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To: All 2004 Birth-Year Selectees

From: Michael D Connor – USA Hockey Central District Director

Re: 2018 USA Hockey Central District High Performance 14 Player Development Camp

Congratulations! Based on your performance and ratings at your recent Affiliate Player Evaluation Tryouts, you have been selected as one of the top 2004 players in the USAH Central District. You are invited to attend this camp to be held at Iowa State University in Ames, IA on **June 17-22, 2018**.

The camp program is specifically designed for the experienced and highly motivated hockey player. Therefore, it is highly recommended that the player 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 college and junior coaches. **Players will be evaluated by the USA Hockey National Office Player Development/Coaching staff and evaluations will be recorded and maintained for future national camp considerations.**

This year approximately 102 players at the 2004 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 tournament for the players.

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

The cost for the Central District (2004) Development Camp is \$650.00 per player. The cost of the camp has remained the same for many years because grants and fundraisers have covered the increases. Please remember that player families that have to decline this camp must contact Mike Connor at mike.connor@wahahockey.com as soon as possible. Please approve the following emails in your spam filter: mike.connor@wahahockey.com & Tom.Slocum@wahahockey.com.

Go to www.centraldistricthockey.org home page to find your affiliate state, your 2004 player name and position and click to complete your camp registration and payment. There are 2 mandatory camp forms (1) Consent to Treat & (2) City of Ames Release). You will find blank forms posted on the Central District website. Please complete the forms and return to tom.slocum@wahahockey.com no later than Friday May 4th. Please note that returning your forms and paying your camp fee by May 4th confirms your commitment to attend this camp. If we do not receive your payment & forms by May 4th, we will assume you are dropping from this camp. It is an honor and a great opportunity to be identified by USA Hockey and invited to this camp. 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 take 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. Large sums of money or valuable jewelry should be left 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: necessary hockey equipment, spare sticks, comfortable clothing for the "off-ice" activities, appropriate shoes, a pillow, linen, towels and toiletries.

Nervous 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 22nd.

There will be an adult 'team leader/counselor' with each team 24 hours a day. On or before June 11, watch for a Select 14 Handbook and Camp Rosters and the full Schedule to be posted on the Central District Website (www.centraldistricthockey.org). There will also be brief instructions as to camp arrival on Sunday and departure on Friday.

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

Sincerely,

Mike Connor - USA Hockey Central District Player Development Director

P.S: Special Presentation by College Hockey Inc is Wednesday June 20 12:30pm, 2pm, 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 make presentation to the players and parents

College Hockey: “Why is it the preferred Development path for American Hockey Players?” All players and parents are encouraged to attend this informative session.