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## Falcons Hire New Top PeeWee Travel Coach

Former Chicago Young American Director Joins FHA Coaching Ranks

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**Highland Park** - President **Guy Considine** and Vice President of Travel **John Mannion** proudly announce that the Falcons Hockey Association has hired Claude Desgagne as their Top PeeWee Travel Team Coach for the upcoming 2009-10 hockey season. Claude joins the Falcons with over 30 years of local, international and professional hockey experience. Claude was with the Quebec Nordiques from 1986-1989 while he owned and operated a high altitude training center in British Columbia. Claude was the Hockey Program Director for the Chicago Young Americans (CYA) from 1998-2004 and brings great skill and team development experience with him to the Falcons. Claude also led the Lake Forest Scouts Varsity High School team and is presently part of the tandem that runs the high-profile "Stick Spinning Classes" at Hot Shot Ice Arena.

"Claude has been hired to train and lead our top PeeWee team. We are continuing to build our staff so we can offer more depth at the coaching ranks so our Hockey Directors can lead and influence the player development at each level by training and leading our travel coaches throughout the season. It is also our association's goal to inspire players to play for the Falcons level to level, where we offer the best coaching and player curriculum at the AA level. Our thoughts are simple. If we can train and have exceptional player development no matter what level or what team, it would have a very positive impact on each and every player and they would want to continue playing for the Falcons year after year. This ultimately will help us gain a competitive advantage on our competition" said Guy Considine.

Professionally, Claude is independently employed as a professional trainer. Claude has trained many NHL and AHL players throughout the years, focusing on both on-ice and off-ice conditioning programs. Claude and his two sons currently reside in Highwood, Illinois. According to Claude he is excited to work with the kids and become a permanent asset to the Falcons Hockey Association.

Claude will be assisted by Matt Kluchka, a former Lake Forest Scout and son of Becky and Jerry of Hot Shot Ice Arena!

**About the Falcons:** The Falcons Hockey Association enters its forty-second season and is committed to remaining one of leading Tier II programs in the country. The commitment to solidifying our program starts with player and skill development on every level. Working with our Hockey Director Tom Miller to achieve superior player and team development will be key areas of responsibility for entire Coaching Staff.

**For a complete review of the Coaching Roster for the upcoming 2009-2010 season please visit [www.falcons hockey.org](http://www.falcons hockey.org).**

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