

A celebration on ice

Civic Center to host 'It's Great to Skate'

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The Figure Skating Club of Memphis will host an It's Great to Skate Clinic along with a Basic Skills Competition and Exhibitions on Sunday, in promotion of National Skating Month as sponsored by the United States Figure Skating Association.

From 2 to 3 p.m., the public is invited to the skating clinic at the DeSoto County Civic Center at Interstate 55 and Church Road in Southaven. The cost, which includes rental skates, is \$5 per skater.

Skaters are welcome to stay after the clinic and witness a U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Competition.

Skaters who have already paid for the clinic will not need to repay for the competition; otherwise, spectators will be charged \$5.

At 3:15 p.m., the Basic Skills Competition will start. Additionally, several of the more advanced skaters from the club will perform exhibition routines.

The It's Great to Skate Clinic welcomes potential skaters. The clinic teaches all ages the basics of figure skating from certified instructors in a safe environment.

The Basic Skills Program teaches the skater the fundamentals of figure skating. The program is designed by U.S. Figure Skating to be the best method for beginning skaters that combines fun with challenge. After completing the program, skaters are eligible to compete in a Basic Skills Competition to test and display their recently learned skating skills.

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Kristen Conrad of Southaven will compete in the Basic Skills Competition sponsored by the Figure Skating Club of Memphis at the DeSoto County Civic Center on Sunday.

Memphis is hosting this competition, immediately following the It's Great to Skate Clinic for the public to watch.

National Skating Month, now in its sixth year, allows nearly 1,000 U.S. Figure Skating member clubs and Basic Skills programs to reach out to their communities by offering the basics of ice skating from certified instructors.

Initially, the program began as a National Skating Week but

soon expanded to National Skating Month to allow for additional time to promote the sport of figure skating.

The goal of National Skating Month is to increase awareness and participation in the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program.

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