

# Lions' Den Newsletter



## WELCOME TO THE LIONS' DEN!

Welcome to the first Lions' Den edition of the 2020/21 season! We would like to welcome all of the new families who have joined our club, and of course welcome back our returning players and their families. As COVID-19 continues to dominate the headlines, throughout this newsletter we will share with you what the Bay Lions FSC has been doing to bring youth soccer back into our lives while maintaining safe practices. We know there still remains a tremendous amount of uncertainty and we will do our best to keep everyone in the loop. We wish everyone a safe and healthy return to play!

### FUNDRAISING:

- RTIC 30oz cups
- Bay Lions FSC Youth and Adult washable face masks
- Bay Lions FSC Cooling Towels with team logo
- Bay Lions FSC baseball hats
- Bay Lions FSC Adult t-shirts

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 8/24 First Day of 2020/2021 Soccer Season
- 8/28 First Friday Training Session U12
- 9/4 First Friday Training Session U11 & U10
- 9/7 Labor Day – No practice



We are thrilled to announce the return of UAIC as a diamond sponsor for the 2020/21 season. This is the company's second year supporting our club and we extend a huge thanks to **Danny** (Jacob C. U12) for his continued commitment.

United Automobile Insurance Company (UAIC) is a family owned, non-standard insurance carrier that commits to providing high quality service and low-cost insurance. UAIC is one of the largest privately held property and casualty insurance companies in the country. UAIC holds strong ties in the community and hopes to build relationships with their customers in Florida and abroad.

## Bay Lions Teams

### U10-Blue Team Coach Tomas

Daniel D.  
Dylan  
Jeronimo  
Lorenzo  
Mario  
Marti  
Maximus  
Neil  
Nicolas  
Zachary

1Spot still  
available!

### U11 – Blue Team Coach Simon

Atlas  
Benjamin  
Dillon  
Jacob L  
Jayden  
Karthik  
Kor  
Kory  
Martin  
Matthew  
Nathaniel

1 Spot still  
available!

### U12 – Blue Team Coach Simon

Alberto  
Andrew  
Austin  
Dalton  
Daniel  
Jacob C  
Leon  
Luca M  
Marcell  
Mateo R  
Simon  
Tomas

### U12 – White Team Coach Tomas

Aaditya  
Anantha  
Baltazar  
Jacob G  
Jeffrey  
Lucas  
Luis  
Mateo A  
Ryan

3 Spots still  
available!

**Coach Chris and Coach Sam will be assisting all teams.**

## Roaring Birthdays:

### May

Baltazar U12 – May 4<sup>th</sup>

### June

Mateo R U12- June 12<sup>th</sup>  
Alberto U12- June 15<sup>th</sup>  
Simon U12- June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Tomas U12- June 18<sup>th</sup>  
Dalton U12- June 24<sup>th</sup>

### August

Luis U12 – August 8<sup>th</sup>



## Upcoming Events:

We had all hoped things would look better in S. Florida by the fall, but due to COVID, we regretfully will be unable to hold our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Meet & Greet at Matheson Hammock this year. Instead, the coaching staff will hold Zoom team meetings for the season kick off “welcome and dissemination” of important information. These Zoom meetings will take place the week of August 24<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for further details.

## Fundraising:



We are kicking the season off with many great fundraising items. Our RTIC 30oz cups have returned with an updated logo and are on sale for \$30. Have it personalized with your child's # for an additional \$3. These cups are guaranteed to keep your drinks cold on the sidelines while you cheer on your Bay Lions team!

Masks have become a part of our everyday wardrobe. What better way to adhere to CDC guidelines than to proudly wear a face mask displaying the Bay Lions logo! Cloth masks are available in adult and youth sizes in blue, gray and blue/gray combos. They are \$10 per mask.

Cooling towels are a must have to keep you cool on these extremely hot South Florida days. Each player received one during summer training but if you'd like to purchase any additional, they are on sale for \$10.



## Sponsorships:

Sponsorship is a great way to support the Bay Lions FSC while gaining visibility in the youth sports community. Sponsorship is also a crucial financial piece which has allowed the club to grow from just one team and one coach year in its inaugural year, to 4 teams, 4 coaches and an academy in only 3 seasons! The club has many different packages available. They are posted on our website and we encourage you to share them with others. Please reach out to Coach Simon if you have any interest in becoming a sponsor this season.

## Coaches' Pitch:



Bay Lions,

Welcome to the start of the 2020-21 season. As anticlimactic as it may be to not have much clarity in regards to when the competitions will kick off, I have to say that I am very excited. Our Coaching Staff and players have had a great summer of training, which I expect will set a great foundation for the upcoming season. For this, our players deserve a huge acknowledgement. The Coaching Staff is very proud.

To all of our new, incoming players and families - welcome! It is wonderful to have you guys onboard. To our returning players and families - welcome back! It is very motivating to see our family grow bigger and bigger, without losing sight of its core values.

The past couple of months have been challenging, but it certainly helps to have our Bay Lions family to lean on when times get tough. I know players, parents, and coaches alike have been finding a break from the noise when meeting at our home field (masked, while maintaining social distance, of course!).

Even though we still very much find ourselves in the midst of a global pandemic, there is cause for optimism. With a collective effort, we've been able to make the necessary adjustments to keep our boys busy and working hard. That unity is what we need more of in all areas of life. For that, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for helping us ensure, as best as possible, a safe environment for our boys to learn and grow.

Before signing off for now, I'd like to remind you all that our doors are always open to discuss each player's development. Over the years, we have found that when players, parents, and the Coaching Staff are all working towards a common goal, that is when we are at our strongest. In this case, it's needless to say that our common goal is the happiness and enjoyment of all our Bay Lions.

Excited for this season, and everything it brings!

Simon

Director & Coach



Lions,

The start of the season always brings on a variety of emotions for players, coaches, and parents. Beyond it being just a start date, it is an opportunity for a group of players and individuals to come together and work towards a common goal.

Summer training is not easy. However, it lays the groundwork that the team will rely upon throughout the year. Thus, us coaches like to use summer training as means of really challenging and helping our players develop. Up to this point in the summer, we could say that all players have grown and improved. Our job is to make sure that transitions over into a successful and eventful season.

Moving forward as a pride, we need to understand that each season is independent from any other. Each will bring its own expectations, priorities, and final results.

We have been steadily improving as a club and as a family, and there are no signs of slowing down anytime soon.

Hopefully our season is able to get kicked off as soon as possible, under the right circumstances. Until then, you can count on us to continue working hard, getting ready for the green light to perform when needed. Stay safe.

Coach T

**A friendly reminder that coaching fees are due each month by the 10th.  
Uniform information details coming over the next couple days.**



Hello Lions!

My name is Christian Acevedo (Coach Chris) and I'm honored to be part of such a talented, young club. I've been wanting to join for so long and I'm finally part of the family now!

I've played soccer for over 14 years, and coaching was something I always thought about doing after I'd stop playing. As a player, I played for Felix Varela Senior High School for 4 years as an All-Dade Captain. I also played semi-professional soccer in Miami Sun FC, and U de Chile USA up until recently.

I can't wait to keep learning new things everyday from our amazing players and Coaching Staff, as much as they will learn from me. I'm really looking forward to this season and helping our club as much as I can to reach its goals.

If you're ever at the field, stop by and say hello- excited to meet all of you!

Coach Chris



Dear Bay Lions,

I'm Samuel Henao, 14, and I'm Coach Simon and T's little brother. I've been a part of the Bay Lions family for a couple of seasons now, and I've enjoyed every moment.

I'm young, so I still don't know how to be a coach. But I'm sure that this Coaching Staff will teach me a lot of things, so that I can become a great coach like Coach Simon, Coach T, and Coach Chris.

I can't wait to continue to work with all of the players and have fun with each of them.

Sincerely,  
Coach Sam

## Kudos Corner:

We'd like to extend a huge thanks to all the parents for entrusting their kids this summer to our amazing coaching staff. With all the COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines in place, we know this is a very personal decision. We'd also like to thank the Bay Lions FSC coaching staff who have managed to adhere to all guidelines by minimizing training groups to smaller sizes, maintaining social distancing throughout practice drills and implementing daily temperature checks as well as frequent hand sanitizing. We know this has been an incredible adjustment for everyone and we will continue to roll with the changes. Please set a good example for our kiddos by properly wearing your mask and maintaining social distancing if you are observing practice from the sidelines.

The expansion of the Bay Lions FSC club has been possible partly because of the great support we receive from the parents. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please reach out to Donna (Dalton U12, Dillon U11) or Christy (Jacob C U12). We welcome the help!

## Bay Lions Social Media:

We encourage all of our Bay Lion families and friends to follow our Bay Lions social media platforms.



<https://www.facebook.com/BayLionsFSC/>

<https://www.instagram.com/baylionsfsc/>