



Hello Falcon Families!

The girls met today after school and we wanted to take a moment to fill you in on what is happening. The purpose of the meeting was two-fold. Our first goal was to get a preliminary headcount of how many girls will be participating this spring. This will help with the planning process for the season ahead. Second, while we want to decrease the out-of-pocket expenses for you, we don't want to sacrifice the quality of the program and our traditions. To do both requires that we increase our level of fundraising. We have targeted three fundraising tools for the 2009 season. At today's meeting the girls learned the details of what is expected of the team with regard to these efforts. The purpose of this letter is to fill you in on our plans.

RAFFLE: Our first fundraiser has already begun. We will be raffling a MacBook laptop computer. This is a great prize and should entice many to buy a chance! Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The girls received their minimum commitment of tickets at today's meeting. Everyone is asked to sell a minimum of 50 tickets. While we ask each player to sell the minimum number of tickets we encourage them to sell as many as possible. A prize has been donated for our top ticket seller. The girl selling the greatest number of tickets will receive an iPod Touch. Ticket sales begin today (11/12) and will end on Wednesday 12/10. We will hold our drawing for the computer on Friday 12/12, just in time for Christmas! Remember each player is responsible for 50 tickets, please safeguard the tickets and return all stubs from sold chances. Judy will be at school during lunch hours on dates we will announce on the website. Players may return their cash and stubs on any of these dates and can pick up more tickets to pursue the prize for top seller. In addition if you email us we can make arrangements to pick up your sales or provide you with additional tickets.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT: Our second fundraiser will be held on Saturday, December 6 in the Glendale small gym. We will offer a "Parents Night Out" childcare service for boys and girls age 4-12. We plan to advertise the night at all Glendale "feeder" elementary schools. In addition if you can distribute or post our flyer at your church or place of business we ask you to do so. Copies of the flyer are available from us via email. We will need many volunteers to make this evening a success. We have alerted the girls that their participation is expected, but we will need adult supervision as well. Please consider joining us so we can offer our patrons the assurance of ample adult presence. The evening will begin with soccer-related skills and games. This allows us to meet the Glendale rules for use of the gym as well as reach out to our feeder programs. Other activities will include video games, board games and movies. The evening will run from 6:00-11:00 p.m. and it is our hope that the timing just weeks before Christmas will be attractive to parents looking to take advantage of a shopping opportunity. If you are willing to help or have suggestions for this effort please contact us immediately.

DIRECT MAIL FUND DRIVE: Last year we had great success by mailing a request for donations directly to friends and family identified by team members. While this was a successful approach we are hesitant to ask players to do it again as it seems likely you would be asking the same friends and family for another donation. Instead, this year we will send a similar request for donations to businesses with ties to Glendale. However, it has been brought to our attention that there are donors who are eager to again participate in a fund drive and so, if you chose, we can also include any family or friends you feel would welcome the chance to assist our team. We will not require players to provide contacts as we did last year, but if you have suggestions for businesses who we should contact please email us immediately.

It is our hope that through these fundraisers we can provide the necessary resources to continue the quality traditions of Glendale Soccer. Booster fees will, of course, remain necessary but our goal is to reduce their strain on your budget. To do that we need your help with these efforts, please check the website (or subscribe) for future details and instructions and we welcome any help you can provide.

The upcoming season will begin soon. The following items are of special note:

- Our seniors will begin conducting pre-season conditioning in December and will continue to March. Everyone is encouraged to participate.
- An informational meeting for parents and players will be held in February.
- Training will begin in early March.
- Game schedule will begin in April.
- Watch the website for further details.

Looking forward to the coming season we are encouraged and excited by our prospects. As the defending District and Sectional Champions and as returning State Quarterfinalists we know expectations for our team will be high and that our girls have the talent and dedication to repeat and perhaps exceed last year's success.

Thanks for your past participation and we look forward to working with you to make 2009 the best season of Glendale Soccer ever!

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