



TGCFSC TIMES

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Good Luck at 2010 Junior Nationals

Good Luck to our Texas Gulf Coast FSC skaters heading to Junior National Championships next week. BJ Conrad and Kevin Wu are advancing from Southwest Regional's to Junior Nationals to compete in Intermediate Men events. Brianna de la Mora and Taylor Wilson brought home the gold from Midwest Sectionals in Intermediate Pairs and advanced to be able to compete at Junior Nationals.



Congratulations to each of these young athletes.

Our annual send off celebration was delayed due to "SNOW." Thank you to Julie Holmes and our coaches and parents for making times for these

skaters to do exhibitions this week. Be sure to wish them luck at the show because they will be competing next week in Cleveland, OH.

Good Luck at 2010 US Nationals

Best of Luck to Nina Jiang and Mandy Garza as they prepare over the holidays to compete in Spokane, WA at the 2010 US National Championships. Nina advanced from Midwest Sectionals in Junior Ladies and Mandy, along with her partner Brendan Frazier, advanced at Pacific Sectionals in Novice Pairs. Stay tuned for January exhibitions.



*The gift of
your
presence is
always the
greatest
gift!*



SK8-GR8 and Have Fun Skaters!!

Holiday Events



Friday, December 18

TGCFSC HOLIDAY PARTY

Join us for fun and games, surprises, and more on Friday, December 18th following club ice at 6:45 p.m. Come skate with your friends at 6:45 then enjoy Papa La Rosa's pizza, games, and the great gift exchange! Anyone wishing to participate in the gift exchange please bring a wrapped gift (\$10 - \$15 value) to play the game. See the bulletin board for Sweet Treat items to share or contact Beth Sturm at socialevents@texasgulfcoastfsc.org to volunteer.

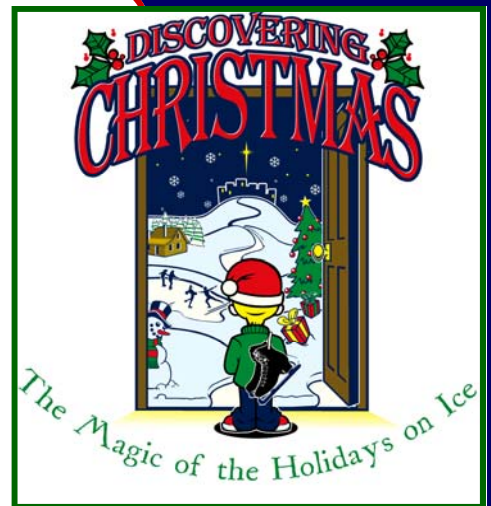
Discovery Green Lottery names will be drawn and assigned at the party and posted the following week on the club bulletin board.

December 12 and 13

DISCOVERING CHRISTMAS

Sugar Land Ice and Sports Center presents "Discovering Christmas" The Magic of the Holidays On Ice - December 12th at 2:00 and 7:00 and December 13th at 2:00 p.m. Special Benefit performance during our dress rehearsal on Friday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. See website at www.sugarlandice.com for ticket information. Many of our club skaters will be featured in the show this year skating to holiday favorites! Come and enjoy a wonderful show while supporting these great skaters.

If you forget your blanket or need a snack...be sure to visit the TGCFSC Blanket Rental and Concessions Table.



December 28, January 4 and January 18

THE ICE AT DISCOVERING GREEN



Come out to Discovery Green Park and watch our club skaters perform during the Monday evening feature "Houston Skating Stars" beginning at 6:00 p.m. Skaters wishing to participate to represent TGCFSC can enter their name in the drawing box located in the sound booth of Rink B. A drawing will be held during the holiday party on Dec. 18th. A full schedule of performances will be posted on the bulletin board.

Houston Ice Theatre Skaters will be featured on December 28th and Unity Synchro will be featured on January 4th. Come join us for public skating outdoors and cheer for your friends. This is the second year that we have been invited to participate with the Ice at Discovery Green.

January Events

January is National Skating Month. TGCFCSC and Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center have several events planned to bring attention to the sport of skating. Our biggest event of the month will be one of "Giving Back." Our first ever **Skate-a-thon** will be held on Saturday January 16th. From 11pm—3am. **Everyone is invited** to participate in "**Picks & Pucks—Skate for a Cure.**" This is sure to be a fun time for all with a bonus of all proceeds going to the local Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer. (See below for more details.)



There will be a "**Skating Item Resale**" on Saturday, January 23rd. See the TGCFCSC Bulletin board for details.

The **2010 Winter Olympics** will be held this year in Vancouver and is a great opportunity to share with your skaters about their own skating dreams.

There will be information stations at various times at the rink in January where you can learn about different programs offered both from Texas Gulf Coast FSC and our home rink, Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center. Stay tuned to the TGCFCSC website and the rink bulletin boards for details.



PICKS & PUCKS

Skate for a Cure
January 16, 2010



Register NOW to Skate for a Cure

Registration forms are available at www.picksandpucks.org or at the Rink in the Pro Shop and on the Pink Table in the lobby.

Tell your friends, Join as a team!! Register NOW!!



Your registration fee includes the cool Picks and Pucks Long Sleeve T-shirt and skate rental (if needed). There will be a raffle, and prizes will be awarded to the top 5 registrants with the highest amount of donations turned in that night.

Adult and Family rinks will be open. A VIP option is also available and includes the above plus a catered dinner and drinks in the VIP room.

Come for an hour or stay the whole time...it is up to you!!! We need volunteers to help us that night. Please contact us at picksandpucks@yahoo.com to volunteer or if you have any questions.

CONSIDER A BOARD POSITION

It's no secret that TGCFCSC has a well earned reputation as a tightly run and extremely active figure skating club. As with most volunteer organizations, new blood is critical to keeping energy and momentum going. That said, WE NEED YOU to take an active role in the Board. The terms of several of our officers will be ending next year so now is a great time to get on board and learn the ropes. PLEASE consider working with a current Board member to learn a position. Don't hesitate to ask any of the current Board members for more information. You can always reach us via e-mail through the club website at www.texasgulfcoastfsc.org.

WELCOME YOUR TWO NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

The Texas Gulf Coast FSC is pleased to announce two new additions to our team! We are delighted that **Beth Sturm** has volunteered to join the board as Social Chair and **David and Lita Rogers** will be replacing Teresa Lau as Club Ice Chairs. Teresa Lau will begin working with Molly Gorny during test sessions to move into that role in the following year. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL! We still need help in HOSPITALITY and PUBLICITY!! Please volunteer to help in these areas!! Your skaters need you!

USFS Team Wristbands are still available.

Support the Club by purchasing your wristband today. See Christy de la Mora or Teresa Lau. The cost is \$5.95 and the club gets \$2.50 for each one sold.

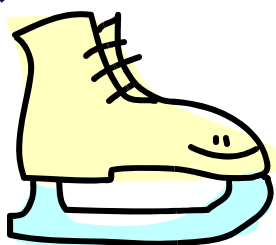
Destination Vancouver 2010

2010 is a Winter Olympics year. The Games will take place in February and March 2010 in Vancouver. This is the perfect opportunity to witness the best that figure skating has to offer. TGCFCSC will start the celebration early by sponsoring special events to celebrate the Olympics and National Skating Month. See page 3 and stay tuned for more information on the events to be sponsored at Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center in January 2010.



TGCFCSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Dec. 11-13 th	"Discovering Christmas" performances	January 4 th	Houston Skating Stars at the Ice at Discovery Green
Dec. 11 th	No Club Ice	January 8 th	Club Ice
Dec. 18 th	Holiday Party and Gift Exchange 6:45 p.m.	January 15 th	Club Ice
Dec. 25 th	No Club Ice	January 16 th	Picks and Pucks Skate for a Cure
Dec. 28 th	Houston Skating Stars at the Ice at Discovery Green	January 18 th	Houston Skating Stars at the Ice at Discovery Green
January 1 st	No Club Ice	January 22 nd	Club Ice
		January 23 rd	Skate Resale—Watch Bulletin Board
		January 29 th	Club Ice



Boot & Blade Buddies

For more information, contact Amanda Hrbacek at (Amanda@Hrbacek.com) Applications and information are available in the Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center Proshop



Houston Ice Theatre Skaters

HITS will be performing on December 28th at the Ice at Discovery Green their new Choreographic Exercise program they have been working on for the 2010 competition season. HITS trains on Wednesday evenings at the Sugar land Ice & Sports Center. For more information please contact Roger Davis at membership@texasgulfcoastfsc.org



Team Unity-Synchro

Unity performed their Christmas program on November 22nd at the Toyota Center during the Houston Aeros Hockey game. Unity will be performing on January 4th at the Ice at Discovery Green. Unity trains on Saturday's at the Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center and is still actively recruiting for their Junior Team. For more information please contact coach Lisa Lueking-Dahl at llueking@aol.com.

TGCFSC Birthday's



November

Jonathan Rogers 11/8
 Lauren Tran 11/17
 Lauren Friederman 11/17
 Michaela Davis 11/19
 Lauren Sigl 11/28
 McKenna Davis 11/2
 Jennifer Levin 11/1

December

Denielle Braxton 12/28
 Grace Collins 12/20
 Caitlyn Lau 12/8
 Rachel Richmond 12/8



SAVE THE DATE

SKATE HOUSTON 2010—March 26th – 28th.
 TURN IT UP! A Radio Show On Ice - May 15th, 2010
 (registration begins in January for both)



TEXAS GULF COAST FSC—CLUB FUNDRAISING

Each year the club sponsors special fundraising activities. The money raised is dedicated to enhancing our skaters' training programs and providing social activities that bring our club members together. We often call for volunteers to help out during these activities. Among the fundraisers we have held in the past are:

- Club Spirit Apparel from Lady in Red
- Car Wash
- Tamale Sale
- Dress and Accessory Resale
- Macy's Special Shopping Days

In addition to these larger fundraising initiatives there are ways you can help the Club earn money each and everyday. Please consider participating in these ongoing programs. The money contributed from these programs goes a long way toward helping the Club defray its operating expenses.



RED AND BLACK BOOKS

Red and Black Books will donate a percentage of the purchase price for each copy of *"What I Learned About Life When My Husband Got Fired!"* using the special check out code "Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club." One of the authors, Tina Pennington, is the mother of a member of our synchronized skating team.



LADY IN RED

Lady in Red Designs will donate 20% of all TGCFCSC identity and spirit item sales to TGCFCSC. Among the items available for purchase are customized soakers, blankets, shorts, and vests. For more information visit the wearables order form found on the Lady in Red website. You can also contact Bobbie at sales@ladyinredcreations.com.



KROGER NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

When you associate your Kroger shopping card with the TGCFCSC account, a percentage of every grocery purchase comes back to the Club. Participation is easy. Print out the Club barcode and present it to the cashier the next time you make a purchase. That's it. Each time you shop you will be contributing to the Club.



EMPTIES 4 CASH

TGCFCSC participates in the Empties4Cash ink and toner recycling program. Just bring your empty ink jet or toner cartridges to the rink and give them to any Board member. If you have any questions about which cartridges are accepted, please visit empties4cash.com.



IGIVE.COM

By making your online purchases through the iGive.com portal site, you can contribute to the Club by merely shopping! Participating merchants contribute a percentage of the purchase price directly to the Club. Please visit the iGive.com site to learn more about the program. All you need to do is sign-up and start shopping.

Have a fund raising idea you want to implement or share?

Contact Ting Chao at fundraising@texasgulfcoastfsc.org.