

The CREW Connection

Grand Rapids Crew Juniors
Newsletter for Members
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It seems like the dust has just settled from tryouts and team registration, and things are already starting to gear up for the fall season. The big event this week **August 9-13** is the **Crew Team Camp Week**. The Crew Camp will be held at the MVP Fieldhouse. This is a free training camp included in your club fees, and is for all players who have been registered to a 2010-2011 team.

During Crew Camp, each team will train as a team, but might have a different coach from within the Crew staff. This is a great time for the players to get to know each other and get some touches on the ball.

The **camp schedule** for the different age groups and teams can be found on our club website (<http://www.grcrewjuniors.org/>) on the home page. There is an article in the center column with a link to the schedule, or you can find a link in the right column (or just [click here!](#)) On the schedule, the abbreviation "Pre." refers to the premier teams.

Crew logo merchandise will be on display and available for purchase all day Monday at the Crew Camp.

Wednesday will be **picture day** at the camp, and we would like each player to wear black shorts and black socks with their camp T-shirt.

On Thursday evening we will be having a **Crew Family Carnival** from 5 to 7 PM. The planning committee wanted to include more activities, so they will be selling participation wristbands for \$10 per person or \$25 for the whole family to cover the costs. You don't need a wristband to come watch, so be sure to come watch the coaches' soccer game at 5:30. Our Crew coaches will chose up teams and show us how it's done. Come cheer your favorite coach! Bring your favorite coaching cliché's and do some sideline coaching! There is more info in the carnival flyer, also available on the website or [Click Here](#).

Team practices –

Most teams will be starting team practices the following week, starting August 16 or 17. The practice schedule is also available on the website, or [Click Here](#). Be sure to check with your coach as to when your team will be starting practices.

Friday night drop in training –

Our popular Friday evening training will be starting on August 20, and runs each Friday (except Labor Day week-end) to September 24. This optional training is included in your club fees. There is no sign up; you just come when you can. This training is led by some of our best coaches. The training schedule is:

	U8 – U10	U11 – U12	U13 and up
5-6 pm	Technical	Technical	Striker/Keeper
6-7 pm	Striker	Keeper	
7-8 pm	Keeper	Striker	

Crew Cup Tournament –

Our own Grand Rapids Crew Cup Tournament will be held the week-end of August 27-29. We already have over 160 teams signed up, so there should be some good competition.

We need lots of volunteers to run an event like this. To indicate your availability to help out, please go to our [club website](#) and click on the link under the article Volunteers Needed for Crew Cup.

GVSA league schedules –

Our select teams play in the Grand Valley Soccer Association (GVSA) league (<http://www.gvsoccer.org/>) You may have noticed that they have the Fall preliminary game schedules up. The word to note here is PRELIMINARY! These schedules are being adjusted to correct for a variety of conflicts, and many will change. The fall game schedules will become final after August 13. Only then should you start making plans around them.

The GVSA fall season starts on September 11. The Premier League, MRL League, and State Cup preliminary games can start much sooner, as early as August 14.

Closing –

Your comments and suggestions regarding this newsletter are welcome. Just drop an email to newsletter@grcrewjuniors.org .

If you have a specific question or concern, our various directors, staff, and coordinators are listed on the website on the [Staff](#) page.