

Winchester Youth Hockey
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Dear Winchester Families,

Winchester Youth Hockey has a number of hockey/skating programs beginning in the months of October and November. Please read the following for further information on these exciting programs for our youngsters. Of course, these three programs are in addition to our traditional, full-time Boys and Girls Travel Programs. For the most part, the travel programs are full for the coming season, as Placements for these teams occurred in March, 2011. However, there are still a few opportunities, on specific teams, to join our Travel Program. If interested, please contact President Chris Parker directly.

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR “INTRO TO HOCKEY” WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 AT 6:00 AM. REGISTRATION FOR “LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY” AND “IN HOUSE HOCKEY” IS CURRENTLY OPEN.

Winchester Youth Hockey 2011 -2012 Programs

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	Learn to Skate*	Intro to Hockey**	Learn to Play Hockey	In House Hockey
Basic Concept	Skating instruction for children who do not know how to skate.	Introduction to hockey for those not sure about taking the next step. 8 sessions only.	First level of organized hockey. Most travel players began their hockey playing here.	This program is for those with skating experience who do not wish to participate in travel hockey.
Ages	Boys and Girls 4 and up	Boys and Girls 4 -10	Boys and Girls 4 -8	Boys and Girls 9 -12***
Schedule	Weekday and Weekend Options. Contact Kelly	8 sessions on Saturday afternoons in Fall/Winter	Three skates per week from mid Oct to early March.	Two skates per week from early Nov. to early March.
Cost	\$99 for each 8 - week session plus \$25 reg fee.	\$149	\$830	\$375
Other Info	The price includes rental skates. This is not hockey. It is skating lessons for new skaters.	This program is for those not sure about hockey. Limited to 40 children. All receive a free equipment package.	Skating experience is required. This program is essentially a prerequisite to travel hockey.	Recreational hockey for those who do not wish to play travel hockey. Thursday practice and Sat. morning game.

*Learn to Skate run by Flynn Rink NOT Winchester Youth Hockey. Contact Kelly at Kelly@flynnrink.com

**This option is not available to those who participated in this program last season.

*** 8 and under should participate in Learn to Play Hockey not In House Hockey.

As a reminder, WYH no longer runs its own Learn to Skate Programs; these programs have been merged into those being run by the Flynn Rink. Schedule and registration details for the Flynn Rink Programs can be obtained by contacting Kelly Richall, at 781-396-8500 or at Kelly@flynnrink.com. WYH expects to maintain close ties with this program and certainly recommends that all “graduates” of the Flynn Rink Learn to Skate Program look to enroll in WYH’s hockey programs the following year.

The Intro to Hockey Program enters its fourth year, but will no longer be subsidized by a special grant from the Mass Hockey/Mike Cheever Grow Hockey Foundation. The program will meet for 8 sessions, on Saturday

afternoons, starting in late November. The program is designed for children ages 4-10, with some skating experience but no prior hockey experience, who want a “sample” of hockey before committing to our bigger programs. This program is limited to the first 40 registrants and includes a basic set of equipment. Each child may participate in this special program only one time; those who participated last year are not eligible for this program again this year. Again, this is **NOT** designed to be a “learn to skate” program; all participants should have some level of skating proficiency. First time skaters are encouraged to explore the Learn to Skate Programs offered by the Flynn Rink. **Registration for the Intro Program will open at 6:00 AM on September 19 – traditionally, the 40 possible spots fill almost immediately, so be early with your registration.**

The Learn to Play Hockey Program is for boys and girls age 4-8 (the oldest birth year allowed is **2003**) who have some previous skating experience and wish to learn the fundamentals of ice hockey in a team based environment. The program consists of two practices per week and one game. The practices will be mostly at the Flynn Rink in Medford on Tuesday or Thursday at 5 PM and Saturday mornings at Harvard University. There may be a small number of practices at other facilities. The practices will begin in late September or early October. The games, which begin in November, are played on Sunday mornings at the Flynn Rink. The total cost per player for this program is \$830. The program ends in early March 2012.

Learn to Play Hockey is designed to provide your child with his/her first step into organized hockey. The focus is on fun and skill development. We do not emphasize winning and the league does not keep standings. In accordance with new guidelines from USA Hockey, all games will be played “cross-ice”.

The In-House Recreational Program enters its third year and will begin in mid to late October and run through late February. The program is geared toward children aged 8-12 (for this year birth years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002) with previous skating/hockey experience, who prefer not to make the commitment to full-time travel hockey. A group practice will be held on a weeknight on the small rink at the Flynn Rink in Medford and in-house games will be played on Saturday mornings, at the Holland Rink in Woburn. This year, the In House Program will be subsidized by a grant from Mass Hockey, allowing for a reduced tuition of just \$375!

To register for any one of these programs, please go to our web site (www.winchesteryouthhockey.com) and click on “Payments”. If you are new to Winchester Youth Hockey you must first “join” the web site. Once you’ve joined the web site you may register your child/children. You will be required to pay a registration fee. This is not an additional fee. For example, if you register and your child participates in Learn to Play Hockey the registration fee is a non-refundable fee of \$125 and your remaining balance due will be \$705. Learn to Play Hockey and the In-House Recreational Programs require a full set of ice hockey equipment. A partial equipment package is included for participants in our Intro to Hockey Program. If you have any questions, please contact me at any time.

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