

Lions' Den Newsletter

WELCOME TO THE LIONS' DEN!



Welcome to the first Lions' Den edition of the 2021/22 season! We would like to welcome all the new families who have joined our club, and of course welcome back our returning players and their families. This newsletter contains a lot of important information so please read through carefully. We are looking forward to a very exciting season!

Bay Lions Gear:

- Bay Lions FSC Youth and Adult t-shirts
- Bay Lions FSC Ladies Tank Top
- Bay Lions FSC Youth & Adult Windbreakers
- Bay Lions FSC Youth and Adult hoodies
- Bay Lions FSC hats coming soon!
- RTIC 20 oz Coffee travel mug*
- Bay Lions FSC car magnets*



***these items available to purchase through Bay Lions FSC**

We are happy to continue to partner with R&L Printing for our Bay Lions swag. Simply go to [rlprinting.net](https://www.rlprinting.net) and browse our currently available inventory. Place your order directly on the website and then proudly show off your new gear! A percentage of the proceeds supports the Bay Lions club.

<https://www.rlprinting.net/bay-lions-soccer-club>



Important Upcoming Dates:

- Sept. 18-19: U13 Blue & White, U12 Blue League kickoff games
- Sept. 23: U13 Girls Friendly, Southwood Middle
- Sept. 25-26: U12 Blue United Cup Tournament, Davie
- Oct. 2-3: U13 Girls West Pines Classic tournament, Davie
- Oct. 9-10: U8 League kickoff games
- Oct. TBD- Third Annual Pink Lemonade Stand



SPONSORSHIP

We are so thrilled to announce the return of all three of our Diamond sponsors! **UAIC** has now been with us for three seasons and **Frescamar** and **Ocean Automotive** are returning for their second year. You will see their logos proudly displayed on all our game jerseys. We thank you for the support your sponsorship gives to our club!

Diamond Sponsors



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. We thank our very own Danny (Jacob C. U13 Blue) for his support!

Ocean Automotive Group is a family-owned business in the greater Miami area, who is continuously changing the way you do business with your local dealer. They offer new, Mazda certified, used vehicles and service at their newly renovated, state-of-the-art showrooms and are proud to happily serve clientele in South Florida and beyond.

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Frescamar is a proud purveyor of the world's premium seafood products. Today, Frescamar offers the best shrimp in the world; sourced directly from Ecuador, a country with the most prestigious tradition and experience in shrimp farming. An unmatched business vertical integration enables maximum control of each step in the process: from hatchery, farms, feed, and packing plant, to import and export and distribution. Frescamar's products are chemical free, gluten free, and keto friendly, as well as low in calories and high in omega-3. With both retail and wholesale selections, Frescamar provides solutions specifically catering to all seafood needs.

Platinum Sponsor

We would like to introduce our first ever Platinum Sponsor, Shells & Fish! You will see their logo proudly displayed on all training jerseys.

The logo for Shells & Fish features the words "Shells" and "Fish" in a red serif font, with a dark blue ampersand "&" between them. The logo is centered on a white rectangular background.

Shells & Fish is an international group specializing in aquaculture and seafood products for over two decades. "We dedicate our efforts to delivering the highest quality products to our clients and offering different types of solutions, which makes us the ideal strategic partner for your aquaculture needs. Our clients may be found in the United States, Canada and Mexico. They include retail chains, major food service providers, and national and international distributors."

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 in its inaugural year, to 6 teams and 5 coaches in only 4 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.



Coaching Assignments 2021/2022 Season:

U8 Co-ed: Coach Chris

U11 Blue: Coach Tomas

U12 Blue: Coach Simon

U13 Blue: Coach Simon

U13 White: Coach Tomas

U13 Girls: Coach Chris

Assistant Coach: Coach Sam

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Coach Manny

Goalie Coaches: Coach Anthony & Coach Armando

A friendly reminder that coaching fees are due each month by the 10th.

We would like to introduce you all to the Team Liaisons for the 21/22 season. Although the coaches are always accessible, these point persons will serve as your main contacts for team coordination for games, tournaments, team meetings, team snacks, team tent rotation, etc. They also serve as the main voice from the parents to the coaches and coaches to the parents. As our club continues to grow larger, utilizing your team liaisons will be more vital than ever. Please don't hesitate to reach out to them should you have any questions or concerns.

Team Liaisons are as follows:

U13 Blue- Donna (Dalton) & Ryan (Austin)
U13 White-Tammy (Cameron) & Andrea (Jacob)
U13 Girl's- Noel (Cata) & Beatriz (Anna)
U12 Blue-Andrea (Martin) & Sandra (Kory)
U11 Blue- Vero (Nico) & Elissa (Danny)
U8: TBD

Covid Update: It is hard to believe that we find ourselves once again in the middle of a Covid surge here in South Florida. This is a good reminder to all to do our part to slow the spread and keep our soccer family as safe as possible. Please do not send your child to practice if they are exhibiting any Covid-like symptoms or if they have been in close contact with someone known to have Covid. Please refer to the [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) web page for quarantining guidelines and for knowing when it is safe for your child to return to practice as we will be adhering to these guidelines. Please note that CDC quarantining guidelines are slightly different if your child is vaccinated. Also we please ask that you keep your coaching staff and team in the loop if your child has tested positive or if you have any reason to believe that a team member may be considered a close contact. And finally, please have your child bring a mask to practice in the event we need to gather everyone close together for an extended period of time such as when the lightening alarm goes off and we are seated under the gazebo for greater than 15 minutes. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Coaches Pitch:**Coach Simon**

Hello there, Bay Lions! Hope everyone is having a smooth start to the season thus far. My name is Simon, and I am the Club Director. I also coach our U13 Blue and U12 boy's teams. Believe it or not, this is my 9th year coaching! I have my D License, and will keep climbing that ladder until I eventually get to the A License. I graduated from FIU with a Bachelors in Recreation and Sport Management, as well as Business.

I'm very excited for the 2021-22 season with all of you. Please don't hesitate in reaching out with any questions you may have, my doors are always open!

Coach T

My name is Tomas Henao, otherwise known as Coach T. I am 23 years old and I am now into my third year of coaching. I am also in the process of getting into Graduate school to complete a PhD program in Physical Therapy. I have my grassroots coaching licenses, and am aiming to get my D license soon. If there is anything you would need from me throughout the season, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Looking forward to a successful 2021-2022 season!

Coach Christian

Hi everyone! I'm Christian Acevedo, mostly known as Coach Chris. I'm 22 years old, and I'm currently attending Florida International University. I just entered my senior year and I'm

majoring in Recreation and Sports Management. This is my second year coaching at Bay Lions FSC and my first year as a head coach. I have my grassroots coaching licenses and soon to get my D license. I'm looking forward to get to work and meeting everyone this season - please feel free to reach out to me for any help!

Coach Manny

My name is Emmanuel Oramas, otherwise known as coach Manny. I am 22 years old and in my first year of coaching. I am a psychology student at FIU with 5 years experience in applied behavior analysis. I am a board certified registered behavior technician and my experience is working with persons with developmental disabilities. I am happy to be part of this Lion culture and excited to take on the new season.



Roaring Birthdays-August & September

Luis U13 White- August 4
Sophia U13 Girls- August 13
Mario U11 Blue- August 29
Andrew U13 White – Sept 1
Maximus U11 Blue – Sept 4
Lorenzo U8 Blue- Sept 8
Coach Tomas – Sept 12
Karthik U12 Blue- Sept 14
Austin U13 Blue – Sept 15
Hayden U12 Blue- Sept 17
Jeronimo U11 Blue- Sept 21
Kory U12 Blue- Sept 28

Giving Back:

As many of you already know, this club prides itself on teaching our youth the importance of giving back to the community. Throughout the season we take on an important cause to educate not only our players and families, but to also find a way to be active in local, national and international charities. For the past 3 seasons we have adopted a Colombian soccer organization called Foundation Heroes Futbol Club. The organization is run by a close family friend of the Henao family. Their mission is to strengthen ties between family and community, to improve the quality of life of the children and to prepare them not just to be athletes, but also to be productive members of their respective societies. All of the youth they serve are in much less fortunate situations but they all share a great love for soccer. We have helped them in their mission by collecting new and used soccer gear that we no longer need and send it to Columbia a few times per year. Items we collect include soccer cleats, shin guards, soccer socks, jerseys, balls and bags. Please keep this organization in mind when cleaning out your child's closet and simply bring the items to any of the coaches. They will ship items to Columbia throughout the season. Thanks for helping us to teach our kids that some things are bigger than soccer!



Kudos Corner: The expansion of the Bay Lions FSC club has been possible in part 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 U13, Dillon U12).



+Bay Lions Social Media:

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



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