WELCOME Parents and Players to the 2025 Youth LAX SEASON!



Did you know lacrosse has deep cultural roots?
The Onondaga tribe considers it a sacred
"Medicine Game" gifted by the Creator.

"The Creator gave us many things for us here on earth, one of them is this game which we call Deyhontsigwa'ehs. Deyhontsigwa'ehs is roughly translated to mean, 'They bump hips.' If you ever played or watched a lacrosse game, you can see how the game got its name. Lacrosse at Onondaga is considered sacred. It is a game that was given by the Creator, to be played for the Creator, and has been known to have healing power. Because of this, it is also known as the Medicine Game."

-source https://www.onondaganation.org/culture/sports/lacrosse/

INTRODUCTIONS

Board Members

Executive Board

President - Joseph Van Harken
Vice President- Sarah Taylor
Secretary - Randee Tidswell
Treasurer - Jason Smith
Comms Director - Nate Crosswait

Program Directors

Girls' Youth Director - Amber Bolhuis
Boys' Youth Director - Ryan Jaeger
Girls' Coaching Director - Sarah Emmorey
Boys' Coaching Director - Steve Alison



WHO WE ARE

12 LAKER TEAMS
220+ YOUTH LAKER LAXERS
*Largest LAX Program in the State!



Volunteer-Based Program

• Our goal is to tenure board members to incorporate new ideas and keep the program moving forward in all areas.

• 100% Self-funded 501(c)3: What is the money being used for?

- Tournament fees, League Dues, Insurance, Referees, Coach Compensation, Field Prep,
 Facility Rental Fees, Pinnies, Goals/Nets, Lacrosse Balls
- Registration dues do not cover the full annual budget
- o Donors/sponsors are vital to help address meeting the annual financial need

Why register early?

Planning schedules, coaching assignments, equipment and uniform needs

Community Partnership:

- Outstanding Parent and Volunteer Base
- Good Working Relationship with SLPS Athletic Director
- Legacy Athletes Giving Back (coaching/networking)

WHO WE ARE (cont'd)

WE NEED YOUR HELP...

SL Lax program does NOT thrive without YOUR help!

- Field Prep
- Team Managers (once teams are assigned)
- Game Day Volunteers for Scoreboard and Stats

Please contact your coach via TeamSnap or complete volunteer form, click or scan QR code



FORM



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THANKS FORMER SPONSORS!!!







Make a Donation/ Scholarship

The Devasconcellos Family
The Richardson Family
The Johnston Family
The Alderink Family

Laker Friends & Family

The Barber / Duell Family
The Joshi Family
The Cherney Family
The Smith Family
The Lamppa Family
The Gillish Family

THANKS 2025 EARLY SPONSORS!!!

Elite

Faceoff Sponsor







The Datte Family
The Hunt Family



LACROSSE



Laker Friends & Family

CONTACT

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2025 SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

ELITE: \$2,500

- Name or logo on individual 4x6 banner at the lacrosse field for the 2024 season
- Leading location of company logo on signage and social media

FACEOFF: \$1,500

- Name or logo on individual 3x5 banner at lacrosse field for the 2024 season
- Logo on lacrosse website and social media

TOP GOAL: \$500

- Name or logo on individual 2x3 banner at lacrosse field for the 2024 season
- Logo on lacrosse website and social media

FRIENDS & FAMILY: \$200

Name on lacrosse website and social media

SCHOLARSHIP / MAKE-A-DONATION: \$Donor Choice

- A Laker Lax player in need will benefit from your sponsorship
- It is a great way to give back to our community
- Name on lacrosse website and social media



PAYMENT



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2025 Odd Side LAX FUNDRAISER







PRE-SALE TICKETS

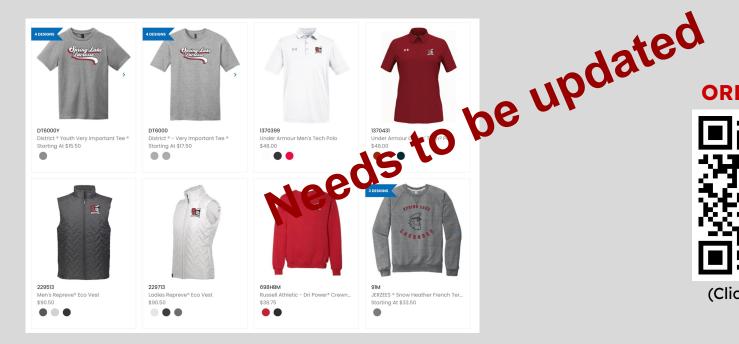


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Many thanks to our donors and sponsors for your support!

SWAG STORE IS COMING SOON!





ORDER NOW!



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NEW(ish) THIS SEASON

[ADMIN] Player-owned Uniforms















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[VIDEO] 7/8 Girls & Boys Home Games Captured via (AI) Cameras





[ADMIN] Updated Code-of-Conduct (PLAYERS/COACHES/PARENTS)



LACROSSE

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[OFF SEASON] Increased Fall/Winter Opportunities [COACHING] High School Alignment [COACHING] Meet-the-Coach BREAKOUT SESSIONS



Jarred Coleman (JKC) Story



Guest Speaker - Myron Molotky







- When: Sunday, 3/23 late AM start time
- Where: "The Yard"

• Inaugural (rebranded) #22 JKC LaxFest

- When: Boys Saturday, 5/10; Girls Sunday 5/11
- o Where: "The Yard"



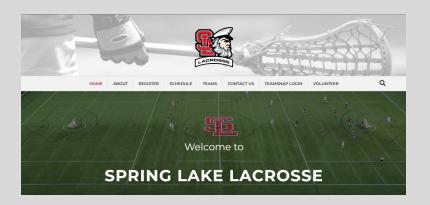
OUR PLEDGE



- To foster a competitive, premier player development program
- To provide an organized, safe, fun and memorable experience
- To teach fundamental skills, sportsmanship and good character
- To prepare athletes for immediate success in High School
- To promote, stimulate, and grow public interest and understanding
- To "Honor the Game"

Live, Learn, Love Laker LAX!

FOLLOW / LIKE US!

















TEAMSNAP HELPFUL HINTS

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- Download TeamSnap App before you leave tonight!
- Login to your profile to:
 - o Set notifications to receive team emails and chat messages
 - o Add Family Members to an athlete's profile



- Use web platform for troubleshooting https://www.teamsnap.com/
 - 24/7 Access to TeamSnap Support Team for specific questions/issues











2025 GIRLS' SEASON INFO

Amber Bolhuis - Girls' Youth Program Director **Sarah Emmorey** - Girls' Youth Coaching Director

*First point of contact for any questions/concerns



OPPONENTS

- Rockford
- East Grand Rapids
- Caledonia
- Forest Hills North/East
- Forest Hills Central
- Northview
- Catholic
- Jenison/ComstockPark
- Grand Haven

- Zeeland
- Southside/Mona Shores
- West Ottawa
- Holland Christian
- Byron Center
- Hudsonville
- Lowell
- Grandville

TOURNAMENTS *Subject to change

• Queen of the Hill (May 17/18)

17 Teams

5 weeks

2 games a week

2 Tournaments

Oxford LAX BASH (June 1)



2025 GIRLS' SEASON INFO (cont'd)



<u>Girls 7/8</u> 2 Teams Red & Grey

- Practice starts 3/24
- Team Evals 1st week
- Practices M-Th until games begin, then M/W
- Middle School
- Time 530-730
- Games begin end of April
- Games T/Th
- 2 Tournaments

Girls 5/6

- Practice starts 3/24
- Practices M-Th until games begin, then M/W
- Middle School
- Time 4:15-5:45
- Games begin end of April
- Games T/Th
- 2 Tournaments

<u>Girls 3/4</u>

1 Team

- Practice starts 3/25
- Practices T-Th until games begin, then W
- Middle School
- Time- 4:15-5:30
- Games begin end of April
- Games T/Th
- 2 Tournaments

Girls K-2

1 Team

(Outdoor practices to start after spring break)

- Team Info Practice 3/26
- Outdoor Practice starts 4/14
- Practices M & W
- Middle School
- Time 4-5
- 2-4 Games

*Schedule will not be released until end of March and is subject to change.

**The Middle School shed can be used to store equipment overnight for practices that are held right after school.

***NO Busing for Club Sports.

2025 GIRLS' COACHES

<u>Girls 7/8</u>	<u>Girls 5/6</u>	Girls 3/4	Girls K-2
Head Coaches: Steve Bolhuis Aaron King	Head Coach: Sarah Emmorey	Head Coaches: Chris Michner	Head Coach: Barb Emmorey
Asst. Coaches: Mike Herrema Gary Goosen	Asst. Coach: Hannah Rizor Kelly Graftema	Asst Coaches: Jenna Peterson	Asst Coach: Andy Richardson Brian Charron



USA Youth Lacrosse Rules and Guidelines



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GIRLS' MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

- Handout provided at parent's meeting
- **Girls' Stick** (there's a difference between Boys' & Girls')
 - o Advanced: STX Crux, STX Exult, Epoch Dragonfly, Brine Dynasty, etc.
 - Beginner: really any stick will do just fine, just make sure it isn't boy's a stick, which has a deeper pocket sidewall
- Goggles or Helmet (use goggles or helmet not both)
 - o Try a few pairs of goggles on, these are fit specific... multiple brands and youth vs adult
 - o Cascade LX Womens helmet

Mouthguard

- o Cannot be white or clear
- Cleats
 - Soccer or lacrosse cleats are best NO METAL SPIKES ALLOWED
- **Apparel** (weather dependent)
 - o Shorts, T-shirt, Long Sleeve T-shirt, Sweatshirt, Sweatpants, Socks
 - Compression shorts/Pants (under skirt)
 - BLACK Clothing under Uniforms on Game Days
- NEW(ish): Uniforms delivered directly to player (K-2 handed out at Practice!!)



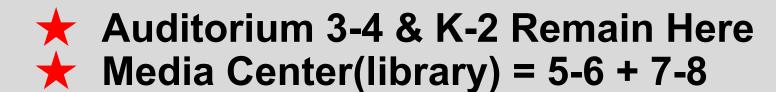
Basic Skills for Season Prep



- Wall Ball use the SL Youth Lacrosse Wall located behind Spring Lake Intermediate/Middle School https://www.everettlacrosseclub.org/wall-ball
- Cradling, Catching, and Throwing
 https://beginnerlacrosse.com/cradling
 https://springlakelax.teamsnapsites.com/girlslaxvideos/
- Visit the SLHS Lacrosse Field to Shoot on Goal and Run - gate is always open and remember to leave the field in better shape than when you arrived!

MEET YOUR COACHES GIRLS BREAKOUT SESSIONS





Let's have a safe, successful season and represent our community with integrity and good sportsmanship!



THANK YOU! THINK SPRING! THINK LAKER LAX!!

Any Questions please email us at board@springlakelax.org