

Dear Winchester Families,

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Winchester Youth Hockey would like to call your attention to a number of hockey/skating programs where registration is currently open for on-ice sessions commencing in the fall of 2015. Registration for Learn to Skate and Introduction to Hockey will open in September, 2015. This document provides further information comparing various non-travel programs. The programs described here are in addition to traditional, full-time Travel Programs for which placement sessions are being held March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. If interested, in travel hockey please register here now => <http://www.winchesteryouthhockey.com/news.html?id=504>

**ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR "INTRO TO HOCKEY" WILL OPEN ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 AT 7:00 AM. REGISTRATION FOR "LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY" and "IN HOUSE" HOCKEY IS CURRENTLY OPEN.**

## **Winchester Youth Hockey 2015-2016 Programs**

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|               | <b>Learn to Skate*</b>   | <b>Intro to Hockey**</b>  | <b>Learn to Play Hockey</b>   | <b>In House Hockey</b>  | <b>Full Season Travel Hockey</b>   |
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| Basic Concept | Skating instruction for children who do not know how to skate.                               | Introduction to the sport of hockey for those not sure about taking the next step in hockey. Eight (8) sessions only. | First level of organized hockey. Most travel players began their hockey playing here.                                 | This program is for those with hockey experience who do not wish to commit to travel hockey.        | Highest level of commitment. Games/practices vary by time, day & locations. Teams organized by skill                           |
| Ages          | Boys & Girls 4+  | Boys & Girls 4-10   | Boys & Girls 4-8  | Boys & Girls 9-12   | Boys & Girls 7-14  |
| Schedule      | Contact Jacqui at Flynn Rink 781-396-8500  | 8 sessions on alternating Saturday afternoons in Fall/Winter  | Three sessions per week from mid-Oct to early March.  | Two sessions per week from early Nov. to early March.   | 3 practices/week and 1-2 games/week September - April  |
| Cost          | <a href="http://www.flynnrink.com/?page_id=44">www.flynnrink.com/?page_id=44</a>             | ~\$200  | ~\$800  | ~\$900  | ~\$2,000   |
| Other Info    | The price includes rental skates. This is not hockey. It is skating lessons for new skaters. | Should have some skating ability. Limited to 50 children. The cost includes a basic set of equipment.                 | Skating experience a must & should have ability to use stick. Program is essentially a prerequisite to travel hockey. | Recreational hockey. Small group of ~16 players. One weeknight practice & Sat. AM intra-squad game. | Accomplished skating experience a must & experience using a stick/puck is required. Prior organized hockey experience desired. |

**\*Learn to Skate run by Flynn Rink NOT Winchester Youth Hockey. Go to => [www.flynnrink.com/?page\\_id=44](http://www.flynnrink.com/?page_id=44)**

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

WYH does not run its own Learn to Skate (LTS) Programs; these programs have been merged into those being run by the Flynn Rink. Schedule and registration details for the Flynn Rink LTS Programs can be found by going to [http://www.flynnrink.com/?page\\_id=44](http://www.flynnrink.com/?page_id=44) or by contacting Jacqui Lovato [jacqui@flynnrink.com](mailto:jacqui@flynnrink.com) at 781-396-8500. WYH maintains close ties with this program that recommends all Winchester-resident "graduates" of the Flynn Rink LTS Program look to enroll in WYH's hockey programs the following year.

The Intro to Hockey Program, (Intro) enters its seventh year. The “Intro” program will meet for 8 sessions, on Saturday afternoons, starting in November, 2015. 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 a full season program. This program is limited to the first 50 registrants and the cost includes a basic set of equipment. Each child may participate in this program only one season; those who participated last year are not eligible for this program again this year. Again, “Intro” 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 7:00 AM on September 23, 2015 – traditionally, the 50 possible spots in this very popular program fill up in the first couple of days, so be timely with your registration.**

The Learn to Play Hockey Program (LTPH) is for boys and girls age 4-8 (the oldest birth year allowed is **2007**) who have some previous skating experience and wish to learn the fundamentals of ice hockey in a team based environment. The LTPH program consists of two practices per week and one game. Practices will be mostly at the Flynn Rink in Medford on Tuesday or Thursday at 5:00 PM and Saturday mornings at Harvard University. There may be a small number of practices at other facilities. The practices begin in late September/early October. The games begin in late October, 2015, and are played on Sunday mornings on the “little rink” at the Flynn Rink. The cost per player for this program will be ~\$800 and the program ends in early March, 2016.

LTPH 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 Flynn Rink Tr-City League does not keep standings. In accordance with guidelines from USA Hockey, all games are played “cross-ice” on the “little rink” at Flynn.

The In-House Recreational Program will begin in early November and run through late February. The program is geared toward children aged 9-12 (for this season birth years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006) 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 “little rink” at the Flynn Rink in Medford and intra-squad games will be played on Saturday mornings, at the Holland Rink in Woburn. A minimum number of players (15+) must enroll in order for this program to be offered. If the In-House program is not offered due to lack of enrollment an effort will be made to offer those who registered for In-House a roster spot on our Squirt/U10 or PeeWee/U12 travel teams if space allows.

**To register for any one of these programs, please visit our web site ( [www.winchesteryouthhockey.com](http://www.winchesteryouthhockey.com) ) and click on “Payments” and pay the registration fee, which is \$125 for all programs with the exception of Intro to Hockey.** 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. A partial equipment package is included for participants in our Intro to Hockey Program. Learn to Play Hockey and the In-House Recreational Programs require families to provide their own full set of ice hockey equipment. To help families acquire equipment, Winchester Youth Hockey runs a free equipment swap where our families enthusiastically give away gently used equipment each fall at the Winchester Transfer Station. This year the swap will be held between 9:00AM-1:00PM on Saturday, September 12, 2015.

In addition to the WYH registration process ALL players who take the ice must register with USA Hockey [https://www.usahockeyregistration.com/login\\_input.action](https://www.usahockeyregistration.com/login_input.action) for the 2015-2016 season starting on April 1, 2015 at a cost of \$48, and then parents must enter their child’s USA Hockey confirmation number into WYH’s database on WYH’s web site. There is no charge for children of 2009 birth year and younger by USA Hockey, but 2009 birth year and younger kids must still register with USA Hockey.

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