

THE WILDCAT WRAP AROUND



NEWSLETTER

March 7, 2025

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Where The Wildcats Are

Check out where the Wildcats are this weekend. Go Wildcats!!

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Hosting State at the Ice Pond This Weekend! March 8-9, 2025

This weekend WYHA is hosting the Pee wee C2 State Tournament. Thank you to *everyone* in our association! It is an honour to be able to host a state tournament and to showcase our organization and the Ice Pond. Come cheer on our Wildcats as they compete for State!!

Link to State Tournament Merch:

[WAHA State Championship Merch](#)

2025 State Tournament Brackets

[LINK](#)

PICK UP NOTES FROM THE ICE POND

Best of luck to our Pee wee C2 Team competing in STATE this weekend!

● Pee wee C2-Hosting in Waunakee- March 8-9



Hosting State Tournament

WYHA is hosting the Pee Wee 12U 1C2 State Tournament March 8th and 9th at the Ice Pond.

Come and cheer on the PWC2 Wildcats as they compete, schedules and other information for the weekend can be found [here](#).

Volunteers and raffle baskets are still needed, links are below for each. Thank you to all who have already volunteered or provided baskets!

[Volunteers](#)

[Raffle Basket Sign-up](#)

Go Wildcats!

Equipment return is scheduled for the following dates:

Storage Locker return for:

Wednesday, March 12th 5 to 6 PM

Saturday, March 15 noon to 2

Storage locker is located behind Rex's innkeeper storage unit #9

For questions or concerns, please contact equipment@wildcathockey.org

Youth Hockey Weekend

Because of all the state tournament action going on we wanted to

celebrate all the youth hockey players coming to the Madison area, so

for both games this weekend it will be \$5 admission for kids 12 and

Under! Jason Padley- a 6U coach for the organization and plays Semi Pro hockey in the

Great Lakes Hockey League for the Dane County Dairy Kings

The Dane County Dairy Kings Hockey Club is excited to invite all youth hockey players down to the barn this weekend! (see flier attached to email)

Date: Friday March 7th & Saturday March 8th

Game time: Friday 8:00 PM and Saturday 7:00 PM

Opponents: Marinette Shamrocks and the eagle

river falcons **Location:** Verona Ice Arena

Details: \$5 ADMISSION FOR all kids 12 and under

Last day for lost and found items:

To be claimed will be this Friday March 7th.

Summer Hockey at the Ice Pond

The Ice Pond has worked with Wildcat Youth Hockey coaches to develop three spring and summer programs. Registration for spring programs is open and summer programs open up Friday. Please go to the Ice Pond website and you can register and find all programs under [Hockey Academy](#)

Ice Wars in the Dells: April 4-6, 2025 - Mite and Squirt April 11-13, 2025 - Peewee and Bantam [Link](#)

Ice Wars is a unique way to pay tribute to our men and women of our military, both past and present. This event was started in 2021 and was a huge success. With the huge success of Ice Wars 2 and many kids being turned away, we are happy to announce a Mite and Bantam level as well as a Squirt and Peewee stand alone weekends. 3 Game Guarantee Schedule. Typical tournament format would be one game on Friday afternoon/night, and either two games on Saturday or one Saturday and one Sunday in pool play. All Championship Games are played on Sunday and finishing typically around 4:30pm

Register your son or daughter as an INDIVIDUAL.

Fees

The final installment for the season on 3/15 will only be for those that have unfilled volunteer hours remaining. All fees will be added to individual accounts after we host the state tournament. Please be sure that all hours are reported to Megan and Billie by Sunday, March 9th at the very latest.

Girls Hockey

As the 2024/2025 season winds down, let's start thinking about next year! Please email girlshockeydirector@wildcathockey.org if your daughter would be interested in playing on an all girls team and what level they would be playing next year!

Outstanding Wildcat Player of the Week:

PWC1 Wystan Bednarz scored his 100th point this season today!



Send in nominations of outstanding players, on and off the ice!

secretary@wildcathockey.org

Safe Sport for Parents



USA Hockey members and parents,

The U.S. Center for SafeSport offers training courses for parents of USA Hockey players and young athletes. These courses are free and available online, featuring age-specific content tailored to the learner.

For parents, the training offers an introduction to the importance of fostering positive and welcoming environments in sports to minimize opportunities for misconduct or abuse. It also provides guidance on where to report abuse, should it occur, along with a downloadable guide containing age-appropriate material.

- Parent's Guide to Misconduct in Sport (30 minutes)
- SafeSport for Volunteers: Abuse Awareness and Prevention Essentials

The youth athlete training courses are designed for kids and young athletes, broken down by age ranges, and serve as an introduction for them and their parents or caregivers to understand the significance of creating safe environments in sports, where misconduct such as bullying or abuse is less likely to happen. The courses also offer information on reporting procedures if needed.

- SafeSport for Kids, Ages 5-12 (15 minutes)
- SafeSport for Youth Athletes, Ages 13-17 (15 minutes)

To access the child and youth athlete training, a parent or legal guardian must create an account to give consent for their child. Once the account is created, parents can select the course that best suits their child's actual or developmental age.

The U.S. Center for SafeSport has also developed interactive educational resources to foster a culture of safety and respect in any sports program. These specialized training programs are also offered to address specific topics such as mandatory reporting, health professionals, and diverse athlete needs.

- Abuse Prevention for Adult Athletes (30 minutes)
- Health Professionals: Your Role in Preventing Abuse in Sport (90 minutes)
- Creating Safe and Inclusive Environments for Athletes with Disabilities (60 minutes)
- Understanding Mandatory Reporting (90 minutes)

A PDF certificate is available after each training session. **These courses are not mandatory but can be found as a resource** at: athletesafety.org. Additional information about the training can be found in the [Center for SafeSport Online Training Catalog](#).

NOTE: USA Hockey does not record or track a person's completion of any supplemental courses. These courses are not a substitute for any required training for adult participants who are required to complete the Core course and/or Refreshers with regular contact with or authority over minor athletes and hockey players who are 17 years of age prior to December 31 of the applicable registration year.

Thank you again for all of your efforts to support the safety of participants in USA Hockey programs.

Your Wildcat pictures are READY for ordering!

Text the code WYHA2425se to the phone number 90738

or visit <https://my.photoday.com/g/WYHA2425se>

A few things to note:

When you log into your gallery, you have a few options to search for your players. Using Face Find, age groups or you can dig through over 2k to find your skater. Face Find is the quickest, by far. Simply upload a photo of your kiddo and the software will do the digging for you!

Erin Chicoine

Newsletter items

Need something put in the newsletter or on Facebook? **Email** Lisa at secreatry@wildcathockey.org

Coaches, ALD's, Managers send pictures and explanations of your team at tournaments, team building activities or other accomplishments throughout the season. We would love to showcase all our teams!

UPCOMING EVENTS

State Tournaments Dates

[Link](#)

WYHA Board Meeting, Thursday, March 20, 2025

Board Meetings are held every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Any member is welcome to attend. There is a member open forum at the beginning of each meeting — send your open forum topic to the Secretary & President prior to the meeting.

Summer Ice Opportunities

Summer Hockey at the Ice Pond

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Summer Hockey Training – Mini Mites/Mites 2025

THIS PROGRAM FILLS FAST!

Starting: July 8th – August 31st

Sunday's @ 6:15 to 7:15 pm

Tuesday's @ 6:15 to 7:15 pm

(16 Sessions)

Where: SP Ice Arena

Who: Mite Players (Ages 4,5,6,7,8)

Cost: \$550 (entire season)

Instructors: Jason Ledford / Matt Meyer / Chuck Hoffman

Overview: Emphasis on the following skills: passing, shooting, stickhandling,

passing lanes, triangulation, vision, angling, defensive positioning, goaltending, and various other elements, always include skating, skating, skating!

Our goal will be to do this in a fun environment that is built on team work, effort, and focus... Skating and effort will be a focus point as well as developing some conditioning through skating and puck work. This program will be a fast paced, high energy program to continue developing skills that are needed as players progress through youth hockey.

If you would like to participate please contact Jason Ledford at 608-576-0462 or email at Jason.ledford@charter.net. Please send check and contact email to address below to RESERVE SPOT AS SPACE IS LIMITED. Payment is the confirmation of spot in sessions.

Jason Ledford - 3047 Midnight Sun Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

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Summer Hockey Training – Squirrt camp; Peewee 2025

THIS PROGRAM FILLS FAST!

Starting: July 8th – August 31st

Sunday's @ 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Tuesday's @ 7:30 to 8:30 pm

(16 Sessions)

Where: SP Ice Arena

Who: Squirrt & Peewee Age Players (Ages 9,10,11,12)

Cost: \$550 (entire season)

Instructors: Jason Ledford / Matt Meyer / Chuck Hoffman

Overview: Emphasis on the following skills: passing, shooting, stickhandling, passing lanes, triangulation, vision, angling, defensive positioning, goaltending, and various other elements, always include skating, skating, skating!

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Drake's Summer Camp

Hello All,

Apologies for the delay in getting this out to everyone! I'm excited to be sending this email to everyone as we are gearing up for our fifth summer. We are thrilled to be bringing this camp back again for your skater's development experience. This year, we will be offering three camps, a High School only, along with a 2011-2012 birth-year camp, and a 2013-2014 birth-year camp in Waunakee. The premise of our camp is to focus on instilling the right habits into the players, while focusing on skill development in an area where skaters can feel comfortable but yet still have the opportunity to compete and advance their skills. Our goal is to help these skaters continue to develop so that in the next few years, they can advance to our ELITE camp. This program is primarily based on a Minnesota Skill Progression model that has produced countless NAHL, USHL, Collegiate, and professional hockey players.

First and foremost, my name is Chase Drake. I am the U-16 Head Coach for Team Wisconsin along with the Head Coach of Waunakee Varsity High School Hockey. Before coaching, I played high school hockey in Mosinee, WI. Following high school, I played two seasons in the USHL for the Green Bay Gamblers and the Sioux City Musketeers, before playing at the University of Wisconsin, where I won WCHA and BIG TEN titles along with being named the 7th man award and team captain my senior season. I have been helping facility and instruct hockey camps the last 10 summers.

I have organized this skate with the direction and help of Lane King to help facilitate a skate that focuses on individual skills and compete. Lane played two seasons of juniors before playing his college hockey for Lawrence University where he was named an All-American his senior year. After college Lane signed his first professional contract and has spent the last three years playing in the United States as well as in Europe and will be entering into his 6th pro campaign this season. Lane has been helping run hockey camps all over the Midwest for the last nine years.

Along with myself and Lane, Danny Reis is coming back for his 4th season with our camp. Danny is a 2021 graduate of Waunakee High School and a former player of Team Wisconsin as well. After Danny's High School career with Waunakee, he played 3 seasons in the NAHL with the Anchorage Wolverines and St Cloud Norseman. Danny just wrapped up his freshmen season at UW-Eau Claire as a defenseman with the hockey team.

We will be having 21 sessions on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY evenings for 7 weeks with the goal of 25-30 skaters during a session based upon birth years this summer. During our skill sessions, we will be focusing on power skating, edge-work, individual skill development with and without the puck, as well as small area games. This gives players an opportunity to focus on skills that are neglected throughout the year and gives them a solid foundation to use during tryouts and during their squirt, peewee, bantam and high school seasons to continue to build off.

Our number 1 priority is the players safety during this time. Our goal is to provide an environment where creativity and making mistakes are okay, there will be times when players will be battling each other. There is also a zero-tolerance policy for fighting or any disrespect to another player, instructor on or off the ice. Please have respect for other players, as we do not condone any type of major body contact during these sessions. If that occurs, we will kindly ask you to leave the ice. These sessions are intended to develop skills, not initiate open ice body contact or hitting players in vulnerable positions. With that being said, hockey is a contact sport and we ask that each player please print off and sign a waiver and bring to the first skate. A waiver will be distributed upon request to participate.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE FOR USE.

Payment is due prior to the first skate. We ask that you please either pay with cash or write a check to DRAKE-KING HOCKEY CAMPS LLC. No Venmo or pay pal payments this year please!

We understand that some of you as families may have other commitments during this time. This is a voluntary skating camp where no refunds will be given unless injury or another family matter occurs. This is your own development, if you don't want to be there, please do not sign up and we will offer it to another skater.

Skater fees again are:

Skater: \$700

Goalie: \$250

THE SCHEDULE IS ATTACHED AS A DOCUMENT TO THIS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDARS.

There will be a separate email for a High School Only camp as well if you don't meet the birth-year requirements for our 2 youth camps.

If interested, please let us know ASAP if you would like a spot of the 30 skaters.
Please reach out to me with any follow-up questions.

My contact information:

cell: (715) 432 8452

email: chasegdrake@gmail.com

Thank you again!

Best Regards,

Chase Drake

SCHEDULE FOR DRAKE-KING HOCKEY CAMPS

All ice sessions at the ICE POND

Start: TUESDAY JUNE 17TH

NO SKATE THE WEEK OF JUNE 30TH

End: THURSDAY AUGUST 7TH

2011-2012 BIRTH YEAR: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

WEEK 1: 2:45 – 3:45 PM ALL WEEK

WEEK 2: TUESDAY 2:15-3:15 PM, WEDNESDAY 3:20– 4:20 PM, THURSDAY
2:15 -3:15 PM

OFF WEEK OF JUNE 30TH

WEEK 3: TUESDAY 2:15-3:15 PM, WEDNESDAY 3:20– 4:20 PM, THURSDAY
2:15 -3:15 PM

WEEK 4: TUESDAY 2:15-3:15 PM, WEDNESDAY 3:20– 4:20 PM, THURSDAY
2:15 -3:15 PM

WEEK 5: TUESDAY 2:15-3:15 PM, WEDNESDAY 3:20– 4:20 PM, THURSDAY
2:15 -3:15 PM

WEEK 6: TUESDAY 2:15-3:15 PM, WEDNESDAY 3:20– 4:20 PM, THURSDAY
2:15 -3:15 PM

WEEK 7: TUESDAY 2:15-3:15 PM, WEDNESDAY 3:20– 4:20 PM, THURSDAY
2:15 -3:15 PM

2013-2014 BIRTH YEAR: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

WEEK 1: 4:00 - 5:00 PM ALL WEEK

WEEK 2: TUESDAY 3:25-4:25 PM, WEDNESDAY 4:30 – 5:30 PM, THURSDAY 3:25 – 4:25 PM

OFF WEEK OF JUNE 30TH

WEEK 3: TUESDAY 3:25-4:25 PM, WEDNESDAY 4:30 – 5:30 PM, THURSDAY 3:25 – 4:25 PM

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Region 4 Boys Hockey Kohlman Cup

[Boys Link](#)

REGION 4

Tuesday March 11 -

2012's: 7:00-8:15pm @ Verona (NHL Rink)

2013's: 5:30-6:45pm @ Verona (NHL Rink)

Region 4 Girls Hockey Kohlman Cup

Region 4 Girls Kohlman Cup

Registration for [tryouts](#) for this year's Kohlman Cup is open! Region 4 Girls Tryouts will be:

Tuesday March 11 -

2012's: 7:00-8:15pm @ Verona (NHL Rink)

2013's: 5:30-6:45pm @ Verona (NHL Rink)

The Kohlman Cup is limited exclusively to Tier II Pee Wee Players. It will allow the top Pee Wee/12U age level players in Wisconsin to test themselves against the best Tier II players in each WAHA region. Any player from a local Tier II organization is encouraged to tryout for the Kohlman Cup.

We hope to have another strong showing out of Region 4 for our girls this year and hope that you can share info with girls in your association who are birth year 2012 and 2013 and encourage them to [register for tryouts](#)!

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Thanks,

Becky

Becky Hildebrandt

WAHA 8U/10U Girls Hockey Coordinator

South Central WEHL Co-GM and Coach

Camp offerings-Hockey EDU ~ Boys and Girls only opportunities:

Coach Claudia Kepler with Hockey EDU will be hosting spring and summer camps in the Madison Area. Her camps focus on teaching the most efficient and effective hockey techniques used in the game today for skills, skating, and hockey IQ development. Coach Claudia takes pride in creating a learning environment that is fun, educational, creative, and challenging for skaters of all ages and levels.

Hockey EDU's camps, clinics, and small groups are designed to optimize your skaters' learning environment on the ice. Camps and clinics have a group number of 13-20 skaters, while small groups can have a range of 4-12 skaters. Hockey EDU's training environment allows players to receive more feedback and repetitions on each drill to build better confidence and skill.

Coach Claudia Kepler is a Wisconsin Badger and Ohio State Buckeye Hockey alumni, a previous NCAA division I coach for Syracuse University, and previous professional hockey player in the PHF, Women's KHL, and SDHL. She is excited to share all the skills, techniques, and training philosophies that she has learned throughout her time in the game and around the world. To learn more about Coach Claudia, please visit the [Hockey EDU](#) website.

Below are the current camp offerings Hockey EDU has for the up and coming spring and summer season.

Spring Scoring Sessions: April 7th - May 12th

www.eduhockey.com/scoringsessions

Mondays @ Madison Ice Arena - Studio Rink

5:00pm - 6:00pm Squirt/U10

6:10pm - 7:10 pm Peewee/U12

7:20pm - 8:20pm Bantam/U14 & Highschool

Private Small Group Bookings April 8th - May 14th

www.eduhockey.com/spring

Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ Madison Ice Arena - Studio Rink

Slots available for booking: 6 week session package (once a week for 6 weeks)

4:30pm - 5:30pm

5:40pm - 6:40pm

6:50pm - 7:50pm

Summer 2025:

Girls Elite Training X Total Athlete Performance June 17th - August 14th

www.eduhockey.com/girlselitecamp

Tuesday & Thursdays @ The Ice Pond - Waunakee, WI

7:00am - 8:00am Girls WIAA High School

8:10am - 9:10am Girls NCAA U19AAA & AA & U16AAA

9:20am - 10:20am Girls U16AA & U14AAA

10:30am - 11:30am Girls U14AA & U12AAA & U12 YOUTH

Total Athlete Performance off ice training package available for purchase:

9:30am - 11:00am - TAP Windsor Location (Girls HS/Girls NCAA, U19, U16)

11:00am - 12:30pm - TAP Windsor Location (Girls U16/U14)

Boys Elite Training X Total Athlete Performance June 17th - August 14th

www.eduhockey.com/boyselite

Tuesday & Thursday @ The Ice Pond - Waunakee, WI

11:40am - 12:40pm Boys Peewee B, Peewee B, Squirt A

12:50pm - 1:50pm Boys Bantam & HS

Total Athlete Performance off ice training package available for purchase:

11:00am - 12:30pm - TAP Windsor Location (Boys Bantam/HS)

Power Skating:

Claggett Power Skating:

Spots are limited as the size of each camp will be capped depending on age and level of the camp. **Registration opens FRIDAY JANUARY 17th at 9 AM online at www.Acpowerskate.com**. Please register your player based on the team they played on last season and birth year accordingly. If you have questions regarding which camp is the right fit please always feel free to contact me.

Please let me know if you have any further questions. I look forward to a fun summer filled with skating development for all age groups. Thanks and see you at the rink soon,

Amy Claggett Claggettpowerskatingacademy@gmail.com www.Acpowerskate.com

Referee Incentive:

Any organizational member shall receive a reimbursement for equipment, training and fees up to \$250 when signing up for the first year as a referee. The member must work at least 5 games and send their receipts to the WYHA Treasurer. Email Todd Swenson to add your name to our list of inhouse refs!

pastpresident@wildcathockey.org

Links:

WHOA

WHOA How to Become an Official:

<https://www.wihoa.org/how-to-become-an-official.html>

Registration Instructions

<https://www.wihoa.org/registration-instructions.html>

Seminar Schedule:

<https://www.wihoa.org/seminars.html>

USA Hockey

USA Hockey Program Registration

<https://www.usahockey.com/officiatingprogramregistration>