

# Boehm to play in McDonald's All-American Game

Harvard commit is one of 24 student-athletes playing on April 1 at 5:30 pm  
by Josh Klein

Senior New Trier girls basketball player Jeannie Boehm was one of 24 student athletes invited to play in the McDonald's High School All American Game.

Boehm, a 6-foot-3 forward, has been receiving national media attention lately for her basketball achievements.

Boehm found out about her invitation to the event after a game on Jan. 16. She was wrapping up an interview with a Chicago Tribune reporter when her coach asked if she wanted to know the All American game rosters.

"She told me I had made the team and that I wasn't allowed to tell anyone until the selection show, which was Sunday night," Boehm said.

The McDonald's All American game started in 1977, and it has been held every year since.

McDonald's brings together

the country's best boys and girls high school basketball players for a weekend full of reward shows, a trip to the Ronald McDonald house and a game played in front of over 20,000 fans. The event is also televised nationally on ESPN.

Basketball superstars who have been invited to play in the past include Michael Jordan, LeBron James, Derrick Rose, Maya Moore and Candace Parker.

Being able to join that list of successful players is an exciting moment for Boehm. "I was truly shocked at first," Boehm said. "Especially growing up in Chicago with some of the great players who have gone to the game. It's crazy to be considered in the same category."

Boehm said she is anxiously anticipating the game with different emotions.

"I am really excited to meet all of the players, both girls and boys," Boehm said.

She is rostered on the West team, so she will be playing with other girls from California, Colorado, and Washington.

"I think I am definitely most nervous to go up against all of the

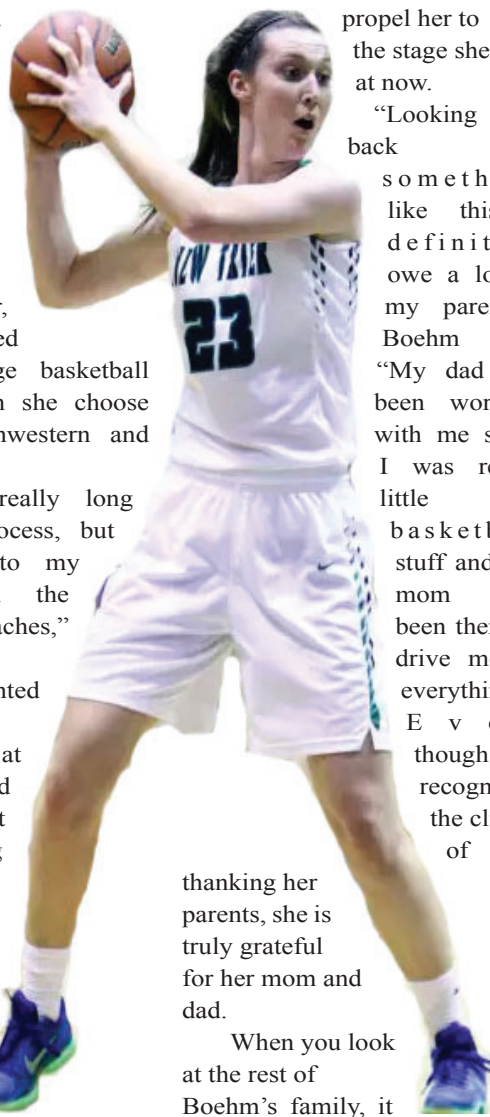
girls," Boehm said. "I don't think I have ever gone up against girls this good in my life. So it's going to be exciting, but I am definitely nervous for it."

Last year, Boehm committed to playing college basketball at Harvard, which she chose over Duke, Northwestern and Princeton.

"It was a really long recruiting process, but it came down to my relationship with the players and coaches," Boehm said.

"I always wanted a great academic school, and at Harvard, I found that as well as great coaches I got along with well."

Many sacrifices have been made in Boehm's young basketball career to



propel her to the stage she is at now. "Looking back after something like this I definitely owe a lot to my parents," Boehm said. "My dad has been working with me since I was really little on basketball stuff and my mom has been there to drive me to everything." Even though she recognizes the cliché of

thanking her parents, she is truly grateful for her mom and dad.

When you look at the rest of Boehm's family, it

makes sense why she has been so successful. Boehm is the fifth of six athletic kids in her family and she is the only girl.

Two of her brothers played college basketball at Harvard and Dartmouth, one was a pitcher for Bucknell and another brother rowed there too. Her younger brother, Spencer, is a 6'8" freshman who is the starting center on New Trier's boys varsity basketball team. At 6'3", Boehm is the smallest of her siblings.

In the past 39 years of McDonald's All-American games, the matches have been held across America, in cities including Albuquerque, St. Louis, Colorado Springs, and Philadelphia.

However, since 2011, the All-American games have been hosted in Chicago at the United Center each year.

To watch Boehm represent New Trier and the entire Chicagoland area as she competes against the best players in the country, tune into ESPN and ESPNU on April 1 at 5:30 pm CT.

## North Shore ice rinks provide Trevs with all types of winter fun

by Jack Riley, photos by Michael Blickstein

### Watts Ice Arena



Watts Ice Arena is located at 305 Randolph Street, Glencoe.

Cost: Watts Ice Arena's open skate is \$7 per day. The main rink (full size) is available for rent at \$253/hour, and the studio rink (smaller) is available for rent at \$150/hour.

Ice Quality: Watts Ice Arena's ice is covered with fresh ice after each session. The Zamboni adds to the high quality ice. Near the end of the sessions, the ice will deteriorate.

Availability: Under 17 ages- Fri 3:00-5:15, Sat 9:30 AM-10:45 AM. 13 and Up- Tue Wed 7:15-8:45, Thur 4:30-6:00.

Overview: Watts Ice Arena is a mixed bag. On some days, the ice will be open for all to skate around, regardless of skill. On other days, there are fast paced, competitive games that will leave beginners in the dust. Watts is an outdoor rink so inclement weather, such as warm temperatures or rain will affect ice conditions. All in all, Watts Ice Arena is a great place to skate if you're looking for good ice quality but don't want to spend big bucks at a North Shore Ice Arena, or if Gullen's Pond is not available.

### Pond On Green



"Pond on Green" at Indian Hill is located at 131 Wilson Street, Winnetka.

Cost: Free

Ice Quality: "Pond on Green's" ice quality varies. The pond is iced with a zamboni infrequently. This leads to very poor quality ice on some occasions. It is outdoors, so it melts frequently.

Availability: The ice is available 24/7, unless they are in the process of making fresh ice, but there are no lights at the rink so nighttime skating is not recommended.

Overview: "Pond on Green" at Indian Hill is a great option for beginner skaters looking to get the hang of skating. Free of charge and always available, it is a convenient rink. It should be noted that there are no provided nets to shoot on, so if you are looking for a pickup game, you should look elsewhere.

### Gullen's Pond



Gullen's Pond is located at 490 Hibbard Road, next to the Winnetka Ice Arena.

Cost: Gullen's Pond is free during public skate hours. Personal rental is 175\$/hour and \$290/2 hours.

Ice Quality: Gullen's Pond is covered with fresh ice after each session, and a Zamboni adds to the high quality ice.

Availability: Over 15 years old- Mon 7:15-8:45 PM, Wed 7:30-8:45 PM, Sat 2:00-4:00 PM, Sun 11:45-1:45 PM. Personal rental hours vary.

Overview: Gullen's Pond is a great place for intermediate to advanced hockey players to play free of charge with great ice quality. Due to its limited availability, the ice is usually crowded, and there will almost certainly be a pickup game. Because of this, beginner skaters may want to look for alternatives.

### North Shore Ice Arena



North Shore Ice Arena is located at 2111 Founders Drive, Northbrook.

Cost: North Shore Ice Arena's studio rink is available for rent at \$165/hour or \$75/hour if reserved within 48 hours.

Ice Quality: North Shore Ice Arena's ice is indoors and also has a Zamboni. The ice quality is as good as it gets.

Availability: All ice time is reserved at the time of your choice. However, times are limited when booked within 48 hours of the session.

Overview: North Shore Ice Arena is a great option for players of all skill levels. Renting with a group of friends can level off the high price for ice time. NSIA also stocks a fully loaded snack bar and is an indoor facility so there is no need to pile on layers of clothing. The indoor experience has significant advantages when inclement weather occurs.