



North Branch Area Hockey Association
Viking Hockey News – 12/08/2010



Remember to check www.northbranchhockey.com for more details on items below and for daily updates!

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

Don't forget Friday Hockey Spirit Days!

12/10 – Youth Hockey Night @ NB HS Viking Hockey Game vs Simley – 5 pm JV and 7 pm Varsity

12/13 – Team Pictures

12/15 – Membership/Board Meeting

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- **Youth Hockey Night:** See flyer below for details. Help us pack Chisago Lakes Arena and cheer on our JV and Varsity teams!
 - **Team Pictures:** Will be held on December 13th at Trinity Lutheran Church starting at 6 pm. Your team manager will provide more information on what time you should arrive and be ready for pictures. Please arrive in full equipment, minus helmet and skates. You won't need your helmet and you can put your skates on at the church.
 - **D Mite Sunday Practices Optional:** All Sunday D mite practices are considered to be optional and participation is at the discretion of the parents. The D mite schedule has been revised to reflect this and will be distributed in the near future to reflect such changes. This ice was originally purchased in August for the C mite and Squirt teams that did not pan out. This will affect (8) practices on Sundays.
 - **Practice at Super Rink:** If your team is scheduled to practice at Super Rink this winter, please look at your schedule to determine which rink you are skating at. When you arrive at the rink the monitor may not say North Branch Hockey or NBAHA but might instead say Blaine or BYHA as we purchased ice from that association.
 - **Not sure how to get to a rink?:** Use <http://www.rinkfinder.com/>
 - **Practice/Games Schedules for All Levels:** Please refer to your team page on the website for up to date practice/game schedules for all teams. Your team manager will often email you or hand out a .pdf version of the calendar as well, but last minute changes can occur and will be posted on your team page. **DO NOT USE** the calendar on the Isanti Arena webpage as it will not always be accurate.
 - **Level 1 Coaching Clinic:** If you are a new coach and haven't received your Level One coaching certification yet, there will be a class on Saturday December 18th at the Cambridge/Isanti ice arena. This clinic will be from 8 am until approximately 2 pm. This will be classroom room ONLY, no on-ice instruction. Important: The class will be available for registration at about 3pm on December 16th and will be limited to the first 50 to sign up. Questions, contact Tom at coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com.
 - **Pepsi Refresh Everything Grant:** Thanks to everyone who voted the last couple of months for this grant. Although we didn't get to #1, our association and the arena effort received a lot of great publicity. Please thank your friends and families for helping us with this effort. We have heard that Pepsi will be revising their grant process for 2011, so we will keep everyone posted if there is another opportunity to receive funding for the arena.
 - **NBAHA Hockey Shop:** North Branch hockey apparel and merchandise is now available via our new online web store. New merchandise such as warm ups and coaching jackets will continually be added so check back often. The proceeds from all sales will go directly to the arena fund. Check it out at North Branch Hockey Shop.
 - **Skate with the Gophers:** The annual "Skate with the Gophers" event with the University of Minnesota Women's Hockey team will be taking place on Sunday, December 12th from Noon-2:00 p.m. and skate times/tickets are available now at www.mygophersports.com or they will be available the day of the game. Below is a flyer. This is a great opportunity for young players to get out and skate with the best.

Youth Hockey Night

Friday, December 10th



North Branch Boys Hockey Teams Vs Simley

5:00 pm - JV and 7:00 pm - Varsity

Chisago Lakes Arena

*Come cheer on the NB Vikings

*Meet and Greet with the NB Vikings after the Game



**Free admission for all North Branch
youth hockey players
who wear their hockey jerseys to the game
and bring can goods for the food shelf!**

GOPHER WOMEN'S HOCKEY

SKATE WITH THE GOPHERS!

**COME TO RIDDER ARENA FOR YOUR CHANCE TO SKATE
WITH THE GOPHER WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM!
MEET THE PLAYERS AND COACHES, GET AUTOGRAPHS,
PLAY GAMES AND MORE!**



GET YOUR SKATES READY!

**SKATE WITH THE GOPHERS WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 FROM 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
SKATE TIMES ARE AVAILABLE BY CALLING (612) 624-8080**



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