



## December 2022 Newsletter

### **ARAA News**

#### **Sponsorship Dinner**

Registration is currently open for the 5th Annual ARAA Sponsorship Dinner on December 10 at Greenhaven. This dinner is the main fundraiser for our Grant-in-Aid fund which provides financial assistance to any athlete to play sports in our organization. We also honor our Coach of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Community Member of the Year nominees and announce the winners. Tickets are \$50 or you can sponsor a table of 8 for \$400. Tables will sell out quickly, so get your registration in today!

<https://arsports.sportngin.com/survey/show/685948>

#### **ARAA Board Elections**

The following positions are up for re-election at the January board meeting:

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Communications Director
- Wrestling Commissioner
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Player Safety Director

You can apply for any position at our website. [www.arsports.org](http://www.arsports.org).

#### **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.

[Willy McCoy's](#)

Daily pull tabs  
Etabs and E Bingo available  
Bingo Saturdays at 1:00  
Meat Raffle Fridays at 5:00

#### [McDuffs](#)

Daily pull tabs  
Etabs available  
Bingo Monday at 7:00pm  
Meat Raffle Saturday at 4:00pm

#### [Northwoods](#)

Daily pull tabs  
E tabs available  
Bingo Wednesday at 7:00pm, Sunday at 4:00pm  
Meat Raffle Saturday and Sunday at 2:00

#### [The Ponds](#)

Pull tabs during open hours  
E tabs during open hours  
Bingo Friday at 6:30, Meat raffle 5:30  
Saturday Bingo 2:00, Meat Raffle 1:00

#### [Greenhaven](#)

Pull tabs/etabs daily  
Bingo starting November 11 Thursday's at 7:00pm  
Food specials during bingo

#### [Northfork](#)

Pull tabs during open hours  
Occasion bingo December/January/February

#### [Kitchen Table](#)

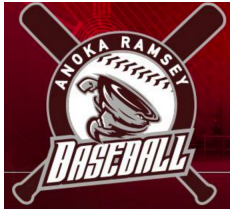
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#### [Acapulco](#)

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#### [Aurerlio's](#)

etabs/pull tabs daily  
Meat raffle Sundays at 4:00



## Baseball

Contact: [baseball@arsports.org](mailto:baseball@arsports.org)

- Congratulations to all of the ARAA Sponsorship Dinner Award Nominees. We are grateful for your dedication to making ARAA Baseball a success for all of our youth!

- Uniform Try On – 2023 Traveling Teams

This year to prepare for our 2023 Traveling Season we will be hosting two uniform try-on days. Players will be trying on jerseys, pants and hats. Players should dress accordingly to change in an open space, but we will also accommodate those who need privacy. We recommend wearing compression gear under clothing to ensure sizing correctly.

Location: Central Park – Park Center Building (Located in between fields 7 and 5/6 in the back)

7925 161st Ave NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

Age Group 9 & 10

Friday December 16th, 2022: 6pm-7:30pm

Age Group 11 & 12

Friday December 16th, 2022: 7:45pm-9:30pm

Age Group 13

Sunday December 18th, 2022: 9:30-11am

Age Group 14

Sunday December 18th, 2022: 11:30am-1pm

- Winter baseball clinics are starting to pop up – here is a great option hosted by Anoka Ramsey Community College. Clinics typically run from 9am to 1:30pm. More information can be found by scanning the QR code in the flyer below:



**U.S. BASEBALL ACADEMY**

*Register Now!*

**WINTER BASEBALL CAMPS**

HOSTED BY  
**ANOKA-RAMSEY CC**

**Sat/Sun: Feb. 4, 12, 19; Mar. 4**

**U.S. Baseball Academy's Spring Training Program** is a unique concept that provides young players an opportunity to take their game to the next level. USBA camps are designed to develop skills in all facets of the game with an emphasis on teaching proper fundamentals and techniques.

**MAKE THIS SEASON, THE BEST SEASON!**

- **Sessions for Grades 1-12.** Winter sessions are available in hitting, pitching, fielding/base running, and catching. Sessions include six hours of instruction in one skill for \$149\*. Add a second skill and save \$20. Add a third skill and save \$50!  
\*Price subject to price increase after early registration period.
- **A national baseball program with a local touch** operated by Jason Saulsbury, Head Coach, Anoka-Ramsey CC.
- **With a low player to coach ratio,** each player gets plenty of individual attention in a small-group atmosphere.
- **Scan QR Code to Register!** Scan QR Code with your cell phone camera to go to registration website.

For a complete description of our program and session times, call us now at 866-622-4487 or visit [www.USBBaseballAcademy.com](http://www.USBBaseballAcademy.com)




## Volleyball

Contact: [Volleyball@arsports.org](mailto:Volleyball@arsports.org)

### JUNIOR OLYMPIC VOLLEYBALL

Our Junior Olympic Volleyball season is officially underway! We had a great turnout at tryouts and now 6 teams will hit the courts! Before winter break we will get in a few practices and get to know our coaches and teammates. Coaches are finalizing tournaments which begin in January. Please join us to cheer on our players by following us on Facebook at [ARAA Volleyball](https://www.facebook.com/ARAAVolleyball)!

THANK YOU!

ARAA Volleyball is grateful for all of our coaches and volunteers who give their time to our volleyball program! The volleyball board is proud to have 2022 ARAA volunteer and coach of the year nominees, Laura Giles, Martha Franzwa and Jessie Moe as part of our organization!

## **VOLLEYBALL BOARD**

Can't get enough ARAA Volleyball? Join our board and help make a difference!

ARAA Volleyball is looking to fill our House Director position and upcoming JO Director and Treasure openings. Visit our website at [ARAA Volleyball Board](#) to view position descriptions and benefits of being a board member!

Please submit your questions to [volleyball@arsports.org](mailto:volleyball@arsports.org).



## **Basketball**

Contact: [basketball@arsports.org](mailto:basketball@arsports.org)

**Boys House Basketball and Boys Senior House Basketball** begin on December 12!

**K-1 Basketball Registration will begin Jan. 9** - Look for registration to open next week!

**Grand Slam Outing!** Available to all ARAA Basketball players, families and friends! December 30, 12pm-3pm -\$13 ticket will get you the following UNLIMITED FUN for 3 HOURS! -----Mini Golf -----Bumper Cars -----Batting Cages -----Laser Tag -----\$3 Arcade

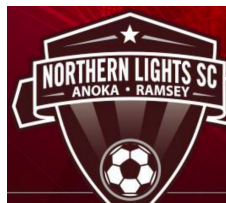
### **Out of Town Tournament**

This season's out of town tournament is scheduled to be in St. Cloud the weekend of February 11/12. Due to numerous events and circumstances, the board was not able to secure an appropriate number of rooms anywhere in St. Cloud that weekend. You are of course welcome to choose to stay somewhere on your own. There will just not be any blocks of rooms reserved for ARAA Basketball specifically.

### **Player pick-up**

There are multiple reports of players getting picked up late after their practice time has ended. This is particularly problematic after the last practice of the night. Janitorial staff are the last ones on site and are ready to leave with the last coaches and players. When players are not picked up on time, staff will stay with players as is their policy. We may be charged additional rent if this occurs again. If it should, we will be tracking which teams it is happening with. Players should not be telling coaches it is OK if they are

left and coaches should not be OK with it either. Please remember, everyone's time is valuable and we should all be respectful of it.



## Soccer

Contact: [president@northernlightsoccer.org](mailto:president@northernlightsoccer.org)

Last week to register for indoor rec soccer -10 week program. All games are at Adrenaline Sports Center in Ramsey. Don't miss out!

<https://www.arsports.org/page/show/721630-winter-rec-program>

A promotional graphic for winter rec soccer registration. The background is a soccer goal net. The text reads: "Winter Rec Soccer Registration Ends December 11" and "DON'T MISS IT!". On the left, "REC SOCCER" is written in a stylized, jagged font. Below that, it says "SEASON RUNS JAN. 14 - APRIL 1", "10 WEEK PROGRAM", "ADRENALINE SPORTS CENTER - RAMSEY", and "PRE K - 12U". On the right, there are two logos: the Northern Lights SC Anoka Ramsey logo and the CR United Soccer Club logo.



## Lacrosse

Contact: [lacrosse@arsports.org](mailto:lacrosse@arsports.org)

# WINTER LACROSSE TRAINING

**SATURDAY SESSIONS: JANUARY 7 - MARCH 4**

**BOYS 14U : 8:00 A.M.**

**BOYS 12U : 9:00 A.M.**

**GIRLS 10U, 12U AND 14U AND BOYS 10U: 10:00 A.M.**

**REGISTER AND PAY AT THE DOOR ON JANUARY 7**

**COST: \$100 FOR 9 SESSIONS**

**ADRENALINE SPORTS CENTER**

**EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO BORROW - \$100 DEPOSIT**

Winter training is fast approaching. Make sure to mark your calendars and join us on January 7 at Adrenaline. Cost is \$100 and includes 9 sessions.

We are looking for a 10U boys coach and girl coaches. Training will be provided and your child will receive free winter training. Please reach out to [terry2478@gmail.com](mailto:terry2478@gmail.com) if you are interested in learning more.

<https://www.arsports.org/lacrosse>

Do you have a child interested in trying lacrosse? Youth boys and girls can try it for free on Friday, January 6 from 7-8 at Adrenaline Sports Center in Ramsey. Equipment will be provided.

**TRY LACROSSE FOR FREE**

**Boys and Girls Youth**



**January 6**

**7-8 p.m.**

**Adrenaline in Ramsey  
Equipment Provided**