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NSK and Head Start Invite Kids to Fall Soccer Clinic

Bennington, 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,” Head Start Director Betsy Rathbun-Gunn said. “It’s great fun for the kids and hopefully sparks a lifelong interest in the sport.”

The 12th Annual NSK Head Start Soccer Clinic begins this year on September 24 and continues on the following three Saturdays—October 1, 8, and 15—at middle Willow Park in Bennington. Preschool-age children from any part of the community are eligible to participate, but places are limited.

“Kids and soccer are made for each other,” President Bill Berry of NSK Steering Systems America said. “This event brings them together. NSK is happy to help create something fun and positive. Everyone knows that preschoolers have plenty of energy and chasing a soccer ball is a great new experience for many.”

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

“It’s great that NSK makes this clinic possible,” Rathbun-Gunn said. “The kids love it and parents do too. It’s special for the kids to play big-kid games.”

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 45 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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