



December



NEWSLETTER

KEY DATES

- SKATE WITH SANTA
 - 12/21, 4:15-5:15PM
- CALENDAR RAFFLE DRAWING
 - Stella's 12/18 Social Hour at 6pm
 - Drawing begins at 7PM



TOY DRIVE DEC 20 & 21ST

The Forest Lake Hockey Association, Forest Lake High School Girls and Boys Hockey teams, and the Red and Blue Line Clubs are thrilled to team up with the US Marine Toys for Tots Foundation for a special Holiday Toy Drive. New, unwrapped toy donations can be dropped off at the Forest Lake Sports Complex during these events:

- Friday, 12/20 during the Girls High School Games at 5 & 7 PM
- Saturday, 12/21 during the Boys High School Games at 12 PM & 2 PM
- Saturday 12/21 during Skate with Santa from 4:15-5:15 PM



Let's fill their truck and make the season brighter for children in need. Together, we can make a difference!

SKATE WITH SANTA ON DEC 21ST



Ho ho ho! It's time to hit the ice with the big guy himself! Join us for a jolly good time at **Skate with Santa** on Saturday, December 21st from 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM on the South Rink of Forest Lake Sports Complex!

Whether you're a seasoned skater or just learning, this is your chance to enjoy some ice time with the big guy in red. Remember, skates and helmets are required to participate.

The US Marines and the FLHA will also be collecting donations for **Toys for Tots** during the event. Bring a new, unwrapped toy and help fill their truck with gifts for children in need. Your generosity will help make the holiday season brighter for kids in our community.

Happy Holidays

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CALENDAR RAFFLE DEC 18TH

The Raffle a great way to support our youth hockey program while also giving participants the chance to win cash prizes. All 183 winners will be drawn on December 18th at 7 PM at Stella's. Social hour begins at 6PM. Winners can only win once. Results will be posted on the Forest Lake Hockey website. Checks will be mailed to winners. For questions related to the raffle, contact Gambling@FLHockey.com.

CONCESSIONS GIFT CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

\$20 Minimum Purchase. Santa, these make great stocking stuffers!



Thank You to Our Amazing Sponsors!

FLHA is incredibly grateful for the support of our sponsors. Their donations help to provide opportunities for our players to grow both on and off the ice. Thank you for investing in our teams, our community, and the future of youth hockey. We couldn't do it without you!



SKATE WITH THE RANGERS

On 11/23, the Forest Lake High School Girls Hockey team hosted **Skate with the Rangers!** The kids were able to enjoy some ice time with the team, meet Ronnie the Ranger, and even get some player autographs before snagging a gift bag on the way out! A HUGE thank you to the High School Girls team for their generosity, and thank you to all who came out to skate!



FLHA BOARD NEWS

Annual Reports:

- 2023-24: Coming Soon!
- 2022-23 : Click [HERE](#)

Meeting Minutes:

- Click [HERE](#)

Ranger

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Final Window! Limited Items - Delivery After Christmas

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DELIVERY JANUARY 6TH-12TH

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IMPORTANT REMINDER:

NECK GUARDS REQUIRED



Attention players and parents: USA Hockey now requires all players to wear neck guards during games and practices. This rule is designed to prioritize player safety and reduce the risk of injury. Please ensure your player has an approved neck guard before hitting the ice. Thank you for helping us keep hockey safe for everyone!

CONCESSION MANAGER ROLE OPENING FOR '24-25!

Concession Manager role will be open for the 2024-2025 season. This is a compensated position. For those interested, there is an opportunity to join as a trainer yet this season to learn the role and earn up to 12 dibs. If you're interested in this exciting role, email fundraising@flha.org.

DRY LAND TRAINING FACILITY BUILD OUT TO BEGIN IN JANUARY



Forest Lake Sports Center is getting a dryland training facility in the southeast corner of the North Rink. Construction will begin in January and is expected to wrap up in April.

MORRIE'S TEST DRIVE EVENT WINNER

Congratulations to the **Squirt A** team who conducted the most test drives at Morrie's Forest Lake Chevrolet test drive event on 11/23. The team won \$500 to use towards expenses this season!

2024-25 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FLHA is an independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) association dedicated to making the wonderful game of hockey more accessible to everyone. Sponsorships are greatly appreciated as they help lower the overall costs to families. To learn more, [CLICK HERE](#), or if you would like to become a sponsor, email fundraising@flhockey.org.

Below are a few of the 2024-2025 sponsorship opportunities available.

FULFILLED JR RANGER JERSEY & HOCKEY EQUIPMENT	CONCESSION STAND SPONSOR	POPCORN BAG SPONSOR FULFILLED JR. RANGERS NECK GUARDS	PUCK SPONSOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND SPONSOR DIVIDER BOARD SPONSOR
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THIS MONTH'S FAQS: TRYOUTS

Thank you for your patience as we work to improve the tryout process. We strive to make decisions with positive intentions and in the best interests of all players. While there's always room to learn and improve, we appreciate your understanding as we navigate challenges with limited resources and first-year board roles. Our commitment to creating a fair, enjoyable experience for every player remains our priority, and we're grateful for your trust as we enhance our approach each season.

QUESTION: Why are some kids pulled from the ice during tryouts?

ANSWER: This year, players were divided into two evenly matched groups to address limited movement between groups in past tryouts. The top two skaters from each group were pulled, creating more opportunities for others to be evaluated. Players taken off the ice weren't guaranteed a spot on the AA team; evaluators simply had enough information on them. Removing dominant players also allowed for a fairer assessment of others.

QUESTION: Why were additional evaluators added?

ANSWER: We aimed to use only non-FLHA evaluators for objectivity, but scheduling and staffing challenges required last-minute additions, including FLHA evaluators, to manage two rinks effectively.

QUESTION: Why was there a delay in posting A & B tryout lists?

ANSWER: Ideally, all placements would be posted simultaneously. However, B1 and B2 teams had practice the next day, necessitating an earlier release. For next year, we'll consider reserving extra ice time to align team postings.

QUESTION: Why was a 4th Pee Wee team added last minute?

ANSWER: Initial plans for three teams were based on 48 registered players, but late registrations increased the total. To maintain manageable team sizes, the Board added a fourth team and worked with D2 to adjust schedules and tournament plans.

STICK TAP SHOUTOUTS



Just a quick shoutout to our amazing **concession manager**, the team of **trainers**, and every person who pitched in (especially those who put in extra hours!) to make Flake Jam such a success. You all crushed it, and your hard work didn't go unnoticed. Thanks for making it such a successful event!

LOCAL HOCKEY GAMES

MINNESOTA MALLARDS



FRI, DEC 6 @ MINOT
SAT, DEC 7 @ MINOT
FRI, DEC 13 VS MINOT (7PM)
SAT, DEC 14 VS MINOT (7PM)

FOREST LAKE RANGERS HOCKEY

GIRLS

TUE, DEC 3 VS MOUNDS VIEW
THU, DEC 5 @ STILLWATER
SAT, DEC 7 @ PARK
TUE, 10 VS WOODBURY
THU, DEC 12 VS CLAHS
SAT, DEC 14 VS STILLWATER
TUE, DEC 17 @ EAST RIDGE
FRI, DEC 20 VS BLAINE
SAT DEC 28 @ BRAINERD

BOYS

THU, DEC 5 @ WBLHS
THU, DEC 12 @ CDHHS
SAT, DEC 14 VS WOODBURY
TUE, DEC 17 VS WBLHS
FRI, DEC 19 VS EAST RIDGE
SAT, DEC 28 VS ST. FRANCIS
TUE, 12/31 @ CLAHS

FL JUNIOR GOLD

HOME GAMES

MON, DEC 2 JUNIORS VS ELK RIVER
WED, DEC 4 SENIORS VS ROSEMONT
WED, DEC 4 SOPHOMORES VS BLAINE
MON, 12/9 JUNIORS VS WAYZATA
MON, 12/9 SENIORS VS EASTVIEW
MON, 12/16, SENIORS VS
COTTAGE GROVE
MON, 12/16 SOPH VS STILLWATER
WED, 12/18 JUNIORS VS EDINA
SUN, 12/22 JUNIORS VS MOORHEAD
SUN, 12/22 SENIORS VS ROCHESTER

Positivity POWERPLAY

HEY RANGERS!

HOLIDAYS BRING A LOT OF JOY. IT CAN ALSO BE A TOUGH TIME FOR MANY FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. A SMALL ACT OF KINDNESS CAN MAKE THE BIG DIFFERENCE! WHETHER IT'S HELPING A NEIGHBOR, VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME, OR SIMPLY SPREADING GOOD CHEER, YOU CAN MAKE A REAL IMPACT.

THIS SEASON, WE CHALLENGE PLAYERS TO GRAB TEAMMATES AND FAMILY TO SCORE A
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