

## USA Hockey Try Hockey for Free



On Saturday, March 1, local youth hockey associations across the country invited boys and girls ages four to nine years old to their local rinks for a Try Hockey for Free clinic to experience ice hockey for the first time and learn the basics of the sport in a fun, safe environment.

The event was USA Hockey's most successful event to date. Over 15,800 children at close to 500 locations across the country were introduced to the sport. In the Midwest Affiliate we had 517 children in 13 locations that experienced hockey for the first time! The participating associations and the number of participants at events in Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas are as follows:

<u>Host</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Des Moines Youth Hockey	97
Kansas City Stars	81
Omaha Hockey Club	70
Kansas City Fighting Saints	70
Siouxland Youth Hockey	60
Wichita Youth Hockey	44
Saint Joseph Youth Hockey	40
Quad City Hockey	38
Tri City Youth Hockey	35
Freemont Flyers Hockey	31
Dubuque Youth Hockey	23
Lincoln Ice Hockey	21
Iowa City-Coralville Hockey	17

Combined with 521 children that participated in the November 2013 Try Hockey for Free event at various locations across our affiliate, over 1,000 children tried the sport of ice hockey for the very first time during the 2013-2014 hockey season! Those are remarkable numbers and speak volumes to the outstanding efforts of all of our volunteers in each of our communities. You should all be very proud.