

#gvahfamily NEWS

In order to run a successful hockey program, our coaches must be prepared to fill various roles and accept many responsibilities. Coaching is more than teaching the basic skills of hockey. Most people do not realize how much time, energy and resources goes into coaching hockey until they are directly involved with it.

There are three major roles of our coaches must fill:

- 1- Leader
- 2- Teacher
- 3- Organizer

Our coaches have the potential to exert a tremendous amount of influence on our players. The type and amount of influence will vary from coach to coach depending their personal skillset and areas they excell at. At GVAHA we make a concerted effort for our coaches compliment each other in such a way that our players are able to excel to their fullest potential.

Our coaches encourage and support their players as well as other players in the organization. Our coaches coach with enthusiasm because they genuinely love to be out on the ice doing what they are doing. Our coaches express genuine concern for the players total well being. Being a coach at GVAHA is something that we consider very special. Our coaches strive to do the very best that they can and have many resources available to them when something arises.

Our coaches are the back bone of our organization and do their very best to represent Grand Valley! Thank you to all of our coaches for their time, efforts, and resources that they bring to the table!!

Jack Williams



Over the summer all GVAHA coaches gathered to discuss our plans for the 2016-17 season. We bring everyone together to build unity among the teams. Thank you coaches for each hour you spend giving of yourself, your time and your talents. Great things are coming this year to GVAHA...



If you are interested in coaching with GVAHA, please contact Jack Williams and complete our Coaches Appliation online at www.gvaha.org/program-info/coaches/

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GRIFFIN'S CHUCK A PUCK

GVAHA has teamed up with AMBUCS to work the Chuck-a-Puck event at the Griffins Game on December 9th.

GVAHA members can buy tickets to the Griffins game for \$14 each. GVAHA is looking for volunteers to help sell pucks before the game, during the first period, after the first period, and during the second period.

GVAHA and AMBUCS will split the Chuck-a-Puck proceeds between the organizations in exchange for helping with the event. All funds raised by GVAHA goes back to the association general fund to be used to benefit all members of the association.

Please contact Jack Williams to let him know how many tickets you would like and if you are available to volunteer to help. Please make checks payable to AMBUCS and deliver to Jack Williams. You will have your tickets delivered to Georgetown Ice Center for you to pick up.

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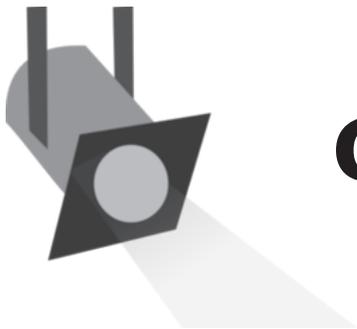
FREE DAYS

Kids are free when wearing their hockey jersey

Saturday, Nov. 12TH
4pm
GV vs [Griffin logo]

Friday, Dec. 2ND
8pm
GV vs MIAMI REDHAWKS

Games played at Georgetown Ice Center



GVAHA PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

ANNA HAMLIN

Who is your favorite hockey player and why?

Gordie Howe is my favorite player. When I first started to learn about hockey I would watch old videos of him. I could not believe how good he was and how many players he influenced for so many years. I wear his number to honor him.

What is your favorite thing about playing hockey?

My teammates are my favorite part of hockey. We have so much fun. I also love seeing the other teams faces when they realize I am a girl.

What other sports do you play? Does it help you with hockey?

I run Cross Country for Allendale Middle School. It helped me with endurance for hockey and builds up my lungs.

What goals do you have for this season?

I want to improve my shooting ability. I am working hard on it and will keep working to make it better. I would love some top shelf goals this year.

Who has been the biggest influence for your hockey playing so far?

My biggest influence is everyone who tells me girls can't play hockey.

How do you unwind after a game?

I replay in my head the entire game and everything I want to improve on to play better in the next game.

How do you gear up for a game?

watch Dick Butkus videos on YouTube before my games. He played so intense, aggressive and with so much passion. He gets me pumped.

If I turned on your iPod/Phone or other music player, what song would be playing?

"Centuries" by Fall Out Boys and a ton of Johnny Cash



***Player Spotlight - Anna Hamlin
GVAHA STARS 12U PeeWee House***

hockey calendar

November 11	GVAHA Power Skate @ 5:00pm
November 12	GVSU Free Day GAME @ 4:00pm *Wear Jersey
November 17	GVAHA Board Meeting @ 7:00pm
December 2	GVAHA Power Skate
December 9	GVAHA Power Skate
December 9	GVAHA & AMBUCS Chuck-A-Puck at Griffins

*****Check your TeamSnap Calendar for more details*****

GVAHA Board of Directors - Positions Available

Each spring nominations are accepted for GVAHA board of director positions with terms expiring. In 2017, we will be holding nominations and elections for at least 4 positions.

We would welcome you to consider serving on the GVAHA board is a good fit for you. We invite you to attend one of our upcoming board meetings and talk with current board members. Our next board meetings are November 15 @ 7:00PM and December 20 @7:00PM at Georgetown Ice Center.

Visitors are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the Board of Directors or in another volunteer capacity, please contact us at hockey@gvaha.org.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Position	Name	Term Expires
President	Greg Raad	2017
VP Travel	Mike Howey	2018
VP House	Jim Rozema	2017
Secretary	Cori Wilson	2018
Treasurer	Christina Smith	2017
Fundraising	Kelli Sterley	2018
Communications	Rebecca VanDenBerg	2017

Non-Elected Continuously Serving Board Positions

MAHA Representative, Craig Sterley*

Rink Manager, Mike Hatkowski

Co-Hockey Director, Jack Williams

Co-Hockey Director, Joel Breazeale

* MAHA Representative is an appointed non-voting member and serves as a liaison between the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA) and the Grand Valley Amateur Hockey Association (GVAHA).

For more information on the organizational structure of GVAHA, we encourage you to review our governing by-laws which can be found on the website at www.gvaha.org/board-of-directors/

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GVAHA FAMILY PROFILE

Each month the GVAHA Newsletter will feature a family in the STARS association. This month we are profiling the DeCoster family.

Who plays hockey in your family?

"The kids play hockey and it is their third year playing."

How did you all get interested in hockey?

"Brian was a hockey player for many years and when the kids were old enough, they were introduced to it. They have taken to it very well."

Are you competitive with each other?

"Yes and no. They do try to one up the other however we wish they were more competitive with each other."

What's your favorite memory so far?

"There are a lot of things however the excitement they had during a tournament they participated in last March. The tournament was about an hour from home and all the mite teams stayed at the hotel. Imagine it, one hundred mite families staying at the same hotel all playing together and then seeing them on the ice with all their friends."

Who is your favorite team? Are you a house divided/united?

"Minnesota Wild, are there any other teams?"

What do you hope for your kids to learn from playing hockey?

"We would like to see them build confidence and

teamwork. The ability to be a part of a group and work together for a goal is important. Let's not forget being coachable."

Have you ever played in the adult leagues?

"No, unfortunately not."

We understand you have just moved here from Minnesota, what brought you to West Michigan?

"Brian took a position with Meijer Foods as a Senior Brand Manager for Purple Cow ice cream."

Hockey is a huge sport in Minnesota, what has been the biggest differences between the hockey program there vs here?

"Number of participants is a huge difference. The kids played in an association that had 250 participants at the mite level and that included 65 girls. We really like the smaller association as the kids get more quality time with the coaches to learn new skills."

In Minnesota the community was involved in the association. You played where you lived and the community helped fund the programs.

We are glad to be a part of the GVAHA and cannot wait to see where the program goes."



The DeCoster Family L to R: Gabe, Brian, Lyla, Crystal & Isabella