

Welcome!

The 2011 Season will soon be in full swing with 523 team members this year! We would like to welcome our new players and their families to GYSL!

About GYSL

2011 Board of Directors

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Everyone on the board is a volunteer. We invest our time in the league because we believe in the continued growth of GYSL and the benefits the children receive from it. Our commitment begins in March and will continue past the end of the season.

We encourage your participation and feedback. You can contact us by phone, email or you can find one of us at the park every night during the season. Our meetings are open to everyone and you are welcome to attend. They will be held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:15 pm in front of the concession stand. If you have a problem, question or concern - please let us know. Our goal is to continually improve the GYSL program.

Registration Fees - breakdown of the \$65.00 cost per player:

uniform - \$17.00
end of the year T Shirt - \$5.50
referees - \$16.00 (1.00 per game per player)
players insurance - \$9.00
trophy - \$5.50
misc - \$2.00
discount card - \$10.00

Our Awesome Sponsors

The businesses who sponsor our teams provide the funding necessary, to purchase the coaches' shirts, all the equipment and the paint to line the fields. The sponsor fees also enable us to pay for all the background checks and the maintenance/repair of the fields at the end of our season. Please support them!

Challenger Soccer Camp

There is still time to register! We are hosting a soccer camp at Tod Park the week of August 8th. It is going to be a great learning experience for the kids. There is more info on our website and on the attached flyer. Don't delay, register today!

Team & Individual Pictures- Sun 8/21

Pictures will be taken at Tod Park on Sunday August 21st. Picture times will be listed on the website by 8/8, they will also be on your schedule that you receive on 8/15. Picture order forms will be passed out on 8/3 and need to be filled out and returned to your coach by 8/16. This will allow picture day to run smoother.

Schedules

Game schedules will be posted on the website by August 8th. Hard copies will be given to each player the week of August 15th.

Uniforms

If there is any problem with your uniform please contact us by Wednesday 8/3. The socks are not in yet. Coaches will receive them as soon as they come in.

Concession Stand

The concession stand will be open every day! We have new items this year including popcorn, ice cream sandwiches, pushups, flavor ice, French vanilla cappuccino and many other items!

There has been some confusion with the team concession stand time. The date and time on your game schedule is the only time your team is scheduled to work the concession stand. Each team has one time slot that will not interfere with your game during the season. We would like to see the parents volunteer during this time because the coaches already volunteer so much of their time. If you would like to sign up for that time slot please see your coach.

Rules

The rules age group rules are all posted on the website and will be printed on the back of your schedule as well. Please leave your pets at home; it can be a very dangerous situation with all the kids running at the park. Please do not smoke near the fields, if you need to smoke please do so in the parking lot.

Rain Outs

If we have to cancel practice or games because of the weather you can call our rain line at 330.503.0875, this line does not accept messages. You may also check the website however, if we are at the field we will not be able to update the website.

Newsletter!

We will be emailing a bi-weekly newsletter throughout the season.

If you did not provide your email address on your registration form you can view the newsletter at www.girardyouthsoccer.com or you can subscribe to the newsletter on our website. All emails will be kept confidential and the BCC function will be used.

SAY Soccer

GYSL has joined a national soccer organization - SAY Soccer. One of the many benefits of joining SAY was it enables us to become a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization. This not only benefits the league but also our sponsors, their sponsor fees are now tax deductible. SAY Soccer also provides medical insurance, a coaching clinic, all our liability insurance and many other opportunities for the league. Check out www.saysoccer.org for resources available to players, parents and coaches.

Liberty Park Soccer Complex

The tentative plans for our new soccer complex have been drawn up. If you'd like to take a look, a set will be available at the concession stand for anyone would like to see them. The cost to build our new fields is going to be approximately \$150,000.

To meet our funding goal we are going to have a couple of fundraisers this year where all of the proceeds will be dedicated to the new soccer complex.

Discount cards – our first dedicated fundraiser was included in your first child's registration fee. Additional cards are available at the concession stand if you would like to purchase more.

T Shirt and Sweatshirt sale – Please see the attached order form and return to the concession stand by Saturday August 27th.

Meet the Board

Ken Scoville

This is my first year on the board of GYSL. Along with my wife Shannon, we have resided in Girard for practically our whole lives. We have two children (12 yrs & 7 yrs) who both have been playing since their first year of eligibility.

I am a member of the Knights of Columbus, where I held the office of Deputy Grand Knight, before stepping down to take the position on the GYSL board.

I also am a member of St. Rose Parish and serve on the Parish Council as well as a CCD teacher.

I began coaching when my son was in the 7-8 division and progressed to coaching two teams last year.

I am very honored to be on the GYSL board and will do whatever needs to be done to make this an enjoyable, safe, and memorable experience for the kids.

Tina & Dave Kuzman

Dave and I are lifelong residents of Girard! We have been married for 20 years and have 2 boys - 14 and 10 yrs old! We have been involved in GYSL for 8 years beginning when our oldest played and Dave coached progressing to helping the board out for a few years, to now - becoming a part of the board as vice president (Dave) and treasurer (Tina)! We have grown to love the sport of soccer and hope to continue to be involved in this wonderful league. We never really realized everything that went into running a league this size but have found it so rewarding when we see it all come together and see the kids running around and having so much fun playing soccer.

Beth Drennen

This is my second year as the president of GYSL. My husband Brad and I grew up in Girard and are excited to be raising our three children here as well. In addition to my volunteer work with GYSL, I am a Girl Scout leader, Vice President of GIS PTO, and volunteer at Prospect and the Intermediate School.

I am looking forward to another great season of Girard Soccer! It is a lot of work but well worth the smiles on the kids faces! I have a very open door policy. If you have a problem, question or concern please come to me. I will listen and I will resolve the issue to the best of my ability. I cannot fix a problem if I don't know about it.

See you at the Fields!