

# SKATE INDY 2004

## *The Crossroads of America*

Hosted by the Indiana/World Skating Academy FSC

A non-qualifying competition sanctioned by the USFS

Chief Referee: Kathy Slack

**COMPETITION DATES: June 25—27, 2004**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 14, 2004

As Co-chairs of the Skate Indy 2004 competition, sponsored by the Indiana/World Skating Academy Figure Skating Club, we would like to invite you and your skaters to join us this summer.

We have obtained special rates for competitors and their families at the Hampton Inn, located 2 blocks from the rink, directly across the street from the Circle Centre mall. The rate will be \$104.00 per night, for up to four people in a room. This rate includes a free, deluxe continental breakfast buffet, as well as a 24-hour coffee, tea, and hot cocoa bar, and applies to any reservations made prior to June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Hampton Inn directly at (317) 261-1200 or 1-800-HAMPTON to reserve your room(s). In order to get this special rate you must mention that you are participating in Skate Indy 2004. If you have any problems when you contact the hotel please let us know immediately at [SKATEINDY2004@aol.com](mailto:SKATEINDY2004@aol.com).

The Indiana/World Skating Academy is located in downtown Indianapolis next to Circle Centre (an upscale mall which includes a food court, a United Artists cinema complex and a Gameworks Studio). From the Hampton Inn it is possible to walk to the Indianapolis Zoo, White River Gardens, the Eiteljorg Museum, the Indiana State Museum and the IMAX Theatre. The White River Canal is also easily reached on foot (see map on page 14 of the announcement). At the south end of the canal you can rent bicycles to explore the city or paddleboats to cruise the canal. There are also more than 60 restaurants in the immediate area—whether you're in the mood for McDonald's, the Hard Rock Café, P.F.Chang's, or Ruth's Chris Steak House.

Indianapolis is known as the “**Crossroads of America**” because more interstate highways bisect our city and state than any other in the country; in fact, half of the nation's population is within a day's drive of Indianapolis. Indianapolis is the nation's 12<sup>th</sup> largest city and has gone through a dramatic revitalization over the past 10 years. Indianapolis is the perfect balance of big-city style and small-town charm. You'll find Indianapolis to be a fresh and diverse cultural city with an enriching array of arts, attractions, historical sites and events.

Monument Circle, which is also within walking distance, is home to the 284-foot **Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument**. Dedicated in 1902 and made of Indiana limestone, the Monument stands as a tribute to the Indiana servicemen who served in the Civil and Spanish-American Wars. Thirty-two stories up, an observation tower provides a panoramic view of the city skyline.

Considered second only to Washington, DC, in number of memorials, Indianapolis pays homage and respect to Medal of Honor recipients, fallen law enforcement and firefighters and those who died in conflicts from the Civil War to Somalia. Indianapolis is also home to one of only 26 national monuments in the country. Situated on the east bank of the

Central Canal, the **USS Indianapolis Memorial** recognizes those who died on the last U.S. ship to sink during World War II. Etched on one side is the story of the sinking with the names of all those who served on the other.

Families shouldn't miss the chance to visit the **Children's Museum of Indianapolis**. Ranked by **Child** magazine as the "best children's museum" in the country, it's a place for the young and young at heart. The five-story museum houses 100,000 artifacts, in 10 galleries, that explore the physical and natural sciences, history, foreign culture and the arts. Many of the exhibits are interactive and participatory, encouraging hands-on learning. Children can work side-by-side with professional paleontologists in the Dino Discovery Lab to select 65 million year-old dinosaur fossils. The museum's newest exhibit, **Dinosphere**, opening June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004, will feature one of the largest displays of real juvenile and family dinosaur fossils in the United States. The star of Dinosphere will be Bucky, the first teenage T-rex to ever be mounted and displayed.

**White River State Park**, located within walking distance of downtown, is filled with cultural, educational and recreational activities that offer something interesting to each visitor. The **Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art** is a showplace for the art, culture and history of the American West and its indigenous people. Nearby, occupying 64 acres, the **Indianapolis Zoo and White River Gardens** is the nation's only accredited combined zoo, aquarium and botanical garden. The zoo is divided into biomes, and features nearly 4,000 animals and the state's largest aquarium.

The newest "resident" in White River State Park is the **Indiana State Museum**, a showplace for Indiana's cultural and natural history. The museum complex serves a world-class institution where visitors can explore Indiana's past, present and future through exhibits related to the state's arts, culture and natural history.

When it comes to racing, Indianapolis takes the checkered flag! Often referred to as the "**Racing Capital of the World**", Indianapolis hosts the three largest single-day sporting events in the world: the **Indianapolis 500**, the **Brickyard 400** and the **United States Grand Prix**. This year the Grand Prix will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday prior to Skate Indy. Anyone interested in attending the Grand Prix can contact the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Tickets for the race will be available up to, and including, race day. The **Hall of Fame Museum**, located on the grounds of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, is the place to discover how the city's love affair with racing started.

Be a part of the action and join us this summer!

Sincerely,

*Alan Neiditch & Mary Moore*

**Skate Indy Co-chairs**

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