

Andrew Barabasz's Bio SkateInstruction.com Info

Who We Are



SKATE INSTRUCTION

We're a skate school for inline and roller skaters, teaching adults and kids.

We teach indoors and outdoors with an emphasis on safety -- we have the strongest safety protocols in the industry.

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Our instructors are insured and can add additional insured parties to their policies to cover your location and organization.

Our Programs

- SkateFitness.com, a learn-as-you-go blend of skating & aerobics + fun.
- KidsOnSkates.com (BYOM – bring your own mom) indoors/outdoors at the Salvation Army in Petworth.
- **Learn to Skate** at Kraken Kourts, DC's only indoor roller rink, located next to the Rhode Island metro.
- **Learn to Skate Outdoors** covering skating basics and the proper use of safety gear for skating the trails.
- **Instructor Training** learn how to handle a classroom, organize and run events, and teach skating skills.



We have loaner inline and roller skates plus safety equipment for free use during our lessons.



We can use our SK8 VAN to bring our skate lessons to you.



History And Future



Free Learn to Skate Clinic Rock Creek Park

- Originally located in Parking Lot 6 on Beach Drive in the 1990s.
- This clinic operated continuously from the 90s through the present (now relocated to the Carter Barron Amphitheatre area).

Skate Instruction LLC www.SkateInstruction.com

- Formed in 2019 in Washington DC for the purpose of teaching skating and planning events for the DC skating community after starting as a skate clinic in the 1990s.



Andrew Barabasz

- Lead Instructor and founder of Skate Instruction LLC, registered in DC.
- Washington DC resident living in Petworth. Long time street skater and skate event organizer.
- Certified and insured skate instructor, proficient on both inline skates and roller skates.

- Organizer of the various programs at Skate Instruction LLC.
- Taught at the Central Park Skate Patrol skate school in Manhattan, New York in the 90s.
- Co-organized and co-led hundreds of skaters safely through the streets of Manhattan weekly at the Wednesday Night skate in the 90s.
- Taught independently and at various skate schools, including Skaters Edge, in the metropolitan DC area in the 2000s onward.



Skate Instructor Training

- A program designed to create employment, through teaching safety, skating, teaching and entrepreneurial skills.
- It provides a skill set to turn to generate income at any part of life.

There are three tiers of training:

- **Skate Ambassador** in house training to establish a safe venue, equip skaters, and provide safety during skate sessions.
- **Skate Pro** in house training, skate ambassador and adds skate class teaching skills + entrepreneurship.
- Both include background checks, Safe Sport training and USA Rollersports registration.
- **Skate Instructor** provided through Skatela.org, enables custom insurance for skate instructors.

2026 Developments

Formalized Staff Training

- We have built out our staff training program and began establishing a pool of skate instructors and support personnel to easily deploy to any new programming we take on.
- Training includes familiarization with our protocols, including our safety practices, and shadowing instructors in actual skate class settings to further experiential learning.
- Successfully trained personnel are vetted through USA Roller sports as safety personnel and Skatela.org, the Skate Instructors Association as skate instructors.

Notes on our Training Program

- Our staff training program is open to DC residents of all ages.
- Many of our recruits are directly from the neighborhoods we serve.
- This program can serve old enough teens as a job resource akin to lifeguarding but providing a learning experience that includes year-round event planning and organization.



Skate Clinic

- We have built out our learn to skate clinic to serve additional DC residents including families and teens.

- We are actively looking for additional locations for this program so that DC residents can benefit from this resource directly in their neighborhoods, including the safety benefits from turning forgotten spaces into vibrant areas where the community gathers.

Notable Programs/Events in 2025



More skates, shelving, protective gear.

Skating at the Anacostia Skate Pavilion

- We provided skates, safety equipment, Skate Ambassadors and Skate Instructors to facilitate a visit from the 6th graders from the Georgetown Day School.



Skating for Kids at the Salvation Army

- We offered a skating module to kids at the Salvation Army summer camp.
- We ran a stand-alone kids program indoors in the Salvation Army gym during the colder weather period.

- We worked with the Salvation Army to build out our safety protocols for working with children and other vulnerable populations

Learn to Skate at the DC State Fair

- The weather was beautiful as over 50 fair goers put on our skates and safety gear and took an introductory skate lesson.

Notable Programs/Events in 2024

More Roller Skates!

- We grew our roller skate inventory and procured mobile shelving to support larger group events.
- We bought new skates and parts after winning an equipment grant offered by the District of Columbia.
- We took a road trip to get skates and rolling shelving from a closing skate school in Rochester, NY.



Maryland Library Skating

- We came out to various branches to create an impromptu roller rink and teach family skating.



Learn to Skate at a DC High School

- We began offering a recurring learn to skate program to students at District of Columbia High School students.
- Classes offered in several periods of the school day for the maximum benefit of the students.

Learn to Skate at a DC Middle School

- We offered a learn to skate program to middle school children in Washington DC over spring break.

Notable Programs in 2023



Kraken Kourts and Skates

- We began offering skate lessons at Washington DC's only indoor roller rink, located at Bryant Street NE, next to the Rhode Island Avenue metro station on the red line.

- Our weekly public classes include **Learn to Skate** and **Rollerdance**, style skating.



Rolling in Lansburgh Park

- We turned the basketball court into a roller rink.
- We provided loaner skates and safety equipment to attendees.
- We laid down carpeting to help people get confident on their skates and offered introductory skate lessons to get people started.

Notable Programs in 2022



Skate Events at Hook Hall

- We turned Hook Hall into a roller rink complete with a DJ and a booth with complimentary rental skates.
- We provided carpeting as a high friction surface to build skater

confidence and offered impromptu learn to skate lessons throughout the event.

- Events included the Glitter Roll and roller skating events for private parties.

Beginner Group Lessons

- Learn to skate and meet other DC area residents who also enjoy the sport.



Private Lessons

- Fast track your skating skills with one-on-one sessions with a private instructor.



Trail Skating Group Lessons

- Learn to skate safely on the scenic off-street trails and quiet streets in the metropolitan DC area.



Group Lessons for Kids

- Develop your skating skills by playing fun games, for kids ages 6 and up.

Notable programs in 2021

Street fairs and Outdoor Festivals

- We ran a booth, provided a learn to skate clinic performance demonstration and offered free learn to skate lessons to attendees, complete with loaner skates and safety equipment.



- Street fairs included **Celebrate Petworth**, **Columbia Heights Day** and **Open Streets Georgia Ave** sponsored and organized by the District of Columbia.



Rink night at the Salvation Army, Sherman Avenue Corps,

- We turned the Salvation Army Parking lot into a disco themed roller rink, complete with a lighted rink and a DJ playing music from the 70s.
- We organized volunteers to operate grills, sold hot dogs, burgers and soft drinks as a fund raiser with proceeds benefitting summer camp for kids at the Salvation Army.

Our Locations and Hosts

Rock Creek Park, Carter Barron Amphitheatre Entrance Circle & Parking

- Special thanks to the National Park Service for enabling us to teach at this location.

Salvation Army, Sherman Avenue Corps, Parking Lot and Indoor Gym

- A enormous thank you to the Salvation Army for supporting our teaching and community development at the start of COVID19 pandemic.