



The Inside Edge

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It's Cool To Skate! Group Lessons Are Growing



There's never been a better time to lace up and learn to skate at the Crystal Ice House! Typically skating programs experience a boom during Olympic years, but 2022-23 has proven anything but typical, with record enrollment in group hockey, figure, and Ice Explorers (parent-tot) [classes](#).

Crystal Ice House's Learn to Skate USA programming is endorsed by U.S. Figure Skating and USA Hockey and offers programs for skaters of all ages and abilities. "Skaters age six and younger typically begin in Snow Plow Sam [age seven and older begin in Basic 1 or Hockey 1] and progress through Hockey or Figure Basic Skills levels," explains Kim Johnson, Skating Director. "Once Basic Skills are mastered, figure skaters graduate to Free Skate levels where skating elements like jumps and spins are taught,

PUBLIC SKATE	ADULT PUBLIC	STICK & PUCK	ADULT RATE ICE
WED & FRI 11-1PM	TUES 9:50-11:00AM	MON/TUES/THURS 11:30-1:00PM	SUN 7-9AM
FRIDAY 7-9PM	FRI 1:10-2:40PM	FRI 9:50-10:50AM	WED 11:10-1:10PM
SAT & SUN 11-1PM			FRI 11-1PM

ALL AGES WELCOME
MUST BE 18 OR OLDER
18 & UNDER FULL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED
18 & OLDER HELMET, SHIN GUARDS, & GLOVES REQUIRED

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Visit our website at www.crystalicehouse.com or scan the QR code for any schedule changes or cancellations.

Rink Improvements Scheduled to Begin Summer '23

Get excited for great improvements to your favorite ice arena! The Board of Directors of Firewagon Hockey approved the following capital projects, which include:

- New roof
- Improved lighting
- Plan for former Pro shop

We are in the early stages of addressing these important needs and changes.

Covid hit the Crystal Ice House hard, which negatively impacted our operations. Today we are pleased to be able to embark on these

while Hockey skaters begin considering joining our **Junior Jackets**, **Stingers** or **Yellowjackets** program and can perfect their skills in **Excel Hockey** class."

"Excel Hockey combines the talents of Coach Caryn and Coach Scott to improve balance, power, acceleration, stick handling, passing, and shooting," Johnson adds. "The class is perfect for skaters Hockey 2 or higher as well as those already participating on teams." Full equipment is required.

New this fall will be an ASPIRE program for skaters to explore what it means to train like a figure skater. The ASPIRE program and membership will offer an introduction to freestyle practice ice, specialty classes, off-ice training, parent education, and the ability to compete on behalf of our rink partner, **Wagon Wheel Figure Skating Club**. Membership even includes access to introductory U.S. Figure Skating tests, one of the requirements to try out for our Annual Ice Show. "If your skater is curious about what it takes to be a soloist in the show, ASPIRE is the perfect place to start," Johnson noted.

The key to soaring enrollment might be our flexibility. "Moving our registration schedule to three times a year has had a positive effect on enrollment," explained David Lichterman, General Manager. "We reduced the number of times families need to sign up for classes. This keeps skaters enrolled and progressing. We also prorate enrollment fees, allowing skaters to join at any time. We encourage multi-sport families to sign up when it is convenient for them, rather than wait until the next session. Anytime is great to skate."

Start Your Skating Journey Today!



capital improvements, allowing us to move forward and continue our mission to keep ice sports accessible in our community.



You never know who you'll see at the Crystal Ice House! 2018 Olympian and 2-time U.S. National Champion Bradie Tennell spent her stateside ice-time with us this spring and summer. Bradie now trains on the East Coast with Coach Jeremy Allan. Follow Bradie on Instagram @bradietennell



Video: Your Hometown - Crystal Lake

Did you know we made the news? WGN's Jon Hansen visited Crystal Lake and stopped by locations including the Crystal Ice House and the Raue Center for the Arts.

Watch Video



Keep Hockey Skills Sharp All Summer Long

Don't let your hockey skills stop during the summer! From 3v3 full ice to our Summer Elite Hockey Camps for players Mite through Midget, Yellowjackets Hockey Club has offerings to build skills and confidence in advance of the fall season. Summer Elite Hockey Camps are run by Hockey Director and former NHL and AHL player, Steve Martins. Sign up for just the weeks you are in town or the remainder of the summer!





Summer Hockey Opportunities



"Unlimited Ice" Offers Figure Skaters Competitive Edge

Skaters who have passed U.S. Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills and higher take part in a camp-like atmosphere during our summer Unlimited Ice program. Classes are taught by world-renowned coaches in spins, jumps, edges, dance, and off-ice. Olympian Susie Wynne is shown here teaching her dynamic class

GET YOUR NAME IN THE GAME!  **ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS WITH US!**

-  **SCOREBOARDS**
-  **DASHER BOARDS**
-  **ARENA BANNERS**
-  **SKATE HELPERS**

LET THE BUZZ BEGIN!

Our rink boards and banners are a great way to get noticed by local and visiting families! Click your way to [Advertising Opportunities](#) to learn more about how your business can be seen by more than 500,000 visitors a year at over 650 hockey and figure skating events (plus viewed on LiveBarn.com). *Limited spaces and packages are available - contact Gina Montano at gina.montano@crystalicehouse.com to get your name in the game today!*



IN OBSERVANCE OF
— JULY 4TH —
 INDEPENDENCE DAY

WE WILL BE CLOSED
7/2/23-7/4/23

Stick & Puck Summer Schedule



\$12.00
Mon/Tues/Thurs 11:30-1:00pm
Fri - 9:50-10:50am
Sat - 1:10-2:10pm

Limited to 26 skaters

18 & UNDER
 FULL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED
 (SKATES, HELMET, SHIN GUARDS, & GLOVES REQUIRED)
 NO EXCEPTIONS

YOUTH RAT ICE

Goalies skate FREE

FRIDAYS
Now thru 8/4/23

9:30-10:10am Mite/Squirt
1:10-2:10pm PeeWee/Bantam
2:30-3:30pm Bantam/Midget
3:30-4:30pm Midget/HIS



to Unlimited Skaters. The combination of 20 available freestyle hours per week plus five classes creates a powerful program for our figure skaters to build skills and prepare for the 2023-24 competition season.

Summer Unlimited Ice Schedule

Important Dates

6/5-8/9/23 - Summer Group Lesson Session

7/1/23 - Yellow Jacket Hockey Registration

Opens

7/22/23 - Try Hockey For Free

7/31/23 - Fall Group Lesson Registration Opens

8/13/23 - Unlimited Ice Schedule Changes

8/14/23 - Try Skating For Free

9/7-11/18/23 - Fall Group Lesson Session



TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE!

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JULY 22nd, 2023

11:30am-1pm

Equipment will be provided from 11:30am-12pm and on ice instruction will be from 12-1pm

MUST REGISTER ONLINE AT
CRYSTALICEHOUSE.COM

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TRY SKATING FOR FREE

JOIN US ON
AUGUST 14th, 2023
5:10-6:10pm

ALL AGES WELCOME

A COACH WILL BE ON THE ICE TO AIDE SKATERS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS

MUST REGISTER ONLINE TO PARTICIPATE

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Visit our
Website

History of the "House"



We're not your average ice arena! Most rinks in our area are owned by corporations or park districts. Crystal Ice House is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fire Wagon Hockey, Inc., a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Fire Wagon purchased the Crystal Ice House in 2011 from its original owner to further our mission to make ice sports accessible in our community. As the only ice arena in McHenry County, we hope you feel welcome every time you set foot inside our facility. You're part of the family!



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