



Michael D Connor

Central District Player Development  
[Mike.Connor@wahahockey.com](mailto:Mike.Connor@wahahockey.com)

C 715-977-1698

April 15, 2026

**To: All 2012 Birth-Year Selectees to the USAH Central District 14 Summer Camp June 14-19, 2026**

**From: Michael D Connor – USAH Central District Player Development**

**Re: 2026 USAH Central District High Performance 14 Player Development Camp**

Congratulations! Based on your performance and ratings at your recent Affiliate Player Tryouts, you have been selected as one of the top 2012 players from your Affiliate to attend the USAH Central District High Performance 14 Camp to be held at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

The camp program is specifically designed for the experienced and highly motivated hockey player. Therefore, it is recommended that the players be in good physical condition when arriving at this camp. You will experience Intensive on-ice instruction designed to improve player skills as well as your 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.

Approximately 108 players from Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska will attend. The players are assigned to one of six teams for an intense week of skill development which includes a round robin 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 while working camp games.

The cost for this Central District 14 Development Camp is \$950.00 per player. The cost of the camp has remained low for many years because grants have helped cover the increases.

Please remember that if player families decline this camp must contact Mike Connor ASAP so another player can be invited. Parents are asked to approve the following emails in their spam filters: [syha1@somtel.net](mailto:syha1@somtel.net), [mike.connor@wahahockey.com](mailto:mike.connor@wahahockey.com) & [tom.slocum@wahahockey.com](mailto:tom.slocum@wahahockey.com).

Please go to [www.centraldistricthockey.org](http://www.centraldistricthockey.org) home page to find your affiliate or state, your name, birth-year, position and then click your name and follow the instructions and complete your

camp registration either a full payment \$950 or two ½ payments at \$450 each no later than May 15th.

You must also complete a mandatory “Consent to Treat Form” posted this site. Please complete the form and send as an email attachment to [tom.slocum@wahahockey.com](mailto:tom.slocum@wahahockey.com) no later than May 5th.

This is great opportunity so we sincerely hope that no player has to decline this camp. If you are unable to attend, contact me ASAP so I can allow another player to have this opportunity.

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. Please leave large sums of money or valuable jewelry at home. The dorm is air conditioned and the weather in Ames, IA is about the same as in Chicago, St. Louis, Des Moines and Milwaukee.

Players will be required to bring the following: 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 in the dorms. Players may not at any time leave with their parents until the camp concludes on Friday June 19th.

There will be an adult team leader or counselor with each team 24 hours a day. Please watch for the Master Schedule, What To Bring, Arrival Times, Departure Times, Directions and more at [www.centraldistricthockey.org](http://www.centraldistricthockey.org)

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 715-977-1698 or send an email to [syha1@somtel.net](mailto:syha1@somtel.net) and or [mike.connor@wahahockey.com](mailto:mike.connor@wahahockey.com).

Sincerely,

Mike Connor - USA Hockey Central District Player Development, 715-977-1698

*College Hockey Inc is presenting Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> at the rink -- 12:30pm, 2pm, 3pm*

*1/3 of NHL players have played college hockey*

*70% of these players 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*

*College Hockey Inc. Representative will speak on College Hockey and why it is the preferred, Developmental path for Hockey Players?" All players and any visiting parents are encouraged to attend this very informative session at the rink.*