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NSK/Head Start Begin Soccer Clinic

Bennington and Manchester, Vt. — NSK Steering Systems America invites all children ages 3 to 5 to sign up for its annual soccer clinic. To register your preschooler or for more information, call Shannon VanderWoude at 802-442-3686.

“All children receive free soccer balls, team t-shirts, instruction, and snacks,” NSK Sr. Human Resources Manager Greg Laurin said. “We provide all the equipment necessary for play and we’re very pleased it has become such a popular clinic.”

The 7th Annual NSK Head Start Soccer Clinic begins this year on April 25 and continues for three more consecutive Saturdays in May at Upper Willow Park in Bennington. Preschool-age children from any part of the community are eligible to participate, but places are limited.

“This clinic brings families together around sports and positive values,” Head Start Director Betsy Rathbun-Gunn said. “Introducing preschoolers to the sport is a great opportunity since the children have such enthusiasm and energy.”

Beyond the fun, the preschoolers develop many positive skills from the NSK Soccer Clinic, including aptitude for sports, team play, and self-confidence.

“Parents know how much these opportunities mean to kids, to receive the coaching, guidance, and chance to play. The NSK Clinic is a real big deal,” Rathbun-Gunn said.

Headquartered in Bennington, NSK Steering Systems America, Inc. supplies steering systems to a large share of the popular vehicles on the road in North America today. Since its inception in 1988, NSSA has shipped over 40 million steering products and continues to set trends and quality standards in the demanding North American automotive market place.

Head Start has been serving families in Bennington County for more than 40 years. United Counseling Service sponsors Head Start and also serves children, adults, families, and seniors through nationally recognized counseling, early care and education, and clinical support.

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