

# About our Coaches

## Howelsen Ice Arena

- ◇ **Samantha Cretney**- Samie has been skating for 13 years. As her passion for skating grew, she joined the SSFSC and began competing in many local competitions. Samie has passed her Intermediate Moves-In-The-Field and has been coaching skating for two years. With her previous Camp Counseling experiences, Samie has found it an easy transition to coaching on the ice. samierose@zirkel.us Rate: \$40/hr
- ◇ **Paul Goldner**—Paul trained under World and Olympic Coaches (Inese Bucevica, Judy Blumberg, Nikolai Morozov) as an ice dancer, placing 3rd at Nationals in Intermediate and Novice Dance as well as competing internationally and nationally at the Junior level. He was a USFS Team Member for two years and holds gold medals in both Dance and Moves in the Field. In compliance with coaching requirements as well as a USFSA, PSA, and USA Hockey member, Paul teaches the intricacies of skating to all ages and levels. Having taught professionally for ten years as well as volunteered his time and skating education, he is skilled in getting all skaters (whether freestyle, pairs, dance, or hockey) to reach their potential by focusing on the basics of skating as well as advanced edge technique, body position, and power. He currently teaches private, semi-private, and group lessons at Howelsen Ice Arena as well as serving as a skating coach for the Steamboat Springs Youth Hockey Association. Rate:\$36/30 min – \$72/hour (914) 498-8509
- ◇ **David Leszczynski**-David grew up in West Chester, PA where he began playing hockey at the age of seven. Over the past 21 years, David's involvement in the sport has ranged from serving as an Alternate Captain for the ACHA Division 1 West Virginia Mountaineers, on ice official, head coach, to skills instructor. As an instructor, David enjoys helping players develop the skills necessary to enjoy and excel at the game of hockey. His experience in teaching ranges from those new to the game to players preparing to play at the collegiate level. David recently moved to Steamboat Springs to explore a life of living in the mountains. dleszczy@gmail.com Rate: \$50/hr
- ◇ **Stacy McAllister**— HIA's Figure Skating Coordinator. Stacy has 8 years of coaching experience with both figure skating and hockey. She is a Professional Skater's Association Rated coach in Freestyle and Group Instructing, USFS CER-A certified, and PSA Hockey Skating I rated professional. She has the capabilities of taking students to competitions and working on improving their power skating skills in particular. She graduated from Syracuse University with a B.S. degree in Health & Exercise Science and is currently pursuing her MBA in Sports & Recreation Management from New England College. smcallister@steamboatsprings.net Rate: \$60/hr Basic Skills rate: \$50/hr
- ◇ **Celina Taylor**- Celina hails from the Detroit Skating club in Bloomfield Hills, MI where she trained under World and Olympic coach Richard Callaghan. Competing at the U.S. Nationals in 1994, Celina went on to win multiple Regional and Sectional gold medals as a pair skater. At the age of 17, she was offered a contract for a principal role with Disney on Ice and spent the next two years performing in shows in Europe and Japan. Officially retiring from the sport in 1999, Celina spent the next few years teaching in Detroit at the Southgate and Academy Figure Skating clubs. Following the birth of her second child, she retired from coaching and became a full time mom. She is thrilled to be back on the ice in Steamboat Springs where she is able to share her passion for skating with her own children and others. She is available for private lessons in the following disciplines: Freestyle, Moves in the Field, Choreography, and Pairs. CelinaTaylor1789@hotmail.com



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