



North Branch Area Hockey Association  
Viking Hockey News – 09/21/2011



Remember to check [www.northbranchhockey.com](http://www.northbranchhockey.com) for more details on items below and for daily updates!

• **Upcoming Events – see website for more details on each:**

**9/16: Traveling Skater Registration Deadline – If you haven't registered do so ASAP!**

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

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

10/4: Mandatory Fundraiser Pickup

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**

- **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. Keep checking Dibs for all opportunities available the next month as we are continually updating as information is available.

- **Earn 1 service credit per shift:**

- **Fall Harvest Festival, Saturday, 9/24:** <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/107350-fall-harvest-festival> (**Need 6 more volunteers!**)
- **Learn to Skate On Ice Help Needed, 9/24 and future dates:** <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/107353-fall-learn-to-skate> (**Need many on ice volunteers!**)
- **Fall Adopt A Highway Sunday, 9/25:** <http://www.northbranchhockey.com/page/show/107352-fall-adopt-a-highway>. (**Need 4 more volunteers!**)
- **Mite Night Tuesday, 9/27:** [http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news\\_article/show/101718?referrer\\_id=106499](http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news_article/show/101718?referrer_id=106499) (**Need 4 more volunteers!**)

- **PeeWee & Squirt Pre-skates This Weekend:** Detailed information is provided on dates/times for pre-skates/tryouts and tryout format at [http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news\\_article/show/101724?referrer\\_id=379869](http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news_article/show/101724?referrer_id=379869).
- **Summer Raffle – Stacy Sports Complex:** Due to generous donations, we are holding a summer raffle to raise money for the Stacy Sports Complex. If you haven't purchased raffle tickets yet, stop by our booth at Fall Harvest Festival this weekend! 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).
- **New Mite Skater Information Night:** An informational meeting for new mite skaters will be held on 9/27. Details are available at [http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news\\_article/show/101718?referrer\\_id=106499](http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news_article/show/101718?referrer_id=106499). Receive service credits for volunteering at this event. Signup on Dibs.
- **Learn to Skate:** Information on Fall Learn to Skate is posted at: [http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news\\_article/show/101714?referrer\\_id=106499](http://www.northbranchhockey.com/news_article/show/101714?referrer_id=106499). Certified coaches will be needed to help on ice and parents will be needed to help with check. Receive service credits for these tasks. Signup on Dibs.
- **Mandatory Fundraiser for the 2011-2012 Season:** All returning families will be responsible for purchasing 2 Power Play tickets. The cost of the two tickets is \$40. A check will be collected at the time you pick up your fundraising materials and will be cashed immediately.

Also, you are required to do one of the following:

1. A buy out of \$200

OR

2. Sell 20 Calendar Raffle Tickets at \$10 each.

The Calendar Raffle Tickets will be available for pick up on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the North Branch Library. If you are unable to attend this pick up time you must make arrangements with Janelle to pick up your fundraising materials. Turn in will be the middle/end of November. Please watch upcoming newsletters and the website for exact date, time and location. Drawings for the prizes for the Calendar Raffle will be during the months of December, January and February.

A deposit check will be collected at the time of pick up. Checks will not be cashed unless you fail to turn in your fundraising materials by the due date.

If you have any questions regarding fundraising, contact Janelle Olson at [fundraising@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:fundraising@northbranchhockey.com).

- **Meat Raffle Volunteers Needed:** NBAHA is conducting meat raffles at Pizza Pub in North Branch during MN Vikings Games. The meat raffle starts at halftime and continues until all games are sold. Each shift is approximately 2 hours and volunteers will receive 2 service credits per shift. A charitable gambling employee will be working each shift as well. Shifts will be posted on dibs shortly. If you have any questions regarding the meat raffle, please contact Janelle Olson at [gamblingmanager@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:gamblingmanager@northbranchhockey.com)
- **Support NBAHA – Bingo & Meat Raffle:** Come support NBAHA and help raise funds for the association and Stacy Sports Complex. Play bar bingo at Oak Inn on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm and Saturday's at 1:30 pm. We are also now hosting a meat raffle at Pizza Pub during half time of Vikings games on Sunday's.
- **Coaching Certification:** Don't forget to review the changes to coaching certifications this year and register for the required Level Clinic and online age appropriate modules.

**THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT 10 CLINICS WENT ON-LINE at <http://usahockey.com> on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 4:00 PM.**

- Clinic- Level 1, September 24th, hosted by Blaine at Fogerty Arena
- Clinic- Level 1, September 25th, hosted by Spring Lake Park at Fogerty Arena

There was an issue and the following clinics weren't posted on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. The D10 goal is to have them online by Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details as there is a chance these will end up being a dual clinic and be a level 1 and 2 class or Level 2 and 3 class.

- Clinic- Level 2, October 1st, hosted by Blaine at Fogerty Arena
- Clinic- Level 2, October 8th, hosted by Princeton at Princeton

Any head and assistant coaches selected for mite and traveling teams can submit receipts for training to [treasurer@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:treasurer@northbranchhockey.com) in order to be reimbursed.

If you have any questions, contact Ray at [coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com](mailto:coachingdirector@northbranchhockey.com) or (651) 674-4104.

- **Baseline Concussion Screening**  
We encourage all parents to have skaters ages 11 and up to have a baseline concussion screen done prior to the start of hockey season if you haven't had one done yet. Cambridge Medical Center provides ImPACT™ (Immediate Postconcussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) to young people in the area. Baseline concussion screening is available to all youth, ages 11 through college-age for a nominal fee. More information is available at <http://www.cambridgemedicalcenter.com/ahs/cambridge.nsf/page/impact>. To register call 763-688-6427.
- **Open Hockey at Isanti Arena:**
  - PeeWee & Bantam: Sept. 26th 5:50pm, Sept. 28th 5:50pm
  - Squirt & 10U: Sept. 22nd 7:00pm, Sept. 27th 5:50pm, Sept. 29th 5:50pm
  - Mite: Monday Sept 12th - Oct. 24th 4:00pm - 5:30pm every Monday

- **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).