

VISI 2018

Well, here we are again, VISI is just around the corner and there is a lot to do to make this competition a great one.

As we approach this time the question of volunteers comes in to play. Sandy Shores gives tirelessly to volunteer at skating events held in Parksville and they are truly amazing! Other Clubs have volunteers that come out every year and their participation is essential. Having said this, it is always the same people we call upon and that show up. We have made it work because all these people are willing to give their time and often long days to fill spots because we do not have enough volunteers. We need to change this.

The volunteer site will be up soon for the coming competition. I know that all of you will do your best to fill the spots and enlist people from your Clubs to volunteer. Often the best way to enlist volunteers is to talk to them face to face. If every Club could try to enlist 5 to 10 volunteers it would go a long way to ensuring we had enough volunteers to adequately cover all the shifts. I would love to hear your thoughts on recruiting volunteers.

Next on my list are the baskets for the raffle. I saw some pretty amazing baskets at an event this winter. The school had each classroom pick a theme and each family contributed one item to the basket. There were no repetitions due to the planning and the results were fantastic. This is a real fundraiser for the Region and I know we all want to contribute to this. Some ideas are:

- Sports Lovers
- Coffee & Tea
- Toys and games
- Everything Chocolate
- Spa Day
- A Gardeners Dream
- Camping
- Arts & Crafts
- Pet Lovers

This is just to get your imaginations working and come up with some fantastic baskets to help the fundraising for skaters programs!

Talk more soon!

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