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FREE TRY BLIND Skating and HOCKEY Events this Summer

ST. LOUIS, MO – The St. Louis Blues Blind Hockey Club is gearing up for their 7th season and invite children, ages 5-16, to Try Blind Skating and Hockey for Free on Saturday, July 20 at 11:30 a.m. and Sunday, Aug. 11 at 12:30 p.m. at Centene Community Ice Center. This local nonprofit, in partnership with the St. Louis Blues and Healthy Vision Association, will be offering FREE ice time, instruction, and give-a-ways for those visually impaired or blind to support our youth-focused initiative.

Children who have been diagnosed with a visual impairment are encouraged to sign up and try ice skating and hockey. Led by St. Louis Blues Blind Hockey Club coaches, participants will learn the fundamental skills of skating and playing hockey. A set of loaner equipment (helmet, elbow pads, glove, shin pads, skates) will be provided for all children, along with a jersey and stick for them to keep.

Please register your child for one or both sessions online at www.STLBBHC.com. More information will be sent out to registered parents as we get closer to the event. If you have questions about the Blind Hockey organization or event, please reach out to President and Founder, Jeff Vann at jeff.vann@gmail.com or 314-313-6372.

Coach Vann, shares, "It's nice to see the kids smiling when they realize what's possible when given the opportunity and it's our hope to add to our 2024-25 roster."

The St. Louis Blind Hockey Association doing business as St. Louis Blues Blind Hockey Club (STLBBHC) is a tax-exempt organization under IRS code section 501(c)3; EIN 35-2612799. Our **MISSION** is to provide those with visual impairments or blindness with the opportunity to participate fully in the sport of Blind Hockey.

The sport of Blind Hockey is governed in the United States by USA Hockey. STLBBHC's program began in 2017 and later partnered with the St. Louis Blues and continues to **FOCUS** on the successful development of skating and hockey skills while emphasizing sportsmanship, teamwork, competition, and an overall love for the game.

As a club, STLBBHC continues to meet and exceed their **GOAL** of creating an active hockey community for both recreational and competitive players with skills and ability to participate in games regionally and nationally with the other U.S. and Canadian Blind Hockey organizations.

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