



SPORTS QUEST



END OF SUMMER NEWSLETTER - 2021

"Sharing Biblical Truth To Reach, Teach & Encourage Next Generation Leaders Through Soccer"



OVERVIEW

While Covid-19 wreaked havoc with our summer soccer camp program 2020 (including cancelled mission trips to Haiti and Rwanda), the Lord graciously allowed our 25th anniversary to proceed without incident and with great success! And not only that, we were blessed to see several NEW DOORS open up for us to do even MORE ministry moving forward. Read on...!

"I wanted to share with you all our big news: My son chose to follow Jesus today! We've been having discussions for a while now and the head knowledge has been there, but he's been asking some extra big questions this week, and we know the Lord has used Sports Quest to stir all kinds of things in his heart!! So thankful for this amazing, amazing ministry and the influence it has been in the life of my firstborn babe! Our hearts are overjoyed! I couldn't have asked for a sweeter end to a really awesome week of soccer camp."

- Parent of Camper



Our 25th Year

Summer camps 2021 will be remembered for all the right reasons as we clung to Psalm 28:7: "The Lord is my strength and my shield" emblazoned on the back of every camp Tee!

- 10 camps completed
- Almost 500 campers in attendance
- 162 professions of faith in Jesus Christ
- 21 coaching staff
- 32 volunteers
- 743 volunteer hours
- 68 camp scholarships
- First ever camp for adults with special needs (Home Place of Texas)
- First ever parent/coach camp
- First ever outreach camp in partnership with Spring Spirit
- First ever outreach camp in partnership with Boys and Girls Country - Tomball
- Partnership with Houston's First Baptist Church - community outreach ("Go Houston")
- Guest speakers at Champion Forest Baptist Church (VBS) and Boys and Girls Country (lunchtime Chapel service)
- Donated hundreds of pairs of cleats to underserved children
- Start of free weekly sessions at a Mobile Home Park



"SQ's mission statement...

Inspires me to contribute my very best because not only am I coaching soccer, but more importantly, I am participating in the eternal work of building God's kingdom!"

- Sports Quest Coach



"I really enjoyed the coaches camp.

Coach Jim is a natural coach and leader with an infectious enthusiasm for soccer. It seems obvious now but the best way to learn and gain perspective on the drills you plan to implement as a coach is to actually do them, which was fun! There was nothing but positive vibes and friendly people from Coach Jim to his camp helpers to the other campers. Overall a great experience and I'd recommend it to soccer coaches of any age level."

- Adult Camper (from Coaches' Camp)



"Sports Quest has been a great blessing to our Cornerstone Mobile Home Park community this summer!

A few of our kids play club soccer and they were the most eager to begin with Sports Quest each week...that's a testimony to the quality of soccer coaching and of the relationships built this summer. And, of course, each Thursday session ended with a wonderful meditation on who God is and who we are...and what God has done and is doing among us in Jesus Christ. Learning teamwork, leadership and soccer skills is fantastic for young people, but Sports Quest has its eye clearly on 'the fruit that lasts' in our community! We're very thankful for them!"

- Bob Baldwin (owner of Cornerstone Mobile Home Park)



"My parents grew up in underserved communities.

Thankfully, they both had mentors who took time to share hope and the love of Jesus with them. Because of the difference those mentors made in my parents' lives, my upbringing was radically different than the one they experienced. My desire is to be that same voice in the underserved communities to promote generational change. I'm so thankful for this opportunity, and for the people I get to minister alongside each week."

- Ashleigh Ayers (4ONE Ministry Coordinator)



What's Next?

Heading into the Fall season, we are looking forward in eager anticipation to all that God will do through Sports Quest. Here is just a taste of things to come...

- Celebrating our 10 year anniversary with HCYA Hurricanes Homeschool soccer program. Pre-season, regular season and post season training takes place September through February 2022.
- Our special needs sessions with Home Place of Texas and Reach Unlimited will resume in September.
- Planning for Summer Camps 2022 is already underway. We are committed to enhancing and expanding this critical branch of the ministry.
- We are excited to announce the launch of our new "4ONE" program which will reach underserved and at risk children year round. Ashleigh Ayers (Ministry Coordinator) will mobilize volunteers, partner with churches and work with local organizations to share God's love with each participant in 5 locations throughout Houston.



How can you partner with us?

For quarter of a century, Sports Quest has been blessed by countless friends and ministry partners who have supported our efforts to reach kids for Christ through soccer. Below are some practical ways for you to join us on mission as we strive to serve the community even more moving forward...

- **Partner with us in prayer!** Pray that God will continue to direct our steps in the days to come
- **Like/follow us on Social Media!** You can find Sports Quest on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube
- **Volunteer your time!** We truly value like-minded servant leaders who desire to use their gifts in the community (coaching, admin work, ministering, etc.)
- **Make a financial contribution!** This can be done securely online at SQSoccer.com or by mailing a check to the address below

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"I want to say 'thank you' for your program and your message of faith that your team exudes and shares. Our family is pretty involved in church and have our usual routines. However hearing this message from Sports Quest made a world of difference in our son's interest in delving into the Bible. Thank you! He now has a goal of reading 4 chapters every day, set all on his own. You all were the right message at the right time. Thank you immensely!"

- Parent of Camper

"Sports Quest provides a wonderful, safe place for our children to improve their soccer skills, develop teamwork, as well as build relationship with each other, the coaches, and with God. We are so grateful for a kind and Godly circle of friends, and we particularly appreciate the end of session devotionals."

- Parent of Homeschool Player



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