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Paul Smith's College Hockey Returns to Home Ice at Saranac Lake Civic Center

Free admission invites local fans to cheer on the Bobcats

SARANAC LAKE, NY — October 22, 2026 — College hockey is coming home this weekend, and the Saranac Lake Civic Center is inviting the community to be part of it.

Paul Smith's College will open its 2026–27 home hockey season at the Civic Center on Friday, October 23, with a doubleheader featuring both the men's and women's Bobcats teams. Admission is free, making it easy for local families, hockey fans and anyone curious about college hockey to come out and experience the excitement.

Both teams will also play at home on Saturday, October 24, giving fans another opportunity to support local student-athletes and enjoy college hockey close to home.

The games offer an opportunity to celebrate the role the Civic Center plays in bringing people together through sports and recreation. The women's team will wear pink uniforms for both games this weekend in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"We're fortunate to have the Saranac Lake Civic Center as home ice for our hockey programs. We hope more people in the community will come out this season, get to know our teams and experience the excitement of Bobcats hockey," said **Zachary Luzzi**, athletic director at Paul Smith's College.

"There's something special about playing at home, and the support of a crowd can make a real difference for our players. We're excited to get our home schedule underway and hope local fans will come out, get behind the team and experience the excitement of college hockey," said **Casey Gerrish**, head coach of the Paul Smith's College men's hockey team.

"People may be impressed with the level of talent in women's college hockey. We'd love to see more fans come out, experience the competition firsthand and cheer on the Bobcats," said **Rob Burke**, head coach of the Paul Smith's College women's hockey team.

Home Opener Weekend Schedule

All games will be played at the Saranac Lake Civic Center, 213 Ampersand Avenue, Saranac Lake.

Friday, October 23

- **7 p.m.** — Paul Smith's College Men's Hockey vs. Stonehill
- **9:30 p.m.** — Paul Smith's College Women's Hockey vs. Quinnipiac

Saturday, October 24

- **11:30 a.m.** — Paul Smith's College Men's Hockey vs. Stonehill
- **2 p.m.** — Paul Smith's College Women's Hockey vs. Quinnipiac

Admission is free to all games. Community members are welcome to attend one game or stay to cheer on both Bobcats teams.

The women's team will take the ice in pink uniforms Friday and Saturday in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"Having both Paul Smith's College hockey teams call the Civic Center home brings an added level of energy and excitement to our facility. We're proud to welcome these teams back to the ice each season and look forward to seeing our community come out to support the Bobcats," said **Matt Wolter** of the Saranac Lake Civic Center.

The Civic Center hopes the home opener will encourage more residents to make Bobcats hockey part of their fall and winter routines. Whether longtime hockey fans or first-time spectators, community members can enjoy competitive college hockey close to home while showing their support for Paul Smith's College and its student-athletes.

For additional information about upcoming hockey games, visit paulsmithsbobcats.com.

About the Saranac Lake Civic Center

The Saranac Lake Civic Center is a year-round, not-for-profit recreation and events facility, serving the residents and visitors from across the region and beyond. Its regular users include Paul Smith's College, high school players from Saranac Lake and Lake Placid Central Schools, the Lake Placid Curling Club, Northwood School, Sara-Placid Lakers, Saranac Lake Learn to Skate and more. The facility also welcomes tournament organizers, including Can-Am Hockey, as well as exposition organizers who utilize the Civic Center's event space. The Civic Center also plays host to public skating, the popular Silver Skaters program, events such as Touch A Truck.

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The 2025 Paul Smith's College men's and women's hockey teams. Both teams open their 2026–27 home season at the Saranac Lake Civic Center October 23–24. *Photo provided by Mercedes Rideout, Paul Smith's College Athletics.*