

# UCS News Release

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## NSK and Head Start Invite Kids to Fall Soccer Clinic

Bennington and Manchester, Vt. — NSK Steering Systems America invites all children ages 3 to 5 to sign up for the annual NSK/Head Start Soccer Clinic. To register your preschooler or for more information, call Shannon VanderWoude at 802-442-3686 x232.

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

The 8th Annual NSK Head Start Soccer Clinic begins this year on September 19 and continues for three more Saturdays—September 26 and October 3, 17—at Molly Stark School 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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