



Fort Dupont Ice Arena



Rink Roundup

Summer 2018

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Fresh Paint, Planted Flowers and So Many Smiles

When FDIA closes for the season, an entire **makeover takes place**. From laying down fresh ice to repainting surfaces, our building is prepped for the upcoming season. Thanks to help from our volunteers and events like Caps Care Day and Deloitte Impact Day, our rink is in great shape when it comes time to re-open.

Caps Care Day

Caps Care Day at Fort Dupont Ice Arena this year brought **Washington Capitals fans, Red Rockers, Slapshot and the better halves** of many Washington Capitals players. Many volunteers came out to help the morning after the Caps advanced in the Stanley Cup - that's dedication! We appreciate the continuous support - Thank you!

Deloitte Impact Day

This past June, Deloitte LLC offices all over the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area took part in the company's Impact Day - **their annual day of service** - by coming to help us out at Fort Dupont Ice Arena. **This marks 9 years** that they've chosen FDIA as their site of service. Thank you Deloitte and see you again next year.



Are you registered for our KOI® Fall classes?

It's KOI® registration time!

Our Fall classes begin September 8th, 2018. Classes are expected to fill up quickly, so parents of children ages 5-18 are encouraged to sign up early for our Basic Skills lessons, as well as our KOI® PLUS Speed Skating, Hockey, Advanced Figure and Synchronized Skating lessons.



#MEETMEONTHEICE

Let's be social!



Rink Roundup

CAPS! CAPS! CAPS!

Lord Stanley's Cup made a quick visit to the Fort Dupont Ice Arena to see Neal Henderson and the Fort Dupont Cannons.

We were honored to have the Cup, Capitals star Alex Ovechkin, and Capitals owner Ted Leonsis take a few minutes to share their championship celebration with us!



Coaching For Change

We are pleased to welcome Henry Middlebrook, a former KOI® student, as an Up2Us Sports Coach. Henry will be working with all our KOI® programs in the upcoming season. **Welcome to the team Henry!**

Passport to Argentina

A group of our figure and synchronized skaters had the opportunity of a lifetime to travel to **Ushuaia, Argentina**. FDIA board member Princess Whitaker Taylor joined Ty and Melissa Newberry to chaperone the group on their travels. Skaters spent time ice skating, sightseeing and making new friends.



A few of the trip highlights included exploring the National Park known as **Parque Nacional Tierra del Fuego** and skiing at **Cerro Castor**. For many of the girls, it was their first time skiing and they had a blast!



Our skaters also got to meet and skate with figure skaters from the **Carlos Tachuela Oyarsun rink**. The outdoor rink has a breathtaking view of the mountains and a friendly and helpful staff. The trip was capped off with a stop in **Buenos Aires** where they visited the **Theatre Colon**, the main opera house in the city, and **Casa Rosada**, the executive mansion and office of the President of Argentina.



Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the hospitality of **Nicolas Badaracco, Yamana** and our friends at the Ushuaia rink, our first trip was a success. To see a highlight video, check out our Youtube channel Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena.



Congratulations, Mary!

FDIA Programming Assistant Mary Khandaker and her husband Taibeen welcomed their son **Zane Altair Khandaker**, born April 16, 2018.

This Skater's An Artist

FDIA skaters are multi-faceted with a lot of talents. This edition, we're shining the spotlight on Brittany, Jon and Mike.



Brittany Greene

Brittany Greene, a KOI® alumna now serves as **FDIA's resident artist**. Brittany loves math and has her Bachelor's of Science in Bioengineering but is also a talented artist. From digital to fine art, she's **taught herself** everything she knows. Brittany is responsible for the design of the ice rink logo for the past 2 years, this year's camp shirt and so much more, **including this newsletter**.

Call For Artists - KOI® skaters can submit ice skating or FDIA related artwork to us at programming@fdia.org

Jon Wassom used to volunteer and help teach Advanced Skills Classes. Over the years, John has perfected his craft off the ice, making beautiful art pieces using **mixed media**. His skating background is often used as inspiration for many pieces including his piece "**Revolutionary**" that now hangs in our hallway, thanks to the help of **board member Terri Ann Lowenthal**. Thank you so much Terri Ann!



Mike Mullenex is also a former KOI® volunteer. He's since joined our rink staff but still takes time for his art. Mike went to school for print making but loves creating with all mediums. His piece "Untitled" isn't his first to be on display at the rink. For the past couple of years, Mike has helped create and bring to life the backdrops for our holiday shows.



KOI® Kids Keeping Cool

Our skaters beat the heat this Summer in our **Speed Skating, Figure Skating, Summer Fun and Synchronized Skating** camps. Skaters learned and improved on their skills while having fun on the ice.

This year's end of camp show themes were Disney, Superheros and Welcome to the Jungle. Our Summer Fun campers had the opportunity to **paint a camp mural** as a backdrop to their Jungle performance with the help of coach Brittany. Many thanks to instructors and volunteers who helped make our FDIA camps a success again this year!



Synchronized Skating Camp



Figure and Speed Camp



Summer Fun Camp



Help Support Kids On Ice® With Tax-Deductible Contribution

- \$60 Sponsors one child for an 8-week Learn to Skate session
- \$240 Sponsors a school group of up to 30 children for 2 visits
- \$375 Sponsors one child for a week of summer camp
- \$1000 Covers the cost of 10 new pairs of skates
- \$ _____ Any amount you can send today helps keep our programs going!

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Calling all DC Public and Charter Schools!

Our season is quickly approaching - sign your class up to skate with us today. Each year, through our partnership with DCPS, schools are able to learn how to skate at FDIA as a part of their physical education curriculum. Ask your school principal or physical education teacher to sign up your school today. Call 202-584-5007 or email programming@fdia.org

Have your Birthday Party Here!

If you're looking for a fun, affordable, and cool way to celebrate a birthday, reserve our party room for the event. Available most Saturdays and Sundays September - March, on a first come first served basis. Call 202-584-5007 or email birthdays@fdia.org for more information. Spaces fill up fast, reserve today!

We're On the Hunt...

Looking to earn Dupont Dollars over the Summer? You're in luck. This Summer we have a scavenger hunt for everyone enrolled in our KOI® Programming. From visiting the Smithsonian's to swimming at your local recreation center, there's plenty of activities to earn points. The more points, the more prizes, the more fun! Visit www.fdia.org/dupontdollars for more information. Send us an email by September 1, 2018 with the code **SUMMER** for a surprise.

Dates to Remember

- **August 15**
Fall Returning Student Deadline
- **August 22**
Fall New Student Deadline
- **November 17**
Winter Session Registration Opens
- **October 27**
Theatre On Ice Registration Closes
- **December 15**
Theatre On Ice Holiday Show Performance