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## 2023-2024 SKATING SEASON

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**Skaters of the month!!!**

**Pre-can: Katrina Tiedemann**

**CanSkate: Wallace MacKinnon**

**PreStar: Sarah Nguyen**

**StarSkate: Charlotte Prokopuk**

**Adult: Chao Gao**

**Hello F8SC members,**

The 2023 skating year is ending with a busy month of skating events for our skaters and coaches. F8SC Junior skaters will be competing at the Fun on Ice Star 1-3 competition in Red Deer the weekend of Dec. 8-10 and our Intermediate and Senior skaters will be competing in Star Series #2 competition in St. Albert the same weekend. Wishing all the skaters competing the best of luck!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the F8SC annual Family Fun Skate & Winter Gala happening on December 16th. This is a fun day for our skaters to show off all their hard work. Please watch your email for more details.



December will also see the return of our 50/50 fundraiser! Tickets for the 50/50 draw will be available shortly. Please help support F8SC fundraising through the purchase and promotion of the 50/50 tickets. Keep an eye on your email for ticket sales.

On behalf of the F8SC Board of Directors, I wish you a Happy Holiday Season and look forward to seeing our skaters back on the ice in January 2024.

Erin Turnell,  
F8SC President

### **Winter Gala- December 16th**

This is a showcase of our figure skaters, and is open to PreSTAR, Adult/Teen LTFS, and STARSkate. Each skater will perform their solo, and skaters who don't have a solo yet will perform in a group number. Our skaters shine bright at this festive event, which follows directly after Family Fun Skate. This event is included in your registration fees and all families are invited to the show. Saturday, December 16, 2023 from 1:15 to 2:45 pm.

**[Please fill out this form to sign up and participate in the Winter Gala](#)**

### **Winter Registration**

Winter registration for CanSkate, PreCanSkate and Adult/Teen Skate is now OPEN!  
Classes start January 8th, 2024. Register to save your spot!

**[Register here for the 2024 winter session!](#)**

### **Volunteers needed!!!**

Who makes it possible for our members to skate? You do! And we still need your help; sooo...

Figure 8 is a non-profit organization, and we need help from all members to keep it going! Each skater (or their responsible family member) is required to complete volunteer activities totalling 12 credits (or alternatively, can purchase the volunteer buyout). If you haven't signed up for a volunteer task, these positions are still available:

**Awards Banquet Coordinator - Credits - 12 Credits**

Organize and coordinate the Awards Banquet and AGM, including coordinating the food and other logistics. Date will be in Fall 2023, to be determined.

**Fundraising Assistant - 12 Credits**

Assist the Fundraising Coordinator to research and apply for grants, and/or assist with other fundraising opportunities as they arise, such as helping to organize online raffles (as well as assistance with coordinating casino volunteers in a casino year). Note that there are two volunteers assigned to this role.

**Party Organizer (Winter 1) - 6 Credits**

Organize and coordinate a team building party for all STARSkate and PreSTAR skaters during the beginning of fall session (September/October) - for 2023, this will be a November/December party. This includes finding a party location, working with the Event Coordinator board member to book it, communicating the details to skater parents and coordinating all the other logistics of the event. You will have help from respective Board members and other volunteers, so your main job will be to plan the party. Past events have included bowling, wall climbing, pottery painting, laser tag, launchpad, etc.

**Party Organizer (Winter 2) - 6 Credits**

Organize and coordinate a team building party for all STARSkate and PreSTAR skaters during the beginning of fall session (March). This includes finding a party location, working with the Event Coordinator board member to book it, communicating the details to skater parents and coordinating all the other logistics of the event. You will have help from respective Board members and other volunteers, so your main job will be to plan the party. Past events have included bowling, wall climbing, pottery painting, laser tag, launchpad, etc.

If you haven't signed up yet, or if you're unsure of what you DID sign up for, please reach out to the F8SC Volunteer Coordinator, Kari, at [volunteercoordinator@figure8skating.ca](mailto:volunteercoordinator@figure8skating.ca) or click [here](#).



## Monthly- Meet a coach!!!

### Brittany Forsyth



Hi everyone,

My name is Brittany, and I have been a figure skating coach for 12 years. Currently, I hold a provincial coach-trained certification and have completed the Special Olympics Community Coach certification. This is my first full season with the Figure 8 Skating Club, as I came on board last spring. Before joining Figure 8, I was the Skating Director at the Fort Saskatchewan Skating Club for six years.

My skating journey started very shortly after I was able to walk. I grew up skating in British Columbia, medalled at provincial championships and was fortunate enough to be able to compete at the Western Divisional Championships (now known as Challenge). I was a recurring member of the BC junior development teams and their junior/senior provincial teams, which allowed me to work with and learn from many high-level coaches. I also spent some time pair skating, which brought a very exciting challenge to my skating. Previously I have coached skaters up to their gold freeskate, Junior Competitive singles and Pre-Juvenile pairs.

When not coaching, I work full-time in Education. I enjoy spending time with my family and have picked up running over the last few years. I have two children, ages 12 and 9, who are also involved in ice sports, so most of my "free time" is still spent in an arena somewhere.


I look forward to being a part of the Figure 8 team, getting to know everyone and assisting the skaters in reaching their goals this season.

- Brittany



<p><b>NO REGULAR CLASSES:</b></p> <p>Last day of fall classes: Dec 21st</p> <p><b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b></p> <p>Family Fun Skate - Dec 17</p> <p>Winter Gala - Dec 17</p> <p>First day of Winter classes: January 8th</p> <p><b>Connect with us on</b> <b><a href="#">FACEBOOK</a>, and</b> <b><a href="#">INSTAGRAM</a> for club news</b> <b>and updates!</b></p> <p><b>Also check out our</b> <b><a href="#">WEBSITE</a>!</b></p> <p>Office Hours: Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 Saturdays 11:15-12:15</p> <p>No Office Hours: Dec 16th Jan 26th Mar 9th</p>	<p><b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b> <b>(2023-2024)</b></p> <p>President - Erin Turnell <a href="mailto:president@figure8skating.ca">president@figure8skating.ca</a></p> <p>Treasurer - Jason Chu <a href="mailto:treasurer@figure8skating.ca">treasurer@figure8skating.ca</a></p> <p>Secretary - Laura Delahaye</p> <p>Assessment Coordinator - Diane Slauenwhite <a href="mailto:assessment.coordinator@figure8skating.ca">assessment.coordinator@figure8skating.ca</a></p> <p>Program Coordinator - Josh Baergen <a href="mailto:programs@figure8skating.ca">programs@figure8skating.ca</a></p> <p>Volunteer Coordinator - Kari Kerychuck <a href="mailto:volunteercoordinator@figure8skating.ca">volunteercoordinator@figure8skating.ca</a></p> <p>Communications &amp; Marketing - Sherry Prokopuk</p> <p>Event Coordinator &amp; Club Spirit- Asif Ali</p> <p>Casino Coordinator - Candice Mirander <a href="mailto:fundraising@figure8skating.ca">fundraising@figure8skating.ca</a></p> <p>Coach Representative - Justine Toppin</p>	<p><b>COACHES</b></p> <p>Abby Kozma (Skating Director) <a href="mailto:skatingdirector@figure8skating.ca">skatingdirector@figure8skating.ca</a></p> <p>Justine Toppin (CanSkate Coordinator Mon/Sat) <a href="mailto:canskatecoordinator@figure8skating.ca">canskatecoordinator@figure8skating.ca</a></p> <p>Cassidy Connell (CanSkate Coordinator Tue/Wed) <a href="mailto:connellcassidy@gmail.com">connellcassidy@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Brittany Forsyth <a href="mailto:skatecoachbrittany@gmail.com">skatecoachbrittany@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Regan Barford <a href="mailto:reganbarford@hotmail.com">reganbarford@hotmail.com</a></p> <p>Abby Hill <a href="mailto:abby.kat.hill@gmail.com">abby.kat.hill@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Lana Bezik <a href="mailto:lane.bezik@gmail.com">lane.bezik@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Chloé Gauvreau - CanSkate <a href="mailto:chloegauvreau@gmail.com">chloegauvreau@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Rochelle Beekman - CanSkate <a href="mailto:rochbeekman@gmail.com">rochbeekman@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Claire Slauenwhite - CanSkate <a href="mailto:claireslaunenwhite@gmail.com">claireslaunenwhite@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Charlotte Prokopuk - CanSkate <a href="mailto:charlotteprokopuk@gmail.com">charlotteprokopuk@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Elleah Maurer - CanSkate <a href="mailto:elleahmaurer@shaw.ca">elleahmaurer@shaw.ca</a></p> <p>Ariana Filiplic - CanSkate <a href="mailto:ariana.filiplic1@gmail.com">ariana.filiplic1@gmail.com</a></p>
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Competition Weekend	9 Competition Weekend
10 Competition Weekend	11	12	13	14	15	16 Winter Gala 
17	18 Last day CanSkate (Mondays)	19 Last day CanSkate (Tuesdays)	20 Last day CanSkate (Wednesdays)	21	22 Winter Break	23 Winter Break
24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break
31 Winter Break	1 Winter Break	2 Winter Break	3 Winter Break	4 Winter Break	5 Winter Break	6 Winter Break

Classes resume the week of January 8th, 2024