



NBAHA

Newsletter of the North Branch Area Hockey Association – September 2007

Dates to Remember

- 9/13: **Returning Player Registration Night**
North Branch Library Community Room
6 pm to 9 pm
- 9/15: **Hockey Equipment Sale**
North Branch Library Community Room
11:30 am to 1:30 pm
- 9/20: **New Mite Information Night**, 6:30 pm
Outdoor Rink
- 9/29 – 9/30: **Fall Harvest Festival Booth**
Booth Open Saturday 10 am to 4 pm
Booth Open Sunday 12 pm to 4 pm
- 9/27: **NBAHA Membership Meeting @ 7 pm &
NBAHA Board Meeting @ 8 pm**
North Branch Library Community Room
- 9/27 – 9/30: **Traveling Team Tryout Dates**
- 9/29: **Fall Learn to Skate** – 9:20 am to 10:20 am
Chisago Lakes
- 10/6: **Fall Learn to Skate** – 9:20 am to 10:20 am
Chisago Lakes
- 10/13: **Power Play Fundraiser 5 pm to Midnight**
- 10/14: **Fall Learn to Skate** – 11:40 am to 12:40 pm
Chisago Lakes
- 10/20: **Fall Adopt-a-Highway**, 10 am
- 10/20: **Fall Learn to Skate** – 6:40 pm to 7:40 pm
Chisago Lakes

Arena Update

Welcome to the 2007 – 2008 Hockey Season Registration for Returning Skaters

The start of a new hockey season is approaching fast. The NBAHA Board would like to welcome back all returning skaters and welcome all new skaters. Returning Skaters should have already received their registration packets in the mail. If you did not receive a packet, the information is available on northbranchhockey.com under Registration. For the first time this year, we are holding a mail in registration. Registration forms should be returned in the envelope enclosed in your packet by September 7th.

Also available for the first time this year is the ability to pay by credit card. This option is available on northbranchhockey.com under Pay.

NBAHA returning skaters need to attend registration on September 13 between 6 pm to 9 pm at the North Branch Library Community Room to pick up fundraising materials and verify all registration materials are completed properly.

If you have any questions on registration, contact Kristi White. Volunteers are needed to assist with the registration process you will receive 1 service credit for each 2 hours worked. Please e-mail her at registrar@northbranchhockey.com or call 651-674-1854.

Traveling Team News

Tryouts for the traveling teams will be held September 27 – September 30th. Save those dates on your calendars. St. Francis and North Branch skaters will tryout together. Independent evaluators will be used. Details regarding tryouts will be available at registration.

Practices for the traveling teams will start immediately the week after evaluations.

Mite Corner

Attention Mite Coaches

If you are interest in being a Mite head coach or assistant coach during the upcoming year and have not yet submitted your application please do so as soon as possible. Applications are available on the website. Any questions regarding coaching at the Mite level can be directed to Craig Moline at 651-248-6302.

Mite Teams

We anticipate that Mites won't start practicing until early to mid November. You will be notified of your first practice time as soon as that information is available. Any questions you have in the meantime at the Mite level can be directed to the Mite Director Craig Moline at 651-248-6302.

Fall Learn to Skate Volunteers Needed!

NBAHA has scheduled the fall Learn to Skate session at Chisago Lakes Arena. The Learn to Skate sessions are for children ages 4-8 or beginning skaters. We encourage all Initiation & A Mite hockey players to attend our Fall Learn to Skate program prior to starting the hockey season. This helps skaters learn to skate or advance their skating skills prior to working on hockey skills. This year, each NBAHA fall Learn to Skate participant will receive a \$50 voucher that can be used to reduce your 2007-2008 hockey fees when you sign up for hockey. **All skaters must wear a helmet when on the ice.**

Coaches and traveling team hockey players are needed to assist with the sessions. Volunteers must wear skates and a helmet when on the ice. We also need 2 adult volunteers for each session to help with checking in skaters and answering questions. Each volunteer will receive 1 service requirement for each session. Call Lisa Isaacson at 1-651-327-7247 or email her at publicity@northbranchhockey.com with questions and to volunteer!

See the enclosed Fall Learn to Skate registration form for more details.

Mite Information Night for New Skaters Sept. 20th at 6:30 pm Volunteers Needed!

NBAHA will be hosting a Mite Information Night for new skaters ages 4 through 8, or preschool through 3rd grade, on Thursday, September 20th at 6:30 pm at the Outdoor Rink. See the enclosed flyer for more details on the event.

Many volunteers are needed to make this a successful event! Mite coaches are encouraged to attend the event to help with dryland equipment, fitting players with starter equipment and to answer questions. Traveling skaters are encouraged to attend to answer kid's questions about playing hockey. Other volunteers are needed to help with registration, root beer floats, setup, cleanup, etc. Each volunteer will receive 1 service requirement. Call Lisa Isaacson at 1-651-327-7247 or email her at publicity@northbranchhockey.com with questions and to volunteer!

Fall Harvest Festival Booth Volunteers Needed!!!

Saturday, September 29th Booth Open 10 am to 4 pm
Sunday, September 30th Booth Open 12 0m to 4 pm

Volunteers are needed to work 2 hour shifts at the booth, and they will receive 1 service credit for each 2 hours worked. Any raffle tickets or Jimmy's Pizza coupon books sold during the 2 days will be split between the volunteers who work the booth and will go toward your fundraising requirement. Hockey players that are willing to sell raffle tickets and coupon books are especially needed!!!

Call Lisa Isaacson at 1-651-327-7247 or email her at publicity@northbranchhockey.com with questions and to volunteer!

Adopt-A-Highway Volunteers Needed!

North Branch Hockey has a 2-mile stretch of county road that is registered with the Chisago County Adopt-A-Highway program. We need volunteers to assist with roadside cleanup on Saturday, Oct 20th at 10 am. Each family that participates will receive 1 service credit. If it's raining or there is bad weather, the event will be postponed until Saturday, October 27th at 10 an. Call the voice mail, 651-674-4152, to confirm if we are still holding the event.

To get to our Adopt-A-Highway site, take County Road 14 past the North Branch Middle School, then turn left on County Road 72. A sign is posted, and our commitment to Chisago County is to care for County Road 72 beginning at County Road 14 and ending at County Road 67.

Call Lisa Isaacson at 1-651-327-7247 or email her at publicity@northbranchhockey.com with questions and to volunteer!

Hockey Education Parent Meeting (HEP)

NBAHA requires that a minimum of one parent from each family attend a hockey education program. If you attended a HEP meeting last year, you will not be required to attend this year. Families that are new to the association must attend the meeting. The HEP meeting will be held in November sometime, date and location are still to be determined. Watch future newsletters and email blasts for the date/time. If you do not attend, then your player will not be allowed to participate in any NBAHA event without board approval.

Call Lisa Isaacson at 1-651-327-7247 or email her at publicity@northbranchhockey.com with questions.

Donating Through United Way Charitable Giving

If your employer participates in the United Way charitable giving program, you can designate the funds you donate to NBAHA. You simply need to supply the organization's name, and mailing address, which is NBAHA, PO Box 541, North Branch, MN 55056.

NBAHA Golf Tournament

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Stacy Daze & Almelund Threshing Show

Thanks to everyone who volunteered at the Stacy Daze booth and parade and at the Almelund Threshing Show booth. These events are important as they raise awareness of our association, recruit new players, raise awareness of the arena effort, and raise funds for the arena. Without volunteers its not possible to participate in these events.

North Branch Area Hockey Association

Learn to Skate – Fall Session

Come join the fun and learn a skill that can be enjoyed for a lifetime.

Boys & Girls Ages 4 through 8

Chisago Lakes Arena

\$50 per skater

Saturday, September 29th from 9:20 am to 10:20 am

Saturday, October 6th from 9:20 am to 10:20 am

Sunday, October 14th from 11:40 am to 12:40 pm

Saturday, October 20th from 6:40 pm to 7:40 pm



Each NBAHA Fall Learn to Skate participant will receive a \$50 voucher that can be used to reduce your 2007-2008 hockey fees if you sign up for hockey!!!

Sessions will be run by NBAHA coaching staff and older skaters. Each session will include skills instruction from the coaches and open skating time for the kids to warm up and practice the skills they are learning. Coaches will be on the ice during open skating to assist the skaters and give further instruction. Some of the skills covered include: balance, proper falling and getting up unassisted, march across the ice, one foot glides, forward and backward swizzles, backward wiggles, forward stroking/stride, forward crossovers left and right, one foot snowplow stop. Skaters will be split into groups based on their skill level and will work on the appropriate skills for their level and continue to progress through the more advanced skills.

Registration confirmation letters will be sent once registration is received.

Please leave a message on the NBAHA voicemail at 651-674-4152 if you have any questions. Your call will be returned promptly.

Skater MUST wear a bicycle or hockey helmet while on the ice!!!!

Skater's First Name: _____ Middle Initial: ____ Last Name: _____

Skater's Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian's name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

Alternate phone number: _____

E-mail address (optional): _____

**Please make \$50 check payable to NBAHA and mail to:
North Branch Area Hockey Association, c/o Lisa Isaacson, 4752 379th St, North Branch, MN 55056**

This is not a District 138 school sponsored event.
All costs for this promotion have been paid for by the sponsoring association.

Mite Information Night For New Skaters



For Boys and Girls
Preschool through 3rd Grade
Ages 4 through 8
Who Want to Learn More About Playing Hockey!

Thursday, September 20th
6:30 pm at the outdoor hockey rink south of the High School

- Give hockey a try! Learn some hockey skills using dry land hockey training equipment
- Try on hockey equipment
- Meet NBAHA skaters and coaches and ask them questions!
- Parents attend an information meeting starting at 7:00 pm and get your questions about hockey answered. Bring your lawn chairs for the Informational Meeting.
- Register for a hockey team that night or take registration materials home and register later. Bring a copy of your birth certificate if you will be registering that night.
- Root Beer Floats!

Mite Hockey Teams for Boys and Girls

Initiation Mites: 4 years old by 9/1/2007 and usually in preschool
A Mites: Skaters with birthdays between 7/1/01 – 6/30/02 and usually in Kindergarten
B Mites: Skaters with birthdays between 7/1/00 – 6/30/01 and usually in 1st grade
C Mites: Skaters with birthdays between 7/1/99 – 6/30/00 and usually in 2nd grade
D Mites: Skaters with birthdays between 7/1/98 – 6/30/99 and usually in 3rd grade

Girls U8 Hockey Team

Girls team for 5 to 9 years olds – will be waived to play with St. Francis Hockey Association



Interested in Coaching? Our coaching staff consists mostly of parents from our membership who have played and/or coached hockey before. Without their help, the skaters wouldn't be able to play hockey. In order to coach you will need to attend a coaching clinic. The dates for Level 1 certification are 9/14 at the Super Rink and 10/5 in St. Cloud. We do not have the exact times yet, but they are usually held in the evening. The times should be posted soon on the USA Hockey Website, www.usahockey.com. These classes fill up very quickly, so we need to try to get new coaches registered ASAP. If you are interested in being a Mite coach, please call our voice mail 651-674-4152 as soon as possible and our Mite Director will get back to you.

For More Information on North Branch Hockey Association, Mite Hockey and for Registration Materials
Visit our website at www.northbranchhockey.com
Call our NBAHA Voice Mail @ 651-674-4152 with questions. Your call will be returned promptly.

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North Branch Area Hockey Association Equipment Sale



Do you have any hockey equipment
in your garage or basement
that you no longer use?

Would you be willing to donate it to the association
for an equipment sale?

The proceeds will benefit the arena fund.

Or call Lynn Kozar-Gryte at 651-277-0276 to make arrangements.

Hockey Equipment Sale

Saturday, September 15th

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

North Branch Library Community Room

Benefits the Arena Fund



North Branch Area Hockey Association Presents the 4th Annual
Power Play
Help Make the Dream a Reality!

This event benefits the NBAHA Arena Fund

October 13th, 2007
Lent Town Hall
5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

\$10 advance tickets on sale at JJ's and from NBAHA players or \$15 at the door
18+ to attend the event

This fun event is open to the public! Admission grants you access to an evening of FUN, including a silent auction, live auction, dinner, raffle, pull-tabs, tipboards, cash bar, and live music.

Volunteers Needed!

WE NEED YOU! There are many opportunities available for volunteers. Each volunteer will fulfill 1 service requirement for each 2 hours worked.

Silent Auction Committee:

- Cold calls to businesses - both past contributors and potential new contributors
- Gather items (pick up from contributing businesses)
- Keep accurate records of contributions
- Create silent auction flyer for tables at the event recognizing and thanking contributors
- Manage silent auction the night of event
- Thank You processing (letters to all contributors)

Setup/Tear Down:

- Help setup at Lent Town Hall on Friday, October 12th – time to be determined but most likely this will be during the day.
- Tear Down after the event at 12:00 a.m.

Help the Night of Power Play:

- Food Preparation & Catering
- Take tickets at the door
- Selling raffle tickets, prize boxes and tipboards
- Work at silent auction booth the night of the event

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these items contact Jen Fairbanks at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com or at 651-674-0813.

Seeking Silent and Live Auction Donations and Event Sponsorships!

Contact Jen Fairbanks at 651-674-4152 fundraising@northbranchhockey.com or at 651-674-0813.
if you are interested in making a donation.

Sponsorship levels available:

- Goal Line: Donation of cash or merchandise totaling \$2500 or more.
- Blue Line: Donation of cash or merchandise totaling \$1000 or more.
- Red Line: Donation of cash or merchandise totaling \$500 or more.
- Score Board: Donation of cash or merchandise in any amount.

Association Contact Information				
NBAHA	PO 541, North Branch	MN 55056	651-674-4152	www.northbranchhockey.com
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