

**Orono Thunder Soccer Club**  
**Fall 2009 Recreational Soccer**  
***www.aronosoccerclub.com***

PO Box 190  
Long Lake, MN 55356

**Important 2009 Dates:**

**Register early this year!!!!!!**

**July 5th registration begins, \$55/player. Optional August skills mini-camp \$20.**

**August 15th – Registration fee increases to \$75. Team rosters finalized.**

**August 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> - 2-Day Fergie Soccer Academy soccer skills mini-camp.**

**August 26<sup>th</sup> -All players are contacted by coach.**

**Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup> - first game of season**

**Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> - end of season jamboree tournament**

**Philosophy:** The Orono Thunder co-rec soccer program is designed to allow children entering grades \*pre-Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade an opportunity to play in-house recreational **non-travel** soccer in a co-ed, non-competitive environment via its affiliation with the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA). The program's main goal is to teach the fundamentals of soccer in a fun and positive environment.

\* Pre-K age clarification, your child must be age 4 or older as of 9/1/09

**Features of Community Soccer**

\* This is a very popular Orono athletic program, with about 500 kids including 50 teams participating. The program is a great way for the kids to play with their classmates and meet new friends.

\* Each team will receive professional soccer training on one of the game nights from a trained professional soccer coach affiliated with Fergie Soccer Academy.

\* All players will receive participation medals at the end of the season soccer tournament/jamboree.

**Important notes about registering for this soccer program:**

\* Registration is 100% on-line. You may elect to pay by check in the on-line registration system, but you still need to register each player at [www.aronosoccerclub.com](http://www.aronosoccerclub.com). No paper registrations will be accepted. If you elect to pay by check rather than credit card, the on-line system will give you instructions with where to mail the check.

\* Requests to play with a friend will not be honored after 7/31/09. As you can imagine it is a lot of work and can get very complicated to accommodate every request. Also, if you would like to request to be on the same team as a friend, only one friend should be listed. All kids will be assigned to be on the same team as their volunteer parent coach, and siblings in the same soccer age group will also be automatically grouped on the same team unless you indicate on your registration otherwise.

**Coaches:** Coaches are community volunteers (mostly parents) who have demonstrated an interest in coaching and are willing to expand their knowledge of soccer for the betterment of the kids in our community. Coaching clinics for beginning and advanced coaches will be held prior to the beginning of the soccer season (August date to be announced).

**Games/practices:** Games will be played Mondays and Saturdays for grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten and PreK play on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Each team will be scheduled for 7 or 8 games during the regular season, plus 3 games in the jamboree tournament. Since games are twice a week, "practice" days, frequency, and times are at the discretion of each team and coach and will be determined after the season begins. These optional practices can begin anytime after August 24<sup>th</sup>. Games will generally be played between 5:00pm and 7:30pm weekdays, and 9:00am to 2:00pm on Saturdays. Length of games vary based on age, but plan on an hour.

Most games are played at or near one of the Orono school fields on Old Crystal Bay Rd. The PreK/Kindergarten age group play all games at the Discovery Center in Maple Plain.

**Team formation:** Co-ed teams are formed randomly, and an attempt is made to make the teams as fair as possible. Siblings in the same age group will be matched to play on the same team, unless you indicate otherwise. Players are grouped together based on grade level they are entering in school this coming fall 2009/2010 school season. PreK thru Kindergarten are grouped together. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> graders are together, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> graders, 5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Equipment:** Official red/white reversible Orono Thunder soccer jersey is required. These jerseys are sold at Gear West Run/Ski store in Long Lake for \$18. Gear West run/ski/soccer store phone number is 952-473-0377. You may reuse the game jersey from prior years. Make sure to purchase your jerseys early so that you can be assured the correct size is available. Shin guards and soccer socks to keep the shin guards in the proper place are also required by all players. Cleats and soccer shorts are optional. PreK – K grade use size 3 ball, 1st through 4<sup>th</sup> graders use size 4 ball, and 5<sup>th</sup>/ 8th graders use size 5 ball.

**2-Day Soccer Camp Information - Only \$20/player.**

Skills provided by Fergie Soccer Academy professional trainers. See separate flyer on website for more details!

Place: Maple Plain Discovery Center Soccer Fields (just east of water tower)

Players will also be split up at each session among trainers so that it is small groups and age appropriate.

Date and Times:

Monday **and** Wednesday 8/17 and 8/19  
5:30-6:30pm Prek-Kindergarten (U4-U6)  
6:30-7:30pm 1st -2nd graders (U7-U8)

Tuesday **and** Thursday 8/18 and 8/20  
5:30-6:30pm 3rd-4th graders (U9-U10)  
5:30-7:30pm 5th – 8<sup>th</sup> graders (U11-U14)

**Registration:**

Register on line at [www.oronosoccerclub.com](http://www.oronosoccerclub.com). \$55/player. Fees increase to \$75 beginning 8/15/09. The fees cover club expenses such as the participation medals, player MYSA fees, regular season professional skills training, equipment, referee expenses, and Orono's OASA fees.

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO COACH!** It is fun, easy, and we will give you all of the equipment and info you need to enjoy the experience. We need many many parent coaches, so please step up and volunteer. Select to coach while in the registration system at [www.oronosoccerclub.com](http://www.oronosoccerclub.com), or call 763-479-8117.

Questions, go to [www.oronosoccerclub.com](http://www.oronosoccerclub.com), or leave a message on our hotline 763-479-8117.