

WGRC * SOCCER PROGRAM * Fall 2009

Kick and Play

Age Group: Boys and girls ages 5 & 6 by August 1st, or enrolled in Kindergarten in the Fall of 2009.

Program Description: This program is for boys and girls new to soccer. Children will be introduced to soccer and the concept of team sports with other children their own age. Participants are broken up into small groups where they will play games and participate in drills designed to teach the fundamentals of soccer. Each child will receive a t-shirt for participating. This is a fun introduction to soccer with no competitive pressures. Parents are asked to stay and assist the program director.

Equipment: Size 3 soccer ball, shin guards & soccer shoes (optional), and a bottle of water.

Session Dates: 6 sessions on the following dates: August 15, 22, 29, September 12, 19, October 3

Session Times: TBD.

Location: WGRC Day Campgrounds Soccer Field (behind the WG Middles School)

Cost: \$65.00/child

Registration: Mail-in registrations only. All registrations must be **post-marked** by July 25th. Go to www.wgrcsite.com and click on the soccer link for a printable registration form and mailing address. One child per form.

Recreational Youth Soccer

Age Groups:

Boys & Girls age 6 – 14 by August 1, 2009

Except for the Mixed 1 & 2 League (1st and 2nd graders), boys and girls play on separate teams and are assigned to a league dependant upon their age by August 1st. The different leagues are listed on the registration form.

Program Description: The primary goals of the program are for children to have fun and learn the rules and key skills of the game of soccer. The season consists of practice sessions and games. Practice sessions will teach the fundamental skills of dribbling, passing, ball control, positioning, defense, and shooting. While games are competitive and winning is fun, both parents and children are reminded that it is not all about winning. Both parents and children are encouraged to practice good sportsmanship. Each child receives a team t-shirt and will have the opportunity to play in the 25th Anniversary WGRC Soccer tournament. Leagues are organized by grades (but with age cut-offs) to allow children to progress as their skills and coordination grows.

Equipment: soccer ball (size depends on age group/league) shin guards (mandatory) & soccer shoes (recommended), mouth guard (recommended), and your own water bottle.

Date: The 8-week season runs from August 15th - October 9th. Typically there are 2 games/practices per week: one on a weeknight and one on Saturday.

Location: Leagues play at different locations within WG School District.

Cost: \$85.00/child with a maximum family cost of \$225.00 (same immediate family). Adult league is not included.

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Adult Soccer League

Age Group: Men & women ages 18 and older

Program Description: This league consists of weekly organized pick-up games. The program goals are *to have fun* and *to play the wonderful game of soccer* in a fun and friendly atmosphere. This is a recreational program.

Session Dates: Sundays @ 6:00 pm beginning May 24th through late October (weather permitting).

Location: West Geauga Commons, lower soccer field

Cost: \$25.00 for the season.

Registration: Mail-in registrations only. Go to www.wgrcsite.com and click on the soccer link for a printable registration form and mailing address.

Volunteer Coaches Needed

The Soccer program needs parent volunteer coaches and assistants. Without the support of parents and soccer volunteers the WGRC soccer program would not exist. Because of our volunteers, approximately 400 children in the West Geauga area have the opportunity to play soccer each year. Coaches and assistant coaches are needed at all levels to introduce the game and teach the meaning of team play. A free coaching clinic will be held shortly before the season begins. No prior soccer experience is required.

In appreciation for being a volunteer coach, if you have a child playing this soccer season, you will be reimbursed all but \$10.00 of your child's soccer fee at the end of the season.

Interested? Please call Kelly or Tatiana Riedel @ 440-729-1503 by July 1ST.

Soccer Referees & Referee Clinic

The WGRC sponsors a referee clinic for boys and girls ages 13 and older and adults interested in becoming referees for its youth soccer league games. The clinic reviews the rules of soccer, discusses and role-plays proper etiquette & behavior for players, coaches and parents, and teaches how to be an effective referee. Those new refs who cannot attend the WGRC training must go to an OYSAN sponsored referee training session in another community for certification to be eligible to referee in the WGRC Youth Soccer program. Referees are paid for each game they ref during the season & tournament.

Date: July 18th - 8:30-4:30 pm

***Note: Lunch will be provided for all trainees.**

Location: West Geauga High School, Room 124

Cost: \$25.00

Registration: Contact John Gervasi (440-423-3523), or e-mail jgervasi@kerrlakeside.com. **Returning refs should also contact John Gervasi ASAP.**