

In the Loop

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Volunteering for BFSC

The Bismarck Figure Skating Club's Board of Directors is committed to providing opportunities for our skaters to learn and grow through the experience of performance and competition. Therefore, the Board has voted to expand our annual competition to include not only Basics level skaters but also Pre-preliminary and Preliminary level advanced skaters. We also plan to include a synchronized skating competition as well.

The Club depends on the volunteer spirit of our skaters' parents to make events run smoothly and to provide a positive experience for all skaters and visitors who participate.

There are many ways you can help. Your enthusiasm is the main requirement—experience is not necessary. Volunteering is a great way to learn the "behind the scenes" of figure skating and you may even make some new friends. :)

There are many opportunities to help plan and work at events like the competition, the annual ice show, test sessions and other fundraising activities. Tasks range from baking treats for judges to building sets for the ice show.

Plan to attend a Parent volunteer meeting Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. in the Curling room to see how you can support the BFSC through volunteering.



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Basic Skills update

The BFSC Basics Skills program has been having a great fall! Session 1 ended with many skaters passing tests, participating in a Halloween party and learning a whole bunch about competitions at our

1st Annual Competition Camp.

The Club is pleased to welcome Kay Pool as our new Basics Skills Program Director. She is replacing Erica Peterson who is getting married and moving to Fargo. If you have any

questions about the program, please contact Kay at 906.869.4597 or kaymlarson@gmail.com.

There is still space in some classes of our second session and registrations are welcome until Nov. 3.

November events:

- Nov. 5
Parent volunteer meeting, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 7
Poinsettia orders due
- Nov. 7-9
St. Cloud competition (Advanced, Chips and Chill)
- Nov. 8
Cooke dough orders due
- Nov. 11
Board meeting

Sell Cookies. Make "Dough."

Please help us keep registration fees and ice fees low by selling cookies to make "dough"!

The goal is for each skater to sell 10 boxes of cookie dough. If we succeed in reaching this goal we would see a profit of \$6000 for our club!

There will be prizes awarded for the most boxes of cookie dough sold. The first place winner, with a minimum of

20 boxes sold, will win \$50. The second place winner, with the same minimum, will receive \$25.

Sales will run from Oct. 25 through Nov. 8. Please return your orders with your money to the skaters' folder box by Sat., Nov. 8. Checks should be made payable to Bismarck Figure Skating Club.

We are shooting for a

delivery date of Friday, Dec. 12 in the afternoon. We will need volunteers to help sort and fill orders that day. More information will be available as the delivery date approaches.

If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser, please contact Amy Sahli at 701.361.2098.

Chips and Chill head to St. Cloud

The objective of synchronized skating is for a team to skate together as a unit, not bringing attention to any one skater, demonstrating unison and artistry while performing complex moves to music. In other words—really, really fun to watch....really, really hard to do!

The synchronized skating season is well under way and the BSFC has six teams this

year! We have teams for every age and skill level and our Club can be very proud of the growth of the program.

The Chips and Chill are very excited to start their competition season in St. Cloud on Nov. 8. They will face some tough competition from the Minneapolis teams, but are prepared and have some fast, fun and exciting

programs to wow the judges! The Chips— a team of 17 skaters competing at the Intermediate level— are skating to a medley of Janet Jackson songs. The Chill— a team of 11 skaters competing at the Open-juvenile level— are skating to a medley from the motion picture Dreamgirls. "I'm very proud of how far they've come in their skating this fall," said Coach Becky.

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Becky Gallion*

Advanced program—largest ever!

When the winter registrations were all received, there were 63. Fourteen new skaters moved into the advanced program from the freeskate level this fall, making this the largest number of advanced skaters the BFSC has ever had

registered in the winter season. We greatly appreciate the time and effort Missy Theel, our Advanced Program Director, has spent overseeing the growth and success of the program. Thanks also to our members, coaching staff and board of

directors who have invested their time and energy to make this program flourish!