

**Weber County Ice Sheet
Learn To Skate Coaching Staff**

Listed below are Weber County Ice Sheet employee coaches who teach Learn To Skate Classes, as well as Private Lessons. This list is meant to serve as a resource for parents who would like to increase their child's involvement in skating through participation in private/semi-private coaching that will allow skaters to compete in competitions and take US Figure Skating tests to move up levels in figure skating. The Professional Skaters Association (skatepsa.com) and The Wasatch Figure Skating Club (wasatchfigureskating.org) also have resources that will help you choose the coach that best fits the needs of your child. You may also consider having trial lessons with a coach to see how they interact with your child and how your child learns from them. Please keep in mind that our staff coaches are private contractors and all scheduling, rates and terms of service are set by them individually. When contacting a prospective coach please ask about their rates for; lessons; competition prep; competition and test session attendance; and travel rates for out of town competitions and/or test sessions they may require their students attend. To inquire about lessons with a coach please contact that coach directly. If you have questions regarding proper procedure for changing coaches, or how best to benefit from 'Team Coaching' (when there are more than one coach who use his/her expertise to more fully develop the skater) please visit the Professional Skaters Association webpage www.skatepsa.com/professionalstandards. If you have any questions please contact our Programs Director, Todd Ferrario; (801) 778-6354. Happy Skating!

Coaches are listed in alphabetical order by first name.



Alex Hyer 801.648.2996 alex.hyer@yahoo.com
Coaching since 2009. Competitive skater for 9 years. Experience in Yoga, Modern Dance, Childhood Education and General Fitness. Teaches all age groups. Specializes in Moves In The Field, Basic Skills, Choreography and Freestyle.



Hiroe Kakisawa 385.238.5568 Hiroe-0323@hotmail.co.jp
Hiroe skated competitively for 15 years. Training in Yokohama, Japan, has competed on all levels on the Japanese team and in 1998 became a Novice National Medalist. Hiroe competed with the Japanese National Team on a Junior and Senior level, participated in the Junior Grand Prix of Canada in 2004, skated in many other international figure skating championships and went on to skate 6years with Disney on Ice. Hiroe brings with her a great wealth of knowledge and patience that can only be realized by daily training on and off the ice. As an added bonus she speaks both Japanese and English. She has been skating pairs with her husband while on tour with Disney; therefore she can coach all levels and disciplines.



Janusz John McKinnon 801.510.5721 oskinny@msn.com
Janusz joined the Disney troupe after he skated in the opening and closing ceremonies for the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Games and continued with them for 12 successful years. He has participated in many local and qualifying competitions & was a medalist at many Regional and Sectional competitions including Jr Nationals and becoming a medalist twice at Collegiate Nationals. He is a Gold Medalist in Freestyle and in Moves in the Field passed the Novice Pair Test and has been coaching skaters of all ages and levels for 20years.



Karel Kovar- LTS Supervisor 801.721-6251 kakovar@co.weber.ut.us
National level coach with experience in coaching and choreography since 1989 specializing in Freestyle, Moves In The Field & Off-Ice Conditioning. USFSA & PSA Certified. Completed USFSA Senior Freestyle, Gold Figures, and Gold Pairs. An international competitor and professional show skater with Holiday on Ice, Disney on Ice, and Sun Valley ice shows.



Letitia Ahrensback 801.309.5817 skatewithtish@live.com
Coaching figure skating since 2004. Experience teaching choreography since 1999. Completed USFSA Intermediate Moves in the Field and Intermediate Freestyle. Experience in various dance styles and techniques. Specializes in Choreography and Artistry, Freestyle, Moves In The Field, Basic Skills and Off-Ice. Experience in early childhood education since 1997.



Trent Thueson-Special Needs Coordinator 801.721-6428 trentthueson@gmail.com
Coaching since 2005. Competitive skater for 15 years, placing 10th in the nation in Intermediate pairs. Specializes in Jumps, Spins and Stroking and with Special Needs skaters as The Ice Sheet Special Needs Program Coordinator.