grace correct our bad habits!"

If you have a skater, get out there with them! Skating is great exercise and a great way to really appreciate just how hard your kids are working out there! - Karen



Tasha and Leah



VOLUNTEER Movers & Shakers

Karen Crossen

Tutor and Coach (But Not of Skating)!

When did you join the Atlanta FSC, and how did you first become involved as a volunteer?

I joined the Atlanta FSC about four years ago when my daughters, Grace and Faith, started competing. I became a volunteer right afterwards! I am always happy to help out and do what I can to help make the club and our kids

Describe your past and current positions as well as any other contributions to the club.

I have been working in the announcing booth for a couple of years. I have to say sometimes working up in the sound booth is more nerve wracking than actually competing! I am absolutely terrified to say a skater's name wrong or even worse, not have the music work right.. So, if you have a tough last name and you see me at the rink, please feel free to come up and tell me how to say it!!

Please describe your accomplishments as a skater or your participation in other sports.

I was a competitive skater for many years as a kid. I grew up in Dallas and skated at a shopping mall with a rink inside. (I really loved skating in the mall, although skating under the food court sometimes posed interesting challenges.) In Dallas, we skated in the ISI system, and I passed my tests up to the freestyle level 4 or 5. I still have my skating jacket with all my patches sewed on up in the attic! In middle school my family moved to Pennsylvania, and I stopped skating and took up downhill skiing, gymnastics and tennis. But I really missed skating, which is my first sport love!

Tell us a little about your background, profession, hobbies, and family.

I am married and have three wonderful daughters, Grace, Faith and Julia – they are my full time job! I was a middle school teacher until the girls were born. Now I have a small tutoring business and tutor elementary and middle school students. I also volunteer with the Susan G. Komen 3 Day. For the past couple of years I have been the Stationary Road Coach at the Atlanta 3 Day, coordinating the buses, vans and support vehicles for the walk. It is a challenging job, but I love it! In my free time, I love to create mixed media artwork so when I get to the rink I usually realize that I still have paint or ink on my hands! But I honestly still love to get out and skate when I can! Nothing beats flying around the rink!

What three items are on your “bucket list?”

1) Ski in Zermatt Switzerland; 2) See my artwork hanging in a gallery; 3) travel around the country with my husband and a little vintage camper!



May 3 - 5
Colorado Springs, CO

Atlanta FSC Delegates

Brittney Bottoms	John Millier
Sharon Hyre	John Richardson
Gloria Lewis	Kathy Shehee

congratulations

to USFS judge **John Millier**
who earned his appointment as
Sectional competition judge for
singles and pairs!

Off-Ice Classes

Off-ice classes **WILL** be held
prior to Club Ice during the
scheduled Club Ice sessions
designated for the Spring Ice
Show:

March 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 19



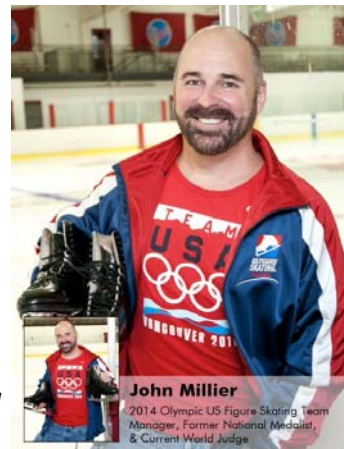
John MILLIER

Tell us about your skating career – number of years skating/discipline, where you trained, coaches, competitive accomplishments.

I grew up in Maine where I started skating at the age of 9. I skated figures, free skating, pairs and dance for several years before deciding to try competing in both pairs and dance. I did both disciplines through the junior level but decided to focus on dance in 1983 when my partner, Amy Webster, and I moved to Boston to train with our coach Barret Brown. Amy and I began competing at the Intermediate level and remained together through seniors. We won New Englands and Easterns at the Intermediate through Junior levels and medaled at the 1987 Nationals Championships in Tacoma WA. I retired after skating two years at the senior level and having the honor of competing at the U.S. Olympic Festival in 1990.

When did you begin judging? Appointments?

I began trial judging in 1988 when I was still skating as a way of better understanding of what it was like on the other side of the barrier. I was also in college at the time and through a U.S. Figure Skating program, I was allowed to coach and judge for 5 years after graduating college. I enjoyed being a coach immensely, but when faced with the decision of coaching or judging, I choose to pursue my career as a judge. I loved the way in which judging challenged me, and at the time and I knew I was on a fast track for one day becoming an international judge. I judged my first Nationals in 1999 and this year I will be judging my 8th U.S. Championships. I also became an International judge in 1999 and passed my world exam to become an ISU (World) judge in 2005. Becoming a World judge was a huge honor and one I really never expected when I first started out. I've judged Junior and Senior Grand Prix events including the finals as well as two Four Continents events and Junior Worlds in 2011. My two most memorable moments as a judge would be when I was on the panel that gave Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto a record 9 consecutive 6.0s and then at Nationals this year I gave all perfect marks in both the GOEs and Components for Meryl David and Charlie White. I'm sure that will never happen again in my judging career.



Describe your involvement with US Figure Skating and the Atlanta FSC.

Currently I am in my 4th year serving on the Atlanta FSC board of directors, which I have enjoyed greatly. I am also in my third and final year serving as the Chair of the U.S. Figure Skating Dance Committee which I have been a member of since the early 90s. Soon after retiring from competition, I became a member of the Athletes Advisory Committee and served on the Dance Committee, as well as the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors for three years, as an athlete member. I was appointed to the first ever Athlete Development Subcommittee where I was responsible for development of the seminars for the Novice level skaters held during Nationals. I also became involved in the first summer camps for our elite athletes, and it was there, in 1996, when I was approached about becoming a team leader.

In 1997 I was the Assistant Team Leader at Skate America and then again in 1998 at the Goodwill Games held in Long Island, New York. Since then I have served as a team leader at many Junior and Senior Grand Prix events, Junior Worlds, and the Grand Prix Finals on three occasions. The most recent Grand Prix Final I attended was held in December in Sochi, Russia, which also served as the test event for the new Olympic venue. I attended my first Worlds as the Assistant Team Leader in Tokyo in 2007 where I had the privilege of honoring and celebrating our own Susan Johnson's retirement from the ISU and her last Worlds. The following year I was the World Team Leader in Sweden and again last year in Nice, France. I also helped run the "Mixed Zone" (the back stage media area where skaters go after they get off the ice) at the 2009 Los Angeles Worlds, which was an amazing experience. This March I will be traveling to Canada to serve as the Team Leader at my 4th World Championships. I have had many amazing experiences team leading and it is truly my favorite role I have within U.S. Figure Skating. I am sure, however, the highlight of my career as a team leader is yet to come. I have been selected to attend the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, as the Team Manager and Technical Advisor for Ice Dance. This has been my Olympic dream since I first started team leading 16 years ago.

Tell us about your family, hobbies, profession.

My parents became involved in skating early on in my career because there was no skating club at the rink where I began skating. My mother, Priscilla Millier, founded the Kennebec Skating Club and later helped organize a merger of many small clubs statewide to finally become the Skating Club of Maine. She served as the president of the New England Interclub Council and then became involved in the organization of skating competitions. She brought the New England Regional event to Maine for the first time in the state's history and shortly after was the Organizing Committee Chair for both the 1987 and 1988 Skate America Championships also held in Maine. Later she became involved in synchronized skating and ran a Nationals, chaired the first international synchro event held in the U.S. and then the prototype for the World Synchro Championships. She also served as the chair of the World Roller Skating Championships held in Springfield, Massachusetts. My father, Ronald Millier, a banker by profession, helped my mother with all the events she ran by serving as the treasurer for each. Through this involvement, both my parents served on the U.S. Figure Skating board of directors in the early 90s. Needless to say, my family was very committed to serving as volunteers in the sport for many years.

Outside of skating, my hobbies are snowboarding and SCUBA diving.



Guest Performers

Disney on Ice Pairs Team

Christopher Nolan & Jen Payne



Soloists

Timothy Dolensky
Helena Fisher
Wendi Hiller
Parastoo Mashinchi
Aspen Ono
Alice Qiao
Emily Zhang

Featured Performers

Natalie Martin
Maya Neel
Sasha Strain
Soucci Taylor

Don't forget to place good luck ads for your skater by April 17 !

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Chair	Erika Ono
Producer	Tami Mickle
Director	Barbara Landon
Announcing	TBD
Backstage Director	Graham Payne Janet Payne
Business Manager	Jean Sanyal
Costumes	Erika Ono
Creative Concept Team	Barbara Landon Tami Mickle
Music	Graham Payne
Production Manager	Robert Osenbaugh
Program	Dana Forehand Erika Ono
Props/Stage Direction	John Richardson
Security/Ushers	Cynthia Kornetzke
Tickets	Karen Crossen

Club Ice - Special Events



US Championships

January 11

Guess the champions: Skaters made posters that listed their predictions

Ten-way tie! Catherine Yen won the \$25 movie gift card!

Holiday Skate

December 14

Skaters dressed as their favorite winter time characters.



April, 2013



Each year since 2006, Grassroots to Champions honors a select few skaters with a Champions in Life Award for excellence in their sport, academics, and community service. The purpose is to recognize well-rounded athletes who demonstrate a greater sense of purpose.

Tim Dolensky 2013 Champions In Life Award Winner

I started skating in Birmingham, Alabama (where I was born) with my first coach Linda Struck in 1999. I only skated there for about 6 months before my family moved to Atlanta.

My recent competition highlights would have to be my first Senior International in Salt Lake City last year. I skated the best that I ever have so far in my career and landed my first triple Axel in competition. And to top it off I got to hear my scores announced to me while my face was in the trash can, and I was throwing up. I remember thinking in between heavens. "Hey that's really good!" It's always amazing to compete for the US in any international competition, big or small.

My coaches are Debbie Prachar and Brittney Bottoms. Debbie is only my second coach ever, and I've been with her for about 13 years now. She is one of the most influential people in my life, and I have great respect for her. One of the benefits of being with a coach for so long is that they know you more than you know yourself. Debbie knows how I would react to almost any situation, and she helps me get through those situations. She really is like a second mother to me. We had so much fun traveling with each other last year to Junior Grand Prix and Junior Worlds.

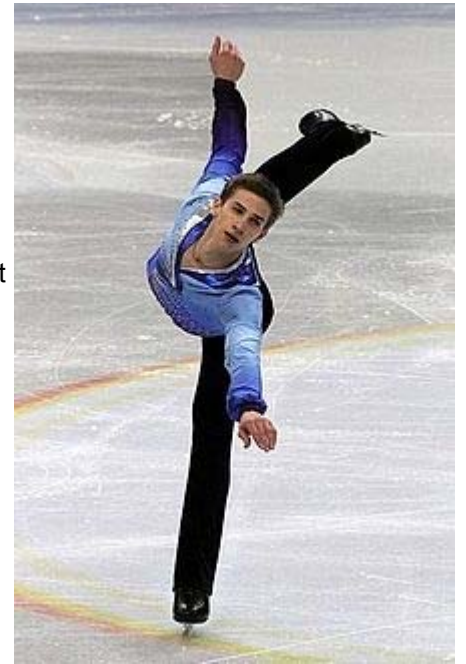
Brittney has been coaching me for a little less than Debbie, but I've still been with her a long time as well. Brittney and I do most of the program work, whether that's choreography or adjusting pieces of the program. I have great respect for her as well.

My days can get pretty packed sometimes, and even with a 27 MPG car I still have to get gas about once a week. Some days I just go to the rink, the gym, and then the rink again. But now that school has started again, it's gotten a little bit busier. Last Thursday was particularly difficult. I got up at 6:00 and went to skate, then I went straight to my piano lesson at 10:00. After that I got an early lunch and went right to my anatomy lab at Kennesaw State University where I go to school. Then it's back to the rink for some more skating and a little coaching. And finally I had to back to school for my anatomy lecture which doesn't get out until 6:15. I wasn't able to go home in between any of it. But that's just the hardest day. Aside from skating and school, I like to play piano, and I'm also a Eucharistic Minister at my Catholic Church. I love music, and it's also a big part of my life. I'm always trying to improve my playing, and I love learning new pieces. Every once and a while I like to write some of my own songs. But I don't do that too often, only when I think of something that I feel is worth pursuing. I did get to use one of my own compositions for my short program as a junior. It was really cool to see my name on the jumbo tron twice, the other underneath the music. I've also gotten into coaching some over the last few years. I help out with my coach's younger kids as well as teach some learn-to-skate classes.

As I mentioned earlier I am going to Kennesaw State University as an Exercise and Health Science major. I have only been going part time for 2-1/2 years and just recently gained the status of sophomore. I wanted to go to school some, but be able to focus a lot on skating as well. I am thinking about doing physical therapy after my undergraduate degree.

I would say what keeps me motivated is always working towards beating my previous personal best score. I'm always thinking about what I can do either technically or artistically to improve my skating. I love competing, and I look forward to every competition. Right now some extra motivation is coming from picturing myself at Nationals next year!

My plans for the future are to train hard and blow everyone away next year! I love skating, and I will continue to skate for a long time to come. Everything happens for a reason, and God has a plan for everyone. All you can do is do control the things you can control, and leave the rest up to Him!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ally Chebuhar	1	Doug Freeman	15
Tony Maness		Denise Snead	
Jean Sanyal		Cindy Spies	
Erika Chebuhar	4	Michelle Bowden	16
Cindy Patrick	6	Catherine Yen	
Madeleine Brown	7	Marc Galonsky	18
Anne Cole		Anneliese Hill	
Gina Elowe		Maya Mekyten	
Tom Swendiman		Mathilda Zimmerman	
Milica Palermo	8	Katherine Zhang	20
Adeline Rees		Ansleigh Rainey	25
Courtney Hand	9	Kimberly Rutter	26
Emily Nolan		Timothy Taylor	
Elaine Bialczak	11	Karen Crossen	27
Finnuala Koran		Karen Hiller	
Victoria Williams		Debbie Labuz-Miller	
Mary Gundry	12	Brenda Sliker	
Ying Yip	13	Zhe Zhang	
Melissa Yu	14		



Yes, testing Moves in the Field, especially at the Intermediate through Senior levels, has become more difficult since the implementation of the new requirements. Listen to your coach and practice,

practice, practice!

2011 National Testing Pass Rates

Level	Moves	Point Chge. vs. 2009	Free Skate	Point Chge. vs. 2009
Pre-Preliminary	98%	-	100%	1
Preliminary	87%	-2	99%	1
Pre-Juvenile	65%	-3	94%	-
Juvenile	74%	-2	90%	-
Intermediate	58%	-11	72%	-1
Novice	44%	-12	65%	3
Junior	44%	-12	70%	13
Senior	47%	-7	57%	-2
Adult Pre-Bronze	96%	1	98%	1
Adult Bronze	88%	-2	88%	3
Adult Silver	61%	1	71%	-9
Adult Gold	46%	-11	47%	-12

Tests Passed

December, 2012

Emily Hwang Pre-Preliminary MIF

January, 2013

Emy Palermo Preliminary Free Skate
 Libby Bickford Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
 Katrina Morgan Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
 Olivia Ludwick Pre-Preliminary Moves
 Melanie Schael Pre-Preliminary Moves

February, 2013

Sydney Kosse Junior Moves
 Breelie Taylor Junior Moves
 Intermediate Free Skate
 Jabe Roberts Novice Moves
 Soucci Taylor American Waltz
 Rachel Korn Juvenile Free Skate
 Natalie Martin Juvenile Free Skate
 Elvira Junnila Juvenile Moves
 Rahly Osenbaugh Juvenile Moves
 Ying Yip Pre-Juvenile Moves
 Stephanie Amodeo Preliminary Free Skate
 Jeslyn Choi Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
 Rylee Manning Pre-Preliminary Moves
 Shayla Jolliffe Pre-Preliminary Moves



Lisa Braiman Amelia Marsh Kathy Shankle
 Madelyn Bourgeois Christi Marsh Anna Scott Wieler
 Faye Edens Anna McPeak Adeline Wieler
 Heather Edens Eva McPeak Carol Ann Wieler
 Alexis Kibbe Maya Mekyten Scott Wieler
 Katia Kochengina Jodi Mekyten

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Florida Open	April 5 - 7	Central Florida FSC, Orlando, FL	
U.S. Adult FS Championships	April 9 - 13	Coyotes SC of AZ, Scottsdale, AZ	
Test Session	April 14	Atlanta FSC	
National Technical Panel (Singles, Pairs, Dance)	April 18 - 21	USFS, Skokie, IL	
Cherry Blossom Invitational	April 25 - 28	Capital Regional Council, Alexandria, VA	
Greenville Open	April 26 - 27	Greenville FSC, Greenville, SC	
Skate Nashville	April 26 - 28	Nashville FSC, Franklin, TN	
Spring Ice Show	April 26 - 28	Atlanta FSC	
USFS Governing Council	May 3 - 5	USFS, Colorado Springs, CO	
Charleston Open (Basic Skills)	May 11	FSC of Charleston, Charleston, SC	
Central Carolina Skating Classic	May 17 - 19	Central Carolina SC, Hillsborough, NC	
Ice Dance Weekend	May 31 - June 2	Atlanta FSC	
White Rose Invitational	May 31 - June 2	White Rose FSC, York, PA	
Atlanta Open	June 13 - 15	Atlanta FSC	
S.T.A.R.S. Camp	June 16	USFS/Atlanta FSC	