

Summer camp information

Summer camps at Louisburg High School aren't too far away and here is some information if you are interested in signing up.

FOOTBALL

LHS football coach Kyle Littrell is holding his team camp on June 15 through 19 on the team's practice field just outside the high school. The cost for the high school camp is \$45 and includes insurance, a T-shirt and shorts.

Littrell will also conduct a middle school and elementary school camp. The seventh and eighth-grade camp will run from 10 a.m. to noon on June 15 through 18 and will cost \$35. There will also be an elementary camp from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on June 15-17 for grades 3-6 and will cost \$25. Both camp fees include a T-shirts.

For more information, contact Littrell at 837-1720 or littrellk@usd416.org.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Head boys basketball coach Jason Nelson is conducting his team camp from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on June 8 through 12 in the LHS gymnasium. The cost for the high school camp is \$50 and includes a T-shirt.

Nelson will also hold a junior high and elementary school camp as well. The session for sixth through eighth-grade will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on June 8 through 11 and the cost is \$45. The third through fifth-grade camp will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on June 8 through 10 and is \$40. Both camps include a T-shirt.

All three camps will have a heavy emphasis on fundamentals. The due date to sign up is May 23. For more information, contact Nelson at (913) 963-8421 or nelsonj@usd416.org.

VOLLEYBALL

LHS head volleyball coach Jessica Compliment will hold camps from fifth-grade on up through high school this July.

On July 13 through 17, Compliment will conduct the high school camp from 1 to 4 p.m. and the cost is \$45. The seventh and eighth-grade camp will run from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on July 13 through 16 and costs \$35. The fifth and sixth-grade session will go from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on July 13 through 15 and costs \$30.

Deadline to sign-up for the camps is May 15 and all costs include a camp T-shirt. For more information, contact Compliment at (785) 766-3758 or complimentj@usd416.org.

WRESTLING

LHS head wrestling coach Bobby Bovaird will conduct a beginners and advanced camp on June 22 through June 25 in the LHS gymnasium

The beginners camp is for novice and youth wrestlers and will run from 5 to 7 p.m. each day. The minimum age is 6-years-old. Children who will be in kindergarten or first grade must have adult supervision.

The advanced camp will run from 7 to 9:15 p.m. for high school, middle school and experienced youth wrestlers. The cost for both camps is \$35 and includes a T-shirt. Deadline to register is June 1.

For more information, contact Bovaird at (913) 424-0999 or bovairdr@usd416.org

GIRLS SOCCER

The LHS girls soccer program will prepare for its inaugural season this summer. Head coach Kyle Conley is holding a high school camp from 10 a.m. to noon on June 15 through 19 along with assistant coach Michael Pickman.

The cost for the camp is \$40, which includes a T-shirt. Campers will need to bring shin-guards and a water bottle. Deadline to sign-up is May 15. For more information contact Conley at conleyk@usd416.org.

BOYS SOCCER

Head coach Ben York will be conducting his high school team camp on July 13 through 17. The cost for the camp is \$50. For more information, contact York at benyork13@gmail.com.

Louisburg girls soccer committee receives award



For the Louisburg High School girls soccer fundraising committee, it is hard to be more inspired than after raising \$36,000 in 10 months to nearly fund the program.

Three weeks ago, they found out they could.

The committee received the Sprint Teamwork Award on Feb. 13 during the WIN for KC Women's Sports Awards Celebrations at the Sheraton Crown Center in Kansas City, Mo. Their efforts for girls soccer in Louisburg got them noticed by the Kansas City program.

Led by Louisburg Soccer Club president Karin Olson and fundraising leader Diana Moore, the committee held fundraisers throughout much of 2014 and have almost achieved their goal of \$39,000 to fund the first three years of the program.

"When you hear people say they are moved by our passion and inspired by 'our story' it makes you so proud, but at the same time we never even knew we had 'a story' until we won the Sprint Teamwork Award," Moore said. "We were just doing what we thought we needed to do to help the girls get the soccer team they so deserved. I've been on some great teams, but this team of ours is the one team I'm most proud to be a part of."

Several members of the committee attended the luncheon, including Louisburg High School junior Maddie McDaniel, who will take the field as a member of the first senior class in the program's history. McDaniel joined Moore and Olson on the stage to receive the award.

"Being with a great group of people like that is really an honor because they have so much heart and they care so much about getting a girls team for the school," McDaniel said. "Getting that award at the WIN for KC banquet was breathtaking and was really so much fun to be with them. Having that experience of going there and going up on stage to get the award will be one that I will never forget."



Photos courtesy of Andrea Christy

Several Louisburg residents who had a hand in fundraising efforts for the last year made the trip to Kansas City for the award ceremony. Those pictured are (kneeling, from left) Ameer Messer, Morgan Messer, Trinity Moore, Hallie Hutsell, Olivia Barber, Peyton Shaffer; (back row, from left) Andrea Christy, Maddie McDaniel, Karin Olson, Diana Moore, Gayle Hutsell, Stacie Shaffer, Angie Barber, Sara McIntyre and Angie McDaniel.

The Women's Intersport Network for Kansas City (WIN) was established in 1994 with the mission to empower girls and women through advocating and promoting the lifetime value of sports and fitness, while providing opportunities for participation and leadership development. WIN is a volunteer, membership-driven organization that operates as a program under the umbrella of the Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation.

"It was nice to see that others recognize how hard our

committee worked over the last year," Olson said. "Unfortunately, we still have about \$2,000 to raise to meet our final goal."

Along with their award, the group also had an opportunity to listen to featured speaker Amy Van Dyken-Rouen. Amy is a six-time Olympic gold-medalist swimmer and was also named the Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year.

In June of 2014, she was injured in an ATV accident that severed her spinal cord. Amy was paralyzed from the waist down, but has since made progress in her rehabilitation and shared her story with those in attendance.

"The other award winners and the keynote speaker Amy Van Dyken are amazing women and so inspiring," Moore said. "To be able to be a part of it all and to have most of our committee, my daughter and the other girls there made the day even more special."

The process will get even more emotional come spring of 2016 when Louisburg High School puts a soccer program on the field for the first time.

"I am out of this world excited to be playing soccer for my school," McDaniel said. "You really can't imagine how I feel every time I think about how I will be wearing that jersey and playing my favorite sport for my school. When the day comes that we take the field for the first time it will be overwhelming. It would be like I'm in a dream. I might start to cry as I am warming up or as the whistle blows to start the game. I know I won't be the only one crying that day."