



Des Moines Menace Academy

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From the Director Of Coaching

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Thanks to all of you that were able to attend the banquet this past January. It was the largest one yet and we hope that all of you enjoyed the food, speeches, awards and speakers. It is nice to see the number of people attending growing every year and I think it is good sign that our Academy continues to move in the right direction as well.

The banquet is just one small way we want to try to thank all of our families for the support, advice and encouragement that we so truly appreciate. It is our goal as a staff to continue to find ways of getting the Menace family together and we hope to add a few more events this year.

All the best to our high school players heading into their upcoming spring season. The Menace takes pride in all the success our high school athletes achieve even while not in a Menace uniform. We hope that you will have another great season and represent the Menace proudly.

To all of you younger kids getting anxious to get outdoors, we are excited to have one more season to teach and to grow so that your soccer experiences will continue to be a fun and rewarding time for you.

Yours in Soccer,

Casey

PDL News



The PDL team is in need of internship placement. As the 2008 season approaches we are in need of internships for some of our players. If you or anyone you know would be interested in having summer interns please contact Casey at clm@menacesoccer.com or 515-249-8085

Winter Training

Central Campus has been reserved for the indoor season and will start in December and run through February. It is every Saturday morning. Please check with your coach or team manager for additional dates and times.

9-10am	U11 boys & Soccer South
10-11am	U12 boys & Soccer South
11-12:30am	U13 /U14 boys
12:30-1:30pm	U16 boys
1:30-2:30pm	U15 boys

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Everyone has a smelly old pair of shoes that they keep around because, who knows, they just might want to wear them again someday. Let's be honest, you never will.

In an effort to help the communities affected by Hurricane Katrina, The Menace along with Nike has launched its **ReUSE A SHOE** campaign which collects old, worn-out shoes and turns them into new playing surfaces such as basketball courts and football fields.

For this National Program bring in your used tennis shoes to Kum & Go headquarters anytime between now and February 17, 2008.



- **ALL BRANDS ARE ACCEPTED!** We will gladly grind up other brands' shoes!
- **NEW SHOES ARE ACCEPTED!** We can take your shoes in whatever condition they are in, from tattered and torn to fresh out-of-the-box (A great chance to get rid of those impulse purchases you might be embarrassed of)!
- **NO DRESS SHOES!** Sorry, no high heels, loafers, etc, pretty much only athletic shoes
- **NO CLEATS!** Unfortunately, we cannot accept any hard plastic or metal.

Annual Academy Banquet



The Academy Banquet was once again a great success! Special thanks to Phil Glaser and Antonio Palacios for great food and drinks. Thanks to Graceland College and the Iowa Stars for our guest speakers. Lastly, thanks to all of you for making the Menace Academy what it is today!

Coach of the Year: Erin Weldon
Volunteer of the Year: Angie Cumings
A.C.E. Award Female Player: Amber Cordell
A.C.E. Award Male Player: Colten Llewellyn



Congratulations



- DOC Casey Mann was awarded The Responsible Coaching Awards: Celebrating Responsible Youth Sport Coaches courtesy of Liberty Mutual. A \$500 donation was given to the Soccer Start program here in Iowa. For more on this honor visit the Menace website.

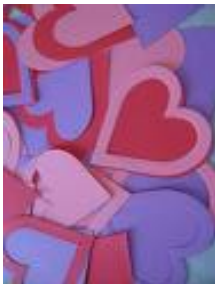
If you have any news you want to share please let us know at tmm@menacesoccer.com or call 515-457-6034

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Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to following Academy Members in February!



Megan Schott
Kaitlin Blunck
Erin Torkelsen
Sarah Buller
Cassie Spinka
Sam Hiatt

Josh Bobst
Ben Landis
Adam Lewis
Alen Vodenicarevic
Jacob Strong
Wesley Dawson

Taylor Wallen*
Juan Bustamante
Cameron Peterson
Leland Schipper
Dominic Sutton-Vermulen

*Born on Valentines Day!

Quote of the Month

"You can't just beat a team, you have to leave a lasting impression in their minds so they never want to see you again."

~MIA HAMM



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All Menace Academy Members receive 15% off any shoe purchase at Soccer Connections. Stop in at either of their 2 Des Moines locations or visit them on the web at <http://www.soccerconnections.net>

Academy Information


What you need to know



2008 Menace PDL Season tickets are on sale now! All Academy members receive FREE season tickets and parents and siblings receive half price season tickets.

Call 515-457-6364 to order yours today!

BILLING . . .

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- The 2007-2008 season is done with its billing cycle. If payment is not received by the 10th you will continue to incur a 1.5% finance charge. **This will continue until your bill is paid in full!**
 - **Player cards will be pulled and that player will not be allowed to attend upcoming tournaments or winter sessions until payment has been made.**
 - There will not be another installment unless you have made arrangements.
 - Returned checks will be assessed a \$15 finance fee.
 - If at anytime you cannot make payments please call to make arrangements. We are more than happy to work with you on getting your academy bill paid in full.

Check the Menace Website for all up-to-date information

Call the Weather Hotline for any questions about weather-related cancellations

Hotline Number: 457-6378

Contact Your Team Manager and/or coach. They'll often have the answer or know how to find it.

Call the Front Office. You can contact Tawnya Mann at 457-6034 when you have questions.

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