

Mission Statement

The purpose for which the Chautauqua County Sled Stars, Inc. was incorporated was to train the disabled individuals of Chautauqua County and surrounding areas in the skills associated with the game of sled hockey, as well as the ideals of good sportsmanship, fair play, and respect for their fellow players, coaches, referees, volunteers, and fans of the game.

Above all else, FUN will be the top priority, because everyone should be provided the opportunity to play.

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Chautauqua County Sled Stars is a sports team based in Jamestown, NY, dedicated to providing disabled individuals with the opportunity to play hockey and build a sense of community and camaraderie.





Our History

It all began with a simple idea fueled by a deep passion.

In 2003, Rod Kolstee envisioned a world where disabled youth could experience the joy and camaraderie of playing a sport they love. It was a vision born from compassion and a desire to create opportunities where none existed. This vision materialized into the Jamestown Lakers Disabled Hockey team, a beacon of hope and inclusivity in the world of sports.

Under Rod's leadership, the Lakers Disabled Hockey team flourished. Rod's dedication and hard work were evident in every practice, every game, and every victory. His efforts ensured that the team was not only competitive but also a place where players could grow, both as athletes and as individuals.

However, life threw Rod an unexpected curveball. During his illustrious coaching career, he was diagnosed with an incurable disease. This diagnosis forced him to step down from his role as coach, a heartbreaking turn of events for someone who had invested so much of his heart and soul into the team. Yet, the strength of Rod's vision lay not in his presence but in the community he had built.

Our Future

In the 2024-2025 season, the torch of leadership was passed to Kathleen Mueller, who was selected to carry on Rod's legacy. Kathleen, with her unwavering dedication and passion for the sport, took the helm as coach and leader. Under her guidance, the team will continue to build on the foundation laid by Rod, ensuring that his vision remains alive and vibrant.

The journey of the Jamestown Lakers took another turn as unforeseen obstacles led to a transformation. The team evolved into the Chautauqua County Sled Stars, a new name but with the same spirit and determination. This change was not merely a rebranding; it was a testament to resilience and adaptability. Despite the name change, the core of Rod Kolstee's vision — to enrich lives through sports — remains steadfast.

The Chautauqua County Sled Stars continue to embody the principles of inclusivity, community, and excellence. Rod's legacy lives on through the players, coaches, and supporters who carry forward the torch. His hard work and dedication have sown seeds of change that would continue to flourish, making an impact in the community for generations to come.



Key Offerings

Players are seated on sleds and use special hockey sticks with metal "teeth" on the tips of their handles to navigate the ice.

We offer this program for FREE to all individuals with ANY disability. We have either regular sleds or sleds with a push handle for individuals with more limited mobility.

Our seasons runs from mid-September through end of April.

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