

## **2010 Youth Pacific District Select Camp Returns to Kent Valley Ice Centre for Next Two Weekends**

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 23 April, 2010** – The best 14 and 15 year-old hockey players in the West, approximately 80 in each of the two age groups, are competing at Kent Valley Ice Centre this weekend for the opportunity to advance to USA Hockey's National Select Camps in Rochester, New York in July. Players at this week's camp represent their local hockey affiliates in Washington- PNAHA (38), Nevada (15), Alaska (42), California (40) and Oregon (15). A total of 151 players are playing on eight teams of 17-20 each, 4 teams in each age group.

The 2010 Youth Pacific District Select Camp for birth years of 1995 and 1996 (14 & 15 year olds) will be held April 23<sup>rd</sup> thru April 25<sup>th</sup> while players of birth years 1993 and 1994 (15 & 16 year olds) will attend the camp April 30<sup>th</sup> thru May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sixty-eight to eighty players in each of the four age groups, 93', 94, 95' and 96', will participate and compete during the three days of each camp. Approximately twenty players will be selected at each age group to represent the Pacific District at the USA Hockey National Player Development Camps. The goal is to attract the best players, in their specific age group, to the USA Hockey National Player Development Program.

Even though participants will be arriving in Kent on Thursday, April 22nd, for camp pre-registration, they won't hit the ice until Friday morning. Friday's on-ice activities will run from 9:15am until 5:45pm. Saturday's activities begin at 8:00am and run until 8:00pm. Sunday's activities, mostly team competitions, will begin at 8:00am and end at 12:45pm.

A wide variety of scouts and recruiters were present at Kent Valley Ice Centre during last year's camps. Several Western Hockey League teams were represented; Seattle Thunderbirds, Everett Silvertips, Portland Winter Hawks and Tri City Americans. At least one prep school, Culver Academy, was present as well as representatives of NorPac teams Helena Bighorns, River City Jaguars (Portland) and Seattle Totems.

**Hawthorne Suites**, 6329 South 212th Street, Kent, WA will serve as the host hotel for the two week event. Kent Valley Ice Centre's "**On the Edge Café**" will cater meals for the 175 players, coaches and camp officials.

KVHA members are invited to drop in and observe the proceedings at any time Friday, Saturday or Sunday. The final series of game competitions, and perhaps the most exciting part of the 3-day event, will be held Sunday from 8:00am until 12:45pm.

### **Game Times Saturday:**

8:00am – 9:15am  
9:30am – 10:45am  
11:00am – 12:15pm  
12:30pm – 1:45pm  
2:00pm – 3:15pm  
3:30pm – 4:45pm  
5:00pm – 6:15pm  
6:30pm – 7:45pm

### **Game Times Sunday:**

8:00am – 9:00am  
9:15am – 10:15am  
10:30am – 11:30am  
11:45am – 12:45pm

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