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PATRIOTS

YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER: May 2023

Hello Patriot's families, we hope you are enjoying the spring! We know you are excited to find out what's happening over the summer, and it is our intention to share as many details as we can. There is a lot of info in this month's newsletter, so please read carefully.

Speaking of the board, we had elections at April's Annual Meeting. Patriot's members in attendance voted on six open spots to fill. Here are your 2023-2024 Patriot's Youth Hockey Association Board Members:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

David Gauder – President
Megan Fritsch – Vice President
Liz Payne – Treasurer
Beki Timmons – Secretary

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Debbie Reynolds
Chad Normington
Zach Goeppinger
Lindsay Schleis
Mike Taylor
Blythe Robbins
Greg Fawver
Aaron Palmer

Minutes from the previous month's board meetings are always available online, following approval at the most recent meeting. [Minutes from the March 2023 meeting are now available online.](#) The next board meeting will be held **Monday, June 12 at 6 p.m.** at [Oakstone Recreational](#) in Cottage Grove and is open to all members of PYHA.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Patriots will be marching in the [Monona Memorial Day Parade](#) on Monday, May 29. It would be amazing to get as many Patriots players (past, present, and future!) to join us on the parade route. During the parade, we will also be taking suggestions for the new girl's team branding. Skates and Patriots apparel are encouraged, all skaters must be wearing a helmet! *Meeting time and location will be sent out next week.*

GIRLS UPDATES

The On-Ice Committee has been working hard to continue to develop the girl's program with the Patriots and surrounding organizations. Tara Groth is the new OIC Girls Team Lead and will be sending out periodic updates on the progress and development of the program. If you have a girl player and would like to receive updates, please reach out to tara.groth18@gmail.com.

ONLY Girls TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE

JUNE 25TH FROM 3:15-5:00
@ Hartmeyer Ice Arena

Did you know Patriots have All Girls Hockey Teams? Come try hockey with us!
Bring skates or we'll find you some. Other equipment will be provided.

REGISTER HERE:

SHARE YOUR LOVE OF HOCKEY WITH FRIENDS!

www.patriotshockey.org

EAST MADISON GIRLS HOCKEY

Calling all girl hockey players!
JOIN US MAY 29TH
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
MONONA, WI

- BUILD YOUR BRAND-SUBMIT NAMES FOR YOUR EAST MADISON GIRL HOCKEY TEAM
- HANG OUT WITH OTHER AREA GIRL HOCKEY PLAYERS- YOUR FUTURE TEAMMATES!
- HELP US CHOOSE TEAM COLORS BY BRINGING A 24" RIBBON REPRESENTING YOUR CHOICE OF JERSEY COLOR

Bring your rollerblades!

YOU WONT WANT TO MISS OUT!

We will be hosting a free *Intro to Hockey - Girls* event June 25th 3:15 – 5:00 p.m. at Hartmeyer! Bring your skaters! Bring your skaters' friends who once mentioned that they thought hockey might be cool! We will have gear available to borrow.

RINK UPDATES

The board and the OIC have been hard at work getting updates in place at Hartmeyer. We've been working with MII to get permission to make these building updates, something we have not had the freedom to do in the past. With the ice out for the spring, the installation of two BRAND NEW condenser units is happening! This means we will have a more stable year of solid ice with less dripping water! You may have also noticed, towards the end of the season, that we cleared the ceiling nets, reclaimed pucks, and installed new lighting. There are also plans for new flooring and finishing the locker room updates this coming season. This rink is our home, and we sincerely hope that all Patriots families can be proud of our home ice.

REGISTRATION, CAMP ICE, AND PLACEMENTS

We will have early registration for girls to get a headcount of interest and determine the number of girls teams we can roster. This is scheduled for late June/early July. Full registration is tentatively scheduled for August.

We have tentative dates for Camp Ice and Placements this year. In an effort to be more transparent in the process, the OIC will be hosting parent meetings prior to Camp Ice. We heard you loud and clear, and we want to be sure all parents and skaters know the expectations going into the new season. The following dates are still tentative as we are working to secure locations and ice times, but please get them on your calendars:

- OIC Open Forum – Week of September 4
- Camp Ice – September 11-22
- Placement Sessions – September 18-22
- Final Placements – October 2

We encourage everyone preparing for placements to read section 7.4 of the [Patriot's Handbook](#).

Patriots GOLF OUTING

\$115 PER GOLFER
\$460 PER FOURSOME

REGISTRATION: 8:00AM
START TIME: 9:00AM

SATURDAY 19 AUG | **THE OAKS GOLF COURSE**
4740 PIERCEVILLE ROAD
COTTAGE GROVE, WI

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coach Sauer Summer Classic High School Hockey Tournament – June 16th-18th at Hartmeyer Ice Arena and Verona Ice Arena. We need volunteers to work the Concession Stand at Hartmeyer. This is your chance to get your concessions requirements done early for the upcoming season. Check dibs soon for available hours.

The Annual Patriots Golf Outing – Saturday August 19 at [The Oaks Golf Course](#)
Registration for the golf outing is open! Cost is \$115 per golfer or \$460 per foursome with all proceeds going towards ice time fees and player sponsorships.

Taste of Madison – We have a spot at the event to raise money for the organization. There will be more information in June/July for volunteers to staff the table.

If you have suggestions for events that we could/should participate in, please contact the board!

We always want to hear back from our families. If you have any questions or concerns, you can email them to PYHABoard@patriotshockey.org.