



Lazers for Hopkins

Our first ever “Lazers for Hopkins” night will be Thursday May 22nd from 5:00pm - 9:00pm at the Greene Turtle in Bel Air. The Greene Turtle will provide 10% of sales and make an additional donation for our great cause. Your 2008 MISL Champion Baltimore Blast will be in attendance to help us raise additional donations by guest bartending and providing autographs. This is going to be a great night and show our children how important it is to get involved to give back to our community.



The Greene Turtle has reserved the entire 2nd floor for our event and will open the outside deck if the weather cooperates. We are in the process of acquiring door prizes for those who attend - the Blast and other sponsors are donating great merchandise...more info soon.

We are also looking to honor those who have been helped by the Children’s Center in our Lazer community - please reply on our Voice of the Parents web page so we can contact them about the event.

Encourage your child to wear their Lazer game jersey to quickly identify them at the Turtle.



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The Lazer Way
Commitment,
Leadership and
Teamwork.

Lazer Blast Camp

Mark your calendars for an exciting soccer camp this year with the Baltimore Blast. The Lazer program is working hard to make this another exciting and beneficial event. **The format and curriculum will be set by the Lazer Program as in previous years.** We are also working to bring back instructors who were camp favorites in 2007 to compliment the Blast.



All teams are encouraged to participate in the event.

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| Cost: | \$95.00 per child |
| When: | July 28th - August 1st |
| Where: | Hickory Park |
| Time: | 5:30pm - 8:30pm |

2008 MISL Champions!!

All of our kids will receive:

- A Camp T-Shirt
- A Soccer Ball
- One free Blast ticket for CMSA night in December



HFG Registration

A reminder for everyone to register for HFG Soccer on the following dates: Saturday May 10th (9:00am - 12:00pm), Wednesday May 14th (6:30pm - 9:00pm) and Saturday May 17th (9:00am - 12:00pm). Registration will be held at the Forest Hill \ Hickory Activity Center (formerly Just 4 Kids) this year.

The cost will be \$50/child for ages 4, 5/6 Clinic through U8 and \$70/child for U9 and up. Please go to www.hfgsoccer.com to download the registration form prior to arriving.

Program Satisfaction

We are working hard to assist new coaches with team setup responsibilities and age group expectations to help everyone understand their role on the team in 2008. Other items are in progress and will be updated as they are finalized.

Our commitment to everyone includes better communication and addressing areas of improvement across the program.

NSCAA Coaching Certifications

We participated in the NSCAA Regional certification April 18th & 19th at the Forest Hill / Hickory Activity Center. This accomplishment has enabled us to provide a certified coach at every age group for the fall season. This is a program first - please congratulate the following for their commitment to our program: Jamie Filiaggi, Ray Hruz, Eric Hurtt, Ron Rutkowski, Scott Pridgeon, Skip Luzetsky, Vic Tritto, Rob Hruz, Joe Roden, Paul Shivone, Bob Ehrhardt and Steve McPhail.



Surveys

Our first Lazer survey has been sent to everyone in the program and early responses have been appreciated. If you haven't responded please do so by April 30th.

Thank you for helping us make this a better soccer club for you and your child.



Lazer Tryout Process

Tryouts will begin Saturday May 31st for many teams in the program. We are working hard to improve this process for our coaches, players and parents in 2008. Many comments from our first survey indicates a need to place more emphasis on this process and that is exactly what we plan to do. Coaches are requesting dates for their age group tryout now with locations determined in the next few weeks.

- We are striving to standardize the tryout workout at each age group to improve the overall experience. This will allow the same age appropriate skill set to be evaluated and provide program consistency.
- This year we will be holding age group tryouts instead of existing team tryouts. This will allow coaches to see all players at the same time and group them better by ability. We are committed to offering an "A" level team to those players who can commit to that format and structure.
- We will have our new coaches attend a mock tryout before May 31st ensuring they are prepared to handle their teams tryout.
- Our biggest challenge is identifying qualified 3rd party evaluators for every team - we will do a better job this year and look to further improve this component in the future. Our intention is to significantly reduce the bias that can occur at any level and create a greater credibility to the selection process.

Lazer Uniforms

Steve McPhail has worked hard the past couple months organizing and coordinating our 2008 Lazer Program uniform order. We have received style and size orders from all requesting coaches based on roster projections for next season. The order will be submitted later this week and should be in our possession and ready for applications (names & numbers) by late June. More info soon...





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