



## CORTLAND COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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Volunteers are the heart and soul of community athletics. We are impressed with the commitment of our coaches and team managers. Snowbelt representatives, score keepers, clock managers, and parents who volunteer their time, skill, are also deeply appreciated. Please share your thanks with your coach and team manager. Money can't buy the love and dedication they put into youth hockey for the benefit of all of our kids.

If it isn't already obvious, hockey is a very expensive sport. The budget for this year is nearly \$94,000 to support the 149 skaters in the program...that's \$630 per skater. The average player fee for playing on a team in the CCYHA is \$390.

Where does the Association find the extra \$240 per skater to cover all expenditures? Fundraising! Fundraising income includes team sponsorship fees, raffle tickets, and hosting of tournaments. In the past, teams have been asked to help with chicken barbecues, pancake breakfasts, selling chocolate, and spaghetti dinners. Thank you to the parents who contribute their time to keep hockey affordable for our families.

The CCYHA has been fortunate to host several sectional and state tournaments over the past five years. Unfortunately, we were not awarded a sectional or state tournament this year which will reduce our tournament revenues by about \$3,000.

Successful fundraising cultivates benefits to all who participate in the CCYHA.

The association's fall fundraiser is a raffle of World Junior Hockey Championship tickets. Brian Pepper, current Board member, and parent of a CCYHA alumnus has graciously donated eight tickets (two games) to the World Junior

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### SAVE THE DATE for the 2nd Annual Sneaker Ball

The J.M. McDonald Sports Complex will host the second annual Sneaker Ball on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at the Complex. Last year's event was a smashing success with a fabulous dinner, games, silent and live auction, dancing and the big raffle.

Even better, our youth hockey association shared in the profits for every ticket we sold!

Save the date on your calendar and let's plan to celebrate the end of our hockey season together at the Sneaker Ball.

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Hockey Championship in Buffalo this January. Elite players will be Olympians and NHL professionals in the next few years. Just this week, Team Canada announced their roster, including four first-round draft picks for the Buffalo Sabres. Please see the announcement below for more information on getting your raffle tickets.

Consider buying a World Junior Hockey ticket, selling one to a friend or neighbor, and/or give as a gift to someone important. Please do your part to help make the World Junior raffle a success for the CCYHA.

Yours in hockey,

Steve Broyles, President CCYHA

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The deadline for travel fees is TODAY, December 1st. Thanks to everyone who has paid their registration in full. If you still need to, please drop a check off in the Sports Complex Office in the folder marked "treasurer" as soon as possible.

The CCYHA raffle drawing will be on December 14th, during the 1st and 2nd periods of the Cortland-Homer Golden Eagles Varsity hockey game. When you registered your player(s), you received 12 raffle tickets for \$5.00 each that you can either sell or fill out yourself. All raffle tickets are to be dropped in the box under the CCYHA bulletin board by December 13th.

## HOTTEST TICKET IN TOWN

The hottest ticket in hockey is to the upcoming World Junior Championships in Buffalo. CCYHA is giving you a chance to go!

Enter our raffle to win eight tickets (four tickets to games #21 and #23, HSBC Arena) on Sunday January 2nd for quarter final games. These tickets are currently being sold for in excess of \$300 each on EBAY!

Each chance in the raffle costs \$10 and only 300 tickets will be sold. The drawing for the winning ticket is Dec. 12.

Fundraisers like this one help keep our registration fees down.

Please contact CCYHA president, [Steve Broyles](#), fundraising chair, [Brian Pepper](#) or your [CCYHA coaches](#) to buy your ticket today!

## THANK YOU TO OUR TEAM SPONSORS!

Let's hear a big cheer of thanks for our team sponsors!  
Please show your appreciation by sharing your business with these generous companies:

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BT - Homer Logging and Borg Warner

## HOCKEY: GIVE IT A SHOT

Do you know a boy or girl who would like to learn how to play ice hockey?! CCYHA invites all kids - boys and girls - ages 4 years old and older who want to learn how to skate and play ice hockey to join us!

The Initiation Program runs from January- March, 2011. Practices are on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 am-9 am. Registration is Sunday December 12th from 9:00-10:30 am at the J. M. McDonald Sports Complex.

During registration your son/ daughter will be outfitted with hockey equipment available to rent. The cost for this session is \$75. Equipment rental is \$15.00 with separate refundable deposit \$100.00.

To find out more about getting your youngster involved in the great sport of hockey, check out our website at <http://www.jmmcomplex.com/ccyha.html>.

**S.O.S.! Support Our Skaters!**

Please take a look at some of the activities being offered by our teams and offer your support!

**Bantams** will be selling wreaths, silk arrangements, and Christmas plants this Saturday, December 4 at the Sports Complex from 1:30-? (cash and carry) OR you can order wreaths at that time or from any Bantam player. They are also selling candy bars. Contact [Tracy Cooper](#).

**Pee Wee Travel** is selling bags of coffee and number stickers for players helmets at the same place and time. Contact [Michele Gravel](#).

**Mite B** will be hosting a spaghetti dinner after the holidays. They are also selling band bracelets for only \$3 each that say "Eat, Sleep, Play Hockey". They are available in Red, White or Black and would make nice stocking stuffers. Contact [Becky Martin](#).