

# Andover Outing Club

By Tim Norris

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The Andover Outing Club Ski Jumping Program is looking for kids ages 7 to 12 who have at least a year of regular skiing experience and are interested in trying the exciting sport of ski jumping. Kids who like to jump off bumps on ski trails are the sort we're looking for. We're already happy about the turnout from Andover at a sign-up table on Math Night.

We start with early snow, usually the second week in December. We begin with fun stuff on very gentle slopes and work up slowly. If kids have regular skis and a helmet, they are ready for the season (although the first practice is on sneakers). We'll hand out suits soon after the first practice.

You can sign the waivers and forms at that first practice. Practices are Monday and Tuesday from 4 to 5:15 PM. There are meets on Saturdays and/or Sundays starting in January. Nobody has to go, but the meets are really fun.

Unless you are sure, you don't have to pay anything to try Ski Jumping. Just sign the inevitable waivers. The fees (when you're sure) are \$100 to AOC (for first year folks), which includes all equipment. We knock off \$25 for additional family members. There is an additional \$65 to Proctor for membership in the ski area, where Garry George does

an amazing job of keeping our facilities the best in the state. Some parents jump too, and we welcome that as well.

Kids who feel successful ski jumping (and almost all competent skiers do) seem to have a good time and are really proud of themselves. Sometimes they kind of glow. That's sort of the whole idea.

If you want to get involved (or just give it a try), write me an e-mail letting me know: [Tim@ProctorNet.com](mailto:Tim@ProctorNet.com), or leave a message at 735-5369.

By Chuck Will

## Proctor Academy

AE/MS students (and their parents) are invited to ski with Proctor's cross-country ski team on Monday afternoons this winter. A Proctor coach will pick up AE/MS students at school; parents must pick up their child at the Blackwater Ski Area off Lawrence Street. The Blackwater Ski Area offers seven kilometers of groomed ski trails through woods, fields, and the river floodplain. Rental equipment is available at no cost, subject to size availability.

Dates and (modest) fees are being established; contact Pete Southworth at 344-4874 or [Peter\\_Southworth@Proctor-Net.com](mailto:Peter_Southworth@Proctor-Net.com) for the latest information.

Public skating is offered at no cost at Proctor Academy's Teddy Maloney Rink from 3 to 4 PM on Sundays from January 8 through February 26. 



Fifth and sixth grade boys soccer. Back: Camden Donovan, Koby Perreault, Koty Lorden, Aiden Kellogg, Matt Bent, Ryan Methven, Jack Newton, Devin Barton. Front: Finn Weber, Luke Weber, Jason Lewis, Myles Powers, Nelson Makechnie, Hayden Buswell, David Reynolds, Aiden Cox. Photo: Todd Donovan

# Andover Soccer

By Kurt Weber

## Coach, Boys 5/6

From the very first practice back in August, I recognized that this year's fifth and sixth grade boys soccer team was a very eager and extremely energetic group. They were also an unusually large group, numbering 16.

This presented some coaching challenges, the biggest being how to prevent 16 very energetic boys from hurting each other in practice. With help from my assistant coaches, Craig Perreault and Brian Kellogg, we did our best to maintain bits of order in the face of chaos.

The boys played hard. But in the end, this energy the boys brought to the field, the energy that often challenged us as coaches, was the key to this team's success. Also, this is a group of boys who genuinely love the game of soccer, which made them a particularly satisfy-

ing team to coach.

The team finished the regular season with four wins, four losses, and two ties. Except for our first game of the season, which we lost 4-2 to Warner, the eventual winner of the end of year tournament, all our losses were by only one goal. The 2011 Andover boys 5/6 soccer team was a very difficult team to beat! And they proved it again in the final tournament. With a record of two wins, one loss (2-1 to, again, Warner), and one tie, the team finished just one point out of second place and earned an impressive third place finish.

It has been an absolute pleasure coaching this team this year, and I would like to thank all 16 boys for making it so. I would also like to thank coaches Craig Perreault and Brian Kellogg for all their help, and parents for getting the kids to the field ... and back. 

# KEARSARGE YOUTH HOCKEY

By Doug Windsor

## KYHA

Kearsarge Youth Hockey Association (KYHA) opened its season last month with a full menu of association games – Mites through Bantams – with a visiting Stowe association.

Last year's Tier V Bantam hockey state champions Kearsarge Bantams registered a monumental 7-6 win on Sunday over Stowe showing their trademark grit and "never say die" approach to their game after going down 4-0 in the first period and losing big on Saturday to the same Stowe squad. The Bantams handily beat Lebanon 5-1 a week earlier in Hartford.

In a similar vein, KYHA Peewees turned in a great game to come away with a 3-3 tie and show they will be a team to contend with over the season.

Squirts turned in an excellent final two periods of play on Sunday, and

KYHA Mites chalked up a ton of ice time with double running cross-ice games on both Saturday and Sunday.

Henniker and TVA teams joined in to fill out the dance card for the weekend.

Kearsarge Youth Hockey offers a full line of hockey programs for all in the area, including free Learn to Skate programs. KYHA also offers a Learn to Play program and co-ed teams for Mites (8 and under), Squirts (10 and under), Peewees (12 and under), and Bantams (14 and under). Information for any programs can be found at [KearsargeHockey.com](http://KearsargeHockey.com) or call Lisa Windsor, registrar, at 763-4171. The volunteer-run non-profit KYHA is entering its 34th year. Thanks to all who manned the snack bar, ran the clocks, and coached the teams. It takes a village, and we are that village. Go Kearsarge! 

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