

MYS SWEEPER

McLean Youth Soccer Association

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Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time
May 17	McLean Day	Lewinsville Park	11 a.m. -5 p.m.
May 19	Town Hall Meeting MYS Members Fee Increase and New Payment System	McLean Community Center	7 p.m.
June 28-29	3 rd Annual Ambassador Cup	Lewinsville Park	

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Full Tilt, Pharaoh's Fury and Rides of All Kinds

Reithoffer Shows will bring back its popular rides The Tornado, The Ring of Fire, Pharaoh's Fury, The Starship and the bumper car rides. A new ride making its debut at this year's festival will be the Full Tilt, which makes a 25 degree tilt in mid-air, almost throwing riders out of their seats! Other attractions include a rock climbing wall, carnival games, free hayrides, pony rides, balloon sculptures and face painting. There also will be interactive displays by Fairfax County Police and Fire and Rescue. McLean Youth Soccer will offer a free Dribble, Kick and Score activity and Games People Play II, whose games have become so popular at the Center's July 4th Fireworks, will run fun field games and award prizes.

A little history....The first McLean Day was held in 1915 in a field adjacent to Franklin Sherman School. Sponsored by the McLean School and Civic League, Inc, the event raised funds for school and community projects. Community organizations kept McLean Day going with varying degrees of success until MCC began producing it in the mid-1970s. Due to an ever-increasing number of participants, in 1988 MCC relocated the festival to Lewinsville Park, its present home. Last year, festival organizers approximate more than 12,000 people attended.

MYS GIVES BACK ON MCLEAN DAY

Bring your old cleats and soccer balls to McLean Day and help two worthwhile causes.

Roll Out for Joy: For the past six months MYS has been participating in the

Roll Out the Joy program. This program collects soccer balls and distributes them to the military stationed in war-torn areas to bring a little "joy" to the children of the area. Clean out your closets and garage and donate your used and outgrown soccer balls and donate them to this worthy cause!

Physicians for Peace: MYS will be collecting soccer cleats for kids ages 7-18 years old U-8 in the African country of Eritrea. There are over 2,000 boys playing soccer there barefoot or in sandals. The fields the young players are on are all rock and dirt. Physicians for Peace is a cause supported by a group of physicians who provide short term medical relief and teaching in the capital city of Asmara.

REGISTRATION CHANGES BEGINNING IN FALL 2008

Over the next few years McLean Youth Soccer (MYS) is embarking on a Field Development Initiative that will convert a number of our fields from grass to synthetic turf. The goal of this effort is to insure that every MYS player has the opportunity to learn and play the game on a quality surface. In order to achieve this goal, the membership rates will increase beginning in Fall 2008. The fee increase is critical to the club's efforts to improve the quality of our fields, while also continuing to provide essential services to the membership.

The investment we make into our fields today will bring enjoyment for our players in years to come. We will continue to create opportunities for all players to get increasing access higher quality fields through new training opportunities, camps and other programs as more fields become available.

Please be on the lookout for an e-mail to arrive on Friday May 16th with more details on this important change.

NEW MYS WEB SITE LAUNCHED

MYS is very excited to introduce our new web site www.mcleansoccer.org
We believe you will find the new site better organized and more user-friendly.

Our new web site can still be accessed by typing www.mcleansoccer.org into your web browser address window; however your current MYS bookmarks or favorites will probably not work. To correct this, delete your old bookmarks and favorites and create new ones based on the URL address of the pages in our new site. If you have a problem accessing the new site, please send us an email and I will forward directions on how to remove the cache from your computer.
SoccerMCL@aol.com

Travel, MPS and House/Recreation Coaches and Managers can now leverage the new website templates for their teams. Instructions for creating these sites are available at <http://www.mcleansoccer.org/page/show/39919> .

For teams with existing websites, we are sorry if there is any disruption in service. While we did understand the potential disruption this may create, we do

have the following options:

- You can still access the old site at <http://www.myssoccer.org> and point folks to the new site
- We have created a very easy process and template for creating a new site for your team(s) <http://www.mcleansoccer.org/page/show/39919>

We owe special thanks to Juan Aguilar, George Romanowski, Nathan Ward and Michael Riemer for their work getting the new web site ready.

MYS SUMMER CAMP – MAY DAY SPECIAL

MYS is offering a special promotion for summer camp registrations during the month of May!! Some camp weeks are beginning to fill up now, particularly the high demand weeks. Look for special guest coaches to appear this summer such as Jam Praijn from IXAJAX in Holland who will be there June 25-27th.

The names of all players with a fully paid registration during the month of May will be entered into a raffle. The prizes:

1 Female Camper will receive a private training session from Clyde Watson, the MYS Technical Director and Assistant Coach for the Washington Freedom women's profession soccer team.

1 Male Camper will receive a private training session from Trevor Parker, the MYS Assistant Technical Director, and former English Premier League player.

Or, you can convert the private lesson into a group lesson and invite a few friends to join you. The choice is yours. These private or group sessions will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time in the late summer or fall.

PLUS: Winners will receive a soccer ball autographed by the MYS senior coaching staff. Go to the MYS web site to sign up or learn more.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: REFEREE ASSIGNOR

Beginning this fall, we are seeking a volunteer referee assignor. The assignor position requires someone to make to ensure the MYS, SFL and ODSL games have referees for our U9 through U19 teams. There are about 200 referees available to referee but due to conflicts all are not available each weekend. As changes occur the assignor will be required to call referees assigned to the canceled or changed game and make arrangements for replacements. We will be moving to the Arbiter Assigning software program to help with the assignment process. This will allow referees to pre-assign themselves with final approval by the assignor. There will be a training for the assignor and a requirement to certify as a state certified assignor this summer. The course requires a one day class normally held on the weekend.

if you would like to be considered or know someone that might be interested in the paid position for MYS soccer please let Ray Crawford (crawfordrr@aol.com) know. If selected you will be helping the current assignor during the spring

season and take over after the season.

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