

Monthly Newsletter

WYHA



August 2024



We are excited to bring you the latest updates, insights, and happenings from the Waterloo Youth Hockey Association. This newsletter is packed with everything you need to stay informed.

In this edition, we are thrilled to share:

- Important Dates: Dates you'll want to remember over the next month - including tryout and evaluation dates for travel hockey!
- Staff Spotlight: Meet one of the incredible team members who make it all happen.
- House League registration information.

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

WYHA board members



Important Dates

**House League
Registration Open
August 19**

**Jersey/sock fitting
at summer ice
August 27, 29**

**Jr Hawk Parents
Meeting
August 26**

**Jersey/sock fitting
at summer ice
September 3**

**Wild on Wheels
September 6**

**Chick-Fil-A
Fundraiser
September 9**

**Warriors tryouts
September 16 & TBD**

**Jr Hawk evaluations
September 17 & 18**

**Try hockey for free
September 21
(tentative)**

**WYHA Golf Outing
October 6**



Important Dates & Information

House League
Registration is open -
league will start at the
beginning of October

HOUSE LEAGUE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



Jersey/sock fitting at summer ice
Tuesday, August 27, Thursday August 29,
and Tuesday September 3

Jr Hawk Parents Meeting
Monday, August 26 6 PM at the SportsPlex
(multipurpose room)



**The Iowa Wild will visit Young Arena
and the Waterloo Blackhawks during
the Wild on Wheels tour on Friday,
September 6th from 3 PM - 6 PM!**

**Join us for a fun filled day with street
hockey, corn hole, inflatables, and a
special appearance by the Iowa Wild
mascot, Crash!**

Chick-Fil-A Fundraising Event
Monday, September 9 - 5 PM - 8 PM

Come out and support the Waterloo Youth Hockey
Association at Chick-Fil-A on Monday, September 9th.

You must order through the mobile app AND use the code
"HOCKEY" for your order to count toward the donated sales.

We appreciate your support in this fundraising event!

Community Care Event

Monday, September 9th from 5:00-8:00 PM



Join us for food and fun! Come support
Waterloo Youth Hockey Association and
15% of the **Mobile Sales** will be donated
accordingly. When placing your Mobile
Order please use the code "**HOCKEY**"
when prompted and your order will count
towards the 15%!



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1331 Flammang Drive
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www.facebook.com/chickfilawaterloo

Mobile Orders only



Important Dates & Information

Warriors Tryouts - Monday, September 16 and TBD (still working on scheduling the second date)

- September 16 - 6:40 PM - 7:40 PM
- Second date TBD

Jr Hawk evaluations - Tuesday, September 17 and Wednesday, September 18

- Mites - 5 PM - 5:50 PM
- Squirts - 6 PM - 7 PM
- PeeWees - 7:10 PM - 8:10 PM
- Bantams - 8:20 PM - 9:20 PM (will be evaluated for level of play since there will only be 1 Bantam team this year)

Try hockey for free - Saturday, September 21 (tentative) - time TBD

WYHA Golf Outing - Sunday, October 6 - Prairie Links Golf Course in Waverly, Iowa - shotgun start at 10 AM

Summer Ice

There are still several opportunities left for summer ice this year before the season starts. Consider dropping into one or two of the remaining sessions to get back into the swing of the hockey season - it's only \$20/session! You can see the full schedule at wyha.org.

Remaining dates:

- Thursday, August 22
- Tuesday, August 27
- Thursday, August 29
- Tuesday, September 3
- Wednesday September 11
 - (no PeeWees)
- Thursday September 12
 - (PeeWee only)

Hockey Peelers



We're thrilled to announce that hockey peelers are now available, and you'll have the chance to get yours soon! This year, we had a record-breaking 44 businesses participate in the peelers.

WYHA is always eager to collaborate with local businesses interested in joining the peelers program or exploring sponsorship opportunities. If you or your employer are interested in getting involved, please visit our website at wyha.org/sponsors for more details.

Staff Spotlight - Development Coach - Spenser Poppinga



Hey guys, my name is Spenser Poppinga. I am originally from right up the road in Mason City, grew up battling against Waterloo teams year after year. I have been in the Cedar Valley for 13 years now. Moved here after completing my Masters at Waldorf University. Studied exercises science and kinesiology while playing 4 years of college baseball and 2 years of club hockey. My fiancée and I plus two boys (Mason-8 and JP-10) live in Cedar Falls, if we aren't doing the long list of sports that they both enjoy, we are either on the slopes snowboarding or on the golf course chasing the little white ball around the course.

Hockey has been a huge part of my life since I started skating at age 3. I have been with the Black Hawks for 13 years now as the strength and conditioning coach. I am very passionate about developing young men into physically and biomechanically sound hockey players. My experiences with the Black Hawks and USA Hockey have given me a very strong understanding of the process it takes to develop elite hockey players. I look forward to this opportunity in helping make Waterloo Youth Hockey a force to be reckoned with from top to bottom.



We would like to take a moment to thank everyone that was involved with all of the parades we participated in this summer. We could not have done it without all of you, but most importantly, the following individuals (in no particular order):

- Bobbie Nygren and Ashley Shaw for assisting with the WYHA float.
- Nathan Webster for driving his truck twice, as well as helping pay for the trailer we used for the Sturgis parade.
- Nick Saul who donated a trailer for our small town parades
- Jordan Strottman who donated a trailer - special thanks to Rydell Chevrolet for making this happen!
- Conor Luck who drove his truck twice.
- Alicia Petersen for creating QR code stickers to put on candy. (QR codes to put on candy) and many others for their work with the parades this year. A lot of positive feedback and some feedback to help make improvements for next year!

We received a lot of feedback about our parade involvement this year - thank you to those of you that shared your thoughts/ideas - it will help us make improvements for next year!



We hope you can join us for our WYHA golf outing on October 6th! Details and registration information can be found on our website at wyha.org



**4-person Best Shot
Tournament**

**\$400 per foursome. Includes 18
holes with cart, lunch and prizes.**

Hole Sponsorships are available.

Sign up at www.wyha.org

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 6TH | 10AM SHOTGUN

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