

Message from the President....



We are halfway through the season and we are having a very successful year. There are many representative teams doing well and may go all the way this season. Our house league program has once again grown in strength and numbers and teams are enjoying a very competitive program. I wish all team's great success this year. I would like to thank **all the volunteers** to numerous to mention who help make our program successful from coaching staff to board members.

Without you we would not have a program! I would like to make you aware of a **crisis** that our Association will be facing in our house league program next year. You will hear more about this as the season continues. All our house league teams will need to have certified staff on the bench next season or the teams **will not** be allowed to play. All house league teams from tyke to midget/juvenile will need a certified coach and trainer on their bench and roster. The Ontario Minor Hockey Association is mandating this rule. This means that your child may not be playing house league next year if we do not have enough volunteers to roster a team.

Orillia Minor Hockey offers clinics for coaches and trainers towards the end of the summer and early September. We pay for any member who attends these clinics. There is no pre-requisite to be a coach or a trainer. This includes males and females who are parents, grandparents, uncles or aunts. We have faced many obstacles over the years in regards to our hockey program that we could do nothing about (e.g. ice costs and availability of ice). This is actually something we can do something about. We will be approaching members over the rest of the season and campaigning to ensure we have volunteers who will attend these clinics and be certified on these rosters. I would like to invite everyone to come out and support Hockey Day in Orillia on January 5, 2008. We will be honouring players of the past and present (60's to 90's) during the house league program. The day will finish off with a game between the Couchiching Terriers and Collingwood.

We have a great volunteer base in our organization and I am proud to be the President. I am hopeful that volunteers will come forward in order to meet the demands placed on us by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association.

I wish all members and their families a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cathy O'Connor

Equipment Drive

Rick Schell is heading up an equipment drive for the Pikangikum First Nations community, a call has went out to our community to donate any good quality used equipment. Orillia Minor Hockey is asking our members to take part in the drive and during this time of year as you possibly look at replacing equipment donating it to the drive. Please contact Rick Schell at 329-0487 and arrangements will be made to pick up any donations. Alternatively you can drop equipment off at 2nd Century Source for Sports or Jim Wilson Chevrolet/Pontiac. Let's show the community in Pikangikum that Orillia knows the true spirit of Christmas by outfitting as many children/youth so they to our able to play the "greatest game on ice".

March Break House League—Reminder

Orillia Terriers March Break House League Festival—Monday, March 10 to Friday, March 14, 2008

ATOM-PEEWEE-BANTAM-MIDGET

Any Orillia team that wishes to participate MUST submit their application no later than January 15th to guarantee a spot in the festival. Teams may still apply after the date but they will not be guaranteed a spot. Festival information and registration packages are available at www.city.orillia.on.ca/tournaments. For more information contact: Paul Barnetson at

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ORILLIA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

Young Guns and Orillia Minor Hockey join forces.. August 11 – 15, 2008

Orillia Minor Hockey will be hosting a hockey camp jointly with Young Guns here in Orillia.

Ages 9—11

Ice Time: 3:45 p.m.—5:45 p.m. (off-ice will begin at 6:15 p.m. for 45 mins) Brian Orser Arena

Cost: \$ 250.00 or \$ 300.00 with off-ice (**O rillia Minor Hockey discount price**)

Ages 12 –15

Ice Time: 8:15 p.m.—10:15 p.m. (off-ice will begin at 7:00 p.m. for 45 mins) Brian Orser Arena

Cost: \$ 250.00 or \$ 300.00 with off-ice (**O rillia Minor Hockey discount price**)

Camp Includes

-10 hours of ice, Young Guns jersey, weekly raffle (1 for each session), daily power skating, drills and scrimmages, 5:1 student to instructor ratio, daily awards, professional and experience instructors, off-ice with Kerri Lynn Deir (optional)

***Bring a teammate to Young Guns discount

-recommend a fellow OMHA participants to register into Young Guns 2008 and receive \$ 25 off registration (**participant must not have been registered in Young Guns 2007**)

***Family discount

- \$ 25 off each child if registering 3 or more children

IMPORTANT

- 1) Registration must be received by July 11th, 2008 (**first come first serve basis!!!**)
- 2) Maximum 30 participants per session (**early registration at the OMHA banquet**)
- 3) Website—www.younggunshockey.net
- 4) 2nd week of Young Guns Hockey School will run in Gravenhurst as in the past years
- 5) Contact: Daryl Bat darylbat@hotmail.com



House League Picture Day

House League Pictures will take place on Saturday, January 19, 2008 at Brian Orser Arena—a schedule for teams will be handed out in the new year!

OMHA Potential Colour

For the 2008-09 season the representative Board of Orillia Minor Hockey will be showcasing different colour samples as well as the current Orillia Minor Hockey colours. Members will be given a ballot and asked to vote on their choice of colours.



managers of the teams. The results of the vote will determine colours for at least the next four years.

Change

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