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To: All 2010 birth-year camp selectees and their parents

From: USA Hockey National Player Development & Central District Player Development

Re: 2024 USAH Central District High Performance 14 Player Development Camp

Congratulations Players! Based on your performance and rating at your recent Affiliate Tryout, you have been selected as one of the top 2010 birth-year players to represent your Affiliate at the Central District High Performance 14 Camp to be held at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa on **Sunday - Friday June 9-14, 2024.**

The camp program is specifically designed for the experienced and highly motivated hockey player. It is recommended that the players be in good physical condition when arriving at this camp. Players will experience Intensive on-ice instruction designed to improve their individual skills as well as team skills. Practice and games are included with specialized off-ice classroom sessions.

The coaching staff will be directed by Iowa State's legendary Head Coach, Dr. Al Murdoch along with other coaches from diverse backgrounds. **Players will be observed by USA Hockey American Development Staff and evaluations will be kept for future national camp considerations.**

There will be 108 players from Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska in attendance. Players are assigned to one of six teams for an intense week of development which includes a round robin camp tournament for the players.

This USAH Central District Camp will also include up and coming on-ice officials. The officials will be participating in their own intense skill development camp and working camp games.

The player cost for this Camp is \$850.00. The camp fee has remained low for many years because of grants and donations that have helped cover the increases.

Please remember that player families that have to DECLINE this camp must contact me at mike.connor@wahahockey.com as soon as possible so another player can be invited.

Very Important, parents are asked to approve the following emails in their spam or junk filters: mike.connor@wahahockey.com & tom.slocum@wahahockey.com.

Camp Registration and Player “Consent to Treat Form”

To register for this camp, player families must go to www.centraldistricthockey.org (home page). Find your home affiliate’s name, the player’s name and position. Click the players name, follow the instructions to complete your camp registration and payment no later than Wednesday May 15th.

It is mandatory to complete a “Consent to Treat Form” posted on this site. Please complete the form and send the form as an email attachment to tom.slocum@wahahockey.com no later than May 1st.

This is great opportunity so we sincerely hope that no player has to decline this camp. **If you are unable to attend for any reason, please contact both Tom Slocum and Mike Connor as soon as possible so we can invite another player.**

Players will reside on campus and meals will be provided by the Iowa State University. Please note that campers will not be allowed to wear hats inside the cafeteria and should leave large sums of money or valuable jewelry at home. The dorm is air conditioned and the weather at Ames, IA is about the same as in Chicago, St. Louis, Des Moines and Milwaukee. Players will be required to bring the following: necessary hockey equipment in good condition, spare sticks, comfortable clothing for the "off-ice" activities, appropriate shoes, a pillow, linen, and toiletries.

Moms and Dads should ask their player to call them regularly to let them know how the camp is going. Parents are welcome to visit the University Arena for practices and games but are not allowed at the dorms. Players may **not** at any time leave with their parents until the camp concludes on Friday June 14th.

There will be an adult team leader or counselor with each team 24 hours a day. On or before June 3rd, watch for a Parent Manual, Camp Rosters and the Full Camp Schedule to be posted on www.centraldistricthockey.org. Look for instructions to be posted on this website for the following: What to Bring, Camp Arrival and Camp Departure instructions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 715-977-1698 or send an email to mike.connor@wahahockey.com.

Sincerely,

Mike Connor
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P.S: A Special Presentation by Mike Snee from College Hockey Inc. will be scheduled on Tuesday or Wednesday during the camp. Sessions are typically scheduled for 12:30 pm, 2:00 pm, & 3:00 pm

Did you know?

- *1/3 of NHL players have played college hockey*
- *70% of these players have played at least three years of college hockey*
- *20% of these players were never drafted by an NHL team*
- *85% of men that play college hockey will earn a degree*

Mike Snee, Executive Director of College Hockey, Inc.) will speak on College Hockey and why it is the preferred Development path for American Hockey Players?" All players and any visiting parents are encouraged to attend one of Mike's very informative sessions at the rink.