

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Northern Ice needs your help!** We are looking for volunteers to help man the Registration and Security posts at the 2004 Midwestern Synchronized Team Skating Sectional Championships.

The Skating Council of Illinois is hosting the event at Fox Valley Ice Arena in Geneva Jan 28-Feb 1, 2004. Northern Ice is handling registration and security.

Registration consists of on-site registration of teams and giving teams their team packet. We will also be preparing the team packets prior to the event date. More info on exact times will be forthcoming. If you are interested in helping with Registration and Preparation contact Lynn Balaskas 708-349-9854.

Security is largely an ushering job and making sure the teams have a clear path to their event. There will be on-site training for this position. We will need a great number of people to fill these positions. Contact Jayne McGrath or Odys Stamos at 708-349-1039 to volunteer for the security detail. Trust me this will be fun. And it will be a great help to the club.

This is a great opportunity for us to raise funds, which will benefit our skaters. We will share in the profits based on the number of volunteer hours we provide.

Your participation could bolster our funds to support more programs like our exhibitions and test sessions, as well as our skaters who make it out of regionals, and other programs we are instituting in the upcoming season.

## Membership News

We currently have 271 full members and are still growing. If you have membership questions or know someone who would like to join, please contact Membership Secretary, Pegg Hislop for more information. Membership forms are now available on the website at [www.northernice.org/membership](http://www.northernice.org/membership).

## Sponsorship Opportunity

We all know that competitive figure skating can be an extremely expensive sport. One opportunity the individual skater can take to help defray these expenses and continue their competitive career is through private sponsorships. USFSA has information available on this valuable tool. See the USFSA website at [www.usfsa.org](http://www.usfsa.org) or check our website at [www.northernice.org/links](http://www.northernice.org/links) for a link to the page or call USFSA at 719-635-5200 and ask for Athlete Funding for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 2-6	Junior Figure Skating Championships Scottsdale, AZ
Jan 3-11	2004 United States Figure Skating Championships Atlanta, GA
Jan 28-Feb 1	Midwestern Synchronized Team Skating Sectional Championships Geneva, IL
Feb 12	NI SC Test Session Arctic Ice Arena

## Starfire News

Starfire will be performing in the Holiday Exhibition Sunday Dec. 20 9:30a-12:00p at Rocket Ice Arena. A number of solo performances by some Northern Ice members will also be featured. You are all invited to come celebrate the season with an evening of great skating.

Starfire has just competed in the Kickoff-Classic in Kalamazoo. If you are interested in Synchro, contact Sharee DeCosola at Rocket Ice Arena, 630-679-1700 or you may email Maureen Reyes at [mgreyes@uic.edu](mailto:mgreyes@uic.edu) for more information.