



April 2023 Newsletter

ARAA News

Important Volunteer Update

ARAA is a volunteer-based organization that is only able to offer what we do to the kids in our community because of the hard work of our parents, coaches, board members, and other volunteers. Because of your hard work, we can keep costs lower than neighboring communities because we don't need to pay for staffing or other needs that are met by dibs shifts being served. We are extremely grateful for your buy-in on our volunteerism mission.

We recently raised our volunteer bonds to \$500 per family per sport registered for. Rest assured we do not want the money, we just desperately need your time and efforts to make things continue to run like they always have to keep programming as affordable as possible for all of our members. Going forward we have decided to track unpaid volunteer bonds from dibs shifts not completed from sport to sport. If the volunteer shifts are not completed and the volunteer bond is not paid for whatever reason your ability to participate in subsequent seasons and sports will be put on hold until the obligations are met. We appreciate your understanding and support of our mission to bring incredible athletic opportunities to all the kids in our community for very affordable pricing.

Charitable Gambling

Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association partners with 8 businesses to offer charitable gambling to our community. What is Charitable gambling? Charitable gambling is an opportunity for community members to support the youth of Anoka and Ramsey with organized sports and activities to participate in. Our gambling partners provide incentivized giving to our organization. For our 4400 athletes over 10 activities, the charitable gambling contributions provide upgraded playing facilities, equipment, and experiences. Please consider visiting one of our partners and check out our charitable gambling Facebook page for the latest info on bingo, meat raffles, and more!

[Willy McCoy's](#)

[McDuffs](#)

[Northwoods](#)

[The Ponds](#)

[Greenhaven](#)

[Northfork](#)

[Kitchen Table](#)

[Acapulco](#)

[Aurelio's](#)

[Senor Patrons](#)

Plan your week!

Mondays:

BINGO at McDuff's on the Rum 7 pm - 16659 St.Francis Blvd. NW, Ramsey

Tuesdays:

BINGO Tavern at Greenhaven 7 pm

2800 Greenhaven Road, Anoka

*Note: No Bingo Feb.14th Valentine's Day

Runs until golf season - weather dependent

Wednesdays:

SHAKE-A-DAYS 5:00 pm - Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

BINGO 7:00 pm - Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

Thursdays:

*STARTING Feb.9th

5:00 MEAT RAFFLE

6:00 HORSE RACING (NEW!)

Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

Fridays:

MEAT RAFFLE 5:00 pm - Willy McCoy's 6415 US-10, Ramsey

Saturdays:

BINGO 1:00 pm - Willy McCoy's 6415 US-10, Ramsey

MEAT RAFFLE 2:00 pm Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

MEAT RAFFLE 4:00 pm McDuff's on the Rum 16659 St.Francis Blvd. NW, Ramsey

Sundays:

MEAT RAFFLE 2:00pm - Aurelio's Pizza 6415 US-10 #120 Ramsey

MEAT RAFFLE 2:00 pm - Sundays *Starting Feb. 12th - Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

BINGO - Noon - Sundays, STARTING Feb. 12th - Northwoods Bar & Grill 8167 Viking Blvd. NW, Nowthen

*Bingo on Feb.12th will be a Mega Valentine's Bingo

SPECIAL EVENTS:

SUNDAY, Feb. 12th

Northwoods Bar & Grill in Nowthen

12:00/Noon MEGA VALENTINE'S BINGO

\$20 Packets - \$200 Prizes

2 - \$5 Must Go \$1000 Cover Alls

*Must Purchase a Packet to qualify to play the Coverall

2:00 Meat Raffle (following Bingo)

5:30 Super Bowl Sunday



Baseball

Contact: baseball@arsports.org

- Senior House Baseball teams for Grades 2nd-6th were drafted on 3/28/2023. Parents should expect to hear from their coach in the next week or two. If you do not hear from your coach, please contact our Sr. House Director, Adam Byrd, via email at ARAABaseballSrHouse@gmail.com

- Little Baller registration is open until May 1st. For more information and to register, click the link: <https://www.arsports.org/littleballers>

- Mandatory House Player/Parent Meeting is scheduled for:
Tuesday April 18, 2023
Anoka HS Cafeteria
6:00pm – 8:00pm

- SAVE THE DATES:

- o Anoka Baseball Boosters Youth Night – Friday, April 19th (TBD based on field availability)
- o Picture Days – May 22nd, 23rd and 24th (More information to follow)

- o End of Season House Tournament – July 14th- 16th



Volleyball

Contact: Volleyball@arsports.org

Our Junior Olympic Volleyball Season has come to an end. ARAA Volleyball would like to thank all of our coaches, players and families for another fun and successful season!

Another special thank you and shout out to Jessie Moe for your role as House Director these past two years. Your dedication to the program is appreciated!

Welcome Alex St John as our new House Director! Your volleyball experience and community passion will be a true asset to our program. Glad to have you!

If you have interest in joining our board, finding out more, or getting a discount on volleyball, visit our website for more information about each position under **ARAA Volleyball Board** or email volleyball@arsports.org.

Please visit our website and find us on social media to stay current with volleyball happenings, such as:

- 2023 Fall House Volleyball
- Summer Open Gyms
- Summer Volleyball Clinic
- Boys Volleyball
- Fall Middle School Competitive League
- 2023/2024 Junior Olympic Volleyball League



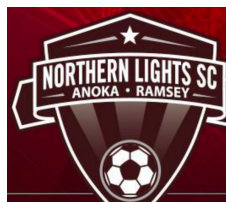
Basketball

Contact: basketball@arsports.org

Summer Opportunity

ARAA is thrilled to be offering a 6-week summer camp. The camp will run for 6 weeks throughout the summer, 3 nights each week. This is a drop-in camp so don't feel like you need to attend every session. The early bird rate is \$350 before May 1. Registering for 6, 12 or 18 sessions is a new option! Registration is limited to 60 campers per age group, so sign up today! A payment plan is available. Register here today!

<https://arsports.sportngin.com/register/form/452107675>



Soccer

Contact: president@northernlightsoccer.org

You still have time...Register for Boys and Girls Rec Spring/Summer Soccer.

Deadline to [register](#) is April 9.

- Cost: \$175
- Season: May 8th - July 13th; no soccer May 29th & 30th, July 3rd & 4th
- Super Soccer Saturday: July 15th



Save the date for our boys and girls competitive tryouts held this summer for the 2023 fall and 2024 summer soccer season.

- July 24 and 25 – 9U (2016/2015) and 10U (2014)
- July 29, 30, August 1 and 2 – 11U+ (2013-2005)
- Tryouts are held at Elmcrest Park, Ramsey and Coon Rapids Complex, Coon Rapids.



Lacrosse

Contact: lacrosse@arsports.org

We are excited to announce that this spring we have six teams and over 100 kids playing in our boys and girls lacrosse program. We can't wait to see everyone on the fields...once the snow melts.

For now, our Boys 12U and 14U box teams are playing games each weekend and in April all teams will begin practices indoors. Watch for our summer girls lacrosse program registration to open up in the next couple weeks.

Girls Director Needed: As we continue to grow our girls program, we are seeking a girls director to be on the lacrosse board. Let your voice be heard and help us grow this program. If you are interested, please email araalax@gmail.com



Football

Contact: Football@arsports.org

23 ANOKA FOOTBALL

Attitude
Strength
Speed
Flexibility
Explosive
Commitment



Monday-Thursday
6:00 AM - 7:10 AM &
2:35 PM - 3:45 PM

@ Anoka Fitness Center
Fill the Sleeves Friday
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM



WER
School



Wednesday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
@ Adrenaline Sports Center



ANOKA
OVERTIME

Friday 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM
@ Anoka Fitness Center

This week we will hear be discussing time management skills.



QB
School

and

A-LINE

Both events
Sunday 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
@ Anoka High School



Outdoors

Contact: tr87ta@msn.com

Archery is back! Join Anoka Ramsey Outdoors Sunday, April 30th for another Archery contest! More information and registration will be coming soon. Follow us on Facebook at Anoka/Ramsey Outdoors for updates and registration information.