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To: All 2008 Birth-Year Selectees

From: Michael D Connor – USA Hockey Central District Player Development Director

Re: 2022 USA Hockey Central District High Performance 14 Player Development Camp

Congratulations! Based on your performance and ratings at your recent Affiliate Player Tryouts, you have been selected as one of the top 2008 players from your State to attend the Central District High Performance 14 Camp to be held at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa on **June 12-17, 2022**.

The camp program is specifically designed for the experienced and highly motivated hockey player. Therefore, it is highly recommended that the players be in top physical condition when arriving at this camp. You will experience Intensive on-ice instruction designed to improve player skills as well as team skills. Practice and games are included with specialized off-ice classroom sessions.

The coaching staff will be directed by Iowa State's legendary Head Coach, Dr. Al Murdoch along with other coaches from diverse backgrounds. **Players will be observed by USA Hockey American Development Staff and evaluations will be kept for future national camp considerations.**

Approximately 102 players at the 2008 birth year from Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska will attend. The players are assigned to one of six teams for an intense week of skill development which includes a mini round robin camp tournament for the players.

This USAH Central District Camp will also include up and coming on-ice officials. The officials will be participating in their own intense skill development camp while working camp games.

The cost for the Central District 14 Development Camp is \$750.00 per player. The cost of the camp has remained low for many years because grants have covered the increases. Please remember that player families that have to decline this camp must contact me at mike.connor@wahahockey.com as soon as possible. Parents are asked to approve the following emails in your spam filters: mike.connor@wahahockey.com & tom.slocum@wahahockey.com.

Camp Registration and Player “Consent to Treat Form”

Please go to www.centraldistricthockey.org home page to find your state, your name birth-year, and position then click your name and follow the instructions and complete your camp registration and payment before May 1st.

You must also complete a mandatory “Consent to Treat Form” posted on this site. Please complete the form and send as an email attachment to tom.slocum@wahahockey.com no later than **Friday May 8th**. This is great opportunity. We sincerely hope that no player has to decline this camp. If you are unable to attend for any reason, please contact me as soon as possible to allow another player to have this opportunity.

Players will reside on campus and meals will be provided by the Iowa State University. Please note that campers will not be allowed to wear hats inside the cafeteria. Also please leave large sums of money or valuable jewelry at home. The weather in Ames, IA is about the same as in Chicago, St. Louis, Des Moines and Milwaukee. Players will be required to bring the following: your necessary hockey equipment, spare sticks, comfortable clothing for the "off-ice" activities, appropriate shoes, a pillow, linen, and toiletries.

Moms and Dads should ask their player to call them regularly to let them know how the camp is going. Parents are welcome to visit the University Arena for practices and games but are not allowed at the dorms. Players may not at any time leave with their parents until the camp concludes on Friday June 17th.

There will be an adult ‘team leader/counselor’ with each team 24 hours a day. On or before June 5, watch for a Camp Handbook, Camp Rosters and the Full Schedule to be posted on this site (www.centraldistricthockey.org).

Look for instructions to be posted on this website for the following: what to bring, camp arrival and camp departure.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 715-977-1698 or send an email to mike.connor@wahahockey.com.

Sincerely,

Mike Connor - USA Hockey Central District Player Development Director
P.S.

Special Presentation by College Hockey Inc
Wednesday June 15th at 12:30pm, 2pm, and 3pm

Did you know?

- 1/3 of NHL players have played college hockey
- 70% of these players played at least three years of college hockey
- 20% of these players were never drafted by an NHL team
- 85% of men that play college hockey will earn a degree

Mike Snee (Executive Director of College Hockey, Inc.) will speak on college hockey and why it is the preferred development path for American hockey players. All players and any visiting parents are encouraged to attend this informative session at the rink.