



Community Education

Engaging People; Enriching Lives!

Athletics Positive Happenings June 2016

What's happening in Community Education Athletics at the Sports Arena?

Community Education Athletics Program is excited to partner with the Forest Lake Sports Center, Cutting Edge Skating Association, Forest Lake Hockey Association and Forest Lake Area Athletic Association (FLAAA) to offer the following opportunities for the youth of Forest Lake.

Skating Lessons

Our second season of skating lessons was completed in February with an increase in participation from our first season. We had 252 registrations in our fall and winter sessions with most participants attending both sessions. With over 80 tots participating in lessons, we are happy to offer an opportunity for our youngest learners to try something new. Through a few tears and falls, these 4-6 year olds enjoyed learning how to stand, march, and skate while playing games. As the skaters progress, six levels of skating lessons are available for ages 6-17 from Pre-Alpha to Freestyle. Katy Herman, our skating director, and the Cutting Edge volunteers are doing a fabulous job. Their willingness to partner with us to bring skating to a broader audience has been a great asset for the community.

Intro to Hockey

Ending in February, our fall and winter session had 138 skaters with many participants signing up for both sessions. This program prepares skaters to enter Mite hockey. Volunteer parents are coaching the teams under the supervision of the Forest Lake Hockey skating director. Community Education is proud to be in partnership with Forest Lake Hockey and the Sports Center to bring great opportunities to our school district families. This fall our collaboration will be hosting the Little Wild Hockey clinic, a program through the Minnesota Wild. Only a few hockey arenas are granted this privilege.

Summer Sports Camp

Community Education continues to partner with FLAAA and Mike Elam, Sports Arena Manager, to offer this program. Sports Camp takes place at the arena for six weeks. Ages 4 through Grade 1 have two choices for weeks and Grades 2-6 have a choice of four weeks. Many families join us for multiple weeks. Access to the arena allows Sports Camp to use the turf field, skating rink and all outdoor field spaces to offer a variety of sports activities to participants. Morning activities include softball, basketball, flag football, soccer and lacrosse. Afternoon activities include ice skating and group games such as kickball, parachute, badminton and relays.



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