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Points of Interest:

- **WHY HOCKEY FEST?**
- **I.C.E. Program**

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Saturday, Jan. 26th, U10A Spaghetti Fundraiser, DeMori's in Oakdale, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**
- **HOCKEYFEST!! SUNDAY, January 27th!**
- **MONDAY, Feb. 4th General Membership Mtg, VFW Red Barn**

Why Hockey Fest??

Are you one of the many who wonders why we have Hockey Fest? Just what does it really do for you and your kids? Well, you aren't alone, so I'd like to take this opportunity to answer this and hopefully some other questions that I've heard from parents over the last few years that I've been helping with this great event.

Hockey Fest has been a tradition of CGHA for many years. One of our main goals is to provide an opportunity for our youngest players to experience the excitement that the older kids get from participating in games and tournaments. The benefits of this are great in that the kids want to continue to grow and play within our association.

CGHA would not continue to thrive and excel without fundraising and Hockey Fest provides a very large part of these funds every year. Funds raised through silent auction, the carnival, Chuck-A-Puck, concessions and raffle tickets go directly to the association. Last year, we raised over \$22,000 just from this one-day event! As result, each team received a \$575.00 ice credit – the largest ice credit ever given to date!

This is all result of the great support of our hockey community! I know that many people feel that this event is only for the Mites, Termites, U6 and U8 levels, but in reality, it's about supporting and growing our hockey association. Without this event, registration and ice fees could double or even triple.

Now, we all know that hockey is an expensive sport – but we must have a love of the game, or we wouldn't be here. You may love the game because you started playing at 4 years old, or maybe you've never played but are just a life long hockey fan. Either way, we are a special group of people! We dedicate our lives to an awesome sport that helps our kids develop a sense of self-discipline, teamwork and life long friendships. If you are a parent of a first year player, just ask another parent how excited the kids get for this event. And for parents of older kids, remember the first time your son or daughter stepped onto the rink to have their name announced over the loud speaker for the first time. Remember how excited they felt hearing "their" fans cheering for them. It's something these young kids wait for all year!!

And finally, Hockey Fest is a GREAT family event. It's a day for moms, dads and kids to celebrate the sport together! We are hoping to have an even better turn out than last year!! We have many new things in store and really hope you and your family will join us on Sunday, January 27th for a day of superb hockey, good food, fun games and great friends!

Wishing you a great season of the greatest sport!

~ Mikki Dorma, Hockey Fest Co-Chair





Dear Parents of Cottage Grove Hockey,

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and the **I.C.E. Program**. My name is Mary Gutterman and I am volunteering as the Cottage Grove Hockey Association I.C.E. Coordinator.

This is the second year for this program in the Cottage Grove Hockey Association. Thanks to all of you for the support and success of this program last year. We have developed the I.C.E award, Individuals Conquering Education, to encourage, support and reward youth hockey players who commit themselves to their schoolwork while enjoying the sport of hockey.

It is the goal of the I.C.E. program to significantly increase awareness among youth hockey players that performance in the classroom is more important in life, than performance on ice. It is also a stated goal of I.C.E. to generate a lasting measurable impact on higher achievement in the classroom.

My role is to promote the program by introducing it to the team coaches, managers, parents and student athletes. This is strictly a voluntary program for students in 3rd through 12th grade. It will be the decision of the parents and players if they would like to participate. All school grades will be kept confidential.

Team managers will be responsible to distribute materials and collect names/verify grades of participating student athletes. Student athletes who are graded on a numeric or letter grade system must have a grade point average of 2.667/ "B-" or above. Student athletes who are graded on a Satisfactory or "S" grade system must have an average grade of "S" or above. We are going to use the first two quarters of the school year to determine eligibility due to these are the quarters most effected by hockey season. If a student is on trimesters, please use the trimester or trimesters most effected by hockey. Please note, you may use **either** a player's report card, school honor roll list, or an authorized school signature. Only **1** form of verification is required.

All qualified participants need to be submitted to me by February 10, 2008. Team managers will collect grade information and pass along the names of those players who successfully meet the criteria to me. I will then award certificates and bag tags to qualifying players in March. These items will be passed out at the time of your year end party or will be mailed.

Thank you for your cooperation. Feel free to contact me with any questions/comments.
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