



## Upcoming Dates:

*The Club will be attending the following tournaments:*

### **Puma Cup**

U14—18: April 3—5  
U8—U13: April 17-19

### **May 2-3**

Hononegah Lions

### **June 12-14**

Wisconsin Rapids

**June 19-21** – Rock Run Rainbow Tournament

*More dates (including Clean Up Day at Shiloh) will be posted on the website shortly.*

## Tournament Corner

We will host our annual tournament on the weekend on June 19-21, 2009 at Sportscore I. We look forward to a great weekend of great soccer competition. Please keep your calendars open for this weekend as it takes the whole club for this tournament to be successful.

I will be looking for a tournament registrar to handle registration of teams. I will also be looking for someone to handle the coordination of field marshals and the score board.

Anyone interested please contact Tammy Fatla at [Gwendolynsmom@yahoo.com](mailto:Gwendolynsmom@yahoo.com).

## Annual Parent Meeting

Please join us on Sunday, February 22, at 3:00 pm at **Shiloh Evangelical Free Church** (6310 Guilford, Rockford) in the church sanctuary for our annual parents' meeting. Some of the items that will be discussed include the following:

- Rainbow Tournament
- Golf Outing
- Fundraising
- Upcoming tournaments

## From the President

It's been a year since I've been president of the soccer club, and though it may be cliché, I can't believe how fast the past 12 months have flown by. I remember saying at the last annual meeting that I would need everyone's help for the club to be successful and that I would be asking more of you to become active in the club. The good news is that whenever I asked someone to help or to take on a new responsibility, the answer was always yes. The golf outing is a perfect example of when many different people came together to put on an extremely successful fundraiser. We also added new members to the board and board committees. The problem is I still probably didn't ask for help often enough. We still need and will always need more involvement. We will have many club activities over the next several months: Rock Run Academy, Rainbow Tournament and golf outing. We can use help at other positions. I'd still love to have a director of communications to make sure that all club families and the public at large get information about our club in the timeliest manner. I know we all have very busy schedules, but the more we can spread the work around and the more people we have involved in the club, the more successful we will be. I look forward to your help in the months to come.

## Coaches' Corner

Over the past year our teams have continued to improve and grow. Our established teams that have been together for the past two years have won or finished in the top of their division and have moved up to the next level. The coaches, players and parents have made a commitment to their teams. Their efforts have been visible on the field through the teams performance. Our new teams this fall have adjusted to their coaches and have improved throughout the fall season. The strong performances on the field during the last half of our league season showed marked improvement and a competitive nature.

Commitment is the key to success. Our coaches' efforts can only be reinforced by the commitment and actions of the parents and players. I would like to thank the parents and players for their effort and commitment this past year. I strongly encourage all parents and players to continue your commitment this spring.

Lastly, we have two events coming up that are very important. The Rainbow Tournament in June and the Rock Run Golf Outing in August. We need everyone to volunteer time at each event in order for them to be successful. Together we can continue to move forward.



## College Scholarship

Each year Rock Run S.C. awards a \$500 college scholarship to one male and one female player. If you are graduating from high school this spring and plan to attend college in the fall, please consider applying for this scholarship. Applications can be found on our website at [www.rockrun.org](http://www.rockrun.org).

Deadline for applying is April 15, 2009.

## Comments,

Do you have any suggestions to help make our club run better? Do you have any talents that would help our club? Contact one of the Board members:

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## Apparel Store

Show your club spirit by wearing Rock Run apparel. Orders for apparel such as hoodies, sweatshirts, practice t-shirts, hats, uniform socks and more can be placed anytime. Order forms can be found on our website [www.rockrun.org](http://www.rockrun.org). Fill out the order form and send it along with payment to Laura Glasenapp. Samples of apparel as well as items for sale will be available for purchase before the annual meeting.

### Fundraising made easy with Eurosport

As a fundraising effort, Rock Run Soccer Club will receive 7.5% of each purchase that is made from Eurosport. You can help by purchasing soccer gear from the Eurosport website. To place an order, visit our website [www.rockrun.org](http://www.rockrun.org), and click on the apparel link. On the apparel page, you will find a link to [www.soccer.com](http://www.soccer.com), click on that link and you will be redirected to the Eurosport website. If you have a goal club card, (Eurosport's discount purchase card) you will receive your discount and points and Rock Run will receive 7.5% of the purchase. If you don't have a goal club card, you will pay the regular price and Rock Run will receive 7.5% of the purchase. This is an easy fundraiser for the club, so when you are making your purchases of cleats, shinguards and outdoor wear for the spring, remember to use [www.rockrun.org](http://www.rockrun.org) for Eurosport ordering.

### Warm-ups

A limited number of warm up pants and jackets are available for sale. The sizes available are men's small, med, or large.. Jackets are \$56.00 and pants are \$36.00. Samples will be available to try on before the annual meeting. If you need a size other than men's small, medium or large, please contact Laura Glasenapp for availability.

Any apparel questions, please contact Laura Glasenapp at 815-519-3227 or [LGlaserapp@comcast.net](mailto:LGlaserapp@comcast.net)

## Rock Run Academy

Rock Run Academy is set for Wednesday evenings from April 8 to June 10 starting at 5:30 p.m. Lucio Aldana will be supervising/organizing the Academy. To inquire about possible volunteer positions, please contact Lucio at (815)222-9333. This is a great opportunity for high school students to acquire service hours for school/church. If you know of a child ages 6 to 12 who is interested in playing on a team with our Academy, please direct them to the web site to download an application. **Registration deadline is March 15.**