



## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

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# **“TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE” CLINIC TO BE HELD AT MEACHEM RINK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ONONDAGA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

*Syracuse Clinic Part of a National Campaign by USA Hockey  
Introducing Young People to Hockey*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The City of Syracuse Department of Parks, Recreation, and Youth Programs, in partnership with the Onondaga Youth Hockey Association, announced today they will hold a “Try Hockey for Free” clinic this Saturday, February 21 at 11:00 a.m. at Meachem Ice Rink. Boys and girls from four to nine are welcome to attend.

“With three ice rinks serving thousands of youth and families each year, the City of Syracuse is ready for hockey,” said **Baye Muhammad**, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation, and Youth Programs for the City of Syracuse. “We are pleased to work with our local youth leagues, such as the Onondaga Youth Hockey Association, to make events like this possible and introduce another generation to this great sport.”

“We look forward to introducing new families to our sport,” said **John Weston**, of the Onondaga Youth Hockey Association. “To help keep costs reasonable for parents, this program is our first step to offering new families an easy and inexpensive way to get started in youth hockey.”

“Try Hockey For Free Day”, presented by Kraft, is part of USA Hockey’s eighth annual Hockey Weekend Across America celebration which runs nationwide from February 20 through 22. This program, designed to provide youth hockey associations a national platform to introduce new kids to the sport, is a joint-effort between USA Hockey, the National Hockey League, and NHL member clubs. Try Hockey For Free Day is presented by Kraft, with Total Hockey and Liberty Mutual Positive Play as official



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sponsors. USA Hockey has over 300 locations offering kids between the ages of four and nine years old this unique opportunity.

To register a child to participate, please visit [www.tryhockeyforfree.com/4858](http://www.tryhockeyforfree.com/4858) or contact John Weston of the Onondaga Youth Hockey Association at [johnweston@twcny.rr.com](mailto:johnweston@twcny.rr.com). Please bring a pair of winter gloves or mittens and a bike helmet. The first 40 kids who pre-register will receive a free jersey. Every participant will receive a free ticket to a Syracuse Crunch Hockey game.

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