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OFF THE PITCH

Chatham United Soccer Newsletter

Chatham, NJ

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PRE-SEASON TRAVEL CAMP (2016+)

Save the date for CU's Pre-Season travel soccer camp. The cost for this camp is included in the 2024-25 tuition for the travel program.

Dates: Aug 19-22 (M-Th)

Times: AM (9-12) or PM (1-4).

Times will be assigned according to teams

Location: Shunpike Turf

Look out for more details via TeamSnap in June!



2024/25 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration for Chatham United Soccer's K-8 Recreation, 6U, 7U & 8U Academy & TOPSoccer is now OPEN!

chathamunitedsoccer.org/registration/

Deadline: July 31, 2024



WE'LL CU AT FISHAWACK!

Stop by our tent on Saturday, June 8th to say hi, drop off any equipment donations (see pg 4 for more details), and learn more about our programs!

Kids can kick some balls around behind the tent and we'll have some practice jerseys for sale, if you're looking for a few more!

Also, be on the lookout for a 4th of July parade march sign-up!

EMBRACING THE MULTI-SPORT ATHLETE WITH FLEXIBILITY AND OPPORTUNITY AT CHATHAM UNITED

A note from CU President Jon Yee

Having children that enjoy playing various sports, I have seen the value and opportunities that come with being a multi-sport athlete, as well as the associated challenges and needs. Being a multi-sport athlete offers numerous benefits, from enhancing overall athleticism to preventing burnout and reducing the risk of overuse injuries. We recognize that our players are not just soccer enthusiasts but often passionate about other sports as well. (continued on pg 5)



COACHES CORNER

An interview with Chatham United Coach Ken Moyer



KEN'S PROFILE:

Ken is the owner of Pre K Kickers and Short Sided Soccer and currently coaches the following teams:

- 2014 CHATHAM UNITED Stars & Comets
- 2014 PDA Wave White & Blue

What was your favorite memory of coaching or playing?

My favorite memory of playing was being part of the NJ State Team. It was cool representing New Jersey and playing along some of the best players in the country.

My favorite coaching memory was the first time I brought a team to the Disney 3v3 tournament at the ESPN world wide of sports championships in Orlando.

What's your best advice for younger players?

First and foremost, have fun, work hard and search for the most competitive atmosphere to push you to be the best player/person you can be.

What are you most looking forward to next season?

Working with new players

What's your favorite thing about coaching at Chatham United?

We (myself and Kickers staff) have always worked with the 3-6 year olds in Chatham, but now that we are working with the travel teams it's so rewarding to see the next stage of their development.

KEN'S FAVORITES:

Favorite food: Pizza from Coniglio's in

Morristown and Ruths Cris Tomahawk steak

Hobby/favorite thing to do other than soccer:

Anything related to being with my family.

Traveling with my family is the absolute best thing in the world.

Favorite song: Bob Marley "Stir it up"

Favorite soccer team: Liverpool

Favorite player: Steven Gerrard & Zinadine Zidane.



VOICES FROM THE PITCH



Hard hitting questions, answered by your favorite players.....

What is your favorite celebration dance???



“The Siuuuuuu”
Elizabeth Esteve



“The Sprinkler”
Ella Osika



“The Griddy”
Elle Norcia



“Ronaldo’s Siuuuu”
Colin Florentino



“The Siuuuu or Messi’s knee sliding celebration”
Jack Dunn





Volunteer Positions with your name on it...

1) **Fundraising Director(s):** We're looking for a few people to help spearhead small and large scale fundraising efforts to help Chatham United improve field conditions, administrative and operational tasks, and player development opportunities.

- These volunteers will work alongside the social committee for the 2024-25 season.



2) **Field & Equipment Director:** Do you have the best lawn on the block? Do you love sports gear? Then this may be the job for you....

- Develop & lead volunteer team to ensure consistent field readiness (grass evaluation, lining, etc)
- Manage club equipment; ensure all equipment is available and in good working condition (goals, nets, flags, etc)
- Liaise with town DPW to request field maintenance as needed



3) **Social Media Director:** Can you make a reel? Can you bring mundane messages to life? Can you make a 10 year old soccer team IG-famous?

- Liaise with Board + Marketing team to communicate key messages & branding across CU social media platforms
- Manage & leverage current high school Social Media Intern (aka: someone who will definitely know all the ins/outs of the latest in Social!)
- Develop calendar and content while managing social accounts



Reach out to chathamunitedreg@gmail.com if one of these sounds like the job for you!

Equipment & Uniform Donations

Have extra uniforms or equipment from past seasons? **Please drop them off at our CU tent at Fishawack on June 8th!** We're accepting used cleats and uniforms. Our very own Coach Eddie will take them and donate them to kids in need!

**NOTE:
CU WILL
HAVE A NEW
UNIFORM
DESIGN FOR
THE 2024/25
SEASON**



EMBRACING THE MULTI-SPORT ATHLETE WITH FLEXIBILITY AND OPPORTUNITY AT CHATHAM UNITED



A note from CU President Jon Yee (*continued from page 1*)

At Chatham United, we appreciate the juggling of busy family schedules that include multiple sports, amongst other youth activities. We firmly believe in the value of being a multi-sport athlete and are committed to supporting our players in balancing their commitments. We continue to explore upcoming program adjustments designed to provide flexibility and optionality, ensuring that every player can thrive both on and off the soccer field.

Flexibility and optionality in training - To increase flexibility in scheduling, we have made available opportunities to train with other teams on occasion as scheduling conflicts arise. Also, for players who are interested in doing extra soccer training, we provide further options to get technical training and playing opportunities. For example, specially designed technical sessions will enhance soccer skills and promote a deeper understanding of the game. By offering such additional opportunities, we aim to cater to players who wish to dedicate more time to soccer. One other area we are exploring is designing opportunities to add fitness activities into our program to develop in areas such as speed, agility, and conditioning; which will benefit athletic pursuits across all sports.

Guest carding opportunities - This spring we have continued to promote further opportunities for guest carding, enabling players to support other teams that need to fill roster gaps and providing players with valuable minutes in games as their schedules allow. Regardless of whether your

child is guest-playing at a more or less challenging level, such opportunities enable players to experience various team roles and scenarios under a different team dynamic. This can provide valuable development opportunities in the psychological component of the game. If interested in guest carding, please discuss with your team's coach to be notified of such opportunities.

Convenient timing and location of practices and games - Since Chatham United leverages professional soccer trainers most soccer practices are held in the afternoon, prior to the start of other sports' practices that

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are parent-coached (and begin after the end of the work day). This scheduling helps eliminate direct conflicts and allows players to attend soccer training before their commitments with other sports.

In addition, we offer scheduling of in-town games and practices, reducing the need for extensive travel and making carpool options more available. Our localized approach not only saves time but also fosters a stronger community spirit. By minimizing out-of-state tournaments, we hope to provide a more convenient and family-friendly experience.

Potential schedule adjustments for next spring season - We are exploring further adjustment to our spring soccer training schedule for next year to provide increased compatibility with multi-sport schedules. One option we are looking into is starting our spring practices slightly earlier and running lighter during the start of spring to alleviate pressure on our soccer players who also play other spring sports like lacrosse, baseball, and softball. Nothing set in stone at this point, but we wanted to provide a peek behind the curtain as we aim to support players in balancing their commitments. All options are on the table.

Gathering feedback and moving forward - As we move forward with the transformation of our soccer club, we are committed to gathering feedback from our Chatham United families. Your perspectives and insights are invaluable in helping us understand the challenges and opportunities that impact your family. We encourage you to share your thoughts and suggestions by emailing us at ChathamUnitedReg@gmail.com.

At Chatham United, we are excited about our continued evolution of the club. By continuing to embrace flexibility and optionality, we strive to create a soccer program that enables all our athletes to achieve their full potential. Thank you for being a part of our Chatham sports community and for your continued support. **Go Chatham United!**





PRE K KICKERS

SUMMER SOCCER CAMP



REGISTER NOW

JUNE 10-13

9-12PM

**BAYNE PARK
HARDING,
NJ**

\$250



Interested in hosting a summer camp?
Email ken@prekkickers.com

SUMMER CAMPS

Our Chatham United spring season is wrapping up, but there are plenty of upcoming opportunities for your child's soccer development to continue. Included below are some local summer camp options for players to keep a ball at their feet this summer!



Chatham Girls Soccer Camp: This camp is for girls in grades 2-9 (as of Sept 2024) and run by the Chatham High School varsity head coach.

- [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Dates:** July 15 - 18 (Mon-Thurs), Rain Date = July 19th
- **Time:** 5-8pm
- **Location:** Chatham Middle School - Haas Field
- **Cost:** \$250
- **Director:** Anthony Correale, Chatham High School Girls Varsity Head Coach
- **Contact Info:** acsoccertraining2016@gmail.com

Chatham Boys Soccer Camp: This camp is for boys in grades 2-9 (as of Sept 2024) and run by the Chatham High School varsity head coach.

- [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Dates:** July 15 - 18 (Mon-Thurs)
- **Time:** 8:30am -12:30pm
- **Location:** Chatham Middle School - Haas Field
- **Cost:** \$300
- **Director:** Mark Maka, Chatham High School Boys Varsity Head Coach
- **Contact Info:** info@chathamssportscamps.com



“T.WO Touch Soccer” Camp: This camp is for players in grades 4-12 (as of Sept 2024) and run by the Chatham United Director of Coaching, Tom Worthington.

- [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Dates:** August 5th-8th & August 12th-15th (Monday-Thursday)
- **Time:** 9am - 12pm
- **Location:** Mountain Park, Basking Ridge
- **Cost:** \$250 for 1 week (or \$450 for 2 weeks)
- **Director:** Tom Worthington, Chatham United Director of Coaching
- **Contact Info:** info@twotouchsoccer.com, 908-285-3358

Chatham Sports Camp - Girls Soccer: This camp is for girls in grades 2-9 (as of Sept 2024) and run by Gary Adair, the former CHS varsity girls soccer head coach and a current Physical Education & Health teacher at CHS.

- [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Dates:** June 24 - 27 (Mon-Thurs), Rain Date = June 28th
- **Time:** 8:30-12:30pm
- **Location:** Chatham Middle School - Haas Field
- **Cost:** \$300
- **Director:** Gary Adair
- **Contact Info:** gadair@chatham-nj.org



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