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SPACE COAST UNITED SOCCER CLUB

We Are Now Accepting TOPSoccer Applications

The club has been involved with US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer), a training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities for the past decade. The program is designed to provide the opportunity to learn and play soccer for any child ages 4-19, who has a mental or physical disability.

TOPSoccer and Space Coast United's goal is to enable young athletes with disabilities to become valued and successful members of the greater soccer community. The program is completely free and volunteer run.

The program provides great benefits to everyone involved: the players with disabilities, the care-givers, the volunteer trainers, and the SCUSC 'buddies' that learn life-long lessons supporting these handicapped youths.

Player and Buddy applications can be found on-line on the [TOPSoccer page](#) of the club website. The ideal buddy is someone who can commit to working with the same player every week and demonstrates patience working with others. The club prefers buddies 14 years of age and older. Applications are due Oct 20, notification of acceptance is by Oct 26, and an orientation followed by the first session is on Nov 2.



Fall Fun Day!

Many of our members don't realize our Fun Days are not just for the Youth Development Program. This is a club-wide event intended for everyone's enjoyment to say thank you for a great season. Whether you have a Micro/Mini-Kicker, YDP, Academy, Recreation, TOPSoccer, Competitive Player...or one of each, come join us for an afternoon of food and fun.

Saturday, November 2
Viera Regional Park
1:30—4:30 p.m.

We will have inflatables, a dunk tank, field games, speed gun to determine the fastest strikers, food, raffle items, a DJ and more!



Raffle items include Disney Tickets, a gift basket from Orlando City Soccer, 2 hours of training with Rob, a one-week winter camp and more to come.
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Teamwork On And Off The Pitch

Kelly Ford hosted a fundraiser on August 27. They provided car washing facilities and space for concession sales. The parents and kids worked tirelessly in the heat to raise money for several competitive teams within our club.



A special thank you to
Pizza Gallery and Grill
And
Kelly Ford!

Club Level Sponsorship

We want to thank the Pizza Gallery and Grill for their continued support. Please thank them with your patronage. They are the best!



"Things just don't happen magically, they happen because we have people who are willing to help make it happen. I want everyone to know how appreciated our volunteers are." ~ Danica Blanchard, SCUSC Volunteer Coordinator

Upcoming Events

October 7

5:00 — 8:00 p.m.
Spirit Night
Chik-Fil-A

November 2

Fall Fun Day
1:30 — 4:30 p.m.
Viera Regional Park

November 9

An Evening at
World of Beer

November 16

Casino Night
7:00—11 p.m.
Holiday Inn Viera

December 7

3 v 3 Tournament
Viera Regional Park

Youth Development Program Extends to U12 in Fall 2013

The club is very excited to have extended our Youth Development Program to the U12 recreational age bracket beginning this fall. According to YDP Director, Rob Dinnie, "With the Academy program extending to U12, it just made sense to mirror this in the recreational bracket as this is still very much a developmental age group."

The extension means the U12 teams will get consistent training on a weekly basis from a club trainer working from the same professional curriculum being used by the U9-11 Academy group. When same age bracket teams practice from the same curriculum at the same time it allows for more practice scrimmage opportunities. The club has also scheduled U12 teams to practice at the same times allowing us to manage the training groups and ensure trainer availability.

The program includes five U12 teams of twelve or so players playing 8 v 8 games throughout Brevard County. The YDP program this fall includes a total of 463 U6-U12 players and an additional 108 U9-U11 Academy players.

For more information about the Youth Development and Academy programs at Space Coast United, or to volunteer as a coach or team manager, please contact YDP Director, Rob Dinnie.



Summer Tournament Results

- ◆ U17 Boys, U17 Girls and U13 Girls: Champions at the Hurricane Classic
- ◆ U15 Boys: Champions at the Tampa Labor Day Tournament
- ◆ U16 and U17 Girls: Finalists at the Disney Showcase
- ◆ U17 Girls Select: Finalists at the Tampa Labor Day Showcase
- ◆ U18 Boys and U18 Girls: Semi-Finalists at the Disney Showcase
- ◆ U16 Boys: Semi-Finalists at the Hurricane Classic
- ◆ U13 Girls (IHB): Semi-Finalists at the Melbourne Area Beaches Labor Day Tournament

Coaches: Scott Armstrong, Teresa Brantley, Alyssa Esposito, Dean Flexton, Mike Lord, Ryan Moon, Brett Restivo, Bill Richards, Dustin Smith, and Fariborz Zaganeh

Fall Fun Day (cont.)

Our Spring Fling had over 300 people attend!

The event is **not** a fundraiser for the club and depends upon donations and raffle proceeds.

The club can always use volunteers to help with the organization before and during the event. Just go to the [Volunteer page](#) on our website to sign up to bring needed items or to volunteer your time!

Contact

[Carol-Ann Zaroogian](#) for more information.



World of Beer Spirit Night

What a great way to celebrate the end of another wonderful season of YDP and Recreational soccer!

Join us for:

**An Evening at
World of Beer
The Avenues
November 09**

10% of the proceeds benefit the Club.



U13 Girls NPL Team WINS Hurricane Classic

2nd Annual Casino Night: Date Change! November 16, 2013



Casino night is a critical fundraiser as the proceeds benefit every single program, player, and volunteer in the club. Monies raised are used for scholarships, equipment purchases, and to help bolster our top notch staff by ensuring our coaches and trainers receive the proper training and everyone has the tools necessary to help our kids have the best soccer experience possible.

The event is open to anyone in our community who would like to attend. You do not have to be a member of Space Coast United to join in on an evening of great entertainment. So bring your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers (the ones you wouldn't mind partying with)!

Admission includes:

- ◆ Finger Food
- ◆ Free Beer (cash bar for other alcoholic beverages)
- ◆ \$25,000 in SCUSC "cash" for gaming
- ◆ Music by Soundwaves Entertainment
- ◆ Silent Auction (baskets provided by the Comp teams)

\$40.00 per person. See any team manager or Email Lisa at activities@spacecoastsoccer.org or Ann at mediadirector@spacecoastsoccer.org and we will arrange to collect cash/check and provide you with tickets.



Did You Know?

Two of our alums were written up at ESPN. Com
["Stengel Sisters Making Own Names"](#)

We have well over 1,000 children playing in the club .

We have a [Facebook Page](#).

Space Coast United started 29 years ago.

We have the best lined fields in the county. Thanks Jerry!!

There is a "Wall of College bound SCUSC Player Signatures" in the field house classroom.



Autumn McCormick: Team Manager U12 Boys Competitive Team

The McCormick family joined Space Coast United two years ago when they moved from Indiana. Their son, Alex, was anxious to continue playing soccer and several people recommended SCUSC as "the club to join."

This is Autumn's first season as a team manager at Space Coast, but she assisted her son's team in Indiana about 5 years ago. She volunteered to be the team manager because, as she said, "Sometimes, I feel as though I work too much. I just wanted to make sure that I devoted as much time as possible to him and what he enjoys. I only have this opportunity for a short amount of time before he's off to college and doing his own thing."

Autumn created and maintains a private website for the team. It has a calendar of events, pictures, contact information, and a Picture of the Week she chooses from the weekly game photos taken by the honorary team photographer, Susan Eaton. Autumn is setting up a date to visit with the Florida Tech men's soccer team and attend one of their games. The team has already had a season kick off pool party. Autumn believes it's important to organize "off the field" activities so the boys get to know and respect one another on and off the pitch.

Autumn thinks that, "at this age, the boys are developing their skills and learning about themselves and their own abilities." She thoroughly enjoys watching the improvement individually and as a team in each game. She feels her team is "blessed with boys who are all hardworking and respectful, who encourage each other." She wasn't entirely sure what a team manager's responsibilities were when she volunteered. But she is thrilled with the experience since the coaches, trainer, players, and parents have all been so wonderful to work with and have made it so much easier for her. They all deserve a huge thank you!



Dusty Nettik: U12 YDP Coach



Coach Dusty has a long history with the sport. He played High School and PAL winter league soccer all four years. He played two seasons in college and then two seasons semi-pro! Dusty coached youth soccer for two seasons in New Jersey and has coached seven or eight with Space Coast United...he's lost track. His Space Coast experience includes U8 and U10 YDP and U12 Recreational teams. His son Aidan is currently playing on his U12 team.

He says, "I want all my players to feel like they are a part of the team. Everybody plays! I just want them to have fun and develop a love for soccer." Dusty feels the YDP program is one of the things that makes Space Coast United stand out as it is an excellent way for kids to play and learn without the added pressure to win. "The most pressure they feel is the pressure they put on themselves, we don't keep score...but they sure do!"

Dusty is a psychiatric nurse who believes his time on the Children's Crisis Unit has prepared him well to work with children of all ages and abilities. His nursing experience has come in handy with skinned knees and sprained ankles too!

Nicole Davanzo: U16/18 Rec Team Manager

The Davanzo family has been with Space Coast United about six months having moved to the area in July 2012. They love the club and have found everyone to be very friendly, organized, and the facilities beautiful.

Nicole has two boys; Patrick, a 15 year old who wants to play soccer all the time and John, a 14 year old who prefers to play during the cooler months. Nicole volunteered as the team manager partly because the coach asked for the help and because she has been a team parent since her kids played in their pre-K years. "I think I was having withdrawal symptoms...I love being involved in my kids' sports even though I am not athletic at all."

According to Nicole, the recreation league is wonderful because it works well with the kids' school schedules and other activities. It gives them a chance to still be active in a not so intense setting. She says that, "Even though we have only been with the recreation program two seasons, I see the kids grow together and maybe make friends that they would not have at school. I know from a parent stand point, I like the fact that the kids are still playing a sport but it's not always about winning, it's about letting everyone play to the best of their abilities."



Thank you Nicole!

"Many people say I'm the best women's soccer player in the world. I don't think so. And because of that, someday I just might be." - Mia Hamm

Cory Collins: U13 and U17 Select Boys (and Viera High Men's Varsity)

Coach Collins is an excellent example of the high quality and depth of experience so many Space Coast United coaches have. He thinks he was around 6 years old when he began playing soccer in Melbourne. At his first ever Comp game, they asked for a volunteer to play in goal. He stepped forward and the rest is history. At the age of 14 he switched to a club that is now part of Orlando City Youth Soccer and played for them until he graduated high school. He was a member of the Florida '87 ODP team and played for Melbourne Central Catholic HS; winning State and National championships in 2003 and state runner up in '04 and '05. Cory was the starting goal keeper for Florida Institute of Technology for four years.

He began coaching his sophomore year of college starting at MEGU and moving to Space Coast United last year. Cory has coached with Dean Flexton at Holy Trinity as well. He has a USSF C License and a Level 3 Goalkeeping License.

About his players, Coach Collins says, "I want them to develop and improve their skills and knowledge of the game in a competitive environment, promoting success. Most of all though, I want them to enjoy their time on the field and feel that every time they leave a session or a game they have learned something new."

He's definitely got a dry sense of humor. When asked if he had any stray thoughts the members of Space Coast should know, he responded:

- ◆ I knew Mike Lord before he had a bionic knee (well less Bionic).
- ◆ I remember a time when Squirty was in shape (well kind of).
- ◆ Any time you run into Ryan Moon on the field coaching, ask him how he knows Gareth Bale.

We'll let him sort that out with Coach Phillips!



SCUSC PROGRAMS

Micro/Mini-Kickers
Ages 3-5

Youth Development and
Academy
Ages 4-11

Competitive
Select/NPL
Ages 9-19

Recreational
Ages 13-18

Goalkeeper Academy
Ages 9-19

TOPSoccer
Ages 4-19

CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

Established in 1984, Space Coast United Soccer Club is a non-profit organization run by volunteers dedicated to families who wish to enjoy the sport of soccer and to provide opportunities to play at all levels from ages three to eighteen with the highest quality of programs available in the State of Florida. Our efforts and energies are directed to the following objectives:

- We strive to develop players at all levels of play – recreational and competitive – by building and improving their skills, confidence, fitness, initiative and a sense of teamwork.
- We are committed to developing coaches and referees to the highest level through a quality instructional, licensing and mentoring program.
- We aim to ensure all of our players' personal goals are met whether they be enjoying recreational soccer, playing on an elite or premier competitive team, playing on your high school team, playing in college, or on an U.S. National team someday.
- We promote and encourage high standards of sportsmanship and fair play and strive to ensure all players are doing it "For the love of the Game" !

Remember!

**Wednesdays are Chick-Fil-A night
at Viera Regional Park.**

We get a percentage of all purchases.

Proceeds benefit TOPSoccer!



U17 Boys NPL BEAT #1 Ranked U18 Boys Team to WIN Hurricane Classic

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