

FSC In The Community

Beginning this fall Flathead Soccer Club will implement an exciting new program called FSC In The Community. Each competitive team will choose a service-oriented activity in which they will work together to give back to the community. FSC feels a duty to develop well rounded young people who are mindful, capable, and confident in themselves and the influence they can have on their surroundings. Through this service leadership program, FSC hopes to extend the positive influence we have on our players while helping to develop not only outstanding soccer players, but also outstanding citizens.

How It Works:

1. Each season each competitive team, with help from parents and coaches, will brainstorm to put forth a short list of service-oriented activities or projects. These could include picking up along a section of roadway or neighborhood, visiting a retirement home, reaching out to youth soccer teams on reservations, helping a worthy cause such as Habitat for Humanity, or volunteering at a local event.
2. The players on the team will vote on which activity or project they want to carry out. Players will take ownership of their actions.
3. The coach, along with several parents, will facilitate the activity or project to ensure a safe and enriching environment.
4. Ideally the activity or project will take place on a weeknight in place of a team practice and should take no more than two hours.
5. Each team's involvement in the community, along with a team photo, will be recorded and posted on a dedicated page on the FSC website. Over the course of multiple seasons and several years, FSC will produce quite a list of accomplishments, each of which will have a positive and direct effect on our community while offering life lessons to our players.

Benefits to the Players:

1. Players will have opportunities to experience things they may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience on a regular basis. They'll have the opportunity to help others while investing time and energy into their community.
2. Over the course of a player participating in the club from U9-U18 they will have the opportunity to be a part of no less than 16 service-oriented projects. That's a lot of experience gained in the area of service leadership and volunteerism.
3. Team building inevitably takes place when teams spend time together off the field of play. Friendships and bonds become stronger, increasing the overall enjoyment of participation in sport.

Benefits to the Club:

1. Through the efforts of our teams, FSC will gain notoriety as being an organization which cares and takes the time to give back to the community.
2. Through this program, FSC's exposure in and around the community will be heightened which can lead to greater ties with local businesses, increases in membership, and an ever increasing reputation as a positive and vital organization within Flathead Valley.

Please help your player, coach, team, and club in supporting this worthy cause!