

Winona tapped for MN Wild's new youth hockey program

Winona Area Youth Hockey Association (WAYHA) has been selected as one of only 11 community organizations in Minnesota to pilot the Minnesota Wild Foundation's new "Skate It Forward" program — a statewide initiative designed to welcome new families to hockey and grow the game at the grassroots level.

The Skate It Forward announcement was made on October 6 at the TRIA Orthopedics Rink in St. Paul, marking the start of an exciting new opportunity for local families. Thanks to a Skate It Forward grant, there will be no registration fees for first-year players under 8 in Winona this season. WAYHA also provides free equipment and a Learn to Skate program for all 8U players, removing barriers and making it simple for families to get started in the sport.

"We're incredibly proud to be chosen as one of just 11 communities in Minnesota to pilot Skate It Forward," said Alex Tipton, president of WAYHA and a local dentist. "Our goal has always been to make hockey a sport for everyone in Winona. Our association already works hard to keep fees among the lowest in the region, and this program takes that commitment even further by covering the first year."

The Skate It Forward initiative is part of



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Local kids got free hockey equipment and training this September through the Little Wild Learn to Play program at Bud King Ice Arena.

the Minnesota Wild Foundation's mission to help youth associations attract new players and strengthen community hockey. The program's long-term vision is to make the first year of youth hockey free for every new player in Minnesota.

WAYHA, which skates out of the community-owned Bud King Ice Arena in Winona, was selected for its strong vol-

unteer base, community partnerships, and long-standing focus on inclusion and affordability.

"Community is at the heart of hockey in Minnesota," said J.J. Pettit, WAYHA's representative to the Minnesota Wild Foundation and head coach for Winona's Little Wild program. "This is about growing the game by making it easier for families to take that first step onto the ice. Winona has always had a proud hockey community, and programs like this help it continue to grow."

The Skate It Forward announcement comes shortly after another major milestone for Winona hockey. Throughout September, the Minnesota Wild's Little Wild Learn to Play program was hosted at Bud King Ice Arena on Fridays — the first time the program has ever been held in Winona. Forty-one area children participated, receiving full equipment and instruction through the Wild's development program.

The primary focus of the Little Wild program was simple — showing kids and families just how fun hockey can be. Sessions emphasized smiles, encouragement, and basic skills to help first-time players fall in love with the sport.

Instruction was led by Pettit and supported by the men's and women's hockey teams from Saint Mary's University, who volunteered their time to teach young players skating, passing, and teamwork.

Cole Mickel, a junior defenseman on

the Saint Mary's men's team, and Anna Van Hercke, an assistant coach with the Saint Mary's women's program, played leading roles in coordinating practices and providing on-ice instruction.

"Being able to be on the ice with the kids each week during the Little Wild Program reminded all of us in the Saint Mary's program why we fell in love with the game," said Mickel. "It's special to be a part of something bigger than ourselves to grow the game that has given us so much and inspire the next generation of hockey players."

The program also featured a special appearance by former Minnesota Wild goaltender Alex Stalock, who joined the young players on the ice, signed autographs, and shared words of encouragement about teamwork and perseverance.

Together, the Skate It Forward and Little Wild programs represent an exciting step forward for youth hockey in Winona — one centered on community, opportunity, and the pure fun that comes with being on the ice.

Families interested in learning more about Skate It Forward or upcoming Try Hockey for Free events can visit www.winonahockey.com or follow Winona Area Youth Hockey Association on Facebook for updates.



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Former Minnesota Wild goaltender Alex Stalock (left) and SMU Assistant Coach Anna Van Hercke show Little Wild players the ropes.

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CONTACT PERSON: LUKE SIMS, SENIOR PLANNER
SUBJECT: INTERIM USE PERMIT - 420 EAST 3RD STREET

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During the public hearing, any person desiring to speak will be given an opportunity to do so. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Winona City Hall, Department of Community Development, Room 210, 207 Lafayette Street, Winona, MN 55987, (507) 457-8250.

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2. The public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 1410 Bundy Boulevard, Winona, Minnesota 55987.

3. The reasons for the proposed closing of the school building include the following:

a. HVED has purchased property at 1213 Gilmore Avenue, Winona, Minnesota 55987 that will house the special education programming currently operating in the school building at 211 Main Street.

b. The property located at 1213 Gilmore Avenue, Winona, Minnesota, will provide a safer school building, more modern equipment, and the opportunity for students in HVED's various educational programs to share the same space, that will provide enhanced instructional services to students.

c. Closing the school building at 211 Main Street will provide a cost savings resulting from reductions from the duplication of staff and savings in transportation and operating costs.

4. Persons requesting to give testimony for and against the proposed closing shall be heard before the Board of Directors at the time and place designated above.

Dated this 24th day of October, 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Sharleen Klennert

Clerk
Hiawatha Valley Education District

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HIAWATHA VALLEY EDUCATION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE CLOSING OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING
LOCATED AT: 51 RED SCHOOL LANE, KELLOGG, MINNESOTA 55945

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.51, the Board of Directors for the Hiawatha Valley Education District ("HVED") will conduct a public hearing regarding the necessity and practicability of closing the school building located at 51 Red School Lane, Kellogg, Minnesota 55945.

2. The public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 1410 Bundy Boulevard, Winona, Minnesota 55987.

3. The reasons for the proposed closing of the school building include the following:

a. HVED has purchased property at 1213 Gilmore Avenue, Winona, Minnesota 55987 that will house the special education programming currently operating in the school building at 51 Red School Lane.

b. The property located at 1213 Gilmore Avenue, Winona, Minnesota, will provide a safer school building, more modern equipment, and the opportunity for students in HVED's various educational programs to share the same space, that will provide enhanced instructional services to students.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE CLOSING OF THE RIVER VALLEY ACADEMY AREA LEARNING CENTER

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.51, the Board of Directors for the Hiawatha Valley Education District ("HVED") will conduct a public hearing regarding the necessity and practicability of closing the River Valley Academy Area Learning Center.

2. The public hearing will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 1410 Bundy Boulevard, Winona, Minnesota 55987.

3. The schoolhouse proposed to be closed is located at 1410 Bundy Boulevard, Winona, Minnesota 55987.

4. The reasons for the proposed closing of the school building include the following:

a. HVED has purchased property at 1213 Gilmore Avenue, Winona, Minnesota 55987 that will house the area learning center operating in the River Valley Academy Area Learning Center.

b. The property located at 1213 Gilmore Avenue, Winona, Minnesota, will provide a safer school building, more modern equipment, and the opportunity for students in HVED's various educational programs to share the same space, which will provide enhanced instructional services to HVED's students.

c. Closing the River Valley Academy Area Learning Center will provide a cost savings resulting from reductions from the duplication of staff and savings in transportation and operating costs.

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