

Dear Kearney Campers,

Whether you're new or a seasoned veteran returning to Kearney Camp I would like to, again, tell the story of my playing youth hockey for Winter Club. While growing up I had very little access to ice outside the regular season which began in October and ended in early March of each year. In the seven months between seasons a great deal of what I had accomplished from a technical standpoint the previous year had been greatly diminished or was lost. One of my coaches told me once after tryouts that I looked "A little Rusty" and, although true, it certainly didn't instill confidence in me. I remember vividly how deep my desire was to improve my hockey specific skills and knew that a lack of access to structured ice time in the off season was detrimental to my hopes and dreams. It is with this memory in mind, coupled with my burning desire to do great things for others, that the conceptual framework of Kearney Camp came to be.

Six years ago as my two sons reached the mini-mite and squirt levels respectively I realized that in order for either of them to reach their true hockey potential, while at the same time remaining competitive amongst their peers, they needed something in the off-season to guide their development. (A life line of sorts connecting one season to another) With this in mind I began researching a variety of camps both within Wisconsin and throughout the Midwest. I found great camps everywhere but none of them fit my needs as a parent when thinking about my children's overall development. Kearney Camp was designed with the intention of allowing families to create their own hockey schedule lasting throughout the entire summer without any true interruption.

Now let's fast forward to present day and look at Kearney Camp summer 2015. What you can expect from me and the entire coaching staff is that we will provide an atmosphere of support, structure, and a high level focus catered towards the needs of each and every player regardless of their current abilities, needs, and or desires. The structure of the camp will provide, for its participants, a level of teaching commensurate with the greatest minds the game has to offer. I've spent the last twenty-nine years of my life coaching not only hockey but other sports as well and feel a deep responsibility to share everything I've learned, having been exposed to so many incredible people throughout those years, with the next generation of hockey enthusiasts.

I and the coaching staff have and will remain committed to improving the quality of the camp each and every year. Our focus has and will continue to be on the development of the entire person/player which includes everything from their psychological and emotional health to their ability to understand and execute on the teachable technical and tactical aspects of the game of hockey.

Thank you for considering Kearney Camp and take care,

Sean Kearney