



Ravenswood

Youth Athletic Association

Building Character, Families and Faith



Investment Opportunities

By volunteering with us or investing financially, you become a part of our team to reach youth, families and our community.

Volunteer Opportunities

Our goal is to make your valuable time and effort as effective as possible in changing the lives of youth in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. We also want you to have a whole lot of fun!

To volunteer, or to find out more, indicate your interest on the response card, contact us, or see our Web site.

Coach

Experienced and inexperienced coaches are needed at all ages and skill levels. Practices are once or twice per week, with a game each weekend. Games for most ages are on Saturday. The fall soccer season begins in September and ends the weekend before Thanksgiving. A commitment to principles of positive coaching is required. If you have never coached before, we will teach you what to do and start you with a beginners team. If you have soccer experience, we will provide you a team that will match your abilities.



Referee

If you can only help on weekends, refereeing is a great way to be involved and get some exercise too. We provide training and games appropriate to your experience level. Most games are on Saturday, and hours are flexible.

Team Mentor

Team mentors help a team run smoothly by organizing parents, connecting families with community resources, and following up on kids' needs. This role offers flexible hours and high impact. Training will be provided.

Special Projects

A number of administrative and one-time opportunities exist, such as: Age-group Coordinator, Site Supervisor, Opening-day Assistant, Fundraiser, Webmaster, Graphic Artist, Special Event Organizer, Program Manager, and more.

If you have a small group, like a Bible Study or Boy Scout troop, and you are looking for a service project, call us. We can likely provide you with a service opportunity to match your time availability and resources.

Financial Giving

Your donations do more than help this organization function. They are a vote of confidence and an encouragement. They say, "We are standing with you to repair broken families, to build character in our youth, and to encourage their faith."

Our first year we expect to serve 500 youth in our community, expanding to 1000 within 3 years. Expenses for the fall season will be close to \$110,000, and for 2007 will be near \$400,000.

Monthly or annual pledges of support are extremely helpful to us. They particularly allow us to budget for the future. While any amount is helpful, our goal is 100 pledges of \$100/month by August.

We are also looking for startup funding of \$50,000.

Sponsorship Opportunities

There are many opportunities for you or your business to sponsor a team, or some aspect of the league. Here are just a few:

- **Soccer ball sponsor.** Get your business's logo on our soccer balls and provide every one of our players a ball. \$2500 for 500 balls for the entire season.
- **Uniform sponsor.** Sponsor a team's uniforms and coaching equipment for \$400, a division for \$2400, or sponsor the whole league for \$12,000. We will include your graphics on the jersey of each player.

How to Donate

To donate by check, fill out the enclosed response card and include your check in the envelope. If you are making a pledge, please indicate that on the card and include your first gift.

To donate electronically using a credit card or bank transfer through PayPal, go to our Web site at <http://www.ravenswoodsports.org/donate.html>. Please return the enclosed response card as well and indicate that you gave electronically.

We are currently working on obtaining 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status from the IRS. We are grateful for the pro bono assistance in this of the law firm of DLA Piper. Once we obtain that status, your gifts will be retroactively tax-deductible.

Prayer Support

To become a member of our prayer team and receive up to the minute prayer requests and reports, let us know on the response card. Indicate whether you would like to receive prayer requests via email or regular mail. Also, be sure to indicate ways we can pray for you.

We are grateful to God for all his answers to our prayers. Answers to prayer are posted on our Web site.

