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SPACE COAST UNITED SOCCER CLUB

First Annual Space Coast Cup

11 v 11 Tournament with Home Field Advantage!

Space Coast United is hosting the first annual Space Coast Cup over the MLK Jr. holiday weekend, January 18-20, 2014. The tournament is open to U9-U19 girls' and boys' competitive and recreational teams. The event provides a great opportunity for competitive teams to prepare for Regional and State Cup play and both competitive and recreational teams to stay fit for their spring league matches.

The first round of games will be played on Saturday and continue through Sunday. Brackets with 6-8 teams will have semi-finals on Monday morning with the finals in the afternoon. Games will be played at Viera Regional Park and Palm Bay Regional Park.

Where possible, two or more divisions will be offered: Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Registration closes at midnight on January 5, 2014, but teams that do so by December 1, 2013 will receive a \$50 rebate check

after the tournament for registering early.

The event provides the opportunity for plenty of volunteer hours. Email our <u>Volunteer Coordinator</u> or visit the Volunteer page on our website to sign up!



Team Registration

What is YDP & the Academy and Why Do We Care? (Part 2) The Academy: U9-U10

About 18 months ago, the club decided to introduce an Academy Program to transition players from the YDP program to the competition teams. The program is intended to enhance development by providing professional coaching to younger soccer players who have already shown signs of becoming an "Elite" level player.

Most soccer clubs typically hold tryouts and pick the ten best children to place on a team at U9 and up. SCUSC is following US Youth Soccer's philosophy by bringing in at least 20 children at each age group and eradicating the concept of an A and a B team which can be highly divisive. Instead, we have a roster of 20 or more players and rotate them between two teams on a weekly basis. This system allows us to develop every single player, and by the U13 age bracket when we play 11 v 11, create a squad largely developed within our own club.

Like YDP, the Academy has a player development focus over winning, but does play against other clubs in the local Brevard Youth Soccer League (BYSL). The coaches and trainers adhere to a curriculum that focuses on developing great technique with a ball. They do add some tactical elements, but tactics will become a priority a little later in the players' development. (*continued on page three*)



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Spirit Night at World of Beer

Bring your friends and family!

Saturday, November 09 7:00—11:00



Upcoming Events

November 9 Spirit Night 7:00-11:00 p.m. World of Beer

November 16

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

December 7 3 v 3 Tournament Viera Regional Park

January 18-20

Space Coast Cup 11 v 11 Tournament Viera Regional Park

3 v 3 Tournament in Viera on Saturday, December 07 Excellent Opportunity to Earn Volunteer Hours!

We need your help for the event to be a success. ...and it's a quick and easy way for members to fulfill their volunteer requirements. Teens can earn community service hours for school!

On Friday evening, December 06, you could help with the necessary set-up, including building goals and placing them in position. This is a great task for those who don't mind a little physical labor and might prefer to work behind the scenes without having to deal with the crowds.

On Saturday, you could help staff the tournament registration table, pitch in at the scorekeepers site desk, or be a field marshal. At the end of the day, you could be treated to some really big smiles when you hand out trophies. There is another opportunity for a little light exercise by joining the field breakdown team to restore the fields to their original condition once the tournament is over. Come on out and help us make this a fantastic experience for everyone!

*Some volunteer positions have minimum age requirements so teens should always check before signing up.



"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." - **Pele**

Volunteer Hours: Get Your Log Here!

We know how difficult it can be to squeeze in one more hour in an already hectic family life, and do not take the importance of our volunteers for granted. Our club could not provide quality soccer programs without help from our fantastic volunteers. They enable us to keep registration costs from skyrocketing, which benefits everyone.

When you see someone pitching in, please make sure they know you appreciate their efforts whether it's a team manager, volunteer coach, Fall Fun Day dunk tank victim, merchandise sales assistant, or tournament field marshal. These are the folks who make it happen for everyone's enjoyment.

Members who did not pay an opt-out fee at registration, need to contribute 10 hours per competitive player and 5 hours for YDP/Rec player each season.

We've made it easier on-line <u>volunteer registration</u> and a handy <u>tracking log</u>. Simply print one off, fill in the required information and have a SCUSC staff person sign the form confirming your hours. When complete, make a copy for your own records and give the form to your team manager or send it to our <u>Volunteer Coordinator</u>.

To be fair to everyone, please remember SCUSC reserves the right to charge the opt-out fee to members who do not fulfill their obligations.

Please note that seasonal volunteer positions such as coach or team manager do not require the form.



s a non-profit youth soccer club with over 1000 players, much of the success of our club is tributable to great volunteers like you. Throughout each season there are various volunteer	
pportunities for parents and older teenagers. If you did not opt-out at registration (\$50 per year	
r comp year, or \$85 per each rec season), you will need to volunteer for a minimum of 10 hour ser comp player), or 5 hours (per rec player). Those hours performed will be documented on	
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ch time yoa sign up for a volunteer event, take this form with you. Fill in the event date, name, your start/ord times, and have the SUBC staff process associated with that event sign your em confirming you met the volunteer task time and expectations. SCUBC staff signatures are quited for your hours to be counted. Please note that SCUBC reserves the right to charge embers for their soft-outes of the fail to complete their volunteer hours.

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Plenty of Tournament Action Coming Up... and You Can Help Communicate Results!

Space Coast will be fielding teams in a number of tournaments over the coming months. Among them are:

- November 23-24: Phoenix Cup, Palm Bay. Ages: U9-U14 Boys/Girls
- November 30-December 01: Disney Junior Soccer Showcase, ESPN Wide World of Sports . Ages U11-U14 Boys/Girls
- January 18-19: **Space Coast Cup**, Viera/Palm Bay. Ages: U9-U19 Boys/Girls
- ♦ January 24-25: Central Brevard Winter Classic, Merrit Island, FL. Ages: U9-U19 Boys and Girls.

And before we know it, Region and State Cup season will be here!

We want to keep everyone as informed and updated as possible, so feel free to email pictures to <u>mediadirector@spacecoastsoccer.org</u>. You can tweet tournament and game results to <u>@scusc</u> on Twitter or text them to 321-795-3672. Be sure to always include team and tournament information in everything you send! We'll be updating Facebook and Twitter regularly on tournament weekends.



Thank you Eagle Scouts! *"It's not how you start, it's how you finish."*

You may have noticed an odd wooden wall seeming to appear overnight at the Wickham or Viera fields this fall and wondered, "What is that?!"

Those are Kick Walls and they were

built for us by Eagle Scouts. Ryan Zinone and his troop constructed the one in Viera. Bradley Park's troop built the one at the Wickham fields.

Kick Walls are great for practicing striking, free kick set pieces, and penalty shots. This piece of training equipment will some day lead to Space Coast scoring even more against our opponents. That's the goal anyway! (See what we did there?)

Space Coast Soccer would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Ryan, Bradley, and all of the boys and parents who worked on this project.

U11 Boys

Gpal!



U11 Girls—Bundles of energy on and off the pitch.

Academy Action



U9 Boys—On a scoring drive

Academy Program

(Cont. from page 1)

The young players are invited into the program through observation within the YDP program as many of our Academy Trainers also train and coach YDP. Rob Dinnie explains, "We do not use tryouts where kids have numbers and a lot of pressure can be placed on them. We view this as a continual observation process. The club has an open house for players in May for parents to have an opportunity to see how we run the program. "

The Academy approach places the emphasis on the player and their individual development and not on the team. At this age level, we want to see technical development without the pressure of short term, results oriented games.

What are the differences with a more traditional competitive approach at this age level?

<u>U9-10 Competitive Program</u>

- Small inflexible rosters of 12 players maximum
- Importance placed on league standings at expense of player development
- * Stereotypical radio controlling coach
- * Multiple tournament play

U9-10 Academy Program

- * Club creates a pool of players rather than teams
- * Players are not selected out due to roster size
- * Easier transition from Rec to Comp soccer environments
- Some tournament and festival play
- Individual player development is the highest priority
- Player mistakes are learning experiences rather than high pressure team disappointments

Did You Know?

- The Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night raised \$284.34 for our TOPSoccer program.
- We set a goal to raise ٠ \$5,000 for St. Baldrick's Foundation last spring and raised \$5.953 with 10 club members shaving their heads.

(Our next newsletter will have information on how to start a team for 2014's event.)

٠ You can satisfy some volunteer hours with food and drink donations to events like Fall Fun Day and Spring Fling Day.

Fall Fun Day A Huge Success!

A massive thank you to Carol-Ann Zaroogian and Lisa Cerrato for their organizational efforts and on the spot coordination We truly appreciate all of our volunteers for making this event fun for everyone.





Winter Programs **Register Now**

WINTER STRIKING/FINISHING CAMP

- Dates: December 21-23 *
- * Cost: \$69
- * All Ages

90 MIN CAMP MINI-CAMP

- Dates: December 21-23
- * Cost: \$50
- * Ages: 4-5 years

WINTER 4V4 STREET SOCCER

- Dates: January 11 and 25, February 1, 8, and 15
- Cost: \$50
- All Ages

Tim Honeycutt: U12 YDP and U16/18 Coed Recreational Coach



Coach Honeycutt

Coach Honeycutt is a local boy and played high school soccer for Melbourne High School. He has been coaching with Space Coast United since the Fall of 2005 and has coached every Fall and Spring season since. This is his second year coaching two teams in a single season. He's kept track and has coached 20 teams, the first two as an assistant coach. That's loyalty and dedication!

Tim currently coaches a U12 YDP and a U16/18 Recreational team. He and Coach Phillip Jones have been coaching together for a number of seasons as their teenagers have been

playing soccer together since they were about nine years old.

Tim says he would like the kids on his teams to really enjoy playing the game as they learn the basic skills to become proficient in the sport. He always tells his players

to try their best and have fun doing it! He has stuck with Space Coast United all these years because he "believes in a soccer club that promotes the love of the game, fair play, and provides great instruction for the kids to build their soccer skills. Clubs grow and are successful only if the kids love the game."

Editor's Note: Tim has been the editor's son's coach several times and it has been an absolute pleasure watching Tim and Phillip work with these teenagers. They are having a fantastic season!



Coach Jones

Lew Storum: Club Scheduler and U12 Girls Coach

Coach Storum was a goalkeeper at Port Loma Christian College in San Diego and has been a soccer coach for fifteen years, four of those at Space Coast United. He coaches the U12 and U14 Girls Select teams as well as assisting the Youth Development and Academy programs as a trainer. You may have spotted him out there lining the fields at Wickham and Viera!

Lew is also the club scheduler and has been doing a fabulous job keeping everyone informed about the home field use each week. So team managers, make sure you







2013-14 U12 Girls

emails and let him know immediately if you spot any discrepancies.

Lew has been surfing for 48 years with the good fortune to live in Hawaii for 13 and says he "still froths for the surf as much as I did when I was younger."

Coach Storum's U12 Girls were most recently finalists at the Brevard Fall Challenge over the Columbus Day weekend. His personal philosophy is that in whatever you choose, "Passion for what you do is the key to success."

"The goalkeeper is the jewel in the crown and getting at him should be almost impossible. It's the biggest sin in football to make him do any work." ~ Scottish football player and manager

Ryan Ferris: U5/6 YDP Coach (Viera)



Coach Ferris has a long history with the sport as his father co-founded Downington Spirit Soccer Club in Pennsylvania before Ryan started elementary school. Ryan was kicking a soccer ball around the house when he was just three, started club travel soccer at 6-7, and played until he graduated high school. He is really proud of his older brother who played Division 1 soccer for a top 10 ranked college program and was recently named southeastern PA coach of the year.

Ryan has been with Space Coast for two years and coaches a U5/6 team in Viera. He decided to become a YDP coach because he wanted to share his

love of the game with his son. Ryan enjoys providing a fun atmosphere where children can enjoy the game of soccer while their skills improve. His biggest goal is to get each child, regardless of ability, to love the game and want to come back to play next season.

Ryan says, "Having grown up around soccer my entire life, I realize the difference a club can make in a player's ability... I wanted to find a club in Brevard County that could meet my high expectations. Space Coast has met them. Space Coast is growing a club that has built a solid foundation that will develop into something great."

That's the plan Ryan, that's the plan!

SCHSC 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!"



Future TOPSoccer Buddy?

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