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Notice to Northstars Members: Annual General Meeting

Sunday, May 27, 2012

7:00 PM

Northstars Clubhouse - Bellevue Hall (7308 112 Avenue)

Come and have your say in how our organization operates!

For more information, or to get involved with the Northstars, contact enac@nstars.com

2012-2013 Hockey Registration

Monday, June 11, 18 & 24, 2012

7:00 – 9:00 PM at Bellevue Hall (7308 112 Avenue)

Get a jump on your back-to school expenses, and register your child for hockey a little bit earlier this season. All Northstars children who register in June will be entered into our early-bird draw, and will have the chance to win a free registration to our August Training Camp (one prize for our Novice/Atom group and one for our Pee wee/Bantam camp).

Fees for the 2012-13 season will increase, but included in the registration fee will be 4 tickets to our annual Galaxyland event, to be held this season on Friday, October 12, 2012 (you'll be able to use these tickets yourself, sell them, or even give them away if you choose). Additionally, outside of each family's volunteer commitment at bingos *there will be no extra fundraising required by the club* (for the Northstars, this means you'll no longer have to sell Grey Cup tickets and Braves families won't be selling water park tickets).

Additionally, Hockey Edmonton has recently mandated that all families involved with minor hockey must complete the online Respect in Sport Program prior to registering for the 2012-2013 season. This session takes about an hour to complete and can be completed online. You can access this course through the Hockey Edmonton website for a fee of about \$12 (www.hockeyedmonton.ca). At the conclusion of the class, you'll receive a confirmation code, which you will be required to provide at registration. *You will not be able to register your child for the hockey season if you have not completed this course.* For more information on this program or if you have a technology-accessibility issue, contact enac@nstars.com.

Registration information and forms will be mailed out in late May.

August Registration Dates:

Monday, August 13, 2011 (6:00 – 9:00 PM)

Wednesday, August 22, 2011 (6:00 – 9:00 PM)

Northstars Banquet – April 28, 2012

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual year-end banquet on April 28, 2012. Join us as we honour outstanding coaches, managers, Northstars teams and volunteers from the past season. Tickets can be reserved by contacting enac@nstars.com.

Message from the President

Wow, here we are making final preparations for our year-end banquet. Seems like we were just getting going and now we are deep into planning for next season. The Northstars have been very busy over the past several months and I just wanted to high-light some of the activities we have concluded. However, I must first start by thanking all the wonderful people who stepped up to get involved with our teams. It takes significant dedication and commitment from all of you with a focus on making the season such a great and meaningful experience for all of our kids.

I would be remiss if I didn't share that we have also had some bumps along the way, but hopefully the corrections and recommendations have helped us all make the organization better. We are always available for your questions and concerns and I invite you to pop by on Monday nights or send us your feedback via our year-end survey on the web page. You all have a large part in the Northstars and we value your input. We want to hear your thoughts on how to make our organization better.

Now to the high-lights; excellent display of sportsmanship and fair play during the regular season, Minor Hockey Week, and the playoffs, fun and excitement at the Northeast Zone Initiation Jamboree and Tim-Bits Tournament, outstanding atmosphere and team building at the Jasper Tournament, and who can forget the fun we all had at the Northstar Night with the Oil Kings. And now we are preparing for Galaxyland as a culminating year-end wrap up party.

In preparation for next season, please remember that you will be required to participate in the mandatory parent Respect in Sport program as sanctioned by Hockey Alberta. Details are located on our website, but please contact us if you require more information. This is an excellent program which will help greatly by encouraging all involved in hockey to view the game from a very positive position.

Please take a few minutes to reflect on this past hockey season. We can be reached through our website as your feedback is critical as we plan for next season. On behalf of the Northstars, have a very enjoyable summer break and we look forward to seeing you out at our conditioning camp this summer or during fall at try-outs. Thanks and all the best. *Rick McAdie*

Have a Blast at Galaxyland-Northstars/Braves Year-End Celebration

Once again, our two clubs are joining together to offer a fun-filled night at Galaxyland. Each Northstars/Braves player and coach will receive a ticket to attend our Galaxyland celebrations on Saturday, April 15th from 7:30 – 10:30 pm. Attendees will each receive chips, chocolate bar, and a pop as well as having access to the rides.

As this is a private function only open to ticketholders, everyone must have a ticket to enter Galaxyland. Family members can purchase as many extra tickets as they like for only \$10 each. Extra tickets can be purchased at the gates if required.

The Northstars Want and Need You!

The Northstars are looking for individuals who want to get involved for 2012-13 hockey season. There are positions available on the executive, standing committees, and coaching and managing teams. Don't forget, that the Northstars are holding executive elections in May. This is an excellent time to get involved to help make us the best we can be as an organization. Current executive members will be available during our year-end party at Galaxyland to answer any questions you may have.

Respect in Sport Parent Program

"99% of parents are good people wanting to do the right thing"

The Respect in Sport Program is an online course designed to reinforce the role of parents in a child's sports activities, reinforce positive behaviours in sport, and provide insight into the role coaches, referees and other officials play in the game.

The Edmonton Northstars will be following the directive of Hockey Edmonton and Hockey Alberta which requires each family to have a parent(s) complete the one hour on-line Respect in Sport Parent Program. The directive only requires one parent complete the program; however the Northstars are encouraging all parents to complete it. Confirmation will be required prior to any player registering before the start of the 2012-13 hockey season. To complete the program, simply visit to the Hockey Edmonton website (www.hockeyedmonton.ca) and click on the Respect in Sport Parent program. You will then be prompted to register on-line for the course. There is a fee (\$12 plus GST) to complete the course.

Please remember that confirmation of course completion will be required prior to any registration for the 2012-13 hockey season.

According to Rob Litwinski, General Manager Hockey Edmonton,

"The program is an effective tool for parents to improve their own experiences and the experiences of their children of the game."

Please visit the Edmonton Northstars website for more information.