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2021 LITTLE WILD LEARN TO PLAY PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS FEB. 1

15 HOCKEY ARENAS SCHEDULED TO HOST SEVENTH YEAR OF YOUTH HOCKEY INITIATIVE

SAINT PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Wild, in partnership with Hy-Vee, Inc., Minnesota Hockey, CCM, Pure Hockey, the NHL, and the NHLPA announced today that **registration for the 2021 Little Wild Learn To Play Program will open at 10 a.m. CT on Monday, Feb. 1 at www.wild.com/littlewild.** In its seventh season, the 2021 Little Wild Learn To Play Program is scheduled to visit 15 locations across the State of Hockey. The program helped Minnesota Hockey lead the country in 8 & Under players again last season with 18,620.

The Little Wild Learn To Play Program, presented by Hy-Vee, is for first-time boys and girls hockey players. Eligible participants must be between the ages of 5-9 as of April 1, 2021. The maximum number of participants per location is 40, but that number is subject to change based on guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health.

The program is intended for children who have not participated in organized youth hockey programs before or are participating for the first time during the 2020-21 season. Children who have previously participated in Little Wild are not eligible to participate in the 2021 Little Wild Program. Those in violation of this rule will not be able to participate and their registration fees will not be refunded.

For \$135, participants will receive four, one-hour on-ice sessions led by the Minnesota Hockey American Development Model team and a full set of CCM hockey equipment. Kids who do not have skating experience are encouraged to take skating lessons prior to their first Little Wild on-ice session if possible. **Keith Ballard** will continue as the NHL Alumni Learn to Play Local Manager. He will assist with on-ice instruction and provide guidance for first-time hockey parents at as many locations as possible. The length of the on-ice sessions and the number of participants at each location are subject to change based on guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health.

All equipment fittings will be online for the 2021 Little Wild Program. Once registered, participants will receive the equipment fitting and ordering link via email. Once the order is placed, the equipment will be sent directly to the participant's home.

The Little Wild Learn to Play Program will also take place in September and October of 2021.

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2021 LITTLE WILD LEARN TO PLAY PROGRAM LOCATIONS AND TIMES

Location (Rink)	Day	Dates	Time
Bloomington (Bloomington Ice Garden)	Mon.	4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26	7-8 p.m.
Brooklyn Park (Brooklyn Park Ice Arena)	Tue.	4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27	7:15-8:15 p.m.
Coon Rapids (Coon Rapids Ice Center)**	Tue.	4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27	5:40-6:40 p.m.
Dodge County (Four Seasons Arena)**	Thur.	4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29	5:45-6:45 p.m.
Duluth (Heritage Sports Center)	Sun.	4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2	5:15-6:15 p.m.
Eden Prairie (Eden Prairie Community Center)	Tue.	4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27	6-7 p.m.
Hastings (Hastings Civic Arena)	Mon.	4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26	6-7 p.m.
Minneapolis (Parade Ice Garden)**	Thur.	4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29	6:30-7:30 p.m.
Moorhead (Cullen Hockey Center)**	Sun.	4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2	3-4 p.m.
Plymouth (Plymouth Ice Center)	Wed.	4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28	6-7 p.m.
Rogers (Rogers Activity Center)	Tue.	4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Rosemount (Rosemount Ice Arena)**	Tue.	4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27	6:15-7:15 p.m.
Saint Paul (TRIA Rink)	Sun.	4/11, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9	3:30-4:30 p.m.
Shakopee (Shakopee Ice Arena)	Wed.	4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28	5:15-6:15 p.m.
Woodbury (HealthEast Sports Center)	Wed.	4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28	5:20-6:20 p.m.

****New location for 2021**

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