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February 2015

NOW ACCEPTING SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATIONS

Summer Skating Camp
July 13-17
July 27-31
For all skill levels
Must be entering grades 2-8 in Sept.

Figure Skating Camp
July 13-17
For basic 6 and up

Synchronized Skating Camp
August 10-14
For Basic 3 and up

Important Dates To Remember

February 16	Open House—Public Skate 11 am—2pm
February 28	Last Day of Basic Skills and KOI P.L.U.S. Classes
February 28	Diversity Classic Registration Deadline
March 14	Diversity Classic Speed Race
March 15	Diversity Classic Basic Skills Competition
March 16	Begin Ice Removal for Spring Maintenance
June 1	Summer Camp Scholarship Application Deadline
July 13 – 17	Figure Skating Camp and Summer Skating Camp – Week 1
July 27 – 31	Summer Skating Camp – Week 2
August 10-14	Synchronized Skating Camp

6 more weeks
of winter and
ice skating
fun!



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A Sweet Debut for Fort Dupont Synchro

This Valentine's weekend will be a sweet one for Fort Dupont Freedom's Beginner 2 and Beginner 3 Synchronized Skating teams. On February 15th, 2015 they will make their competitive debut at the 2015 Reflections Invitational Synchronized Skating Competition at the Giant Center in Hershey, PA. Over 100 teams from around the east coast will be competing in their respective divi-

sions. Over the past several years, the Kids On Ice P.L.U.S. Synchronized Skating program has grown over the years from 1 team of 12 skaters to three teams with a total of 34 skaters.



If you are interested in coming to cheer on our teams tickets can be purchased at the door the day of the event for \$15 each. Our skaters expect to take the ice at 2pm and 4pm. We hope you can join us!

FDIA Featured on NBC

USFS Grant Helps Fund KOI® Programs

On January 24 representatives from Fort Dupont Ice Arena attended The 2015 Prudential US Figure Skating National Championships in Greensboro, NC. Not only did they see some terrific skating, they were presented a check for

\$10,000 from US Figure Skating/Prudential which will be used to fund our Kids On Ice® programs, including travel, costuming and other expenses incurred by the synchro teams traveling to the Hershey competition, and our skater's participation in the 2014-15 Basic Skills Competition series (see page two). Special thanks to Susi Wehrli-McLaughlin, the U.S. Figure Skating Association and Prudential for their generosity and recognition.



Public Skate
11 am - 2pm
Monday, Feb. 16
\$5.00 admission
Free Skate Rental*
Free Lesson**

* Sizes limited; available first come first served
** Space limited; available first come first served



FDIA Synchro Skaters show off skills for NBC Film crew

Summer Camp Registration Now Open

Kids love summer camp at FDIA. Our week long programs, staffed by professional instructors and experienced camp counselors, include on and off-ice activities designed to encourage fitness and teamwork in an atmosphere of fun. Choose from:



Summer Skating Camp, open to children entering grades 2-8 in September, will be offered two weeks this year, July 13-17 and July 27-31 from 9am—5pm. Perfect for beginners through Basic 5.

Figure Skating Camp, for all ages who have completed Basic 5 and above skill levels, will be held July 13-17 from 8:30 am-5pm.

Synchronized Skating Camp for skaters ages 7 and up who have passed Basic 2 or an equivalent skating level through preliminary field moves will be held August 10-14 from 9am—5pm

All summer programs culminate in an end of week performance for friends and family. A limited number of needs based scholarships are available. Scholarship application deadline is June 1. Class sizes are limited. Registrations must be received no less than week prior to camp start date.

Registration forms and additional information on all summer camp programs are available in the lobby and on line at <http://fdia.org/content/summer-camps>.



NEW BUILDING UPDATE

Plans for the new rink continue to move forward at an incredible yet very smooth pace. FFDIA Board Member Vince Forte and Executive Director Ty Newberry have been working closely with DPR, DGS, architects and engineers. We expect the project builder to be announced shortly as recommendations work their way through the various channels. We will soon have renderings of the new facility, and be kicking off our Capital Campaign. Fort Dupont Ice Arena is required to raise \$5 million of this \$21 million project. Watch your mail and social media for updates.

Fundraising News

Special thanks to everyone who gave so generously to our annual appeal this year. Each year FDIA needs to raise over \$450,000 through individual giving, grants and fundraising events to meet operation and program costs. Every dollar is critical in allowing us to put more than 2,000 kids in skates each year.

Over the holidays we held two very successful fundraising events, a Winter Classic Public Skate at Nationals Stadium and a Young Artists Showcase Competition Finals at FDIA. Heartfelt thanks to everyone that came out to support these events—despite less than favorable weather on both days. Such dedication and commitment sets a great example for our Kids!

Your continued support is essential for enabling FDIA to fulfill an increased demand for our Kids On Ice® programming. If you haven't already, please make your individual contribution before April 1st, the end of our fiscal year, to ensure your name is included on our 2014-15 Donor wall display.

Our Fiscal Year 2016 fundraising will kick off with United Way's Do More 24 day of giving on Thursday June 4, 2015.

2015 Basic Skills Competition Series Begins at FDIA

This spring marks the kickoff of the second annual National Capital Area Basic Skills Competition Series. The series will begin with the Diversity Classic Basic Skills Competition on March 15, 2015 at Fort Dupont Ice Arena. All current Kids On Ice Basic Skills members are encouraged to participate and show-off the skills they have learned. All participants will receive medals or ribbons for their efforts. The competition series continues at the following rinks:

Hagerstown Basic Skills Competition	Hagerstown, MD	April 12, 2015
Glide Into Spring	Waldorf, MD	May 2, 2015
Blades of Summer	Dale City, VA	May 31, 2015

Skaters that compete in the entire series accrue points for an additional award to be presented at the finale at the Blades of Summer competition. Points are awarded on placement of each series competition. Good luck skaters!

KOI Kudos!

Congratulations to KOI P.L.U.S. Speedskater **Ryan Hack**, pictured left, who placed 1st among Midget B Boys at the 2014 Ohio Invitational in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Ryan was racing for DC-ICE and FDIA. The event was staged at the Cleveland Heights Community Center on Saturday, December 6, 2014.



Have Your Party Here!



If you're looking for a fun, affordable, and COOL way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or special occasion, reserve our party room for the event. Available most Saturdays September—March. First come first served. A non-refundable fee of \$125 is required to make a reservation. The fee includes use of the party room for 4 hours, as well as admission and skate rental for 12 people to skate during the public skating session. Additional skating guests cost just \$5.00 each. There is no charge for non-skaters. Call 202-584-5007 or e-mail jrossi@fdia.org for more information.

Now accepting reservations for 2015-16 season.

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Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena Board of Directors Update

Many thanks to **Sultana Ali** and **Denise Wilson** who recently resigned their positions on the Board of Directors due to outside obligations. We appreciate the time and energy you have given to the rink during your tenure and wish you both success in your future endeavors.

Please join us in welcoming **Stuart Freudberg** and **Craig Middlebrook**, who recently accepted positions on the Board. Stuart comes to us from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Craig, whose son Henry is in the Kids On Ice P.L.U.S. program, has been a speedskating coach here for many years. We look forward to working with both of you!

Donor Spotlight

Dave Zeigler, retired after nearly 44 years at the U.S. Department of Labor, plays hockey three mornings a week at FDIA with his son Luc and the Metropolitan Hockey Club. A regular financial supporter, Dave recently volunteered to organize and inventory our skating equipment – including the often chaotic hockey room. Thanks Dave for all your hard work and dedication to FDIA.

Help Support Kids On Ice® With Your Tax-Deductible Contribution



- \$50 Sponsors one child for an 8 week Learn to Skate session
- \$250 Sponsors two children for a year of KOI P.L.U.S.
- \$500 Sponsors for 60 students in our Schools Skate For Fitness Program
- \$1000 Covers the cost of 10 new pairs of skates
- \$_____ Any amount you can send today helps keep our programs going!

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Please make checks payable to Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena and mail to 3779 Ely Place SE, Washington, DC 20019. Or, make a secure donation online at www.fdia.org using VISA, MasterCard or Discover