

# Sports

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## NEXT TUESDAY

# Vernon Jr. hockey training camp opens

The world of hockey gets set to return to the Vernon front next week as news out of the Viking training camp indicates the formation of a competitive team is now underway.

Manager Vern Dye of the team which will represent the North Okanagan in the B.C. junior A league, reports all is ready to welcome both local and out of town players to try their luck at making up a 20 man roster.

The training camp officially opens on Thurs. Sept. 14 with registration of all players but before this, local boys will get a three day tryout beginning Tues. Sept. 11 with a total of three back to back evening sessions set aside for them. Each session will be of an hour and a half duration starting at 8:30 p.m.

As mentioned, registration day will be on Sept. 14 with a possible skating drill planned to loosen up the summer-rested bones.

Friday the 15th, will see two sessions of hard training get under way with the first from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and the second from 7 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.

Times for the two sessions on Saturday will be from 8:30 - 11:45 a.m. and from 6 - 9:15 p.m.

Sunday times will be from 8:30 - 11:45 a.m. and from 8 - 10 p.m. There may also be an inter-squad workout on Sunday too.

Dye expects to see upwards of 82 players try their luck and says he expects to see some tough and competitive boys want to make the permanent roster.

Meanwhile, 12 of last years Vernon Esso team head to Medicine Hat this weekend to be looked over by the Vernon parent club, the Tigers at their training camp. Along with the Vernon dozen, another 15 players scouted by Dye will also be in the Alberta camp.

Finally, the club reports they have set up the home game times of the 64 game schedule, 32 of which will be played before Vernon area fans.

Friday night games will start sharp at 8:30 p.m. Saturday games will begin at 8 p.m. as will any Wednesday games and on Sunday afternoons, games will start at 2:30 o'clock.

A final reminder, all local hopefuls are encouraged to come out to the early camp next week where they are promised a good look by the Vernon management. Dye said he would like to see no more than 10 outside players on the roster with at least 15 local boys making up the bulk of the team list.