

Dear SPYHA Families,

It's hard to believe we are approaching our 6th year in our rink. It's the teamwork of our coaches, players, parents and families that continues our growth and success. Thank you for ALL that you do!!

We Need Your Help

As we continue to evolve in the new rink, we are always looking for ways to grow membership, increase player development, inspire our coaches and players and minimize costs for our members. Each year we struggle to bring in volunteers to coach and fill roles on boards and committees. In an effort to overcome these challenges, the previous board implemented a reduction in the number of required volunteer hours. As an unintended consequence, however, it has been a struggle to keep the concession stand open at critical times and fully staffed by volunteers.

Why are Concessions Important?

The concession stand is a significant source of revenue for SPYHA. Without this revenue, we could see a future increase in player fees. With our season in full swing, we are very grateful for the families, coaches, committee and board members and other dedicated volunteers who have stepped up to make sure the spots are filled to date, but we cannot continue with this pattern. Over the course of the next 2 months our rink will be busy hosting another MyHockey tournament, weekend youth games and JV/Varsity games. In addition, we are hosting the Pee Wee B State Tournament and Tier 1 playoffs.

Teamwork

We need your help to keep the concession stand staffed throughout the remainder of the season. We are asking for you to play a vital role on the SPYHA team. Here's what we need:

- Be a Team Leader. Every extra hour (above your requirement) spent in the concession stand is greatly appreciated. We have had a number of folks already step up and even challenge others to do the same. Sign up for volunteer hours sooner than later. Don't wait till the end of the season,
- Work more of your volunteer hours in the concessions stand. Each family is only required to work 5-10 of their total volunteer requirement in the concession stand. You can work more or all of your total volunteer hours in the concession stand.
- If you are unable to volunteer time, but are willing to help, donations can be made to help cover the cost of paid staff. For every \$10, we are able to hire paid staff for 1 hour.

On behalf of the SPYHA Board, we thank you for your understanding and commitment.