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SWAT held events

Waldorf Hockey is having one of it's best conference outings this season. Skate with the Warriors is a long-awaited event on Waldorf Campus happening this weekend that might just push them into a winning conference outing.

The hockey team is 7-7 in conference play this season, with their last two home games this weekend Feb. 4 and 5. Skate with the Warriors has been an event that many students on campus look forward to every season. This event gives students a reason to leave campus and go cheer on the hockey team.

Skate with the warriors is a SWAT-led event that has been around for "over seven years" per Jason Ramaker. In a typical year there can be up to three of these events during the season. With Covid disrupting this event the past couple of years, SWAT has managed to get in all three this year

Ramaker said, "The purpose is to get students out of their dorm to have fun and socialize. The skating promotes excitement and is a good way to get people together and support the team." This year's skate with the Warriors have brought new crowds and with the event being free has allowed people to get out of forest city and enjoy hockey games.

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Leading the charge for the Warriors is junior captain Jacob Lindblom. Lindblom has had a very successful year with the Warriors in the 2021-2022 season after transferring this year. “I think this event is a great way to get the student base involved” Lindblom said. “Having all the fans there is a huge moral boost for the guys and we can definitely feel the energy on the ice.” This event is an old tradition, but still admired in new eyes and continues to thrive.

With a SWAT-led event comes old fans, and new fans. SWAT provides bussing to and from the game for all students to come and attend. When asked about his favorite part of the event Lindblom said, “I personally look forward to the crowd that shows up to cheer us on. It’s a huge momentum boost and gets the guys going.”

Skate with the Warriors is an event that brings all different types of crowds all eager to cheer their home team on. SWAT tends to schedule this event on weekends that the warriors have a high probability of winning. This allows for fans and players to be happy for the skating portion after the game. Having fans in the stands can sometimes be a deal breaker in some sporting events. “I think it helps a lot. The guys are excited about it and they are definitely nights we look forward to having.” Lindblom said when asked how Skate with the Warriors changes the team morale.

Skate with the Warriors is just one the many sporting events SWAT does. Make sure to make it out to Albert Lea on Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. to cheer on your Warriors and stay for the skating portion, with free skates provided.