

## Nederland youth hockey takes the ice



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Nederland

*Every day is a good day for hockey.*  
~Mario Lemieux

Players of the Nederland Youth Hockey Association (NYHA) may be seen honing their skills at the Nederland Ice Rink during weekday afternoons and early evenings. Scheduled games are held on weekends. There are five different programs offered through NYHA including one for girls of all ages: 8 and under (Mites), 10 and under (Squirts), 12 and under (Pee Wee), and 14 and under (Bantam). The dedicated volunteer coaches for the teams are all USA Hockey certified.

Before being good hockey players, the kids must become proficient skaters. Fundamentals are emphasized while never losing sight of the reason they are there in the first place – to enjoy themselves! Mites Coach Brian Goldkamp patiently guides his charges through the drills which seem more like playtime than practice. Forward skating, backward skating, negotiating cones to improve edgework technique, and stickhandling are part of every session. Developing at their own pace, the progress they make, even from one day to the next, can be

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**The name of the game is fun**  
Sage Goldkamp (left) and Bohdi Attema (right) perform the “tow truck” drill.

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## Stayin’ alive at the Nederland Ice Rink

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Hearts shall dance once again; when canvas of ice is painted with the brush of skates. – Shah Asad Rizvi

Following an unusually warm and dry December, uncondusive for winter sports, the Nederland Ice Rink at 500 Indian Peaks Drive, Nederland, Colorado, is finally up and running. Judging by the turnout on Saturday, January 15, the season was highly anticipated, arriving in a nick of time. Invigorated skaters of all ages and ability levels circled the Olympic-size outdoor ice rink. Adults unwound and kids laughed. The fresh mountain air rushed past and Colorado sunshine bathed their faces as they glided upon the ice.

Operated by the non-profit NedRINK, it is the volunteers that make it possible. Accomplished figure skater Mary Joyce has been giving skating lessons there since its opening in 2005. When demand is great, to maintain personal attention to the students, other volunteers such as her right hand woman Ivy Brundege



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**Beginners and experts**

Above, left; Onsite skate trainers make getting started easy. Above, right; Kids of all ages and ability levels enjoyed the facility last weekend.

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- QUOTE OF THE WEEK -

*“I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.” ~Henry David Thoreau*



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### Fresh air and sunshine

Top, left; A figure skater takes advantage of Open Skate. Top, right; Horsing around. Bottom, right; Practice makes perfect. Bottom, left; Volunteer Ivy Brundege has been skating at the Ned Rink since she was five.

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assist in teaching. Now an elegant 18-year-old skater, Brundege noted that Joyce taught her how to skate at the Nederland Ice Rink when she was in kindergarten.

Skate rentals are available for the unequipped. Open Skate is a lot of fun and popular with local residents. If hockey is your interest, there are programs for everyone including Adult Coed, Women's, and All Ages Stick & Puck. The rink is available on a private rental basis for events such as

birthday parties or anniversaries. And don't forget about Disco Friday when a strobe trips light fantastic across the ice accompanied by 1970s classics "Stayin' Alive," "Get Down Tonight," "Dancing Queen," and "Y.M.C.A."

The Nederland Ice Rink is open every day, weather permitting, until the end of February. An up-to-the-minute schedule may be viewed on their website along with a live webcam.

For more information about the Nederland Ice Rink, go to [www.nedicerink.wixsite.com](http://www.nedicerink.wixsite.com) or call 720-514-9624.

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### Mites host Jaguars

Top, left; An afternoon practice session. Top, right; Wade Hoyle strikes a hockey pose. Bottom, right; Stealing the puck away from the opponent. Bottom, left; Donovan Bulger in hot pursuit. Middle, left; Mila Coykendall tends goal while Bohdi Attema clears the puck away.

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remarkable.

On Saturday, January 15 at 2:30 p.m., the Mites faced off at home against the Highland Jaguars from Westminster. With enough team members to field a couple squads, the rink was divided into two playing surfaces and games conducted simultaneously. Enthusiastically applying what they have learned, all of



the Mites played well, their team scoring repeatedly, as family and friends cheered them on. Said Coach Goldkamp after the game, "I think we have had a great season so far. The kids are all having fun."

*The NYHA promotes good sportsmanship, personal growth, and a sense of achievement. For more information go to [www.nederlandyouthhockey.wixsite.com](http://www.nederlandyouthhockey.wixsite.com).*


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