



## **USA Hockey Pacific District Select Camps Coming to Kent Valley Ice Centre**

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. April 28, 2011** – The **"Best in the West"** will begin walking through the front entrance of Kent Valley Ice Centre this Friday to participate in the first of two Pacific District Select Camps. The Pacific District Select Camps take the best male and female players from across the District as selected by each State Affiliate and gives them the opportunity to progress to their respective National Development Camps.

The Boy's 2011 Youth Camps are scheduled for April 29 – May 1, 2011 (Birth Years 1996 & 1997) and May 5 – May 8, 2011 (Birth Years 1994 & 1995). Sixty-eight to eighty players in each of the four age groups will participate and compete during the four days of each camp. Approximately twenty players will be selected at each age group to represent the Pacific District at the USAH Player Development Camps.

The public is invited to drop by and observe camp activities. A detailed schedule of events is not available yet. However, the camp has scheduled on-ice activities on Friday from 9:15am to 5:45pm, Saturday from 8:00am to 7:45pm and Sunday from 8:00am to 12:45pm.

The 2011 Girls' Camp is scheduled for May 5 - 8, 2011 (Birth Years 1994 - 1995 - 1996 - 1997) at Olympic view Ice Arena, Mountlake Terrace, Washington.

### ***KVHA Members Invited to Join the T-Birds Street Team***

The Seattle Thunderbirds are looking for new members for their Street Team for this summer to help promote the T-Birds at fairs, festivals, parades and other community events. They need help at summer events manning the puck shoot booth and interacting with the community. It has been suggested that KVHA members might make good members of the Street Team. We agree!

KVHA Members interested in participating are invited to visit the Street Team page on the Thunderbird's website at the following URL:

<http://www.seattlethunderbirds.com/page/streetteam>

According to Ian Henry, Director of Public & Media Relations for the T-Birds, and T-Birds Street Team Coordinator, *"We do a reward based system for Street Team members. For every hour they volunteer we give them a point. Those points are redeemable after Labor Day for T-Birds merchandise and tickets."* Additional details are available at the link above or you may contact Ian via e-mail at [ianh@seattlethunderbirds.com](mailto:ianh@seattlethunderbirds.com) or by phone at (253) 239-7825.

### ***Sprinkler Ice Arena Closing May 17<sup>th</sup> for Remodel***

Sprinkler Ice Arena in Spanaway will shut down May 17th for a six-month, \$6.1 million overhaul. The 35-year-old facility is badly in need of repairs. Hockey and figure skating activities will move to Puget Sound Hockey Center in Tacoma. Public skating sessions are one of the casualties of the shut down. They will resume when the facility reopens.

The remodel will include:

- Renewing the skating facility with a new ice sheet and replacing the refrigeration and other equipment that maintains it.
- Replacing the roof and structural deck over the ice arena.

- Sealing the arena from the rest of the building so the rink's mechanical systems can handle the humidity from the ice and block it from other areas of the center.
- Other work, including remodeling restrooms, locker rooms, skate rental and visitor areas may be done if money permits.

Additional information is available on The News Tribune web site at the URL below:

<http://www.thenewstribune.com/2011/04/11/v-lite/1621386/sprinker-ice-arena-to-close-for.html#ixzz1Kr7Q6UhO>

## ***Kenai River Brown Bears – Tryouts at KVIC June 17th-19th***

The Kenai River Brown Bears will hold tryouts at Kent Valley Ice Centre June 17<sup>th</sup> through June 19<sup>th</sup>. The Brown Bears play in the North American Hockey League (NAHL). They play in the West Division with Fairbanks, Wenatchee, Alaska, Dawson Creek and Fresno. Registration for the tryouts is \$275. A registration link is provided on the front page of [www.KentValleyHockey.com](http://www.KentValleyHockey.com).

## ***Quote of the Day!***

*"Winning the Stanley Cup teaches you about sacrifice, about how to stay focused on a goal, and about having to pay attention to every little detail."*

**Igo Larionov, Stanley Cup winner with Detroit 1997, 1998 and 2002.**

Quote from **Raising Stanley - NHL LEGENDS IN THEIR OWN WORDS** by Ross Bernstein

See you at the rink!

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