



March 2023 Newsletter

ARAA News

Important Volunteer Update

ARAA is a volunteer-based organization that is only able to offer what we do to the kids in our community because of the hard work of our parents, coaches, board members, and other volunteers. Because of your hard work, we can keep costs lower than neighboring communities because we don't need to pay for staffing or other needs that are met by dibs shifts being served. We are extremely grateful for your buy-in on our volunteerism mission.

We recently raised our volunteer bonds to \$500 per family per sport registered for. Rest assured we do not want the money, we just desperately need your time and efforts to make things continue to run like they always have to keep programming as affordable as possible for all of our members. Going forward we have decided to track unpaid volunteer bonds from dibs shifts not completed from sport to sport. If the volunteer shifts are not completed and the volunteer bond is not paid for whatever reason your ability to participate in subsequent seasons and sports will be put on hold until the obligations are met. We appreciate your understanding and support of our mission to bring incredible athletic opportunities to all the kids in our community for very affordable pricing.

Special Opportunity for ARAA Athletes

Hey Anoka athletes. Acceleration North is relaunching our original 8-week SPEED program that is guaranteed to improve speed. This program is 8 weeks long and you train 2-3 times a week strictly on speed and explosiveness. You can do this in the now, spring, summer, or fall. Use discount code ARAA and save \$50!

https://youtu.be/cGbNE_nPvdI

Charitable Gambling

Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association partners with 8 businesses to offer charitable gambling to our community. What is Charitable gambling? Charitable gambling is an opportunity for community members to support the youth of Anoka and Ramsey with organized sports and activities to participate in. Our gambling partners provide incentivized giving to our organization. For our 4400 athletes over 10 activities, the charitable gambling contributions provide upgraded playing facilities, equipment, and experiences. Please consider visiting one of our partners and check out our charitable gambling Facebook page for the latest info on bingo, meat raffles, and more!

[Willy McCoy's](#)

[McDuffs](#)

[Northwoods](#)

[The Ponds](#)

[Greenhaven](#)

[Northfork](#)

[Kitchen Table](#)

[Acapulco](#)

[Aurelio's](#)

[Senor Patrons](#)

Plan your week!

Mondays:

BINGO at McDuff's on the Rum 7 pm - 16659 St.Francis Blvd. NW, Ramsey

Tuesdays:

BINGO Tavern at Greenhaven 7 pm

2800 Greenhaven Road, Anoka

*Note: No Bingo Feb.14th Valentine's Day

Runs until golf season - weather dependent

Wednesdays:

SHAKE-A-DAYS 5:00 pm - Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

BINGO 7:00 pm - Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

Thursdays:

*STARTING Feb.9th

5:00 MEAT RAFFLE

6:00 HORSE RACING (NEW!)

Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

Fridays:

MEAT RAFFLE 5:00 pm - Willy McCoy's 6415 US-10, Ramsey

Saturdays:

BINGO 1:00 pm - Willy McCoy's 6415 US-10, Ramsey

MEAT RAFFLE 2:00 pm Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

MEAT RAFFLE 4:00 pm McDuff's on the Rum 16659 St.Francis Blvd. NW, Ramsey

Sundays:

MEAT RAFFLE 2:00pm - Aurelio's Pizza 6415 US-10 #120 Ramsey

MEAT RAFFLE 2:00 pm - Sundays *Starting Feb. 12th - Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

BINGO - Noon - Sundays, STARTING Feb. 12th - Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen
*Bingo on Feb.12th will be a Mega Valentine's Bingo

SPECIAL EVENTS:

SUNDAY, Feb. 12th

Northwoods Bar & Grill in Nowthen

12:00/Noon MEGA VALENTINE'S BINGO

\$20 Packets - \$200 Prizes

2 - \$5 Must Go \$1000 Cover Alls

*Must Purchase a Packet to qualify to play the Coverall

2:00 Meat Raffle (following Bingo)

5:30 Super Bowl Sunday



Baseball

Contact: baseball@arsports.org

- House Registration closes March 17th. Register today at arsports.org/baseball

- Little Ballers registration is now open! Little Ballers is an ideal introduction to the game of baseball for both parents and children ages 3-4. ARAA Baseball Coaches and Players will help teach your child basic skills like throwing, catching, hitting, and running. Register today at arsports.org/littleballers

- House Evaluations are scheduled for March 18th for 2nd-6th grade. ARAA coaches review players on their technique in warm-ups, pitching, hitting, and fielding. Evaluations are used by the Baseball Board and coaches to help form balanced teams but all of the kids will play!

Location: Lord of Life Church

Date: Saturday, March 18th

2nd Grade	10:00 - 11:30 am
3rd & 4th Grade	11:30 - 1:00 pm
5th & 6th Grade	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Make Up Evals	2:30 - 3:30 pm

- Uniform Try-on at House Evaluations on March 18th. Come get fitted for uniforms between 10 am and 3:30 pm at Lord of Life church.

- Traveling Parent Meeting on March 27th at Anoka High School from 6-8 pm. This meeting is mandatory for all players and parents.

- Looking for a summer job – sign up to be an umpire! Training opportunities begin in March. Follow the link for more information: <https://rumriverumpires.com/classes/>



Volleyball

Contact: Volleyball@arsports.org

JUNIOR OLYMPIC VOLLEYBALL

March is the final month of our JO season. Good luck to all of our teams participating in their last tournaments of the season!!

ARAA VOLLEYBALL BOARD

ARAA VOLLEYBALL IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO FILL OPEN BOARD POSITIONS! ARAA Volleyball cannot exist without the efforts of each of our board members. We need you, your ideas, and your passion, to join our board and continue to strengthen our program! Board members receive discounted registration fees or waived registration fees for their volleyball players in the ARAA Volleyball program! Visit our website for more information about each position under [ARAA Volleyball Board](#) or email volleyball@arsports.org.

ANOKA HIGH SCHOOL- BOYS SPRING VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Don't forget to register- the season starts April 10th!

Registration is now open for 9th through 12th-grade volleyball league at Anoka High School. For registration and program information please visit:

<https://ahschools.ce.eleyo.com/course/9144/at-rec-spring-2023/at-rec-anoka-high-school-boys-volleyball>.



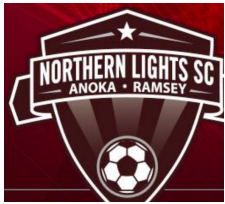
Basketball

Contact: basketball@arsports.org

Summer Opportunity

ARAA is thrilled to be offering a 6-week summer camp. The camp will run for 6 weeks throughout the summer, 3 nights each week. This is a drop-in camp so don't feel like you need to attend every session. The early bird rate is \$350 before May 1. Registration is limited to 60 campers per age group, so sign up today! A payment plan is available. Register here today!

<https://arsports.sportngin.com/register/form/452107675>



Soccer

Contact: president@northernlightsoccer.org

Registration for Rec Spring/Summer Soccer is now open. Make sure to register by April 9: \$175

[Registration Link](#)

Season: May 8th - July 13th; no soccer May 29th & 30th, July 3rd & 4th

Super Soccer Saturday: July 15th



INTERNATIONALLY-
INSPIRED TEAMS



IT'S TIME FOR SOCCER

**Recreational soccer is open to
kids Pre-K through High School**

**May 8th - July 13th
Super Soccer Saturday July 15th
Elmcrest Fields in Ramsey**

<https://www.arsports.org/soccer>

Registration closes April 9

Early bird discount until Feb. 26



Lacrosse

Contact: lacrosse@arsports.org

Registration is still open for Boys and Girls Spring Lacrosse. Make sure to register soon as teams are forming.

[Boys Lacrosse Registration Link](#)

[Girls Lacrosse Registration Link](#)

Our Boys Box season starts next week. Good luck to the 12U and 14U teams.

Our lacrosse swag store is open until March 10. Get your items now to represent ARAA lacrosse. [Store Link](#)



Football

Contact: Football@arsports.org

We have many training opportunities happening now!

T Force for grades 6-8- Tuesday/Thursday 3:30-4:45

Receiver Camp-Wednesday 4-6 at Adrenaline

A-line and Quarterback school- Sundays at 6:30



Outdoors

Contact: tr87ta@msn.com

Warmer weather and open water is right around the corner. Registration for our Anoka Jr Bassers fishing team is now open. If you would like more information, please contact our Jr Bassers fishing coach Tony Chmielewski at tonychm@live.com prior to registering.

Anoka Ramsey Outdoors is still looking to fill board positions. This is an important step to help us to continue to offer outdoor activities for our kids. If you enjoy introducing kids to the outdoors, join our team! We have great ideas coming and need your help to make it happen. The board application is found [here](#).



Softball

Contact: softball@arsports.org

Spring Softball ball registration is open, please register if you haven't already! We are still looking for more 12U players to fill teams.

2023 Softball Registration

Softball has open board positions and we need all the help we can get! See all positions below If you are interested, please email softball@arsports.org. Our next board meeting is 3/6 at 7 pm at Willy McCoys in Ramsey.

Secretary

- Organize board meetings

- Capture meeting minutes
- Manage softball website and help with social media

Treasurer, no experience necessary, training will be provided

- Manage all incoming funds and payables

Softball Operations Director

- Work closely with coaches to help prepare for upcoming season
- Assist with coach selection and team formation
- Collect end of season player and coach evaluations

Equipment, Umpire, and Fields Director

- Works with umpire association for home games
- Assign home field to teams for the season
- Equipment management including handout at beginning of season and collection at end of season

Uniform and Registration Director

- Manage season registration windows
- Work with vendor to create uniforms, process ordering, and distribution to teams