



North Branch Area Hockey Association  
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The hockey season is fast approaching and as a result in the coming month the board will have a lot of important information to share with parents in NBAHA each week. Please take a few minutes each week time to read the information provided in this newsletter.

- **Online Registration:** For detailed information on online registration, including registration deadlines, instructions and info on Mite Pre-skates/Evaluations & Traveling Pre-skates/Tryouts visit <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/107343-registration>.
- **Summer Raffle – Stacy Sports Complex:** Due to generous donations, we are holding a summer raffle to raise money for the Stacy Sports Complex. Please consider helping sell raffle tickets the month of September. For details visit [http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news\\_article/show/100680?referrer\\_id=106499](http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news_article/show/100680?referrer_id=106499).
- **Service Requirement:** All returning families are required to complete 4 service credits from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. The complete service requirement policy is available at <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/160018-volunteers>. The majority of the volunteer opportunities for the season will be available over the next month, so check out Dibs soon to sign up. Below are some ways easy ways to earn more than 1 service credit in one day. Keep checking Dibs for all opportunities available the next month as we are continually updating as information is available.
  - **Earn 4 service credits in one day:** We are in need of an adult to sign up to be in charge of each of the following events. You only need to sign-up for one of the events. For more information:
    - **NB Kids Carnival:** <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/107349-north-branch-kid-s-carnival>
    - **Fall Harvest Festival:** <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/107350-fall-harvest-festival>
  - **Earn 2 service credits in one day:** For more information:
    - **Youth Rec Night:** We are required to supply 13 volunteers at this event. Receive 2 service credits per adult working. In return we will receive \$400 for the Stacy Sports Complex. Please signup ASAP as we need to complete background checks prior to the event. More details: <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/383755-youth-rec-night>
    - **Fall Adopt a Highway Coordinator:** Sign up to be in charge of Fall Adopt a Highway. For more information: <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/107352-fall-adopt-a-highway>.
    - **Fall Adopt a Highway – Drive to Center City to get Trash Bags:** We are in need of an adult to drive to Center City in the next couple of weeks and get more trash bags from the Public Works/Highway Department. For more information <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/107352-fall-adopt-a-highway>.
- **Stacy Sports Complex Update:** The cooler fall like temps this weekend remind us how quickly the hockey season will be here. What has been going on at Stacy Sports Complex since the last update? Conquest has diligently worked to finalize plans and get construction rolling. As well they continue to work to find funding to complete Phase I and II this fall. The water main has been moved, tree stumps removed, soil testing completed and additional dirt work is in progress. Steel for the front of the building has been ordered and will be on site in 6 to 8 weeks. A great deal was found on a set of boards that can be used outdoors now and converted to indoor boards in Phase III were purchased. Take a look at the pictures at <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/227061-photo-gallery>. We are currently working with a couple of companies to work out a deal to lease a compressor for the outdoor artificial sheet of ice. A huge thank you to the Stacy Lions for donating lights leftover from Doyle fields to our project! We know there is a lot of work to be completed in the next couple of months but our goal continues to be having the front of the arena as well as an outdoor artificial sheet of ice and a smaller natural sheet of ice available to use this hockey season.
- **Coaching Certification:** If you are planning to coach this year, USA hockey has made a number of changes to the coaching certification policy this year. If you've coached in the past you should have recently received an email from USA hockey letting you know what certifications you need to get this year. If you visit the [usahockey.com](http://usahockey.com) Coaching Certification page where you can find additional information on the Coaching Certification requirements. This is also where you will start when you are ready

to locate a coaching clinic and begin the online age-specific module. If you have any questions, contact Ray at [coachingdiretor@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:coachingdiretor@northbranchhockey.com) or (651) 674-4104.

- **Equipment Swap:** Looking to get rid of old equipment or looking for used equipment? Visit <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/107750-equipment-swap> to see what is currently posted for sale. Contact Tim at [president@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:president@northbranchhockey.com) to have items for sale or items wanted posted on the site.
- **Forest Lake Skate & Cycle Cards:** Do you shop at Forest Lake Skate & Cycle. Sign up for their Club Card and earn 1% of every purchase for the association. For more details: [http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news\\_article/show/101750?referrer\\_id=106499](http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news_article/show/101750?referrer_id=106499).

- **Thank you from Paige Lee:**

Dear North Branch Area Hockey Association Members,

I have enjoyed my time on the Board as both Treasurer and Vice President over the past 7 ½ years, but feel it is time to move on. I would like to thank you personally for letting me help grow our community hockey family. I have always been a proponent of getting as many kids from our community as possible involved in this wonderful life long sport.

I would also like to thank the members who have contacted me over the past few weeks and thanked me for my service. I have truly enjoyed working with all the members and especially enjoyed watching the skaters evolve. That is where I have enjoyed my time most. Once again thank you. I will have many wonderful memories from my years of service.

Sincerely,  
Paige Lee

- **U.S. National Team Development Program:** Congratulations to goalie Hunter Miska, an alumni of NBAHA, who was selected to be part of the U.S. National Team Development program in Ann Arbor, Michigan this season. NBAHA is very proud of Hunter's accomplishments and wish him luck on his adventure.

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#### Upcoming Events – see website for more details on each:

- 9/16: Traveling Skater Registration Deadline
- 9/16: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Rec Night – **Volunteers Needed**
- 9/17: North Branch Kids Carnival – **Volunteers Needed**
- 9/24: Fall Harvest Festival – **Volunteers Needed**
- 9/24: Fall Learn to Skate – **Volunteers Needed**
- 9/24: Traveling Skater Pre-skates
- 9/25: Fall Adopt a Highway – **Volunteers Needed**
- 9/25: Traveling Skater Pre-skates
- 9/27: New Mite Skater Information Night – **Volunteers Needed**
- 9/28: Summer Raffle Drawing, 6 pm at Oak Inn
- 9/28: NBAHA Membership/Board Meeting – All parents invited to attend
- 9/30: Fall Learn to Skate – **Volunteers Needed**
- 9/30: Traveling Skater Tryouts
- 10/1: Traveling Skater Tryouts
- 10/1: Mite Registration Deadline
- 10/2: Traveling Skater Tryouts
- 10/15: Mite Pre-skates
- 10/16: Mite Pre-skates
- 10/22: Mite Evaluations
- 10/22: Fall Learn to Skate – **Volunteers Needed**
- 10/23: Mite Evaluations
- 10/29: Fall Learn to Skate – **Volunteers Needed**