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Skaters from across Canada descend on Leduc, AB to compete in the annual Wild Rose competition, sponsored by the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation

LEDUC, AB: From July 29 – July 31, 2016, the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation (AFSF) and the Sherwood Park Figure Skating Club will be hosting the Wild Rose Invitational at the Leduc Recreation Centre in Leduc, Alberta.

The 2016 Wild Rose competition was chosen to be a part of Skate Canada's National Summer Series. The intent of the Skate Canada National Summer Series is to raise the level of skating across the country by rewarding consistent performances and by providing an opportunity for skaters from each part of the country to compete against each other. Skaters will be competing for a bye through to the 2017 Skate Canada Challenge event. Skaters will also be vying for the chance to be included as members of Skate Canada's NextGen athlete pool for the season.

The Wild Rose Invitational marks the first competition on the 2016-2017 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut competition grid, where over 400 skaters will debut their programs for the upcoming season. "This competition is an important milestone for skaters as they begin their Competitive or STARSkate season, and provides them the opportunity to receive constructive feedback" said Holly Henderson, Athlete Development Manager.

The competition will see performances from Kaetlyn Osmond, 2013 and 2014 Senior Women Champion at the National Figure Skating Championships and 2014 Olympic Team Silver Medalist. Also, NextGen identified athletes Triena Robinson and Eric Liu, and several 2016 Provincial Champions will be competing in singles, pairs and dance.

"The Alberta Figure Skating Foundation is excited to once again sponsor the Wild Rose Invitational and the inclusion of this event in the Skate Canada National Summer Series makes it that much more important" said Karen Pollock, AFSF Chair. "The competition aligns with the AFSF mandate of developing the sport of figure skating at all levels within the Section for skaters in both competitive and STARSkate programs".

Live streaming of the Sobey's arena will run Friday July 29, 2016 from 8:30am to 9:15pm; Saturday July 30, 2016 from 8:15am to 9:45pm and Sunday July 31, 2016 from 8:30am to 3:10pm. To view complete Live Streaming footage [click here](#).

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