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## DULUTH HOCKEY TO HOLD EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE

DULUTH, MINN -- Duluth Amateur Hockey Association will be holding a gear exchange on Sat., Oct. 24, 2020 in the parking lot at the Essentia Duluth Heritage Center (120 South N 30th Ave W, Duluth, MN 55806) from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m to make the sport of hockey available to any child who is interested in playing hockey.

"Every kid should have every opportunity to play the great game of Hockey. It's time to get rid of the barrier that hockey is 'too expensive'. The Duluth Hockey Community pours thousands of volunteer hours in each winter to keep all of the outdoor rinks running and make sure kids have the opportunity to play. This is just a small effort to help get kids out on the ice ," Bailey Olson, Marketing and Communications Specialist said.

DAHA is looking for new and used hockey gear (jerseys, helmets, neck guards, shoulder pads, elbow pads, breezers, shin pads, hockey socks, skates, and hockey bags in adult and youth sizes. In preparation for the gear exchange, there is a drop box outside the Heritage Center from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Gear will also be accepted on Sat. Oct 24 at the event. In order to receive gear, proof of player confirmation for the 2020-21 season is required. All Duluth Amateur Hockey Association players looking for gear are invited to gear up for free.

Vintage Duluth hockey t-shirts and jerseys will also be for sale. Proceeds from the apparel will go to the Gear-Up Duluth Fund. The fund will provide families with new hockey equipment next season! More information about the event can be found on the Duluth Hockey website, <u>https://www.duluthhockey.com/home</u>.

"This event wouldn't be possible without the help of a passionate Duluth Hockey parent, Gina Mogen from Piedmont Heights. It's inspiring to see someone care so much about coming together as a community and helping fellow hockey families out. The Equipment Exchange is also made possible by all of the generous equipment donations from Duluth Hockey families past and present. Come gear up for free!" Olson said.

Volunteers interested can sign-up by clicking the link here.

All gear will be safely sanitized, participants will be asked to wear a mask while in the designated gear exchange area, and use hand sanitizer before and after.

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