US Lacrosse Chapter Newsletter - October 2009

2009 Chapter Compliance

Please get a head start on the next compliance requirement:

• **The 2009 Participation Survey (Deadline: December 31st, 2009)** - This information is used to compile the overall participation survey - a **very** important marketing tool for US Lacrosse. Learn more.

Link to the Chapter Operations Manual Online:
http://www.uslacrosse.org/chapters/chaptermanual09.pdf.

Should you have any questions at all about submitting this document, please contact Lindsay Comodore at lcomodore@uslacrosse.org.

2009 Chapter Grant Program

Congratulations to all of the 2009 Chapter Grant Program recipients!

National Convention Registration

• **LEARN** from some of the best in the game. Register now for the 2010 US Lacrosse National Convention, which will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center from January 15-17, 2010. The $75 early bird registration ends on November 15, so click here to take advantage of this great deal and buy your tickets today.

• **LEAD** and **INSPIRE** others by joining the 2010 speaker line-up for the 2010 US Lacrosse National Convention. Presenting at the Convention will put you and your program in front of thousands who are eager to encourage the expansion of the fastest growing sport! Please visit the official Convention web site for more details about presenting.

Chapter Recognition Program presents THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER with the October 2009 Award!

The Southwest Virginia Chapter of US Lacrosse, the newest and sixth chapter in Virginia which represents the Roanoke Valley area, began operations in January 2009 after an extensive four month US Lacrosse certification process. Chosen as a US Lacrosse Fast Break Initiative Site, the chapter has made impressive progress in a short time under the direction, energy and vision of Andy Blanton and 21 Board members.

Their area of focus is continued growth and expansion of lacrosse into youth leagues and high schools in their service area. Since the VHSL (Virginia High School League) declared lacrosse an official State sport just three years ago, the interest and potential is enormous. Chapter membership was 463 in inception in January and is expected to quickly increase because the Shenandoah Valley areas and neighboring counties are embracing lacrosse. The chapter has already:

- Hosted a successful kick off fundraiser event in conjunction with the Virginia Tech girls lacrosse program, holding a girls lacrosse clinic for 238 girls before the ACC Women's Championship game
- Secured 11 corporate sponsorships
- Received a New Start equipment grant from US Lacrosse for a new boys lacrosse club
- Established an impressive chapter website to serve as a central source of information on all lacrosse activities in their service area
- Held a US Lacrosse Men's Officials Clinic at Roanoke College and trained 11 new men's officials
- Hosting a US Lacrosse Level I boys and girls coaches clinic this month with 50 already signed up

Learn more about this chapter at www.swvla.ialax.com or contact Andy Blanton at ablanton3@cox.net or 540-521-2183.

US Lacrosse is Making Safety Affordable

US Lacrosse, Cardiac Science Provide AED Grant
US Lacrosse is playing a leading role in ongoing research and is committed to educating the national lacrosse community about the life-saving value of having Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) available during lacrosse games and practices. In order to achieve that goal, US Lacrosse, the national governing body of the sport, and Cardiac Science, a leading manufacturer of cardiology products, are offering an AED grant program which provides an AED and comprehensive management of AED and CPR training to lacrosse leagues or US Lacrosse chapters.

Encourage your leagues and program administrators to apply. You will be glad you did, it could SAVE a life!
US Lacrosse member groups and chapters can apply for the US Lacrosse/Cardiac Science AED grant program here. Deadline to submit an application is November 30, 2009. Read more.

U.S. Women's National Team Clinic Host Chapter Areas (Dates subject to change)

Keep an eye out for the U.S. Women's National Team coming your way!
Central Pennsylvania – Saturday, December 26th
Eastern Mass – Monday, December 28th
Philadelphia – Sunday, January 3rd
Oregon – Saturday, January 9th
Houston – Saturday, January 9th
South Florida – Saturday, January 9th
Georgia – Saturday, January 9th
New Jersey North – Saturday, January 9th
Western Maryland – Saturday, January 23rd
Utah – Saturday, January 23rd
Long Island Metro – Sunday, January 24th

Cincinnati – Sunday, January 24th

Registration links and formal press release will be available within the next two weeks.

Tax Filing Notification from US Lacrosse

Please read the important following statement regarding the way you will file your 2009 tax return: When you file your chapter's tax return for 2009 and subsequent years, the first name in the name block must be the name of the parent organization, aka: US Lacrosse, Inc. The second line is the name of the subordinate filing, aka: the chapter. In speaking with the IRS, we know previously filed returns do not have to be corrected. However, this is the standard naming format you should use going forward. Please also make sure that you use the tax ID of the subordinate aka: the chapter, and not that of the parent, aka: US Lacrosse, Inc. (even though the parent's name is on the tax return). Read about more "tax tips."

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact Erin Sturgis directly at esturgis@uslacrosse.org or 410-235-6882 x132. We appreciate your cooperation and diligence with all IRS matters.

Apply for a PCA Grant!

Application Timeline for the Grant Program:

US Lacrosse is pleased to offer the Sportsmanship Grant Program to subsidize a significant portion of the cost of a one-year partnership with PCA, or a one-time PCA workshop for qualified chapters and youth lacrosse organizations. These workshops are designed to help organizations educate their coaches, officials, athletes and fans on honoring the game.

September 9, 2009 – Grant applications available
October 23, 2009 – Postmark deadline for sending completed applications.
November 2009 – Notification letters sent to all applicants
March 15, 2010 - All PCA grant programs/online workshops must take place by this date

Please visit http://www.uslacrosse.org/programs/partners.phtml for more information.

US Lacrosse Teams & League Websites

This November US Lacrosse will offer websites to USL Member Groups FREE for one year! Websites include online registration with real-time US Lacrosse registration, automatic game and practice scheduling, broadcast email and text messaging tools, individual team pages for coaches and players, user-defined stats and standings, and much more. Be on the look out for more information about the US Lacrosse Management System coming in November. For more information visit www.uslaxteams.com or view an online demo at http://tinyurl.com/uslaxdemo.

US Lacrosse Makes Second Level of National Coaching Certification Available

US Lacrosse, offers essential sport training and credentialing for the national lacrosse coaching community through its ground-breaking coaching education program (CEP). Following the successful

launch of Level 1 CEP certification for men's and women's lacrosse coaches in 2007, the organization announces the availability of Level 2 CEP certification, the only credential of its kind available to coaches in the sport. Read more.

2009 Youth Excellence Award Recipients

Excellence in Growing the Game
Robert 'Robin' Buckley – Fox Point, WI

One For All
Bowen Hadlee – Bothel, WA

Outstanding Youth Official
Laura McCarthy – West Caldwell, NJ

Program Administrator of the Year
Henry 'Hank' Nunez – Tustin, CA

Boy's Coach of the Year
Paul Deppi – Newtown, PA

Girl's Coach of the Year
Rose Sulley – Portsmouth, NH

Outstanding Contribution to the Game
Noel Ebner – Syracuse, NY

Congratulations to all the winners!

Coaching Education

Are you or any of the leagues in your area considering requiring some component of the coaching education program or full Level 1 certification in the near future? Your training department wants to know so we can help! Email sportdevelopment@uslacrosse.org.

Level 1 Certification

Coaches looking to be Level 1 certified by the 2010 season have to complete the Level 1 instructional clinic before applying to become certified. This is the only non-online requirement for certification, so spread the word if there's a clinic in your area. Full schedule for fall 2009 and winter 2009 can be found here.

Special fall offer for your area teams and leagues:
Sign up 10 coaches from a program for a fall clinic using our group registration form and receive a 10% admission discount. Contact tpuckett@uslacrosse.org to request a form.

Responsible Sports Community Grants - Youth Sports Grants

Sports are about so much more than winning, and sustaining youth sports programs takes more than just your valuable time and effort. That's why Liberty Mutual created the Responsible Sports Community Grants. The program helps provide precious financial resources – $2,500 grants – in recognition of local dedication to responsibility in communities across the country. The Fall 2009

Community Grant period will be active from September 1st - November 30th, 2009. Click here for more information.

New Lax World Offer!

Lax World is now offering a practice goal with net for $80.00 (normally $130)! Learn more. IMPORTANT: Offer is ONLY good online through this link, and cannot be used in retail stores.

US Lacrosse Store - T-Shirt Sale

Beginning November 1st, all US Lacrosse T-Shirts will be $12.99! Visit the online store to take advantage of this offer.

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