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THE “SHINING STAR” SPORTS LEAGUE: A LEAGUE FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN –

SYLS ANNOUNCES REGISTRATION OPEN FOR

WINTER FLOOR HOCKEY THROUGH FEBRUARY 3

(LIVINGSTON, NJ: January 10, 2012) The Senior, Youth & Leisure Services (SYLS) “Shining Star” Sports League: *A League for Exceptional Children*, adapted specifically for children with special needs, has announced registration is in full swing for its inaugural Winter Floor Hockey League. Enrollment will remain open for residents and non-residents until Friday, February 3 at noon.

The Winter Floor Hockey will run on Saturdays from February 4 to March 31, with the exception of February 18.

“The leagues are designed to fit a child so that she or he will benefit from the physical, mental and social interaction with their peers,” says SYLS Adaptive Recreation Coordinator Mark Silance. “As well as being educational and competitive, participants can experience the joy and camaraderie of team sports. We have received so many positive comments from parents in the soccer and basketball leagues and overwhelming support from the community for the ‘Shining Star’ programs.”

The children’s safety and welfare comes first. The Winter Floor Hockey equipment used is soft and durable. There will be no wooden sticks, hard rubber pucks or body contact – although fun is anticipated.

The League’s Junior Division, for children ages five to nine by September 1, 2011, will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and the Senior Division, ages 10 to 16 by September 1, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., both at the Monmouth Court Community Center.

To register go to livingstonsyys.org, click on “Sign in” and follow the prompts to register. To enroll in person, visit the SYLS office at the Livingston Senior and Community Center, 204 Hillside Avenue, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fee is \$75 per sport and open to non-residents. Each child will receive a team shirt after registration at their first “team” session and please indicate shirt size when registering. In order to register, children must have an IEP or 504, a physician’s medical clearance is required, and a waiver must be signed.

For more information, including program qualifications, and volunteer signup (no experience necessary; training will be provided to volunteers to work one-on-one with the children), please contact Mark Silance at [\(973\) 535-7925 ext 267](tel:9735357925) or email msilance@livingstonnj.org.

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