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NAPLES JUNIORS VOLLEYBALL

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First Tournament of the Season

It's time to get excited! Kicking off this year's tournament season for all Naples Juniors Travel teams is The AAU Classic being held January 29th and 30th at Disney's Wide World of Sports!

Teams will depart from the Naples Airport parking lot on January 28th at the time specified by the players coach.

Disney's Wide World of Sports is a great facility. The entrance fee to the tournament is \$14.50 for an adult and \$10 for a child per day. Parking is free.

Remember when you wear your Naples Juniors apparel, you are representing our club. Wear your jersey proudly—show your sprit and enthusiasm but with class and style.



Check the website for a list of the tournament hotels.



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Disney's WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS®

On January 16th the gym was set up for tournament play. Our teams played against each other and got some real game experience and practiced referring and keeping score. Everyone did a great job and had a great time.



The player profit from the Enjoy the City Fundraiser was \$1,384.00. Great work! Each player will receive a credit towards their tuition for the monies they raised.

Fundraising

Kathie is working on the next fundraiser "Touches of Elegance" which should be passed out later this month. Other plans are scratch off tickets/coupons and a raffle.



If you have any questions regarding fundraising or any ideas for a fundraiser, please contact Kathie Couch at 239-287-6957.



Player Spot Light: Sarah DeShields

Sarah is a native Floridian born here in Naples. She is a junior at Naples High School and played on the Golden Eagles Varsity Volleyball Team. Sarah has been playing volleyball since the 6th grade. This is her 4th year playing volleyball with Naples Juniors. She is currently an outside hitter for the 18's team.

Sarah is Student Council President, a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society,

COR and the Math Club. In her free time, Sarah enjoys scuba diving and going to the beach. After high school she plans to attend college at UNC, Wake or Duke. Her goal this year is to improve her skills so that she will be a starter next year in high school.

Naples Juniors wants to wish Sarah the very best for the season !!!



Coch Maria on Sarah.....

I am very pleased to be entering my third year as Sarah DeShields's club volleyball coach at Naples Juniors. I have been able to watch her grow and excel from a 15's Extreme player to an 18's Extreme, starting, outside hitter. Known as "McSmiley", Sarah is well known for her amazing smile and great attitude. Sarah takes everything in stride and always looks for the positive point in every play to help sup-

port her team. Sarah pushes herself in every practice and every match and strives to achieve her personal best every time she's on the floor. I am already proud of Sarah's accomplishments in our past club seasons and in her high school seasons at Naples High School. I look forward to watching Sarah and the rest of my 18's team as we begin our 2011 season!

What Should I Pack?

The first tournament is just around the corner and you don't want to forget to pack anything. There are a lot of pieces to your uniform—shoes and socks (at least two pair), knee pads, spandex (at least one pair per day), BOTH uniform jerseys, warm-up shirts, pants and jacket (plus hair ties, ankle wear and your under garments). You'll also need to pack something causal to wear when you are not on the courts. Just remember when

you are traveling with Naples Juniors Volleyball you must abide by the same Collier County School District dress code as you do for school. This means no tank tops, no bellies peeking out of your shirts, no short shorts. You know the routine. Don't forget your personal hygiene items, PJ's and money for lunch and/or dinner Sat & Sun. One important thing to keep in mind—your belongings should fit in your Naples Juniors back-pack and one small

travel case. All your stuff, your teammates' stuff and your coaches stuff have to fit in the back of the travel van. So pack accordingly!



Reach for
the stars—

Go Naples !!!

League Program

January 2nd kicked off the League Program with their first official practice. The League Program this year was broken into two divisions: Power League and League. The Power League Teams are: Hot Stuff coached by Christy Williams, Crush coached by Nancy Dangler, Piranhaz coached by Alicia Ortiz, and the Lightningz

coached by Babette Poteet. The League Teams are: Queenz coached by Tyler Bishop, Strikerz coached by Sara Backe, Ninjas coached by Lisa Murray and Tigers coached by Mariah Padilla. Practices for the Power League and the League are Sundays at Naples High School. League practice is from 12-2pm and Power

League from 2-4pm. This year we have added an optional Wednesday night practice at Community School.

If you need any information or have questions, please contact Nancy Dangler at 825-5335.

Coaches Corner by Coach Hubbard

With our first event coming up we are excited as a staff to see where are teams and players are so far in their progress. Each team has been working hard to improve and learn new skills and systems for our sport. Plus with our first travel experience to the Disney AAU Classic we will see our teams bond with each other which will help our playing greatly, it is always a great time. The Extreme teams had a great experience visiting CrossFit Redline's "Box" for one of their Wednesday Extreme Nights and I

must say as a director I was pleased to see all the hard work and effort the girls put into it. After the players (and some parents) got over the initial shock of the "Box" and what was to come, they really found it to be a good fit for them. I really believe CrossFit Redline as an addition to our program and training will be a great benefit for our teams. Make sure to check out our next trip to the "Box".

Finally as we make it to our first matches I want to remind our program that we have a great reputa-

tion for sportsmanship and class in our region, which truly cherish, working hard to maintain that. We believe strongly in competition and giving it your all, but the win at all costs (especially at the loss of your dignity) is not our focus. If you feel the need in the "heat of competition" to get over excited please remember that we are all her for the girls and their love of the sport, maybe that will help us all keep our true focus which is them, not the match outcome.



Rich Hubbard—Player Development and I5 Extreme Team Coach



Club News.....

Coach Erin Oberlin and Billy Cornell were married on Saturday, January 15th. Congratulations Coach "O" or is it now,



We want to wish the following players a Happy January Birthday:

Morgan Brucato 1/6
 Erin Homuth 1/8
 Joann Nguyen 1/10
 Carly Bishop 1/19
 Kaylie Garcia 1/29

Off-Season Birthdays — Aug

Ilana Goldstein 8/6
 Courtney Obermayer 8/13
 Nicolina landimario 8/15
 Sara Alessi 8/25
 Gabrielle Curran 8/28
 Morgan Massa 8/28

Off-Season Birthdays — Sept

Olivia Ramirez 9/1
 Erin McKindles 9/8
 Brooke Myers 9/8
 Kendra Schena 9/9
 Kaitlyn Ziegelmaier 9/22
 Lizzie Vasquez 9/23



Payments Due

Please remember that player payments are due by the 15th of each month. Please do not hand payment to coaches or Board Members; all payments (other than via Paypal) should be mailed.

Important Reminder

Any players whose payments have not been received will not be permitted to travel until their accounts are brought up to date.

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