

# KFSC September 2009 Newsletter



Kalamazoo Figure Skating Club  
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## **Group Skating Lessons**

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Fall I	September 22 <sup>nd</sup> - October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesdays, 6:10-7:00 p.m. (6 Weeks)
	September 26 <sup>th</sup> – October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Saturdays, 9:10-10:00a.m.(5 weeks)
Fall II	November 3 <sup>rd</sup> -December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesdays, 6:10-7:00 p.m. (6 Weeks)
	November 7 <sup>th</sup> -December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Saturdays, 9:10-10:00a.m.(5 weeks)
Winter I	January 19 <sup>th</sup> -February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesdays, 6:10-7:00 p.m. (6 Weeks)
Winter II	March 9 <sup>th</sup> -April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesdays, 6:10-7:00 p.m. (6 Weeks)

See club website for registration

There will be a \$10.00 registration fee for each skater enrolling in our classes. This is a one time a year fee and covers the skating season starting July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010.

## **Open Houses**

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Fall Open House	September 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2009	Free
National Skating Month Open House	January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	Free

## **Club Initiatives**

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The KFSC board met with the Southwest Michigan Skating Club board on September 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss collaboration between the two clubs. Pending board approval the following was discussed.

- An agreement has been reached that ice time will be made available to both clubs at S2 Arena and Wings Stadium starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. Dual membership will not be required. A single membership with either club will be sufficient to skate on the clubs ice. Those who currently have membership with SWMSC also can be reimbursed. A liability waiver will need to be signed to skate at SWMSC ice and likewise for those who use KFSC ice. Ice registration for KFSC and SWMSC will remain the same. KFSC uses a monthly calendar system and SWMSC uses a punch card system. Initialing additional ice on Sunday will be open for use at SWMSC. You can view there calendar at <http://www.swmichskatingclub.org/Ice%20Schedule/October%202009.pdf>. The KFSC board will study reducing ice in future at S2 in favor of using ice time at SWMSC. Likewise SWMSC will use the KFSC ice. The goal will be to have ice time available for all Kalamazoo area skaters seven days a week.
- Collaboration on Testing Sessions will start to take place starting this fall.
- Invitation to each other's ice shows will be explored.
- Open-up & promote off ice training opportunities to each other's club
- Future Clinic and Specialty Camp Collaboration
- Explore collaborating on coaching specialties between clubs such as dance and jumps.
- Sharing volunteer opportunities
- Explore creating one Synchronized Skating Program in Kalamazoo

We are encouraged by the spirit of the initial collaboration with SWMSC and look forward to further opportunities in the near future.

## **2009 Holiday On Ice Show                      Saturday December 12, 2009**

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Open to all Basic Skills Participants & Club Members  
Registration will begin in September. Contact Jennifer Heurlin-Brenne ([kzsk8er1@aol.com](mailto:kzsk8er1@aol.com)) for additional information.

Registration forms are also available on the club website under News and Events.

## **Synchronized Skating Teams**

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Kalamazoo Kommotions clinics and activities:

The Kalamazoo Kommotions are excited to have WMU synchronized team skaters at the rink on Tues. Sept. 22, 2009. We invite everyone to come and skate with the WMU skaters from 7-7:30pm and see what synchronized skating is all about! This is a free event that will include demonstrations and a chance to try synchronized skating first

hand. Anyone interested in synchronized skating may also come for our "try-it" night on Sept. 29 (\$10 fee). We will be running a 10 week synchronized skating class from Oct. 6 - Dec. 8 with the hopes of having a team that will compete in the spring at the Tri-States competition and the Skate the Zoo basic skills competition.

DREAM team members will also be at S2 Arena on Sept. 21 & 22 to help us promote synchronized skating and also help answer questions. The DREAM team is a special leadership track comprised of 10 athletes that are chosen by US Figure Skating to help support and promote the sport of synchronized skating. Two members of this team are skating for WMU this season and will be available to answer questions.

Please contact Amy Bauer ([sk8amy02@aol.com](mailto:sk8amy02@aol.com)) or Jessica LaPorte, [j8houk@hotmail.com](mailto:j8houk@hotmail.com), with any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the rink!

### **High School Competition Team**

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The KFSC is forming a team for the 2009-2010. Please contact Jessica LaPorte ([j8houk@hotmail.com](mailto:j8houk@hotmail.com)) for additional information.

There will be a high school meeting on September 24th to form teams with commitment fees due of \$75.00.

### **Board Meeting Dates**

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S2 Arena  
Center Ice  
6:30 p.m.  
(First Thursday of Each Month unless Noted Otherwise)

### **Upcoming Competition Calendar**

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Ice Mountain Basic Skills Competition	September 29 <sup>th</sup>
Novi Falling Leaves Competition	October 16 <sup>th</sup>
Dearborn Basic Skills Competition	October 17 <sup>th</sup>
Midland Basic Skills Competition	November 7 <sup>th</sup>
Synchronized Skating Kick-Off Classic	November 21 <sup>st</sup>

### **Testing**

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KFSC is tentatively planning a test session for Sunday, November 22, 2009 in the afternoon pending confirmation of judges. Look for further information coming soon.

WMU Skating Club's Testing Session will be held Sunday morning, October 4, 2009 at Lawson Ice Arena. Forms are due to Test Chair, Laura Mapes by Tuesday, September 22, 2009. We will have two dates for partner practice on September 29 and October 2 for those members registered for dance tests on October 4. Out of club fees will be waived for KFSC.



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| ○ Madeline Crandle   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place | Beginner CM       |
| ○ Lyndsay Hohler     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Preliminary CM    |
| ○ Lyndsay Hohler     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Preliminary TT FS |
| ○ Sophia Loveless    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Basic 3 Elements  |
| ○ Sophia Loveless    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Basic 3 Program   |
| ○ Sarah Moreau       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | PrePreliminary WB |
| ○ Olivia Penny       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place | Beginner CM       |
| ○ Olivia Penny       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Beginner TT       |
| ○ Dana Pizarek       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Beginner TT       |
| ○ Jenna Pizarek      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Beginner TT       |
| ○ Jenna Pizarek      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Beginner CM       |
| ○ Kayla Schense      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Ltd Beginner CM   |
| ○ Kayla Schense      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Ltd TT Beginner   |
| ○ Savanna Swarts     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Basic 3 Elements  |
| ○ Savanna Swarts     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Basic 3 Music     |
| ○ Sarah Ann Thompson | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Ltd Beginner CM   |
| ○ Sarah Ann Thompson | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Ltd TT Beginner   |
| ○ Haley Williams     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Beginner CM       |
| • Oynx FS Challenge  |                       |                   |
| ○ Mikayla Eshleman   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Open Juvenile     |
| ○ Sophia Loveless    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Basic 3 FS        |
| ○ Mikayla Eshleman   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place | Open Juvenile SP  |
| ○ Colleen Clancy     | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place | Junior FS         |
| ○ Colleen Clancy     | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place | Junior SP         |

## **Volunteer Hours**

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Great opportunities to secure your volunteer hours include the following:

Tri-State Synchronized Skating Competition Committee  
 Basic Skills (Registration & Skates)  
 Basic Skills 2009-2010 Promotion (School Districts & Home School)  
 Club Fundraising  
 Holiday on Ice Show

### **November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Synchronized Kick-Off Classic at Wings Complex**

Required KFSC volunteer time can be earned by assisting the Southwest Michigan Skating Club at the Kick-Off Classic. This is a great opportunity for collaboration with SWMSC and to help prepare our club to host the Tri-States Competition. Sign-up sheets and additional information to follow.

## **Club Financial Update**

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Due to increased ice rates at S2 Arena and lower pre-registered skaters effective September 1<sup>st</sup> the board voted to increase ice contract rates. The rate increase and new ice time policy will help toward the goal of a balanced ice contract budget. During the last 12 months KFSC has experienced a deficit each month on the ice contract.

#### New Pre-registration Rates

30 Minutes	\$8.00
45 Minutes	\$11.00
60 Minutes	\$13.00

#### New Walk-On Rates:

30 Minutes	\$12.00
45 Minutes	\$15.00
60 Minutes	\$17.00

#### New Ice Policy:

A minimum of five skaters must be pre-registered for an ice time or the club will cancel the ice.

### **KFSC Club Store**

The club store is in dire need of some new items to sell, specifically child small and medium dresses for some of the younger members. Bring them to the club office if possible.

### **Coaches Information**

If you are new to KFSC or enrolled in basic skills and would like to advance your skating please contact a coach below for information on private lessons. Visit [www.kfsc.org](http://www.kfsc.org) for coaches' resumes and rates.

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## **Competitive Skating Team**

If you are interested in skating in competitive competitions please contact the club office or a KFSC coach.

## **Web Links**

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[www.sk&stuff.com](http://www.sk&stuff.com)

[www.usfsa.org](http://www.usfsa.org)

[www.kfsc.org](http://www.kfsc.org)

## **General News**

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### Website

- Look for new improvements and updates to the club website during the month of September at [www.kfsc.org](http://www.kfsc.org).

### Skate Sharpening

- Jim Smith - Kalamazoo. Figure skate sharpening \$10/pair. Daily service, evenings, weekends preferred. Call 381-5509 for drop-off details.

