

**Viper Bites**  
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Viper Bites encapsulates what has happened and what is about to happen in Viper Volleyball. It is produced as needed and posted on our website ([www.clubviper.net](http://www.clubviper.net)).

Not much has changed from our Volume 1, Number 1 edition so I am repeating some of that here as a reminder for everyone. I have added additional information at the end of the edition of Viper Bites.

**Try-outs:** We have already had one try-out on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and are pleased with the results. Our next try-out schedule is in late July. I have posted the details on [www.clubviper.net](http://www.clubviper.net); however, here is the schedule (all try-outs are at San Antonio College):

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Ages 10-12, 5 PM to 6:30 PM; Ages 13 & 14 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

**July 29<sup>th</sup>:** Ages 15 & 16 5 PM to 6:30 PM; Ages 17 & 18 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Try-outs cost is \$35 per person. However if you bring two or more people who were not a part of Viper last year and who have not already tried out; then the cost will be \$25 per person.

**Boys:** We will also conduct try-outs for boys on both the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We are working hard to put together one or more boys' teams. We are asking everyone to invite their sons, brothers, & friends to come to these try-outs. We are very, very close to having at least one team. I appreciate everyone's support. All boys may try-out for FREE.

**Camps:** We still have room in our remaining July camps. Details are posted on [www.clubviper.net](http://www.clubviper.net). Camp for 10-14 year olds runs July 19 to 21 followed by try-outs on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and for the 15 and older girls it runs from July 26 to 28 followed by try-outs on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Aug 22:** On Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, Viper will hold a special session for all those committed to Viper at San Antonio College. Although we have not resolved all of the details, we will have a 3 or 4 hour block for the 14-and-under and a 3 or 4 hour block for the 15-and-older players. We will also hold a parent meeting to discuss what it means to be a Viper parent, how do tournaments work, what we expect from team parents and what team parents can expect from us, some volleyball rules, some discussion of our offense and defense, and so on. We ask everyone to attend. While the parents are meeting, the players will be gainfully employed as will be the coaches. I will provide more details as they become available; but it will be in the afternoon on August 22 at San Antonio College.

**Open Gym:** Many parents have asked; "Is there anything after camps for the girls and/or do you have any all day camps"? We have secured San Antonio College from July 26 – 29 from 9 AM to 4:30 PM in addition to our camp that week (5 to 9 PM). We don't have time to put together an organized "camp" so this will be more of an open gym where we will do some individual work, run some 2-on-2, 3-on-3 or 4-on-4 sessions, and just have fun. You will be able to drop off your

players at 8:00 AM and pick them up after work (we are holding camp or try-outs later each day so we will be there to watch the players). Each day will cost \$40 and will include lunch – you can send snacks if you like. If you plan on coming to these open sessions, please drop me an email so I can have sufficient resources there to support everyone ([john@aoasports.com](mailto:john@aoasports.com) or [jkimmel@satx.rr.com](mailto:jkimmel@satx.rr.com)). You can pay when you drop off your child.

**Web Site:** We are still moving our web site from its current host to a different host so we can increase the options to better manage our information and improve our communications with everyone. Unfortunately, that transition has run into some technical troubles and has been delayed. We hope to have these problems resolved shortly. In the mean time, I have started to update [www.clubviper.net](http://www.clubviper.net) and will complete that by the end of this week. Currently, I have updated the camp and try-out information. This next season we will have a webmaster who will take care of keeping our web site current.

**Ads:** This last Sunday and for the next two weeks, Viper Volleyball placed an ad in the Express News Sports section. We are hopeful that this will increase the number of folks who will come to try-outs and to our summer camps as well as let the boys know we are here for them.

**Boys Camp:** Late-breaking news – we are offering a FREE camp to boys 14 and under this upcoming week (19-21 July) from 5 PM to 9 PM at San Antonio College. Just have them show and complete a camp application for them (we have a sponsor for this!).

**Tournament Schedule:** Everyone who runs a volleyball tournament in the Lone Star Region is completing their paperwork to request approval. We will not have an approved listing of available tournaments until mid-to-late August. Once we have that list, we will pick the tournaments for our teams to play in.

**Sand:** We are looking at running a two-day sand tournament during spring break (most likely March 17 and 18). In addition we will be having a Viper-only sand tournament/get-together earlier that week. We have many, many details to work out yet; but that is our current plan. I already have some interest from teams in Corpus Christi.

**Commitment:** Many of you have asked us about who is coaching what team. Currently we do not have any teams. We will assign a coach to a team once we have 8 players committed to an age group and playing level. We understand that this can cause some of grief; but we firmly believe that we are much better suited to pick the right coach for your daughter's (or son's) team than you. We asked that you trust our judgment. Coach Hawk and I work really hard to make sure we have the right resources in the right place.

Until the next Viper Bites: *Live your life in balance and make each day a success for you.*

John

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