

What is all the talk about TREAT NIGHT...?

One of the reasons the Glenview Blades program is so successful is team building. The skaters spend a tremendous amount of the time on the ice and in practice sessions getting to know their routines. Equally important is time off the ice getting to know each other. Treat Night originally started with cupcakes once a month, a way to celebrate team member's birthdays that would be occurring during the month. It has now evolved into a wonderful team building event for skaters and their families.

Last season because of the timing of team practices (usually around the dinner hour) it usually ended up as a light dinner for the skaters. Given that treat night coincides with monthly parent meeting, while the skaters skated, parents enjoyed light snacks to a light dinner themselves, provided by the hosting family, and where brought up to date by a board member on events affecting the team.

This year to help families prepare for their turn in hosting a Treat Night, we suggest the following;

- ◆ First and foremost, treat night is not to be stressful or expensive for hosting families getting to know each other.
- ◆ Decide with your co-hosting family what works best for the two of you (just because the month before the hosting families provided dinner that does not mean that you have to do the same).
- ◆ Have fun with it, a treat night menu can range from a snack like cheese/crackers to a meal of lasagna and salad.
- ◆ Find out what your teams skaters are doing after practice. Are they going right into a class with not time to eat? The changes in Class Schedules will affect your team skater's availability to attend treat night.
- ◆ If providing a light dinner, have tables and chairs set up behind the bleachers so everyone has a place to sit. Let the rink staff office know at least 24 hours in advance to if tables and chairs are needed for set up. Skaters need to have their skates off.
- ◆ Provide enough of whatever is decided to serve for: parents attending monthly parent meeting, coaches, skaters and sibling that may be at the rink.
- ◆ Absolutely no goody bags for the skaters per the Glenview Blades Board

Thank you,
The Blades Parent Organization Board