

Folks,

The Lightning organization is committed to keeping open lines of communications and keeping you all informed, and we will do our best not to inundate you all with emails all the time.

With the large number of members currently in the Lightning organization, it is extremely important from an operational and communication perspective that players and parents familiarize themselves and use the Lightning website as often as possible. Schedules, events, pictures, notifications, etc. will all be posted on the new Lightning website.

The Lightning organization plans on expanding the available technical opportunities in the future, including pay-on-line (although we're not "there" yet). The website will help keep Lightning operations efficient and organized.

We appreciate your participation and patience.

### **"I LOVE TO WATCH YOU PLAY"**

Our regular season has officially started! Please make sure to check the days and times of the week as they are different from the Lightning preseason practices last month.

The Lightning continues to finalize league and non-league games. Schedules will be updated on the new Lightning website.

### **OUT-OF-TOWN GAMES, DINNER & HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS**

Carolina Lightning Hockey's policy for out-of-town game weekends is as follows;

All team players and parents are required to stay together in the same hotel, including coaches. This is important for player team building and a great opportunity for parents and coaches to get to know each other.

All team players, parents and coaches are highly encouraged to dine together after games, especially at dinner. Players sit together as do parents. Again, a great opportunity for the players to "bond" and the parents to get to know each other and enjoy each other's company.

When researching and booking hotels for out-of-town weekends, the Lightning organization requires a free continental breakfast, free parking, free wifi, and a price target of \$100 per night (varies based on locality). We try to book double queen rooms first, but this often times varies with availability.

One or more rooms are "comped" for coaches when out-of-town. Rooms are comped based on the number of rooms booked by the Lightning team(s). If the Lightning needs a 2<sup>nd</sup> coach's room, the cost of that room is equally distributed among the cost of the other rooms booked.

Parents are required to register on the Lightning website for out-of-town weekends. By doing so, this provides the organization with a report that is then used to book the correct number of rooms. This is very important as we are trying to establish solid relationships with hotels for future use.

## **WEBSITE**

Again, if you haven't already visited the new Lightning website, please do at [www.carolinalightninghockey.com](http://www.carolinalightninghockey.com).

It is much improved and user-friendly. Have fun!

## **GIRLS – UMSTEAD PARK TEAM BUILDING OVERNIGHT - FRI 13SEP13**

Arrival Time 5-5:15pm Friday night.

Departure Time approx. 11am Saturday morning.

Girls will be all staying in the Mess Hall overnight.

Bring sleeping bags, pillow, toothbrush, warm sweat pants and hoodie, sneakers, etc. More info to follow.

## **BOYS – UMSTEAD PARK TEAM BUILDING OVERNIGHT – SAT 14SEP13**

Arrival Time 5-5:15pm Saturday night.

Departure Time approx. 11am Sunday morning.

Boys will be staying in chaperoned cabins on above ground bunks.

Bring sleeping bags, pillow, toothbrush, warm sweat pants and hoodie, sneakers, etc. More info to follow.

All players are encouraged to attend and welcome.

We are still looking for parent chaperones. All chaperones are required to submit for a background check. If you can participate, please contact me immediately.

## **KIM MAZZITELLI**

When you see Kim Mazzitelli next time, please thank her for all of her time, efforts and relentless pursuit of getting things done. Kim is a bantam "mm" and Carolina Lightning Hockey's Registrar, a title that doesn't even come close to identifying what she does for this organization.

Kim is in charge of registering all hockey players, compiling birth certificates and USA Hockey registrations to prepare all official T1 rosters for league play. Kim handles all jerseys and apparel orders including practice and game jerseys and socks. Kim also handles all travel and hotel accommodations for the entire Lightning organization.

This is a huge responsibility and we are very grateful and thankful to have someone so focused and dedicated to handling all of these issues for the benefit of our kids!

Thank you Kim, and husband Louie, for your support!

Enjoy the hockey! Enjoy the kids!

Regards  
Don