

Fundraiser Deadline, Gophers Trip, and Tournament Prep

This Weekend's Game & Rink Update

Stick around after our game on Saturday and cheer on the Squirts as they take on Fairmont as well! Let's fill the stands and cheer on our teams this weekend!

- **12U Game:** Your 12U Girls Team vs. **Fairmont**
- **When: Saturday, November 22nd at 10:45 AM**
- **Player Arrival Time:** Girls need to be at the rink by **9:45 AM** for warmups.
- **Rink Note:** There will be **no Open Hockey** following the Mite practice on Saturday due to our home game.

Kwik Trip Fundraiser - Money Due December 1st!

The Car Wash Card Fundraiser officially kicked off on November 17th. **Order forms and money are due on December 1st!**

- You can find the official order forms on the homepage of the RAHA website.
- **Turn-In Date & Time:** Monday, December 1st at Practice. If you cannot attend, you must make prior arrangements with the Team Manager (Me) to turn in your materials.
- **Minimum Requirement:** Each family must account for **15 cards**. The more cards you sell the better, this fundraiser helps to pay for association costs including the cost of the ice rental. Fundraising allows for our association to keep our registration costs affordable.
- **Payment Options for Deficit:** If you do not pre-sell all 15 cards, you have two options:
 1. **Pay the Deficit Fee:** Pay \$20 per card under the minimum.
 2. **Purchase and Continue Selling:** You may purchase the remaining cards at the full price of **\$36 each** on December 1st. You can then sell these cards later to recoup your money instead of being stuck paying the deficit fee.
- **Buyout Option:** You may Buyout the entire fundraiser for **\$300**.
- **Payment Instructions (CRITICAL):** Please submit **ONE single check, cashier's check, or money order** made payable to **RAHA** for the total amount collected/due. Any checks from individual customers should be made payable directly to you.
- **Delivery:** Cards are expected to arrive and be distributed around **December 15th**.

Team Bonding Opportunities

1. Gophers Team Bonding Family Event: Trip is Set!

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and made this memorable event possible! **There are NO tickets left.**

We have an exciting itinerary planned for our **Saturday, December 6th** trip to **Ridder Arena:**

- The girls will participate in a pre-game on-ice scrimmage (6v6) against each other on the Gophers' ice.
- The girls will get locker room tours.
- The girls will line up in the entrance tunnel to give fist bumps to the Gopher players as they enter the arena after the first intermission.

2. New Offer: PWHL Minnesota Frost Suite Opportunity!

The **Elfering Family** has generously offered to arrange for a suite opportunity again this year for a Minnesota Frost game! The girls who attended last year had an absolute blast.

- **Cost:** Approximately **\$50 per ticket**, which includes your ticket into the game and suite, as well as light snacks and beverages.
 - **Attendees:** Due to limited suite space, this offer is for the **player and one or two caregivers only**.
 - **Action Needed:** If interested, please reach out directly to **Kelly Elfering** at **320-522-1905** via text message. **When texting, please include your name and which player you are with.**
 - **Next Steps:** Once the Elferings know there is enough interest, they will work with their Frost Rep to select a date.
 - **Important Note:** As with all team events, if a player wants to participate but the family cannot due to timing or financial reasons, please reach out to the Team Manager (Me). There are always parents willing and able to make it work for other players on the team!
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Home Tournament Prep: Swag Bag Drive & Feedback

Our home tournament, scheduled for February 6th – 8th, is officially full, and the planning continues!

Swag Bag Drive & Donations

We are actively collecting items for our Swag Bags. So far, thanks to generous donations from Koozie Group (**Thank you Andrea Meyer!**), we have cooler tote bags and aluminum water bottles.

- **Items We Are Still Seeking:** Hydration beverages, healthy snacks, fun items for 9-12 year old girls, and coupons/discounts for local businesses for visiting families.
- **How to Help:** If you have a professional connection or would like to make a donation, please reach out to Me or Andrea Meyer (in charge of swag bags)!

Parent Feedback Needed!

To make this the best tournament possible, please let me know what you have liked or found helpful at other tournaments—or things you wished were available!

Tournament Needs: Ideas for Awards and Coach Gifts!

We are moving forward with planning and need your help with ideas and sources!

- **Tournament Awards:** We are looking for **ideas or sources for reasonably low-cost, yet good-quality medals or trophies** for our February tournament.
- **End-of-Year Coach Gifts:** We would like to gather ideas for end-of-year coach gifts **prior to Black Friday sales** so we can try to find a great deal!

Please send all suggestions to the Team Manager (Me).

General Team Reminders

- **Picture Orders:** The deadline for free shipping has passed. You can still order pictures, but you will now have to pay for shipping directly to your home. Please reach out if you do not have the

link.

- **Volunteer Hours (DIBS):** Be sure to check DIBS for weekend volunteer opportunities, especially for this **Sunday's Squirt game** where there are many open spots.
 - **Monday Dryland:** Remember that dryland/film practice runs every Monday from 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM prior to our ice practice.
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