



Buffalo Grove
Park District

April 28, 2008

Dear Coach,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering to be part of the FALL soccer season. Selected coaches (you and your assistants) are required to attend a series of preseason meetings to help you prepare for the upcoming season.

The following information is necessary to be selected as a head coach. A practice field request form must be completed. You may include the names of **up to 2 assistant coaches**. Please include a team name as well. Head and assistant coaches will be confirmed at a later time. Assistant coaches are subject to the lottery and may assist only if they (and their child) are available on the practice night you choose. **All head coaches must fill out and return a completed Youth Coach Application and Criminal Background Check Release Form.**

All new coaches must complete the NYSCA online class. Returning coaches who have attended the NYSCA training last spring or fall need not attend again this season.

1.) GENERAL COACHES MEETING (at the Alcott Community Center)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6th – ALL RETURNING COACHES 6:15 –7:15 PM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6th – ALL NEW COACHES 7:30 –8:30 PM

At this meeting you'll receive your team rosters, rules, league schedules, first aid supplies, coaches manuals and instructions. Teams may begin practice anytime after this meeting. If you cannot personally attend, your assistant coach should attend for you.

2.) SOCCER CLINIC/TRAINING (At Willow Stream Park Outdoor Soccer Fields)
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th – 9:00 AM –12:00 PM

This is a live-action, hands-on clinic. You'll be asked to bring a soccer ball and gym shoes or cleats. Be ready to run through warm-ups, drills, and game strategy sessions, just like you'll be doing with your team. This session is scheduled for **Sunday, August 17th 9:00-12:00 PM for coaches of all age groups.**

3.) NYSCA CERTIFICATION – ONLINE CLINIC

The NYSCA Clinic is required for ALL coaches (head and assistant.) It covers topics such as first aid, safe-playing situations, parents' roles, the coach as a role model, and a drug and alcohol-free environment. We feel that providing this training to our coaches enhances all youth sports in our community.

NYSCA Training may be accomplished on-line at the “NAYS.org” website. The fee for licensing coaches is \$25.00 online. The park district will reimburse you \$25.00 with your receipt from the website.

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HANDS-ON SOCCER CLINIC AND TRAINING (at Willow Stream Park)
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PICTURES (at the Alcott Community Center) –TO BE ANNOUNCED

SEPTEMBER 6th/7th
OCTOBER 25th/ 26th
NOVEMBER 1st/2nd

GAMES BEGIN
LAST WEEKEND OF GAMES
RAINOUT WEEKEND

Thanks again and please feel free to contact us any time at the Park District Office.

Sincerely,

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