



# Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

# Korner Kick

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## CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 11 Rec League Opening Day U5-U14  
September 18 Picture Day/Raffle Tickets Distributed  
September 27 CLSF Monthly Board Meeting  
October 2 Raffle Drawing  
October 25 CLSF Monthly Board Meeting  
October 30 Fall Rec Season Ends Season



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Steve Schofield – CLSF President

Welcome to the 2010 – 2011 CLSF soccer year. We're really excited to welcome new families to our club and to welcome back all of our returning families. Maybe you're like me and you have a new player at home who has watched his big brother and sister have all the fun for a couple years, and who can't wait to suit up in his own uniform for his very first game this fall.

This season the CLSF is once again offering some fantastic professional training opportunities for individual players and teams in the recreational program. And you can't beat the price. Check out the details in the related article in this edition or look under the Recreational -> Training page on our CLSF website.

If you haven't had the opportunity yet of working in Mr. Savage's kitchen I highly recommend spending a few quality hours there as a concessions volunteer this fall. You'll get the opportunity to meet some new

people, share some laughs, help the organization, and best of all earn back your \$25 volunteer guaranty fee. Click on the Volunteers link on the website to sign-up.

Thanks to all of you who are giving some of your time this season. Whether you're helping as a coach, an assistant, a team mom or dad, on Saturdays in the concession stand or as a field marshal, or in any number of other ways, you play a pivotal role in the success of the season. The CLSF depends greatly on all of you for our collective success and strength as an organization. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

I hope you and your kids have a great fall season with the CLSF. Good luck to all of our teams.

## **CLSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Steve Schofield – President  
Jack Bragg – Vice President  
Tracey Dayton – Secretary  
Diane Kelly – Treasurer  
Bob Hansen – Recreational Teams  
Dan Quinn – Training and Coaching Development  
Greg Cole – Communications, Registration  
Fred Wosik – At Large  
Paul Kramer – Competitive Teams  
Donna Bertalon – Assistant Treasurer  
Ryan Savage - Concessions  
Eric Bertalon – At Large  
Steve Scarfe – At Large  
Bernadine Hansen - Fundraising

## **STAFF**

Greg Cole – Administrator  
Dan Quinn – Supervisor of Training & Education  
Bob Hansen – Head Referee, Trainer and Assignor

## **PICTURE DAY**

Picture Day will be Saturday, September 18, 2010 at Lippold Park. Pictures will be taken in the training area which is located just west of Soccerhouse. Teams will report for check-in 45 minutes before their scheduled game time. Picture order forms were distributed to the Recreational League Coaches at the August coaches meetings. Additional forms are available at Soccerhouse and will be available on picture day. Players should bring their order forms to picture day with payment. Team and individual pictures will be distributed to the coaches prior to the end of the fall season.

### RAFFLE

Greg Cole – Raffle Director

The raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2010 at noon at Soccerhouse. You need not be present to win. Families who chose the Raffle option at the time their children were registered may pick up their raffle tickets on Picture Day - September 18. Each family must pick up its own tickets. Identification is required. If you are unable to pick up your tickets on picture day, you may pick them up at Soccerhouse any time before the drawing. Raffle ticket stubs may be dropped off at Soccerhouse. On Saturdays ticket stubs may be left in the blue plastic bucket inside Soccerhouse. Otherwise, ticket stubs may be left in the locked mailbox outside the front door of the building. Ticket stubs should be dropped off no later than 9 AM on October 2.

### YOUR CLSF WEBSITE FAMILY PAGE

Greg Cole – Administrator

This year we have added a new feature to our website. CLSF Families may now view their child's team assignment which includes the coach's name, home phone number and email address. To view this information go to [www.clsf.org](http://www.clsf.org) and select the "LOGIN" menu bar item, then the "Registered Families" click-on and enter your username and password. On the next page click "Home" (found in the upper right corner). On the next screen entitled 'Family Account Screen' click the 'Edit' pencil symbol next to the child's name. The following screen contains the coach's (and assistant coach's, if any) contact info. Please ignore the notation which reads "Accept Team Assignment" which appears above the head coach's name.

### OTHER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Greg Cole - Administrator

### PORTABLE SOCCER GOAL SAFETY

With the safety of your child in mind, CLSF continues to take great care to insure that all goals at Lippold Park are properly anchored at all times. Staff performs regular checks at least weekly to insure that the goals are anchored. Our coaches and referees are also instructed to perform a check before each game and are instructed not to begin a game unless the goals are properly anchored. In addition, warning labels are affixed to each goal.

We ask your assistance as well. Please make sure that your children do not climb on the nets or hang from the cross bars. CLSF cannot guaranty that all soccer goals located on practice fields in the various parks are properly anchored. Vandals and teams holding practices sometimes move the goals (although this is strictly against Park District and CLSF policy) without re-anchoring them. If you notice a goal at one of the parks that is not properly anchored, contact the Crystal Lake Park District at 459-0680 or CLSF at 477-2573.

### LIGHTNING PREDICTION SYSTEM

The Crystal Lake Park District has installed a THOR GUARD Lightning Prediction System at Soccerhouse. This system predicts when conditions indicate the potential for a lightning strike. It will give a warning 8 to 20 minutes in advance of a potential strike so that players, coaches and spectators can take shelter.

When THOR GUARD senses the potential for a lightning strike, it will sound a 15 second warning siren and the strobe light will activate. When this happens, **clear the fields immediately and seek proper shelter (building or non-convertible automobile), even if the weather appears not to be threatening.** The strobe light stays on as long as there is the danger of a lightning strike. When the potential for lightning has passed, the THOR GUARD siren sounds 3 blasts. This may occur as soon as 15 minutes after the initial warning has been given.

If thunder is heard or lightning is spotted, and the THOR GUARD siren does not go off, everyone must still clear the fields and take appropriate shelter immediately. No one should go out again until 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder is heard or lightning seen.

If the Thor Guard sounds, if lightning is observed, or if thunder heard, players and parents should go to their cars and await word from their coach. Coaches should report to Soccerhouse.

### SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE

If a family member or friend is handicapped and needs assistance accessing the fields, golf car rides may be obtained at Soccerhouse.

### PETS

To insure the health and safety of participants and players, CLSF prefers that pets be left at home. If spectators must bring pets, they must sit with their pets away from other spectators and teams, at least 10 yards off the corner of the field. This measure recognizes those who wish to enjoy watching their children play soccer while being accompanied by their pet, and also assures the safety and comfort of players and other spectators.

### NO SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in the vicinity of the soccer fields and the area in and around Soccerhouse.

### PARKING

The small parking area immediately adjacent to Soccerhouse is reserved for vehicles with handicapped permits, CLSF Board Members and Staff. **Please do not park in this area or enter to drop off or pick up players.** Please do not park in any grassy areas at Lippold Park. You may be ticketed. We ask your cooperation by not parking at the end of any of the North Shore streets which are adjacent to Lippold Park while attending soccer games or practices at Lippold. Let's be considerate and good neighbors.

### **GO GREEN - CELL PHONE RECYCLING FUNDRAISER**

Bernadine Hansen - Director of Fundraising

Earn money for CLSF for each recycled phone  
Please drop off your old cell phones at:  
SOCCER HOUSE at LIPPOLD PARK

Crystal Lake Soccer Federation will continue its cell phone recycling fund-raising program. Proceeds from the collection efforts will be applied to the purchase of the newly installed lights at Lippold Park as well as to fund various other soccer programs. "Donating a used, unwanted cell phone allows community members to donate to an important cause without reaching into their wallets," stated Bernadine Hansen, Fund-raising Director of CLSF. "With the hundreds of thousands of used cell phones sitting idly in our community, the fund-raising potential is almost limitless. In addition, we are helping the environment by appropriately recycling these electronic devices." CLSF has teamed with GRC Wireless Recycling ([www.grcrecycling.com](http://www.grcrecycling.com)), a Miramar, Florida, company that specializes in cell phone recycling and fund-raising programs. GRC works with thousands of

organizations in 50 states and has contributed over \$5,000,000 to participating organizations. A cell phone collection "drop box" is currently established at Soccer House at Lippold Park. CLSF requests and appreciates that the public bring their used, unwanted cell phones to this location during working hours. We are additionally soliciting local businesses to initiate collection campaigns with its employees, customers, and vendors. We encourage businesses of all types to participate in this program, and would like to establish more drop boxes within Crystal Lake. If you are interested in establishing a drop box site, please contact us at 815-477-2573 or email Bernadine Hansen at [read4la@sbcglobal.net](mailto:read4la@sbcglobal.net).  
CLEAN HOUSE, HELP THE ENVIRONMENT, AND MAKE MONEY

### **EASY MONEY**

Bernadine Hansen – Director of Fundraising

CLSF is continuing its credit card fund-raising project and you don't have to buy anything new! All you need to do is apply for the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation credit card and you will be donating to our cause with your everyday purchases. CLSF will earn \$50 after your first purchase with your CLSF card and continue to earn 2% on gas and food purchases and 1% on all other purchases made using the card.

The \$50 first time purchase may not sound like a lot, but we have about 1200 families, so if every family used their CLSF Capital One Visa card just for this year's registration, CLSF would receive over **\$62,000**. The 2% may also sound insignificant, but if the average family used their card to pay for \$100 per week for food and \$20 per week for gas, CLSF would receive almost **\$150,000** per year. The dollars can add up quickly, and our lights could be paid for in a very short time. All of this can only happen with your support, so apply for your CLSF Capital One Visa today. The card comes with either the CLSF logo or the Force logo, so you can show your support every time you use it. For questions, email Bernadine Hansen, Fund-raising Director, at [read4la@sbcglobal.net](mailto:read4la@sbcglobal.net).

To apply or learn more about the CLSF Visa Card go to  
[www.cardlabconnect.com/clsf](http://www.cardlabconnect.com/clsf)

**PLEASE! PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS**

Bernadine Hansen, Fund-raising Director

In the months to come, we will be increasing our fund-raising efforts among local businesses with a campaign for various levels of CLSF sponsorship. Advertising is great for business, but only if it works and brings in customers. To that end, we will be asking you again and again to please patronize our sponsors. We are just beginning this campaign and already have several sponsors who would love to have you come in, make a purchase, and tell them how much you appreciate their support of CLSF. Kicking off our campaign, please

PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS

# DICK'S SPORTING GOODS

(with a contribution of \$2500)

and

# SPORTS AUTHORITY

(with a contribution of \$1000)

For more information about our business ad campaign please email Bernadine Hansen at [read4la@sbcglobal.net](mailto:read4la@sbcglobal.net)