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**Leadership Games  
Coming Soon**

Tired of watching the kids have all the fun? It's time for parents to strap on some shin guards and play a soccer match against U19!

We are tentatively planning a Leadership Game next Saturday, September 27 at Timber-Linn Park starting at 4:00pm. Please watch our web site and next week's *Touchline* for details. Parents who want to play must have submitted a current AYSO volunteer application this year. **Shin guards are required**, and please wear a dark shirt (not orange). Leadership games are always a lot of fun, and we look forward to seeing you there!

**Thank You Field Day Crews!**

Prior to each season we have to measure and paint all of our soccer fields. This is a big job but with lots of help it goes quickly. We built three fields at Seven Oak School in Lebanon on August 23, and seven fields at Timber-Linn Park in Albany on September 6. If you see any of these folks, please thank them for helping to ensure your kids have nice game fields!

**Seven Oak Crew:**

Jeff Buresh	Tricia Costa	Andrew Mason
Penny Mason	Melissa Suing	Thomas E. Suing
Keith Underdahl		

**Timber-Linn Crew:**

Scott Adamec	Russ Allen	Amy Capellen
Derrick Cox	Jim Julian	Ross Kinney
Jorge Monjaraz	Jason Morier	Matt Rocha
Josefina Rodriguez	Keith Underdahl	Soren Underdahl
Justin Varner	Mandee Estes-Varner	
Eric Zittel	Tammie Zittel	

Thank you for helping! People who helped with field building are eligible to register during the early discount registration next year which will be for volunteers only.

**AYSO Donates Soccer Balls**

DIYALA PROVINCE, Iraq – Over 100 soccer balls were delivered from Albany AYSO to Army Capt. Travis Cox, commander of Fire Squadron Alpha in the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (and younger brother to our board member Derrick Cox). Capt. Cox an Army battalion commander is attempting to defeat the insurgency in what is now considered the most violent spot in Iraq — Diyala by winning the “hearts & minds” of the children with soccer balls. “Iraqis love soccer. Just how much they love soccer have stunned us, the kids will kick anything round, soccer balls are a prized item over here. These soccer balls will be put to immediate use, we will be seeing over twenty kids playing with one ball so this shipment will be enjoyed by over a thousand kids.” said Capt. Cox. “Ya Gotta Love Oregonians, I casually mention that we could use soccer balls, and the next thing I know I’m getting an email that a 100 are on the way.”

These soccer balls were donated by Linn County AYSO, we will have a donation drive to recoup the cost and hopefully raise enough funds to make an additional shipment. Please donate anything you can to the donation jars located at the soccer shed on game day.

*Derrick Cox, Coach Administrator, AYSO Region 870*