



Members of the Figure Skating Club of Memphis are (front row, from left) Abbey Autry, Maira Baig, Whitney Smith of Collierville, Samantha Wright of Collierville, MacKenzie Campbell, James Harris, (back row) Sarah Guenther, Caroline Straughan, Lauren Camp of Collierville, Patricia Bush and Taylor Wright.

It's time again to spin in circles on the ice

Figure Skating Club eager for new rinks

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The 2006-2007 season is under way for the Figure Skating Club of Memphis.

The season opened with ice time at FedExForum and continues twice weekly at DeSoto County Civic Center in Southaven.

Members of the club were delighted to learn that the Memphis area is one step closer to a permanent ice skating facility.

Lauren Camp, 13, of Collierville couldn't be happier when she learned of the proposal to build two new ice rinks.

"I'm excited they've decided to build a rink. This will be very good for our community."

The skaters do not have the luxury of a year-round facility to

practice their sport. The skaters must travel about 350 miles to practice when there is no ice at DeSoto County Civic Center.

With positive attitudes and the possibility of a home ice rink, club members are skating with a new sense of purpose.

The first Learn to Skate Clinic at FedExForum drew more than 200 skaters as did the clinic at DeSoto County Civic Center.

A new Basic Skills class began mid-December at DeSoto County Civic Center. Youth and adults were welcome to enroll for a series of eight, one-hour introductory classes.

The club is able to host badge programs for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts as well as hosting church youth groups and offering private lessons. For information, contact Sheila Camp at sk8mom@midsouth.rr.com.

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