New Ulm Figure Skating Club
Annual Ice Show
Informational Handbook

Oz on Ice

March 7 & 8, 2026

Important Dates

Sat., Oct. 25	**Ice Show Sign Up Events** during Group Lessons
Sat., Nov. 1	**Registration Deadline** All costume measurements, registrations, and payments must be in.
Nov. - Jan.	**Costumes** will be billed to Parent Portal accounts and handed out upon arrival and payment.
Sat., Jan. 24	**Beginner Practices Start**
	8:30 am **New Families Meeting - upper concourse**
Jan. 24 & 25	**Picture Days at Foresee Studios**
Sun., Feb. 1	**Happy Ads submission and payment deadline**
Sat., Feb. 14	**Deadline to order Extra Programs, Advance Sale Tickets**
Wed., Feb. 18	**Skater Meal Sign Up Deadline**
Feb. 28 & Mar. 1	**Advance Sale Tickets will be handed out**
Mon., March 2	5:15 pm - **Skater Meal**: Taco In a Bag
	6:00 pm **1st Half Dress Rehearsal**
Tues., March. 3	5:15 pm - **Skater Meal**: to be determined
	6:00 pm **2nd Half Dress Rehearsal**
Thurs., March 5	6:00 pm **Try Out Parts Rehearsal**
Fri., March 6	4:45 pm - **Skater Meal**: Pizza
	5:30 pm **MANDATORY PARENT & SKATER MEETING**
	6:00 pm **Full Dress Rehearsal**
Sat., March 7	1:00 pm and 6:00 pm **Shows**
Sun., March 8	1:00 pm **Show**
Sat., March 14	**Show DVD by NUACT order deadline**

What is the Ice Show?

- 3 performances that showcase our skaters in choreographed routines based on the annual show theme.
- A great way to demonstrate the skills skaters have learned throughout the skating season in a fun and exciting way.
- Open to all NUFSC skaters that have taken lessons during the Fall session prior to the ice show. All ages, abilities, and testing levels are welcome.
- An experience that every skater should have at least once and will remember for the rest of their lives!

Registration

- The ice show is open to all skaters that enrolled in group lessons in the prior Fall session.
- Skaters that have passed FS4 are eligible for Try Out Parts. Information on tryouts is emailed to those eligible.
- **Parents should attend one of the Registration Events** during group lessons on: **Thursday, Oct. 9, Saturday, Oct. 25, or Saturday, Nov. 1.**
- Registration process:
  - Sign up for the numbers your skater will participate in.
  - Pay the ice show registration fee.
  - Skaters will be measured for costumes.
  - Information on volunteer sign up will be explained as needed.
- The deadline to submit registration form and payment is Nov. 1 during group lessons.
- All skaters will participate in the Opening and Finale numbers which have their own practice times on Saturday morning.
- Numbers will be assigned according to the level the skater was in on Nov. 1. *For example, if the skater is in Beginner 2, they will be in the Beginner 2 number in the ice show. If the skater passes to Pre-Alpha at the end of Fall group lessons, they will still be in the Beginner 2 group number in the ice show.* This is important because costumes have already been ordered so that they arrive before picture day. It also gives the skater who just passed a chance to learn some of the skills in the new level before being expected to perform them at their best in front of an audience.
- Some group levels may be combined with other levels, for example FS1 and FS2 may be one group. This will be determined after registration and is based on registration numbers.
- All Wicked members are expected to sign up for the Production ice show number.

Registration and Costume Costs

- Registration Base Fee: $40 per skater which includes:
    - 1 Number of the skater's choice
    - Opening and Finale numbers
    - 1 program
    - 1 skater t-shirt
- Additional: $10 per number
- One adult with a child skating in the show is allowed to participate in the Adult number and/or Production at no cost. The adult is also invited to participate in the Opening and Finale. If the adult would like a show t-shirt, which is worn for the Opening, they will need to purchase a shirt for $13 on the skater's registration form.
- Optional extra t-shirts for the skater or family members: $13 each
- Skaters will need to have a black skirt with tights or pants.
- Skaters must have a bodysuit/leotard worn under their costumes.
- Skater costume costs will vary. They usually average $50-$75 each. Fundraiser credits can be applied to help pay for costumes, Mum sales in August, Thanksgiving Pie sales in October, Scrip credits, and more. Costumes must be paid in full before they are handed out to the skater.

Costumes

- Opening number costume is the show t-shirt (included with registration) and a black skirt with nylons or tights or black pants for boys. The black skirt/pants and nylons or tights are the skater's responsibility to purchase.
- The Finale costume is the Freestyle Level (Beginner, PreAlpha, Alpha, etc.) number costume or Try Out costume, which the skater has already purchased.
- All other numbers have an assigned costume. Most costumes will be ordered by the costume coordinator and billed to the skater. Costumes should be handed out early January but that will depend on their arrival. Costumes must be paid for before they are handed out.

- Occasionally, there are prop costs. Props that the club will keep for future ice shows will be paid for by the club. All other props are paid for by the skater and are the skaters to keep after the show.
- The Private Ice Number may or may not have an additional costume requirement which will be the responsibility of the skater. Details on that will come out as soon as it's determined.
- Costumes for group or tryout numbers may not be modified (other than alterations for fit). Including but not limited to: adding gems, or other embellishments, shortening skirt lengths. Questions regarding this should be directed to the ice show director.

Skater Boxes

A cardboard "grocery" box will be handed out with your costume. You can use this to keep all the skater's ice show items in (costumes, props, gifts). Skaters can decorate the boxes and make sure to have their names on them so that room monitors can return lost items to the correct place.

Ice Show Photo Day

- Pictures will be scheduled for January 24-25. Times will be set up by groups (approximately 30 minutes). There will also be individual pictures during that time.
- The skater should wear their level outfit (Beginner, Pre-Alpha, Delta, FS1, etc.) and bring skates and guards to wear there.

Foresee Studios Location:
1227 N Broadway Street, Suite C, New Ulm
phone: 507-276-7752
Please enter the side of the building

Tickets for Performances

- At the Door: $12 for Adults, $7 for ages 5-17, under 5 is free
- Advance Purchase: $10 for Adults, $5 for ages 5-17, either through NUFSC or at the HyVee Customer Service Counter. HyVee will continue to sell until they run out. EventBrite will also be used.

- All performance attendees except skaters, coaches, and volunteers during that performance must purchase a ticket including parents and siblings.
- The Advance Purchase Ticket form and full payment to NUFSC is due by Sat., Feb. 14. It can be dropped off in the North Rink drop box or given to the Ticket Coordinator during group lessons. Tickets will be handed out during group lessons on Sat., Feb. 28 and Sun., March 1.

Volunteering

- Each family is required to contribute 10-12 hours to help run the ice show. This is calculated yearly by the number of tasks and participating families.
- First year families are required to volunteer. Part of those hours are room monitoring during a show or dress rehearsal (helping in the dressing room with their child). Adults working with skaters are required to be SafeSport certified.
- Families should volunteer during at least one show as this is our greatest need. First year families that room monitor are fulfilling that requirement while also earning their hours.
- Each family should be allowed to sit and watch at least one show with the current hour requirements. If you sign up for all of your hours under pre ice show opportunities, or you choose not to fulfill your time and pay for your hours, you are making the viewing of the ice show difficult for other families.
- A parent can designate someone to help fulfill their hours, a grandparent, friend, or sibling. Please ask the Coordinator if you have a question about this.
- Any hours not fulfilled are charged at $35/hour
- Sign up will be done online. Some positions are filled because these positions start right after the previous show finishes, have previous volunteer experience on that committee, or there is a person with specific professional experience. If you are interested in one of these positions, please inquire with the volunteer coordinator. You can shadow the person currently in the role to take it over when they choose to give it up.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Pre Ice Show Opportunities

The following is a list with descriptions of pre ice show volunteer opportunities.

Advertising Sales (1 hour per ½ page ad sold, 2 hours per full page ad sold)
Sell ads for the Ice Show program. Will be provided with an ad price sheet. Track your ad in the spreadsheet. Starts Nov/Dec. Reports to Ad Sales Coordinator.

Media Kit
Coordinate ticket and poster design with design coordinator and ticket sale coordinator; Get all printed, Get posters hung around the community using club list; Get tickets to Ticket Sale Coordinator

Happy Ads Preparation (5 Hours)
Prepare Happy Ad forms, collect happy ads, type and scan or export. Deliver to the Design Coordinator for placement in the program.

Set-up (8 hours per person/ 10 people total)
Pull items from storage, hang curtains using lift, set up spotlights, set up tunnel (metal frame and plastic), set up on ice decorations, set up marque, set up hallway decorating - includes heavy lifting and power tools

Window Plastic Hanging
Hang window plastic on doors and windows between the concourse and the rink.

Window Plastic Hanging - high windows
Lift and Harness involved

During Ice Show Opportunities

Room Monitors
One in the middle/older girl room, and two in the young kids room. Doors are required to stay open at all times. All skaters are required to wear a bodysuit for the safety of all. No phones are allowed to be used in the locker rooms - no excuses.

Hallway Monitors
These people will walk the halls and help out wherever needed. You may be asked to step into a room if needed. We are reducing room monitors because of safety for all skaters.

Quick Change Assistant
Assist skaters with quick costume changes during the show.

Spotlights
Run the spotlights during the show.

Ticket/Program sales Help with Concessions and Gift Table
Sell tickets and program before show, help with gift table and concessions during intermission

Usher/Collect Tickets/Help with Concessions and Gift Table
Collect tickets before the show, help with gift table and concessions during intermission.

Concession Stand Worker
Work concession stand 45 minutes before the show through 30 minutes after the show.

Non-Food Concessions Worker
Sell and Deliver flowers and gift items

Post Ice Show Opportunities

Hallway Decoration Clean Up
Clean up hallway, put all decor in storage, walk through dressing rooms and make sure they are clean

Tear Down
Take down all decor; lift operators needed, involves heavy lifting and the use of tools.

Window Plastic
Take down window plastic, fold and organize for next year.

Window Plastic-upper windows
remove plastic from upper windows, fold and organize for next year, lift and harness needed

Rehearsals

A full rehearsal schedule will come out in December. Rehearsals run from January 4 through Feb. 28, off Feb. 7. **All Beginners will start rehearsals on Saturday, Jan. 24 and all following practices.**

Most rehearsals are 30 minutes in length, 1 day per week.

Rehearsals will fall in this time frame:

- Saturdays approx. 7:30 – 11:30 am (All skaters including Beginners)
- Sundays 7:15 - 8:15 pm (MFA and upper level skaters)
- Thursday 8:00 - 8:30 pm (upper level skaters)

Dress Rehearsals

Half dress rehearsals go through half of the show two times. The first time is full costume - hair and makeup are optional but pictures and filming does happen during these half rehearsals. For half dress rehearsals, the 2nd time, skaters can wear coats. The show order is sometimes rearranged to allow younger skaters to leave early. The full dress rehearsal requires costume, hair and make-up.

- **1st Half of the Show Dress Rehearsal: Monday, March 2, 6:00-8:30 pm**
- **2nd Half of the Show Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday, March 3, 6:00-8:00 pm**
- **Try Out Skater Rehearsal: Thursday, March 5, 6:00-8:00 pm**
- **Full Dress Rehearsal: Friday, March 6, 6:00 – 8:00pm**
  Mandatory Parent and Skater Meeting in the stands (skates on and dressed for opening number),
  Friday, March 6, 5:30 - 6:00 pm

Pre Show Warm-ups

Beginners through FS2: no on-ice warm-ups;
stretching should be done off ice

Sat., 3/7 (1pm show)
FS3 - FS5: 11:45am - 12:15pm **FS6+**: 12:15pm - 12:45pm
Sat., 3/7 (6pm show)
FS3-FS4: off ice warm-up **FS5+**: 5:15pm - 5:45pm
Sun., 3/8 (1 pm show)
FS3 - FS5: 11:45am - 12:15pm **FS6+**: 12:15pm - 12:45pm

Performances

Skaters should be at the rink at least 30 minutes before a performance, earlier if the skater has a scheduled warm-up time. There is a 20 minute intermission during each show.

Saturday, March 7, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Saturday, March 7, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Sunday, March 8, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Optional Show Items

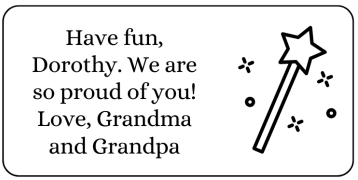
Happy Ads

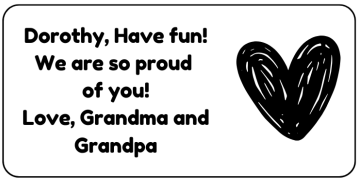
Happy Ads appear in our Ice Show program and are a great way for family & friends to wish their skater a good show. You can also have your skater write a message to a friend or thank their coach and/or parents.

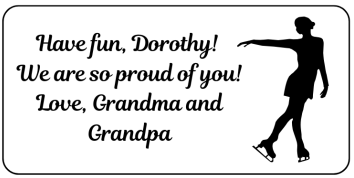
Ice show program Happy Ad submission can be done using the online form: Happy Ads 2026 You can choose a picture and font from the selection provided to personalize the message. Or, you can handwrite your note on the Happy Ad paper form that will come out in January. Paper forms and payments should be placed in the drop box located next to the NUFSC bulletin board in the North Rink.

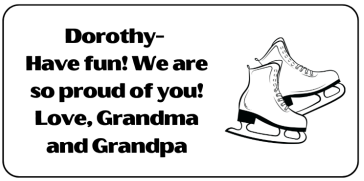
Happy Ads are due and must be paid for by Sunday, Feb. 1 or they will not be included in the program. They are $2.50 each. If you complete the online form, you can choose to bill your Parent Portal account or to place a check in the North Rink drop box. Please memo your check or the deposit envelope with "Happy Ads" if you put it in the drop box.

Online happy ads will be typed and give you the choice of the following fonts and pictures:









Skater Meals

With Ice Show weekend comes rehearsals, these rehearsals can get long and it is important to make sure our skaters are well nourished to have the energy to perform the way we know they can. The club is providing meals to the skaters and their families at a cost of $8 per meal, per person. This will hopefully help to take the pressure off everyone from having to rush to the rink and make sure they have food to eat too. Below are the meals and information regarding snacks.

Monday March 2, 5:15pm - Taco In a Bag, veggies, fruit & drink

Tuesday March 3, 5:15pm – To Be Determined

Friday March 6, 4:45pm - Pizza (2 pieces), veggies, fruit & drink

Parents and siblings that are coming to help during rehearsals are also allowed to purchase meals.

Sign up for the meals is due by Wed., Feb 18 by the end of the day through the Parent Portal, Online Store, sooner is appreciated. If you choose, you can pay for it with a credit card through your Parent Portal account. Otherwise, check/cash payments will be collected in full on Monday, March 2. It is very important that you sign up if you want a meal, we are making and ordering food for the number of people that register for these meals.

Each of the rehearsal days we will also provide skaters only with a snack during the short break between run throughs. There will be no charge for this. The snack isn't finalized yet but will be something healthy & something with a little sugar and carbs to give them the energy they need to power through the rest of the rehearsal. The snack table can be found outside the South Rink office by the vending machines.

Skater Gifts

Skater gifts are COMPLETELY OPTIONAL!!! A lot of skaters choose to give small gifts to their friends, their group, their dressing room, or the entire ice show cast. You do not need to do this but be aware your child may get random gifts. If you do purchase gifts, please be conscious of food or treats that could be messy.

Programs

Each registered skater and participating coach will receive 1 program (which includes all the skater pictures). If you would like to purchase any additional copies, they will be $4 to $7. This is also the price at the door. We do not order a lot of extras and have run out before the last show in the past.

If you want to be sure to have an extra copy, please **order by Feb. 14**. Ordering of extra programs is done on the Parent Portal Online Store. Programs will be handed out during one of the dress rehearsals.

DVD orders

Ice shows are recorded by NUCAT and played on the Nuvera cable channel so be sure to check that out. DVDs of the show can be ordered on the Parent Portal/Online Shop through March 14. The cost is about $12. They will be handed out as soon as available. If your skater is not at the rink, we can arrange for you to pick it up.

Important Required Show Information

Expectations

- Rehearsals are mandatory. Any absences need prior approval by the Show Director. Tryout skaters have an additional attendance policy that does not apply to all skaters in the show.
- Skaters are expected to be on time and ready for their practice times.
- Skaters and parents agree to abide by NUFSC Code of Ethics and Behavior Contract. This is found on the nuskate.org website.
- Skaters will purchase and wear matching group costumes to wear for the show as directed by the Show Director & Costume Committee.
- All fees must be paid in full before receiving costumes and props.
- Items from home may be needed such as tights and make-up.
- Props may also need to be purchased.
- Skaters and Parents agree to have fun, smile, and be positive throughout the preparation and production.

**SafeSport Training

(Required for All Individuals Room Monitoring and Parents in Dressing Rooms)

1. Go to safesporttrained.org
2. On the top right corner, you'll click "Login" or register as a new user.
3. Click Catalog to view course offerings. Under **Parents Guide to Misconduct in Sport**, click "Enroll" and then "Start".
4. Again click 'Enroll' and "Start". The course is free.
5. Complete the course. It takes about 30 minutes to complete.
6. Email nufsclub@gmail.com with a copy of your completed certificate

Contacts / Questions

If you have a question and don't know who to ask, please email the club: **nufsclub@gmail.com** or the ice show director, **nufsc.headcoach@gmail.com** and we will either answer your question or connect you with the correct person.