

TOFIELD SKATING CLUB CONNECTS

CANSKATE

This is the first time in over 10yrs that our Canskate base has been made up of such a large number of 6 and under skaters - it's very exciting for our coaches to be able to hit the first big window of accelerated physical literacy learning with so many kids! We've hit our groove, and have our skill groups set. You will be hearing more about our Carnival in the coming months. Skaters who were registered in the fall session, prior to Oct 31, will be receiving progress reports at Christmas. Skaters who registered later in the season will receive a progress report at the end of the our next skating session!



Silver Blades

Our Silver Blades skaters are skaters who have taken an interest in figure skating, but are still developing their basic skating skills. Skaters who are moving into stage three Canskate, can join the SilverBlades program. This allows them to continue to build a proper foundation through CanSkate, and begin to learn about figure skating in a small group format. It's the best of both worlds!

We currently have 3 spots left in our SilverBlades program, with the cut off for entry being Jan12th.

STARSKATE

Our StarSkate skaters have been working hard this season, both on and off the ice! Together with our Silverblade skaters, they made 50 Christmas cards for the long term care residents at the hospital, and have already raised \$770 for our Make A Wish Foundation campaign! Great Job Skaters! They aren't done raising money yet, so if you'd like to donate any amount to their campaign, please contact Coach Tracey. Tax receipts will be given out for donations over \$20.



ADDIE AND COACH TRACEY

PRECANSKATE

WEDNESDAY PRECAN SESSION: FULL!!

We've seen some great progress in our PreCan Group, and Coach Sam is happy to report that all skaters are on par with development according to their age! Great job Precanner's!

DID YOU KNOW: That there is an information hiway being built in your child's brain?! Very young kids, who have just moved into the Golden Window of trainability take a bit longer to build this hiway between what their mind says to do, the point the hiway is finished and the body actually doing it! It's called a **Physiological Connection**. Once that hiway is built for basic skating, they really begin motor! Vroom Vroom little skaters! You're getting there!

CLUB FACT:

Small community clubs, that run on a seasonal basis, struggle to retain more than one coach at a time. Tofield Skating Club has had two coaches on staff for the last 4years (Maggie Patterson - 8yrs with the club, and Tracey Zilkie - 4yrs with the club), and Sam marks a milestone with becoming our third coach, and first Creative Director in a team coaching environment! We also have Skate Canada Coach mentor and National Training Center Board Member, Carla Stoltz, coming in on Fridays to run powerskating and give individual lessons. Grow Tofield Skating Club Grow!

NEWS



SKATE A THON: DEC 20
Please see Shauna Neufeld for a Sponsor sheet and be sure to bring a yummy dish to share for our annual potluck after!

Athabasca FunSkate Competition: Nov 25, 2017

Good Luck to Kiera Andrews, Sophie and Addison Neufeld, Taya and Abby Kenyon, Brooklyn Geddes, Kacie Thorson and Sophie Kroeker! We're cheering you on!

LAST DAY OF SKATING BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK: DEC 22

Tofield Skating Club Canskate Competition: TBA

Canskate/PreCan Registration Cut Off: Jan 12th, 2018

KIDS CORNER

What Addison Neufeld says about Silverblades I get to do skating things my mom used to do, and skate with Coach Tracey! Some things are hard but I like tricking her when I say I can't do something, but then I do it. She always laughs and says "You tricked me!" My favourite things are spirals, sit glides and Coach Tracey.

What Sophie Neufeld and Emma Zilkie love most about Starskate:

Sophie (Star 1 skater): I enjoy working with my friends and doing our warmup. I am most excited about landing my waltz jump

Emma (Star 2/3skater): I LOVE jumps and spins. I just landed my loop jump, and am excited to get more revolutions on my camel spin! I love skating with all my skating friends, and helping the little kids on the ice. Demonstrating things is the best!



COACH SAM AND EMMA