

LNSC Executive Director Communication
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College Panel – October 24

We will be holding our annual college panel forum on October 24, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Charles Mack Citizen Center. This is our 5th year holding the forum and each year it gets better as we are able to improve upon the event. We are expecting our largest attendance ever with the growth of the club. Thus the change in venue to the Charles Mack Center. This is a **free** event for all of our members in 9th-12th grade, boys and girls, from all branches. We bring in a variety of college coaches to speak about the recruiting process (from their point of view) and answer questions to help our players with college aspirations be prepared to navigate this journey. It is extremely useful, informative and popular. Even players who have attended a forum in the past can benefit from attending this year's event as each year's panel offers a unique insight. Signup is mandatory for attendance as we regularly reach our capacity – you can sign up here:

www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4fa8ab2da2fd0-college1

Casino Night – January 27, 2017

We recently announced the date for our FIRST EVER LNSC Casino Night. On Friday, January 27, LNSC will host a fun event for the adult members of our community at the Peninsula Yacht Club. The event will take place from 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm and will feature play gaming tables (craps, blackjack, poker and roulette), a raffle (tickets can be purchased with real or play money) with great prizes such as a full year's club dues, a silent auction, and a wine pull. Attendees will each receive \$10,000 in play money. On-site babysitting is available. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served all night. This is a great way for our community to come together, enjoy a fun evening of fellowship and support the club. Proceeds will go towards the LNSC financial aid fund and LNSC annual fund. We hope to see a great turnout. Tickets purchased before November 16 will receive a 10% "early bird" discount and can be purchased online through your club account here: http://www.lakenormansoccer.com/content/tournaments-events_lns-casino-night. Mark your calendar and purchase your tickets today!

Summer (2017) Europe Trip

We are getting ready to roll out information for next summer's European soccer trip. Some early details – we will be looking to take **girls born in 2002 and 2003** and **boys born in 2003 and 2004**. We are planning on the trip lasting 13 days in the second half of July and traveling to Iceland and Denmark to participate in the Dana Cup – last summer's Dana Cup was the largest ever with 1,100 teams from 45 countries. It is consistently the second largest youth soccer event in the world and Lake Norman has won three gold medals and numerous other awards at this event. We will be sending out more details and announcing an informational meeting for all interested in the coming days.

Think Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Day – October 22

Lake Norman Soccer Club will be hosting their 2nd annual Think Pink – Cancer Awareness event on October 22nd at Mazeppa Park from 12:00-6:00 pm. The event which is being co-sponsored by Walgreen's will be hosting a flu-shot clinic, and will have loads of free giveaways, music, food, and Pink T-shirts for sale in support of the Komen Foundation and the fight against cancer. LNSC is fully committed to raising awareness in support of a healthy lifestyle and will have several vendors present to enhance the day's experience!

Come out and join us as we celebrate the life of one of our own LNSC parents who recently lost her battle to cancer. A special presentation will be made upon the conclusion of the 04 Eclipse Blue game at approximately 2:15pm on Field 3. We hope to see you all there.

Fall Classic

The LNSC Fall Classic is just around the corner. We are always looking for parent volunteers to make this a successful event. This year we are expecting one of our largest tournaments ever with more out-of-state teams participating than ever before. If you would like to volunteer to help out with anything including field set-up, team registration or on-site operations, please contact Leslie Gerwitz at lgerwitz@lakenormansoccer.com. As a reminder, the dates of the event are:

November 12-13: Boys/Girls Academy (U9-10) and Boys U11-U19

November 19-20: Girls U11-U19

Final Club Payment

The final payment (of 3) for the year's LNSC Club dues was due on October 1. If you have not taken care of this, please log on to your account and make this payment at your earliest convenience. If you have any issues, please contact Leslie Gerwitz at lgerwitz@lakenormansoccer.com.

LNSC Training Attire

As the weather starts to turn colder, here is a reminder about the acceptable LNSC training attire. Players should train in black Nike shorts, black Nike socks and either a white LNSC training shirt (gold for GKs) or a black LNSC training top. Any black LNSC top is acceptable for training (however, only *new* training tops only for games). Players can wear any gear under their training tops and we suggest layering for warmth and the ability to remove layers as players warm up once the weather gets colder. Players can also train in black Nike warm up pants.

Coaching Education

Our first coaching education event last month was a fantastic success with great attendance, and some very productive and enthusiastic discussions. We hold these

events to encourage continued growth in our staff and ensure quality and consistency throughout the club. Our next event will be held on Wednesday, October 19. There will be NO TRAINING for any teams in LNSC this night as all coaches should be in attendance. We have scheduled a Wednesday for this month since last month was a Tuesday in an effort to minimize the impact to any one team.

Moe's Night

October 27 is LNSC night at Moe's Southwest Grill in Mooresville. Stop by before or after training (5:00 pm – 8:00 pm) and pick up dinner. Present the coupon available on our website and 20% of your purchase will go to Lake Norman Soccer Club.

Coupon Link: <http://www.lakenormansoccer.com/news-detail/family-night-at-moes-10/27>

Need LNSC Gear?

If anyone wishes to order additional LNSC gear, please use this link:

<http://www.soccer.com/club/8867686/?ddkey=http%3ALegacyClubCookieURLRewritingCmd> Aside from extra mandatory items, families can order fan gear, non-mandatory LNSC playing gear (such as rain jackets) and LNSC logoed leisure wear.

Parents' Sideline Behavior

Honestly, this year has been off to a very good start throughout the club, both in terms of team success and parent behavior. Still, we want to provide a quick reminder of expectations that we hold for all of our members. As parents, we want you to enjoy watching your child grow and play a sport that they love. Be active in cheering and supporting your child. Parents should not coach from the sideline – this is non-productive, distracting to your child and in some instances can be contrary to the coaches' instructions. Coaches provide weekly updates after games and we encourage you to discuss this with your child – ask them what coach was telling them after the game. Your supportive reinforcement of these ideas can lead to better growth and development in your child. Parents SHOULD NOT speak to (in a negative or critical way) the referee, other teams' parents, and most importantly, players on the other team during games. This is unacceptable. Speaking to the referee can often be counterproductive in a game, and speaking to any of the parties mentioned above can lead to embarrassing escalations. Soccer is a passionate game, and it's very easy to get wrapped up in the excitement, but before you do, think about the example you will be setting for your child and the image of LNSC that you may be projecting. We do encourage friendly conversation between parents, but please avoid being in any way critical or negative.

Feedback?

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

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