



VAA Happenings ... June, 2008

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VAA Happenings... is a periodic newsletter from the VAA board covering issues and announcements for the entire organization. Our goal is to keep your family informed and engaged while minimizing the number of e-mails you receive.

The association does not monitor the newsletter mailbox on a regular basis. If you have questions about these or other VAA opportunities, please send an email to admin@vaasports.org.

YOU'VE STARTED PLAYING SUMMER BALL; WE'VE STARTING REGISTERING FOR FALL!

Although it sometimes feels like registration is out-of-step with the seasons, it takes time to plan and prepare. Thus, with summer commencing VAA is well into the registration period for the 2008 Fall/Winter season. The period when online registrations will be open varies from league to league. Go to the [Registration Information](#) page on the VAA websites for precise open and closing dates, plus other information such as fees, approximate season dates, and links to the leagues' home pages. All leagues accepting online registrations can be found at [VAA Online Registration](#).

Registrations currently open or opening soon:

- ([Webpage, form](#)) Basketball - Community (Grades K-1)
- ([Webpage, form](#)) Basketball - Community (Grades 2-5)
- ([Webpage, form](#)) Basketball - Community (Grades 6-7)
NOTE EXTENSION TO GRADE 7!
- ([Webpage, form](#)) Basketball - Traveling (Grades 5-6)
- ([Webpage, form](#)) Cross Country - Community (Grades 4-6)
NOTE EXTENSION TO GRADE 4!
- ([Webpage, form](#)) Football - Community Flag (Grades 1-2)
- ([Webpage, form](#)) Football - Community Tackle (Grades 3-6)
- ([Webpage, form](#)) Football - Community Tackle (Grades 7-8)
- ([Webpage, form](#)) Soccer - Community Fall (Grades K-7)
- ([Webpage, form](#)) Soccer - Community Adult
- ([Webpage, form](#)) Soccer - Traveling Fall (U9-U14)
- ([Webpage, form](#)) Soccer - Traveling Summer 2009 (U9-U18)
- ([Webpage, form](#)) Volleyball - Community Fall (Grades 3-12)

WALK-IN REGISTRATION DATES ARE SET, AND THE FIRST IS ONLY A COUPLE WEEKS AWAY!

As in the past, VAA will offer walk-in registration on two separate days. However, the first day is being moved into June to accommodate sports that need to close registrations early. Please mark your calendars for

- Wednesday, June 25, 2008 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 12, 2008 10:00-noon

Both events will take place in the Apple Valley Community Center.

TRAVELING BASKETBALL IS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION, BUT IT STILL DOES NOT HAVE A COMMISSIONER!

Traveling Basketball has been able to complete some of the preparations for the 2008-2009 season and thus is in a position to open registration. However, the league will require a new commissioner to be allowed to complete the season. Since players are only in the league for two years, we encourage parents of (currently) 4th-graders to consider getting involved. For more information please contact either outgoing commissioner Curt Nelson (curt.nelson@vaasports.org) or VAA (<mailto:pres@vaasports.org>).

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION; VAA IS LOOKING FOR SPORT PHOTOS OF ITS RISING STARS!

VAA is on the lookout for quality sports action photos of your kids in their VAA uniform that can be used in our next VAA brochure, on publicity display boards, and/or on the VAA website. The pictures must feature one or more VAA players in VAA sanctioned events, and must not in any way identify the players (e.g., no pictures with names visible on the back of the uniform). If you have 2-3 images (we know you're proud, but space is limited!) that you think may fit our requirements, please email your digital photos in .jpg format to pres@vaasports.org.

OUR YOUTH ARE OUR ATHLETES, BUT THEY CAN BE OUR VOLUNTEERS TOO

Are you interested in becoming a youth volunteer but wonder what's available to you because you are 18 or under? Good news! VAA has a number of youth volunteer opportunities to help you with a school, religion, or other community service project requirement. We offer age-appropriate opportunities for youth of all ages such as coaching or assistant coaching; assisting at school open houses, tryouts, recognition events, or during registration walk-ins; helping to decorate the VAA parade float; becoming a youth board member; etc. **Scholarship Applicants Take Note:** The 2009 VAA scholarship application will be looking for non-paid VAA volunteer experience. So get involved! If interested in a youth volunteer experience please email admin@vaasports.org.

PUT THOSE STRONG LEGS TO GOOD USE; MARCH WITH VAA IN THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

VAA is participating in Apple Valley's Fourth of July Parade and we need some happy faces to be finishing touches for the float. We will have a little room for youngsters 8-11 years to ride on the truck and more room for the older kids to walk along side. We are hoping to get a variety of sports and uniforms so that we can show the community our many colors! Space is limited; so if you have interest or questions, please write us at mikki.bogenrief@vaasports.org.

NO-RISK SOCCER TRYOUTS; WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO LOSE?

Valley United Soccer Club (a.k.a. VAA Traveling Soccer) is giving new players a chance to see how they measure up at no risk. Players who register for and attend the August 2008 tryouts but are not placed on a team will have their VUSC registration fee transferred to VAA Community Soccer and any balance refunded. **Want to play without tryouts?** Consider playing this fall. The fall teams are formed without tryouts and the short six-weeks of league play gives the kids a taste of traveling without being too taxing on mom and dad! For more information, see the [VUSC website](#).

LEARN FROM THE COACHES WITH MORE SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS THAN ANY OTHER HIGH SCHOOL IN MINNESOTA: AVHS!

The Apple Valley High School Varsity Men's and Women's soccer programs are excited to announce a new camp opportunity this summer. It is open to all interested soccer players entering grades 1 through 8 in the fall. The camp will be held Monday, July 7 through Thursday, July 10, from 9-11am for boys and 11am-1pm for girls. The cost is \$65.00 and will include a camp T-shirt. For more information, download the Junior Eagle Star Camp [registration form](#) and mail it soon!

A BIG VAA CONGRATS... TO THIS YEAR'S VAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

VAA sponsors \$500 post-secondary scholarships for up to six of our current and recent (last two years) graduates as one way to recognize the contributions the athletes and their families make to VAA and the community at large. Applicants are blind judged by a four-person panel on participation, volunteerism, and thoughts and suggestions on future directions for VAA. Congratulations to all of VAA's graduates and applicants, but a special Congrats to the 2008 VAA Scholarship winners!

- Eugene Bellin

- Megan Louwagie
- Samuel Hautman
- Deidra Dirth
- Dalen Dirth
- Devin Dirth

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