

Dear BYH Players and Families,

Knowledgeable and caring coaches are crucial to the success of a youth hockey program. For many years, BYHC has not only employed experienced coaches with an observable passion for growing the game of hockey, we have done so with a focus on having non-parent coaches as a cornerstone of our program. These typically younger coaches personify one of the greatest aspects of the sport of hockey; that it provides a unique opportunity for participants to be involved in the game throughout their lives in a variety of roles.

In order to further our commitment to providing BYH players with access to the best possible instruction, foster lifelong enjoyment and participation of hockey for BYH players of every age, and continue to instill a deep sense of community to all members of our Club, we are pleased to announce the formation of the BYH Coach-In-Training (CIT) Program.

Under the CIT Program, all second year Bantam and older players have the opportunity to learn the finer points of coaching hockey under the guidance of a team of mentors made up of our most experienced coaches. CIT's will participate in a season-long learning program which includes an active role in working with our U8 and U10 (Mites and younger) players both on and off the ice.

Throughout their time in the program, CIT's will earn volunteer/service learning credits (school-specific) while gaining the knowledge and support required to complete USA Hockey's coaching certification. All graduated CIT's will then have a standing invitation to be a coach at BYH in the future (depending on availability).

The BYH Board of Directors and coaching staff are very excited for the inaugural class of coaches-in-training. We believe that the CIT's will greatly enjoy their time working together, with the younger players, and with their BYH mentor. From experience, we also know that our U8 and U10 players will be excited to have the players they frequently look up to assist them in learning and loving our great game.

See you at the rink,

Jen Thompson
President

Justin Panzer
Coach-In-Training Program Coordinator

Complete Coach-In-Training Program information can be found at
<http://www.byhc.org/page/show/1153733-community-service-opportunities>.