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SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT TO CO-HOST YOUTH HOCKEY EVENTS AT THE NELSON CENTER ICE RINK IN CONJUNCTION WITH HOCKEY WEEKEND ACROSS AMERICA

[**Springfield, IL**] The Springfield Park District and the Springfield Youth Hockey Association (SYHA) will be hosting a “**Try Hockey FREE**” event this Saturday, February 20th from 9:30 am – 10:30 am at the Nelson Center Ice Rink 1. In addition to the **Try Hockey FREE** event, the Rink will also be active with the SYHA’s *Annual President’s Day Jamboree*. This event will feature more than 25 teams comprised of Mite (8 years old and under) and Mini-Mite (6 years old and under) level players from all across central Illinois and the St. Louis/Metro-East area.

The *goal* of the **Try Hockey FREE** event is to introduce young children to a sport that they might not otherwise try if they didn’t have the opportunity to suit up in all the gear for free to see if they would like learning to play youth hockey.

Events are happening this weekend as a part of USA Hockey’s “Hockey Weekend Across America”, sponsored by the National Hockey League (NHL) and Kraft Heinz. This national weekend has been hosted since 2008 and it’s a way to draw attention to the sport on a local level to new young players.

The *Jamboree* will begin at 10:45 am in both Rink 1 and 2 at the Nelson Center at the conclusion of Try Hockey FREE. We hope to encourage families to stay and watch teams from Peoria, Decatur, Granite City, East Alton, St. Louis, St. Peters and Kirkwood, Missouri play some exciting hockey games.

We hope you will come out this Saturday, February 20th for a **BIG WEEKEND OF HOCKEY!**

Full Event Details:

Try Hockey For FREE Day

Franklin P. Nelson Center in Lincoln Park
1601 N. 5th St., Springfield, IL 62702
Saturday, February 20th, 2016
9:30 - 10:30AM
Register at www.tryhockeyforfree.com

Youth Hockey Jamboree

Franklin P. Nelson Center in Lincoln Park
1601 N. 5th St., Springfield, IL 62702
Saturday, February 20th, 2016
6U Teams play Rink 1 12:30PM to 3:45PM.
8U Teams play Rink 2 10:45AM to 8:00PM.

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