

Why Residents of the Klamath Basin Enjoy the Bill Collier Community Ice Arena

“I would rather play hockey than do anything else. I wait the entire year for November to come around, for the ice rink to open and for hockey to start.”

Tyler H., Age 11

I love the sport of figure skating. Everything looks so magical when you see it performed. When you try something new on the ice, you realize how technical and athletic a sport this is and the challenge really keeps me coming back for more.”

Anonymous

“As parents of athletes, we are involved with local youth sports programs year round. However, there is something special about Klamath Falls hockey and the Bill Collier Community Ice Arena. The staff, coaches, athletes and parents all work very hard together towards a common goal: growing a competitive hockey program while having fun at the same time. This goal is achieved every season. Klamath Falls is becoming a force in the Oregon hockey community. It is very exciting to be part of that. Thank you Klamath Ice Sports for bringing the *Coollest Game On Earth* to our kids.”

With pride and appreciation,
Russ and Jody Carter

“The winter ice show is absolutely impressive. I love the combination of local, competitive and professional talent. It is an amazing opportunity for our kids to work with professionals and see what hard work and dedication can lead to.”

Betsy Neuman
Volunteer Figure Skating Instructor

“As a parent, there has been no greater joy than watching my children find something that they love and are truly passionate about. For my two sons, ages 11 and 6, hockey is their passion. I feel very fortunate that they have had the opportunity to pursue something that brings them so much happiness. I hope that, as a community, we can continue to support the ice rink and, in turn, support the youth of Klamath Falls.”

Wendy, Hockey Mom

“I love the ice arena because of the disco ball, Disney skate and funky music.”

Kaeli, Age 8

“We advertise at the ice rink because parents who spend quality time with their kids are exactly the kind of customers we want.”

Emmett’s Auto Repair Center

"As a sponsor, we feel honored to support the ice rink and help promote expanding recreational opportunities here in Klamath Falls. We feel the rink has provided an excellent opportunity for the people of the area and hope as a community we can continue the support of the facility and continue to expand and promote physical activity and health for people of the Klamath Basin."

Dr. Kevin Heaton, Klamath Orthopedic Clinic

I love hockey for all the fast action. I love how it is hard and not very popular, like football. I love playing goalie and blocking shots. I love going against harder teams. Also, my coach always has fun drills and games. Everybody can play hockey with a little practice."

Shane, Age 10

"As both a coach and sponsor of Klamath Ice Sports and the Bill Collier Community Ice Arena, I can honestly say our partnership has been a blessing. Working with the kids over the past three years has been such a wonderful learning experience. The passion these kids have for the sport and the willingness to learn and get better has been incredible. For most of my players' hockey careers, they have been playing larger teams with more experience, but I'm here to tell you that these kids never back down and never give up. As a sponsor of the program and the rink, that's the kind of team and organization Cascade Auto Group is proud to stand behind. With the continued support from our community, I'm looking forward to many great years to come."

Coach Tyler Thompson, Cascade Auto Group

"I have been involved in teaching figure skating at the ice arena since it first opened in 2002. As people know, I am passionate about the sport (or art) of figure skating and I truly enjoy sharing that passion with others. I love the speed and the flow and the sense of freedom that figure skating provides and I am constantly challenged to improve my basic skating skills in order to learn how to teach those skills to others more effectively. Figure skating is not only a challenging athletic discipline, it a true artistic endeavor. Having a facility such as the Bill Collier Community Ice Arena is a unique and important asset to our community."

Charles Cossey, Age 73
Volunteer Figure Skating Director

"...as a friend of many hockey families over the past few years, I heard parents and their children working through the process of becoming a cohesive hockey team. I watched a wonderful, positive discourse about what worked and what did not work. I saw a family-and-community-friendly organization (the Bill Collier Community Ice Arena) listen to suggestions and work to make positive changes. This year, my son joined the hockey family mid-way through the season. He had one of the most energizing, positive experiences of his life! We experienced first-hand the positive, supportive skating culture at our rink . . . older skaters helping younger ones, always with constructive suggestions, humor and fun. He wanted to spend all of his time there! One Sunday, he even raided his own piggy bank, hopped on his bike and rode over to free skate at the rink!"

Wendy, Hockey Mom