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Chill on the Hill Tournament at Foothills Park & Recreation District

The Colorado Select Girls Hockey Association (CSGHA) held its second annual Chill on the Hill hockey tournament Nov. 9-12 at Foothills Park & Recreation District's Edge Ice Arena. The Colorado Select welcomed 19 competitive teams from the age divisions under 12, 14 and 16 to this year's tournament. Teams traveled from Arizona, California and Alaska to play in the annual event. Each team played a minimum of four games with an opportunity to play a fifth championship game. "The weekend event yielded very competitive hockey games in addition to a great deal of fun off the ice as teams fully enjoyed their visit to beautiful Colorado," said Mark Glombecki, Foothills Arena Manager.

Aside from great hockey, the players were treated to welcome gifts and door prizes. "Teams bonded and made new friends from hockey teams across the country at the spaghetti dinner which highlighted a visit from a three time member of the US Olympic Hockey team," said Julie Love-Ott, Director of Volunteers and Community Relations for CSGHA.

The dinner, sponsored by Qwest and USA Hockey, was held at Foothills Park & Recreation District's Peak Community & Wellness Center. This event featured former Olympic standout and author Angela Ruggiero. Angela met with teams and individual players and discussed her Olympic experiences and answered players' questions on what it takes to become an Olympic athlete. "The players were delighted to have an opportunity to take pictures with Angela and her Olympic medals. Meeting a hockey Olympian and seeing the medals provided the girls with additional motivation to strive for excellence in hockey as well as all other life pursuits," said Love-Ott.

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The tournament concluded with the following teams coming out on top of their age divisions: under 12- Anaheim Lady Ducks, under 14- Anaheim Lady Ducks, under 16- Colorado Select. Trophies were awarded for first and second places. In addition, individual medals were awarded to each player on the first and second place teams. Winning teams were also awarded banners to proudly display at their home rinks.

For more information about Foothills Park & Recreation District's Edge Ice Arena and hockey programs, visit www.ifoohills.org or call 303-409-2222.

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Foothills Park & Recreation District, founded in 1959, serves a 28 square mile area of unincorporated Jefferson County generally bounded by Hampden Avenue south to C-470 from Sheridan Boulevard west to the Dakota Hogback. The District operates the Ridge Recreation Center, the Edge Ice Arena, Lilley Gulch Recreation Center, the Peak Community and Wellness Center, four outdoor swimming pools, Indoor Sports Arena, Foothills Golf Course complex, Meadows Golf Course, and 70 park sites totaling more than 2,400 acres and including four regional parks, 42 neighborhood and community parks and 24 greenbelts. In addition Foothills manages six regional trail corridors for public use, which, combined with park trails, total more than 31 miles. For more information visit www.ifoohills.org , or call (303) 409-2100.