

# UCS News Release

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

Bennington and Manchester, Vt. — Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to sign up for the annual Head Start Soccer Clinic sponsored by NSK Steering Systems America. To register your preschooler or for more information, call Shannon VanderWoude at 802-442-3686 x232. Enrollment is free but places are limited.

“NSK provides the equipment. All children receive free soccer balls, team t-shirts, instruction, and snacks,” President Bill Berry of NSK Steering Systems America said. “It’s great fun for the kids and hopefully sparks a lifelong interest in the sport.”

The 9th Annual NSK Head Start Soccer Clinic begins this year on September 11 and continues for three more Saturdays—September 18, 25 and October 2—at middle Willow Park in Bennington. Preschool-age children from any part of the community are eligible to participate, but places are limited.

“Families with young children need opportunities like this for activity and NSK has helped us create a fun and positive experience,” Head Start Director Betsy Rathbun-Gunn said. “Everyone knows that preschoolers have boundless energy, and a soccer clinic is right up their alley.”

Sporting activities are known to offer many benefits, including aptitude for sports, team play, and self-confidence. Children develop many positive skills at the Head Start Soccer Clinic.

“The Clinic is a real big deal to the kids and it’s wonderful that NSK makes it possible. Parents know how much these opportunities mean, for kids, to receive the coaching, guidance, and chance to play,” 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 marketplace.

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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