



Phone 682-2098

PUBLIC SKATE

Tues - Fri 11am to 2 pm
Saturday 2:15 to 4:15
Sunday 2:45 to 4:45

Adults \$3.00
17 & Under \$2.50
50+ \$2.50
Skate Rental \$2.00

Thanks to all the families that filled out "Volunteers Opportunities" form. We have already started contacting people to volunteer. If you are not contacted and still would like to help, please contact your team parent, committee chairs or board members.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

The Practice Schedules are on the website. Practices start on Monday, October 13th.

Send newsletter articles and e-mail address changes to Steve Massey at mcyhanews@charter.net

Eye on the Puck

SEPTEMBER 2008

A Message From the President

Thank you for your interest in and support of Manitowoc County Youth Hockey. It is absolutely great to see so many of you back for another season! There are several important observations so far:

- We've had a great response at the younger skater levels for both players and coaches; it's exciting to see this come along!
- Our approach to fund raising and volunteer hours to support the Association (registration fees cover less than half the cost of playing) is hopefully much more transparent this year.
- Due to recent changes in the life/job situation of last year's varsity and JV coaches, we are transitioning to new leadership at each level. Your patience is appreciated as our plans are finalized.
- We welcome Coach Farris as the new Bantam Head Coach!
- We are still accepting registrations and it appears that we should have teams at each level, with the U-19 Girls and the Pee Wees still under review; however things are looking positive at this point.
- We've had some 'new blood' in the refereeing ranks, but more are welcome!
- Player (and Parent) retention is an occasional issue primarily driven by off and on-ice behaviors. We have heard of several great kids who may not come back this year because of the behaviors of a handful of their teammates. **The coaches have been told that this is not acceptable and the Code of Conduct will be strictly enforced.**
- What enforcement may mean is that at times the coach **must** discipline (sit out a shift/period/game, etc) that his/her teammates and parents don't like because the team might be shorthanded or less competitive. **The Coach has the full support of the MCYHA Board to fully enforce the Code of Conduct even if it means losing or forfeiting a game.** While everyone likes to compete well and win, it only matters if we honor our Association and our values, and we cannot cheapen them.
- It is our hope that players will respond well to this direction and create a better environment for everyone. Parents and team leadership must stand behind this for us to succeed!!

See you at the rink!

Mark Herzog
MCYHA President

A Big Thank You

Thanks to the programs committee - working hard over summer to determine programs, costs, practices, and registration for summer league and regular hockey season. Committee members: Cassy Braun, Renae Tiller, Marie Hammill, Shannon Nickels, and Kathy Palmer. Welcome to our newest member Michelle Schwahn.

Become a USA Hockey Referee!

- Get extra ice time
- Get a paycheck
- Get a better understanding of the game

The first thing you will need to do is go to WIHOA <http://www.wiho.org/Index.php> and sign up for a level 1 seminar.

Second, you will need to be registered with USA hockey as an official. This can be done at the USA Hockey Website <http://www.usahockey.com>.

Brad Roethlisberger will then contact you and move you from the seminar you signed up for into the Zebra Cup. The Zebra Cup takes the place of the seminar for new officials however, it is by invitation only so this is the process.

Once you have completed the seminar and are registered with USA Hockey, you can return to this website and click on the Date Request link which can be found on the left navigation. Then fill out the form for the month with the times that you are available to work games. When this is submitted it will go the scheduler, Dave Mather out of Green Bay. As games become available that that you are eligible to work you will be assigned to work that game.

If you have any questions please contact Lori Deschene ldeschene@comcast.net 684-1976.

TEAM PARENTS

We are looking for a TEAM PARENT coordinator. This person will work with all the team parents to ensure communication flows between organization and the teams. Contact Lowell Johnson for more information.

EQUIPMENT SWAP

We will be having an equipment swap on Oct. 2nd. This will take place during the registration that night (5:30-7). There will also be "old" MCYHA game jerseys available for purchase at the swap. Price will be \$5.00. People can drop off any equip. to "donate" to the swap at Shannon Nickels house prior to the swap. 417 S. 31st St, Manitowoc. Or call 684-3970 to arrange a drop off. .

Visit our website at

www.manitowochockey.org

Lowell Johnson is our treasurer this season - all income and expenses must be given to Lowell for review and/or board approval. Do not drop any deposits or bills at the Shipbuilders Credit Union, all these forms must go to Lowell for book keeping purposes.

2008-2009 MCYHA Board Members

	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Mark Herzog - President	652-0183	2011
Shannon Nickels - Vice President	684-3970	2009
Missy Christensen - Secretary	682-4413	2010
Lowell Johnson - Treasurer	683-3207	2009
Cassy Braun	684-1898	2009
Renae Tiller	686-9051	2010
Theresa Smoter	683-2273	2010
Brian Kiley	682-3094	2011
Jennifer Rogler	726-4183	2011
Mark Jaeger	683-2263	2011

MCYHA BOARD MEETINGS

The MCYHA Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Ice Center. Board meetings are open to all Association members. If you have something you would like placed on the agenda, contact Mark Herzog at least 5 days prior to the meeting.

The next meeting is October 6th.

Team Schedulers/Team Parents

We would like to Thank the following people who have volunteered to be team schedulers/parents.

Mites parent Micki Foytik, scheduler Marie Hammill
Squirts parent Diane O'Hearn, scheduler Michelle Schwan
Pee Wee scheduler Carmen Persuad
Bantam parent Jen Rogler

We are still looking for schedulers for Bantam, JV, Girls, and Varsity; and team parents for Pee Wee, JV, Girls, and Varsity. Contact Lowell Johnson if you are interested in any of these position.

MANITOWOC JERSEYS

Our organization has a lot of old Manitowoc Jerseys that will be available to purchase at the Equipment swap on Oct. 7th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. All jersey will be sold for \$5.00 each. Let any former players you know know about this sale, it's a great way to get a remembrance of your time playing in Manitowoc.

2008/2009 REGISTRATION

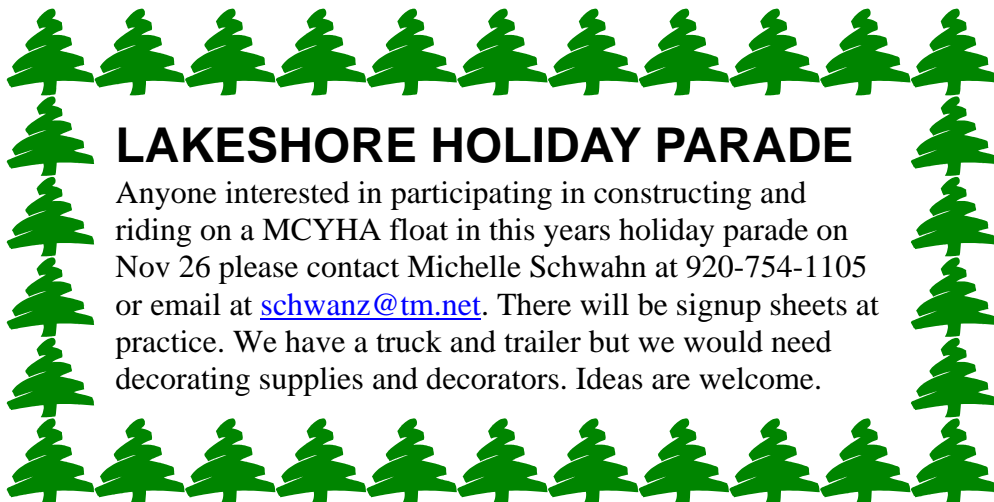
Our numbers are down this year, we are in danger of not being able to field some of our teams!!! Please get your child's registration in so we have accurate numbers to determine our teams and ice times. Registration forms are available on our website, www.manitowohockey.org, and can be turned in on Oct. 2nd at the MCIC from 5:30 to 7:00 pm or mailed to MCYHA Box 1943 Manitowoc, WI 54220

SHOW YOUR PRIDE

Manitowoc Hockey is utilizing a Lawn Sign promotion for the first few months of the hockey season. They are large enough to see from the street and quite cool to look at! Put one on your lawn or business today! Lawn Signs are going fast. Show your hockey spirit! (Returned by end of November.) Call Marie Hammill at 682-8750 or mariehammill@yahoo.com.

TASTE OF HOCKEY

Taste of Hockey: Sun, Oct 19th @ 1pm. We need volunteers to help talk to parents about our programs and with potential skaters, properly suit skaters up and assist on ice. **Need extra equipment for smaller skaters.** Call Marie Hammill at 682-8750 or email mariehammill@yahoo.com if you can help out. Note: Plenty of time to get home before 3:15 Packer game!



LAKESHORE HOLIDAY PARADE

Anyone interested in participating in constructing and riding on a MCYHA float in this year's holiday parade on Nov 26 please contact Michelle Schwahn at 920-754-1105 or email at schwanz@tm.net. There will be sign-up sheets at practice. We have a truck and trailer but we would need decorating supplies and decorators. Ideas are welcome.

SHOW MORE PRIDE

Embroidery Plus will be at our first 2 practices from 5-7pm if you want to order hockey apparel. Practice times are listed on our website.