

Hi all,

I apologize in advance if you get this email more than once as it will be sent to several groups. I know it's early, but people are already asking about summer hockey, so here's the scoop. You are welcome to pass this information on to others.

For those who do not know me, my name is Joe Geier. I've been running a summer hockey program at Eagles Nest Ice Arena in Verona for the past 7 years. I've been coaching hockey in the Madison area for the past 21 years. I coached H.S. hockey for 10 seasons (Janesville, Madison West, Verona, Memorial). I've also coached 13 seasons of youth hockey (Madison Flyers, Polar Caps, Southwest Eagles, Ice Spirit, and Madison Capitols). I've also been a physical education teacher (MMSD) for the past 23 years.

Here's the details on this year's summer hockey sessions. I do all communication re. this program via email. No information can be found in area rinks. If you are interested in this for your skater, let me know and I will email you the registration form.

**FORMAT:** The format is what most find to be the greatest strength of the program. Each 75 minute session splits time between skill development and game play. During the first 1/2 of each session players rotate through 4 stations devoted to developing skating, passing, puck control, and shooting fundamentals. After rotating through the four stations, teams compete in 3v3 games. They will play 3v3 games in both a cross-ice style, as well as a blue line "tag-up" style in every session. The players seem to really enjoy playing in two different 3v3 games. Both 3v3 styles are much more beneficial to player development than traditional full ice play. 3v3 games allow 2-3 times more puck touches than regular play. It also forces players to make quick decisions and develops offensive creativity.

**WHO:** I will welcome all skaters with birth dates 06'-01' (as well as 00' girls).

**DATES:** Each group will have 16 sessions which take place on most Tuesdays and Thursdays on the following dates: June 17, 19, 24, 26; July 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31; August 5, 7.

**TIMES:** Each session is 75 minutes. The 01'-03' players will be on the ice 4-5:15 pm. The 04'-06' players will be on the ice 5:30-6:45. Total of 20 hours on ice time.

**TEAMS:** Each group will be divided into four teams about 10 players. Players may be traded from one team to another throughout the summer. This will only be done as needed to maintain fairly well balanced teams. I try to avoid having teams that are consistently stronger or weaker than others.

**COACHING:** I oversee all coaching aspects and develop all skill and game stations. I'm assisted on ice by area youth hockey coaches and H.S. players.

**JERSEYS:** Players will be provided jerseys to keep.

**COST:** \$270 if paid in full. Or payment can be made in two \$150 installments. (\$30 savings to pay in full) Cost for goalies is \$100. I will accept 4 goalies per group.

If you are interested please email me ASAP at 4geiers@gmail.com. I never know how quickly groups will fill, but in the past groups have filled in as quickly as four days. Email me your skater's name, date of birth, and team he/she played for this past season. I will then email you a registration form to mail with your payment.

**\*Your player's spot will not be secured until payment is received.\***

Again, please feel free to pass this information on to others who may be interested.

Let me know if you have questions.

Thanks,  
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