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## **Youth Soccer Team from Colombia Visit Duluth's Heritage Sports Center Wednesday, July 10th**

On Wednesday, July 10, approximately 60 young athletes, from Primavera Camping Tours (PCT) Colombia will visit Duluth and the Duluth Heritage Sports Center (DHSC) during a stopover on their way to participate in the Schwan's USA Cup Soccer Tournament in Blaine, MN.

While, in town, the PCT Colombian youth, ages 10 – 16 years old, will be treated to an ice cream social, have a chance to skate on the DHSC's Sill Arena ice, kick the soccer ball around on the Seitz Arena turf and tour the Duluth Children's Museum, before they head south to the Blaine area. The Duluth stopover was arranged through the City of Duluth Parks by former Minnesota native Daniel Skillings, who is PCT Colombia's general manager. This event is being hosted by both the City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Department and the Heritage Sports Center.

According to the information released by PCT Colombia, their trek to the United States is an annual event. For more than 25 years, Skillings has brought teams north to participate in the USA Cup, a youth soccer event that has attracted teams from all over the world. More than 500 teams are registered to participate in this year's program. PCT Colombia has entered seven of those teams.

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