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CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 19-21 Force Tournament
September 10 Rec League Opening Day U5-U14
September 17 Picture Day
September 19 Board Meeting
October 8 CLSF 40th Anniversary Celebration
October 17 Board Meeting
October 29 Fall Rec Season Ends

WELCOME

Greg Cole - Administrator

Welcome back to all of our prior member families and welcome to our new families to the kickoff of our fall season. We are currently in the process of completing the rostering our Recreational League players. When this process is complete each family will be sent an email message notifying them of their player's team assignment. To view your team and coach information simply log in to your account page and go to your TEAM WALL. Your player's coach will be contacting you about August 15 with practice schedules and other important information. Game schedules will be available about August 20.

It is our plan to again be offer our Rec players free skills and goal keeper training sessions on a regular basis. These sessions are conducted by our professional training staff and are offered as a supplement to the regular practices conducted by our volunteer rec coaches. The schedule for these training sessions will be posted on our website under the Rec League/Training tab.

The Tournament Committee is busy with final preparations for the CRYSTAL LAKE FORCE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT on August 19-21 at Lippold Park. This is the 4th year for our tournament and we are projecting 160 teams for this year's editon. This event

will be a benefit to our organization as well as to the entire Crystal Lake community. Please join us at Lippold Park that weekend to support the tournament as a player, as a supporter, as a volunteer, or even just to experience a competitive soccer tournament close to home. If you are able to lend a hand, please check to Volunteer link found on the Tournament page or contact Tournament Director Kristian Rockall at tournament@clsf.org.

In closing, all the best to our players, coaches, and supporters this season and we look forward to seeing you at Lippold Park. As always, if there is anything we can do to make your experience better please, drop us a note at info@clsf.org or stop by and see us at Soccerhouse.

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CHICAGO FIRE EVENTS TO BENEFIT CRYSTAL LAKE SOCCER FEDERATION

Eric Bertalon - Fundraising

The Chicago Fire, Chicago's own professional soccer team, is partnering with CLSF for two upcoming events. For the upcoming games on **August 14th** and **September 10th**, the Fire will be donating a portion of ticket sales back to CLSF. This is a great opportunity for CLSF players, parents and friends to enjoy soccer played at the highest level while supporting CLSF fundraising efforts. Tickets for CLSF members have been substantially reduced so make plans to attend. Tickets are going fast, but the purchasing deadline has been extended for those still wanting to attend.

The order form is available on the CLSF website for both games, simply print and complete the form and mail it along with your payment to:

CLSF
PO Box 1084
Crystal Lake, IL 60039-1084

Or drop off at the soccer house (mail box next to the door). Questions can be directed to **Eric Bertalon** at ejb91363@gmail.com, or **Bob Hansen** at refbob@sbcglobal.net

YOUR CLSF FAMILY ACCOUNT PAGE

Greg Cole – Administrator

By logging in to your family account page and going to your TEAM WALL, you can view your player's team roster, game schedule and coach's contact info. This information should be available by August 20.

PICTURE DAY

Greg Cole - Administrator

Picture Day will be Saturday, September 17 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. Force teams and Girls High School Rec League (Blackmore League) teams who do not have games at Lippold Park that day should contact their team manager or coach for times.

Picture order envelopes will be distributed to the Recreational League coaches at the August coaches meetings. Players should bring their order forms to picture day with payment. Coaches will then collect the forms and hand them off to the photographer. Team and individual pictures will be

distributed to the coaches prior to the end of the fall season.

CONCESSIONS

Bernadine Hansen – Director of Concessions

Where can you feed lunch to a family of five for only \$20.00 (including tax and tip)? If you can't answer that question, then it's time for you to visit the Concessions Stand at Soccer House at Lippold Park! It's hard to believe, but for \$4.00 per person, you can choose a hot dog or a slice of pizza, a Gatorade or pop, and a bag of chips or cookies! What a deal! Or, for just \$1.00 more, you can get a 6" ham, turkey, or Italian Subway sandwich, a bottle of water, and your choice of chips or cookies. If you're just looking for a snack to keep you going until your game is over, or to pacify the siblings (food ALWAYS works), try our large soft pretzels or nachos and cheese for just \$2.00, or a bag of popcorn for just \$1.00! Seriously, where can you get that good a deal and not even have to give up your parking space, or fight the traffic on Route 176? Of course, Concessions also sells a good cup of coffee for only \$1.00 or French Vanilla Cappuccino for \$2.00. Best of all, Country Donuts are only \$1.00! And there's more, so please stop by and see our entire menu.

OF COURSE, there IS a CATCH (isn't there always)! In order to provide this wonderful menu on Saturdays, we need volunteers to help in the stand. Please go to the website below and sign up to help for just a two hour shift. If you can't do a full shift, sign up and come for as long as you can, or just stop by and give us whatever time you have. I'm in the stand the entire day, so you're never left on your own. It really is a piece of cake, just ask anyone who's ever worked Concessions. We really DO have FUN! If you absolutely can't help out, at least stop by and support CLSF with your purchases. All profits go back into our wonderful program, and help to keep your costs down. Over the last five years, our profit margins have remained in the 45%-55% range, so about half of your purchase goes back into your pocket. Please come and help out!

VOLUNTEER HERE:

http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=clsf_volunteer

CLSF Youth Academy - Registration Closes August 15!

Dan Quinn – Director of Coaching

Do you have a 5-8 year old player who loves soccer and is looking to take their game to the next level? If so, the CLSF Youth Academy is for you!

For players ages 5-8, the Academy program prepares

players for the FORCE Competitive Program. Academy players will participate in the recreational program, but will also train one additional day per week in the fall/spring with a FORCE staff coach and train two days per week in the winter with a FORCE Staff Coach. They will also compete in 6 Academy games per season (fall/spring). Full details on the Academy program can be found here: <http://www.clsf.org/youthacademy>

Spots are limited, so if you are interested in registering, don't delay!

If you have any questions on the Academy program, please contact Dan Quinn at: force@clsf.org

2016-17 FORCE Season - Begins in August!

Dan Quinn – Director of Coaching

We are excited to get started with another great year of competitive soccer! We have a lot of new players fresh out of the recreational program that we look forward to working with this season.

If you are new to the area or just new to CLSF, the FORCE Program is the competitive soccer branch of Crystal Lake Soccer Federation. The FORCE program is for players ages U8-U23 and hosts over 40 teams and over 500 players! FORCE teams compete locally in the IWSL, YSSL, and IYSA premiership division; regionally in the Midwest Regional League; and National in College Showcase Events. The FORCE is committed to taking your player to the next level with a consistent development process and the best staff coaches in the area!

Tryouts for the 2017-18 FORCE program begin in May 2017, but we do have some spots available at certain age groups for the 2016-17 season. If you have a player that may be interested in trying out, contact Dan Quinn at: force@clsf.org

You can find full details on the FORCE program here: <http://www.clsf.org/page/show/999509-program-details>

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.

SPECTATOR AREA

Spectators are reminded to remain within the spectator areas as delineated by the dashed lines which are approximately 10 feet from the touchlines.

There should be *NO ONE* behind or in the vicinity of the goals. All spectators shall observe the game on the opposite side of the field from the players and coaches (except for U5 and U6 age groups).

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 leashed and 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

Bob Hansen – CLSF Director

Money will be earned for each recycled phone. Please drop off your old cell phones at Soccerhouse
Or
BOB HANSEN – 4605 DANIEL DRIVE, CRYSTAL LAKE

If you know of a business that will serve as a drop off location, contact Bob Hansen at refbob@sbcglobal.net

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