



THUNDER ICE ARENA

Thunder Ice Arena is located on the campus of Trine University. The arena was built in 2017 and features one NCAA-compliant ice rink, men's and women's varsity, club and visitor's lockers, concessions, a pro shop, a VIP lounge, weight and training rooms, and a press box.

Thunder Ice Arena is home to Trine University's NCAA Division III men's and women's hockey teams. Trine University also has ACHA Division II and III hockey teams, a synchronized skating team and a figure skating team.

Thunder Ice Arena offers many community programs from youth to adult, including Learn to Skate, Open Skate, Stick & Puck, Ice Hockey and Broomball.

OPEN SKATE

Sunday 4:45–6:45 p.m.

Thunder Ice Arena offers Open Skate sessions to the general public and students. Open Skate is a great activity for friends and families.

Pricing

General Public: Admission: \$8

Trine University Student Admission: FREE

Trine University Staff: \$2

Skate Rental: \$2



TRINE UNIVERSITY TEAMS

Men's NCAA Hockey

Women's NCAA Hockey

Men's ACHA D2 Hockey

Men's ACHA D3 Hockey

Figure Skating

Synchronized Skating

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YOUTH HOCKEY PROGRESSION



STEP 1 Learn to Skate

STEP 2 Learn to Play

STEP 3 Thunder Youth Hockey League

STEP 4 High School Hockey

Our Learn to Skate program offers a wide range of classes to suit everyone's needs, from ages 3 to adult. The program teaches basic skating skills and is a stepping stone for hockey, freestyle, synchronized and recreational skating. For more information, please contact John Mihalik at mihalikj@trine.edu

LEARN TO SKATE

Annual \$16 membership with Learn to Skate USA is required; go to learntoskateusa.com

Session	Dates	Time
Fall Tuesday	Sept. 8–Oct. 13 Bring a Friend–Oct. 20	5:45–6:30 p.m.
Fall Thursday	Sept. 10–Oct. 15 Bring a Friend–Oct. 22	5:45–6:30 p.m.
Fall 2 Tuesday	Oct. 27–Dec. 8* Bring a Friend–Dec. 15	5:45–6:30 p.m.
Fall 2 Thursday	Oct. 29–Dec. 10* Bring a Friend–Dec. 17	5:45–6:30 p.m.
Winter Tuesday	Jan. 12–Feb. 16 Bring a Friend–Feb. 23	5:45–6:30 p.m.
Winter Thursday	Jan 14–Feb. 18 Bring a Friend–Feb. 25	5:45–6:30 p.m.
Spring Tuesday	Mar. 2–Apr. 13** Bring a Friend–April 20	5:45–6:30 p.m.
Spring Thursday	Mar. 4–Apr. 15** Bring a Friend–April 22	5:45–6:30 p.m.

*No class Nov. 24 & 26 ** No class Mar. 9 & 11

Cost per session: \$105

Cost for an additional session per week: \$30

Free Skate Rental

JR. STORM – LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY

Jr Storm Learn to Play is a program provided through the Thunder Youth Hockey Association to provide players an opportunity to learn the game of hockey. The goal of the Jr Storm program is to provide an entry level to hockey at an inexpensive cost to families in the community. This program is for first-time players only.

Prerequisite: Participants need to have passed basic 1 of Learn to Skate or have an equivalent skating skill to join the program.

6 Ice Sessions

Includes all hockey equipment except skates.

Session	Dates	Time
Fall Tuesday	Aug. 25–Sept. 29	6:30–7:15 p.m.
Fall 2 Tuesday	Oct. 27–Dec. 8*	6:30–7:15 p.m.
Winter Tuesday	Jan. 12–Feb. 16	6:30–7:15 p.m.

Cost per session: \$175

*No practice Nov. 24

TRY SKATING FOR FREE

Thunder Ice Arena offers Try Skating for Free events for youth and adults. The event is a great way to try out skating and receive mini-lessons from our great Learn to Skate staff. Admission and skate rental are free!

Saturday, Sept. 26 | 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9 | 1 – 2 p.m.

TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE DAY

Try Hockey For Free lets kids ages 4-9 get a taste of the sport for the first time at no charge. All equipment is provided; just come and have fun!

Saturday, Oct. 3 | 8:45 – 9:45 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27 | 1 – 2 p.m.



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POWER SKATING

Classes are for hockey players that are currently playing hockey and looking to improve their skating. The class focuses on edgework, technique, and speed to help players become better skaters.

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Fall Thursday	Sept. 10–Oct. 15	5:45–6:30 p.m.
Fall 2 Thursday	Oct. 29–Dec. 10*	5:45–6:30 p.m.
Winter Thursday	Jan. 14–Feb. 18	5:45–6:30 p.m.
Spring Thursday	Mar. 4–April 15**	5:45–6:30 p.m.

Cost per session: \$105

* No practice Nov. 26 ** No practice Mar. 11

FALL POND HOCKEY

Half-ice format to promote a fun, fast-paced game with quick decisions. League is played **Monday evenings** from Aug. 24–Sept. 28 (No games Labor Day).

Age Groups: 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U & 14U

Cost is \$90 for players, \$60 for goaltenders, \$20 per game walk-on.

FALL YOUTH SKILLS CLINICS

Players and goalies can choose individual clinics throughout the fall designed to focus on skill development and preparation for the upcoming season. Clinics will provide age-appropriate instruction in areas such as body contact, stickhandling, puck protection, passing, shooting, and position-specific play in a fun, competitive, and high-tempo environment. **Cost: \$20 per clinic**

Date	Clinic/Age	Time
Wed. Aug. 26	Competitive Contact & Body Checking (12U, 14U & HS)	5:45–6:45 p.m.
Wed. Sept. 2	Stickhandling & Puck Protection (8U, 10U, 12U & 14U)	5:45–6:45 p.m.
Wed. Sept. 9	Passing & Shooting (8U, 10U, 12U & 14U)	5:45–6:45 p.m.
Wed. Sept. 16	Position Clinic: Goalies, Forward & Defense (12U, 14U & HS)	5:45–6:45 p.m.
Wed. Sept. 23	Competitive Contact & Body Checking (12U, 14U & HS)	5:45–6:45 p.m.

THUNDER YOUTH HOCKEY REGULAR SEASON

The Thunder Youth Hockey League is a co-ed in-house league that plays at Thunder Ice Arena. The league practices twice a week and has games on Saturday mornings. The league is run under USA Hockey, so every player will need an USA Hockey membership. For more information, please contact John Mihalik at mihalikj@trine.edu

Oct. 5, 2026–Feb. 27, 2027 (Payment plans available.)

Age Group	League Player Cost	League Goalie Cost	Practice Days
6U/8U	\$525	No full-time goalies	Mon. & Tues.
10U/11U	\$625	\$425	Mon. & Tues.
12U/14U	\$625	\$425	Mon. & Wed.

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