



# Springfield Park District

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### **SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT, SPRINGFIELD YOUTH HOCKEY AND THE JR. BLUES HOSTING “TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE” EVENTS AT THE NELSON CENTER THIS SATURDAY!**

[Springfield, IL] The Springfield Park District & Springfield Youth Hockey Association will host a “Try Hockey for Free” day at the Nelson Center in Lincoln Park this Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 1:30 pm for children ages 3-12.

This event is in conjunction with USA Hockey’s *Hockey Week Across America*. “This event allows local children who might never have had the chance to try the sport to do it at no cost.” – Grant Hammer, Park Board Trustee. The District’s goal is to introduce children, get them excited about the sport, possibly sign up for Learn to Play programs or simply become new hockey fans.

Come and enjoy the FUN ON THE ICE!! This daytime event provides kids a completely FREE experience to try youth hockey. We will have coaches on the ice to assist your child in learning the basics. Your son or daughter does not need previous skating or hockey experience. Call the Nelson Center at 217-753-2800 for more information.

Families wanting to register their child should go online at [www.tryhockeyforfree.com](http://www.tryhockeyforfree.com)

The Nelson Center is home to the Springfield Junior Blues of the North American Hockey League who have been with the rink for 24 years! You will want to plan to be at their game Saturday night for the Junior Blues “Try Hockey for Free” festivities. Action begins out on the new Dek Hockey Rink at 4pm! Play hockey with Gilly and the Jr. Blues Players. **Kids 12 & under attending the Dek Hockey event will receive a free ticket to the Jr. Blues game with the purchase of an adult ticket.** Doors open at 5:05pm, puck drops at 6:05 pm. The fun doesn’t stop there, Jr. Blues will host post game skate with the team!

See the attached flyers for full details.

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For more information on this event and others going on within the Springfield Park District, please visit our website at [www.springfieldparks.org](http://www.springfieldparks.org).

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