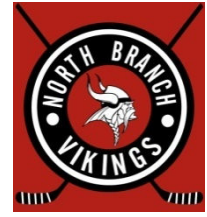




North Branch Area Hockey Association Viking Hockey News – 9/21/2010



Remember to check www.northbranchhockey.com on a daily basis for any last minute announcements and up to date news!

Upcoming Meetings & Important Dates – see website for more details on each

Don't forget Friday Hockey Spirit Days!

9/22 – Traveling Skater Registration Deadline

9/24 – *Traveling Skater Pre-skates – Note Time Changes Listed Below*

9/24 – *Traveling Skater Parent Meeting during pre-skate sessions – Note Time Change Listed Below*

9/25 – Fall Harvest Festival

9/28 – Mite Night

9/28 – Custom Mouth Guards Available at North Branch Dental

9/28 – Mandatory Fundraiser Turn In

9/29 – Membership/Board Meeting

10/1, 10/2, 10/3 – Squirt and PeeWee Tryouts

10/2 – Girl Scout/U8 Skating Party

10/2 – RSVP by today for Power Play Fundraiser – need a count for food!

10/9 – Power Play Fundraising Event - Must be 18+ to Attend!

Traveling Skater Parent Information Meeting – 9/24 at 7:00 pm during Pre-skates

Traveling Skater parents, please plan on attending a parent meeting on 9/24 at 7:00 pm during pre-skates at Chisago Lakes Arena. During this meeting the tryout committee and board will cover tryout policies and procedures and other important information regarding the upcoming season. This will be a great time for questions and answers.

Pre-Skate Dates/Times

Pre-skates are a time for skaters to hit the ice and warm up for upcoming tryouts. Skaters will be taken through drills and scrimmages that will be conducted during tryouts. You are not required to attend pre-skates.

All Squirts – 6:10 to 7:45 pm – Chisago Lakes Arena

All PeeWee - 7:55 to 9:30 pm – Chisago Lakes Arena

New Mite Information Night

On Tuesday, September 28th we will hold a new Mite Information Night at 7:00 pm at North Branch Fire Hall. If you are a new Mite family, please plan on attending this meeting – skaters should attend to be fit for starter equipment.

If you know of any skaters ages 4 through 8 who are interested in playing hockey for the first time, please encourage them to attend this informational meeting. The flyer is available at [Mite Information Night Flyer](#).

Learn to Skate

The 2010 Fall Learn to Skate starts on Friday, October 8th. There will be 4 sessions held at Isanti Arena. The cost is \$20 for all 4 sessions. If you know of any children ages 4 to 8 who are interested in improving their skating skills please pass on the word to them to sign up soon. The flyer is available at [Fall 2010 Learn to Skate Flyer](#).

Arena Update

Stacy Sports Complex Final Agreements Received from Stacy City Council on 9/14/2010 Another Big Step to Making our Dream a Reality!



On Tuesday, 9/14/2010, the Arena Committee attended the Stacy City Council meeting in hopes of receiving signed, notarized final agreements. We now have in our hands the signed and notarized ground lease agreement and development contract. We also received a letter from the City authorizing us to proceed with all work on the Stacy Sports Complex!

Thanks to everyone who has helped get us to this step in the process. Countless hours and a ton of dedication have been given from the arena committee members over many years, the association members who have supported fundraisers and the community and businesses who have supported the effort. Thank you to the City of Stacy for providing land and other support for the project. We look forward to working with the City of Stacy to build the Stacy Sports Complex for the kids and community.

Site preparation on continues this week, the site was tilled on Sunday, 9/19 and is being surveyed today, 9/21.

Since we received the final agreements much later than we had anticipated this year, Phase I won't be completed by this winter. Below is a list of the tasks that we hope to accomplish still this Fall and then construction of Phase I will pick up again in Spring 2011.

- 1) Agreement with Conquest, Inc. for oversight of the construction and help with financial implementation of the arena development
- 2) Till and grade the site, install silt fence, rock drive way for equipment entrance
- 3) Parking area to be graded and possible placement of base gravel, dig out drainage ditches and sediment pond, this may be the time to prep the ice area for flooding
- 4) Obtain all necessary permits: building permit (applying for), MPCA erosion control (done), D of H for water main (coming);
- 5) Setback stakes set by surveyor and locates done after the site is cleared
- 6) Preconstruction meeting with City Engineer, City Personnel, Job Supervisor, Arena Committee members, Construction Advisory team and others as needed. Excavator, plumber, cement and block foreman will be required at this meeting
- 7) Advertising sign on site for in kind help
- 8) Publicity campaign ongoing-possible rolling billboard on site
- 9) Move water main and electrical brought in
- 10) Place footing for concession building (Phase 1)
- 11) Place foundation to grade
- 12) Stabilize site for work to begin again next spring

This winter we will continue to make a big push on fundraising for the Stacy Sports Complex. We are awaiting word on one grant that was applied for in July. As well, we will begin voting on the Pepsi Refresh Everything Grant on October 1st. We need everyone's help to win that grant. See the Pepsi Refresh Everything - Help us Win \$250,000 flyer at [Pepsi Refresh Everything Grant - Help us Win \\$250,000](#).

Watch for more arena details in the coming weeks on www.northbranchhockey.com and on North Branch Area Hockey Association Facebook page.

If We Build It, They Will Skate!

Mandatory Fundraising for Returning Families – Must complete by 9/28

If you haven't picked up your materials yet – Contact Janelle

If you are a returning family and haven't picked up your fundraising materials yet, contact Janelle at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com or (763) 443-6575 ASAP. Fundraising turn-in is 9/28 for the gambling and non gambling options. If you don't pick up materials by 9/20 you will be required to select one of the non gambling fundraising options and your \$200 deposit check will be cashed immediately.

Bantam skaters are required to complete the NBAHA fundraising and service requirements, even though you are being waived to another association to play this year. We will coordinate with the other association to ensure you aren't required to complete this with their association.

New families to NBAHA aren't required to complete the fundraising requirement, but if you are interested in helping raise funds for the Stacy Sports Complex we would appreciate the help. As well, we encourage you to attend our Power Play fundraising event on October 9th at Lent Town Hall. Proceeds from this event also go towards the Stacy Sports Complex. Tickets are \$20 a piece and include dinner, live and silent auction, paddle wheel and dance.

For mandatory registration fundraiser details go to [Mandatory Registration Fundraiser Information](#).

Custom Fit Mouthguard for \$25

North Branch Dental will be making Custom-Fit Athletic Mouth Guards for \$25 (\$185 Value).

Tuesday, September 28th
5:00-6:30 p.m. at 6460 Main Street, North Branch

Please call to let them know you are coming. You don't need a specific appointment time. 651.674.7096.

Volunteers Needed!

To volunteer, sign up on Dibs at www.northbranchhockey.com. The service requirement for all returning hockey families this year is 4 credits. New families don't have a service requirement. **Bantam skaters who are being waived to another association this year are required to complete the NBAHA service requirement and not the other association.** The majority of the credits available occur prior to the season starting, so if you still need to complete your credits check out the volunteer opportunities soon. The number of credits earned per event/shift are posted with each shift on Dibs. If you have any questions on Dibs, contact Lisa at publicity@northbranchhockey.com.

Volunteers are still needed for the following events:

- Mite Night - September 28th – 11 people needed
- Mandatory Fundraiser Turn In – September 28th– 5 people needed
- Girl Scout Skating Party – October 2nd – 8 people needed
- Power Play Setup – October 8th – 2 people needed
- Learn to Skate – October 8, 9, 15, 16 – 40 people needed
- Power Play – October 9th – 28 people needed

Volunteers Needed to Help with Pepsi Refresh Everything Grant Publicity

We are in need of volunteers to help execute publicity ideas for the Pepsi Refresh Everything Grant between now and October 1st. We have been brainstorming and have a number of ideas on how to promote this grant and the need for many, many votes across the globe. If you would be willing to help with any of the following this next week, please email me ASAP. If you have any additional ideas and would like to help with publicity please let me know. Service credits will be granted for helping with these items.

Pizza Box flyers: Contact local pizza places this next week and ask if they would be willing include an advertisement with pizza boxes in the month of October. Deliver flyers to the pizza place before October 1st

Table Tents: Contact local restaurants this next week and ask if they would be willing to put table tents on their tables during the month of October to support the project. Deliver table tents to the restaurants.

Yard Signs: Hand Paint some yard signs with information about this grant and post throughout the area by October 1st. Retrieve signs at the end of October.

Flyer Cars - Permission: Contact the School District and verify if we can flyer cars during the Homecoming Game on October 8th.

Flyer Cars: Help flyer cars during the Homecoming game on October 8th.

Mail Flyers: Put together a small mailing this next week to VIPs in the area to get the word out about our effort.

NBAHA Friday Hockey Spirit Days!

Skaters - remember to wear your NBAHA hockey jersey or apparel to school on Friday's this year to show your NBAHA Hockey Spirit. We will also be selling NBAHA temporary tattoos at upcoming events. The price is 4 for \$1. Wear your tattoo with your apparel to school on Friday's. Start showing your spirit this Friday! [Friday Hockey Spirit Days Flyer](#)

Become a fan of North Branch Area Hockey Association on Facebook

North Branch Area Hockey Association is on Facebook! Become a fan and stay up to date on the progress of the Stacy Sports Complex and learn more about grant opportunities that we need our fans support to secure!

Hockey Information

Minnesota Hockey HEP Newsletter –

A new issue of the Minnesota Hockey HEP Newsletter is now available at [Minnesota Hockey HEP Newsletter](#). This article contains information on the following.

PeeWee, Bantam, 12U, 14U Alert
Top 2 Traits of Excellent Coaches
100+ Minnesota Natives to Play in NAHL Showcase
Stocking Your Fridge for Success
Hockey Equipment Drive
The ABCs of ADM

Coaches –

Coaching clinic dates have been posted at www.usahockey.com. These classes fill up quickly so please register ASAP if you need to be certified or need to renew your certification. Questions, contact Tom at 651-277-0160.

Level One (1)
Friday - September 24th, 2010 Schwan's Center
3:00pm registration – clinic will run until 10:00pm

Level Two (2)
Saturday – September 25th, 2010 – Schwan's Center
6:00am Registration
7:00am to 12:00 (Noon) Clinic
1:40 – 3:40 ON ICE

Level Three (3)
Saturday – September 25th, 2010 – Schwan's Center
6:00am Registration
7:00am to 12:00 (Noon) Clinic
1:40 – 3:40 ON ICE

On line registration

On line registration is available at northbranchhockey.com and is mandatory this year. You will first register your skater with USA Hockey (link provided through NBAHA website) you will then need that confirmation number to proceed with online registration for North Branch hockey.

- You will need a credit/debit card to pay for the USA/MN Hockey fees on line. The cost is \$40 for skaters with birth year 2004 or earlier. There is no cost for the younger skaters.

- You will have several options for paying for your NBAHA portion of the fees.
 - Pay in full on-line with credit/debit card or PayPal
 - Pay 3 equal installments on-line with your credit/debit card or Paypal. 1st installment due at checkout, 2nd installment will be automatically charged to your card on Nov 30th, 3rd installment on Dec 30th. (*this option is only available for Bantam, Peewee, and Squirt levels.*)
 - Pay in full by mail to **NBAHA, Box 541, North Branch, MN 55056.**
 - Pay 3 equal installments by mail. 1st installment due by Aug 30th, 2nd on Nov 30th, 3rd installment on Dec 30th. (*this option is only available for Bantam, Peewee, and Squirt levels.*)
 - **All Mites** will register under "Mites" if placed on an upper level Mite team after evaluations you will then need to pay the additional \$485 either in full by Nov 30th or 2 equal installment on Nov 30th and Dec 30th. You will have the option of paying on-line as well at that time.

We must have the Waiver of Liability and Consent to Treat forms turned in before your child will be allowed on the ice for Pre Skates, Tryouts or Evaluations. If you are new to the association you will also need to mail in a copy of your child's birth certificate. You may mail them to **NBAHA, Box 541, North Branch, MN 55056,**

If you have not yet picked up your fundraising materials, contact Janelle at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com. **All returning families** must turn in fundraising materials to Janelle on or before Sept 28th.

Fees for the 2010- 2011 Season

USA/MN Hockey Registration fee for Birth Year 2004 and older is \$40

NBAHA 2010-2011 season fee

- Mites/U8 \$40
- Upper Level Mites \$525
- Squirts \$960
- Peewees \$1060
- Bantams \$300 (registration fee only)

(This is the NBAHA portion of fees, does not include the USA Hockey fees.)

Registration deadline for Traveling skaters is Wednesday Sept. 22nd.

Registration deadline for returning Mites is Wednesday Oct 27th.

All outstanding balances must be paid before your registration will be accepted for the 2010-2011 season.
