



2012

Lenape Valley

Lacrosse Information Packet

"Successful lacrosse programs have successful lacrosse cultures"

The only youth sports program that has full support and involvement

of

Lenape high school players, coaches and athletic director.

2006 The Beginning:

Lenape Valley Lacrosse program was started four years ago by Kevin Shannon and Scott Koenig who both were a vital part of building lacrosse programs in surrounding towns and personally funded the start of our program. Currently Kevin and Scott volunteer their time assisting head coach Kevin Earl with high school teams and coach the 7th & 8th grade youth team.

Weeklong Summer Clinic only

2007– Lenape High School Club Team Boys & Girls – Only 3 games as club.

**7th & 8th and 5th & 6th – Grade Youth Team
1st Annual Lenape Valley Lacrosse Festival**

2008 Lenape High school JV team only both Boys & Girls

**7th & 8th and 5th & 6th grade team
First Youth Girls Clinic
2nd Annual Lenape Valley Lacrosse Festival**

2009– Lenape High School Boys & Girls Varsity & JV teams–

**7th & 8th and 5th & 6th grade team
3rd Annual Lenape Valley Lacrosse Festival
First girls youth team joined the league
Two Lenape Valley High School boys players earned Daily Record Newspaper all area team honors
Three 2009 graduates playing college lacrosse
Four Lenape Valley players actively being recruited by NCAA college coaches.**

2010 – Lenape High School Boys & Girls Varsity & JV teams

Grown to over 150 kids between High school & youth levels!!!!

- **7th & 8th , 5th & 6th , 3rd & 4th grade teams**
- **Youth girls team 5th – 8th grade**
- **4th Annual Lenape Valley Lacrosse Festival**
- **High School Boys season finished 10–9, qualified for first ever State Tournament**
 - **Four players named to All Conference Honors**

- Three Players named to Star Ledger “All West” Honors
- Two 2010 graduating seniors playing college lacrosse.
 - Pace University and SUNY Morrisville

2011 – Lenape Boys Varsity just miss state playoffs

- Boys Youth level takes down to second graders
- 7th & 8th, 5th & 6th, 2nd - 3rd & 4th grade teams
- Youth girls team 5th – 8th grade
- 5th Annual Lenape Valley Lacrosse Festival
- High School Boys team featured on TV; MSG Varsity Game of the Week
 - 4 Players named All Conference
 - 3 Players named to NJ “All West Jersey” team

2012– Program growing and needs your help!!!

6th Annual Lenape Valley Lacrosse festival

1) 2012 Board Members & Active Volunteers:

- Kevin Shannon – Exec. Board, Pres, 8th grade Coach, High School Coach
- Scott Koenig – Exec. Board, VP, 8th grade coach, High school Coach
- GiGi Shannon– Exec. Board, Secretary, Snack Stand
- Mark Smith – Exec Board, Treasurer
- Geri Dirupo– Exec Board, Registration, Youth & High school Equipment Coordinator
- Laurie Boyle – Exec Board, Registration, Equipment
- Karina Conrad– Boys JV team mom, Team Clothing & Pictures Coordinator
- Karen Carpentier – 7th & 8th grade team mom, Lenape Festival chair
- Toni Olson– Youth Girls coach
- John Goula – Youth Boys Chairman and 3rd & 4th grade Coach
- Julia Berry – Web Master (Youth & high school)
www.lenapevalleylacrosse.com
- Team Mom– Girls High School– TBD
- Youth Snack Stand Coordinator– Karen C, Dawn Goula & Laura Togno
- Chris Cartwright – Exec. Board, Public Relations , Fundraising
- Laura Togno – Youth Fundraising
- Steve Berghorn– Youth Girls Coach
- Kevin Earl– Exec Board Boys High School team liaison
- Kelly Kummerer– Exec. Board Girls High School team liaison
- Lisa Smith– Boys High School Team Mom, High School Snack Stand Chair

Financial Information – 2012 Lenape Valley high school Lacrosse program expense are over \$20,000 to field boys and girls varsity and JV teams. Without the youth program and parents helping to fundraise, high school lacrosse would not be possible due to budget constraints in our school system.

In an effort to have a better understanding of the need to charge a “dues” for the boys and girls playing lacrosse at Lenape Valley, we find it in everyone’s best interest to share the realities of the financial obligation that needs to be met by the Lenape Valley Lacrosse Club every year.

The Lenape Valley Lacrosse Club supports the youth boys and girls from Byram, Stanhope and Netcong from 2rd grade through 8th grade. The Club insures that each player is properly equipped (roughly \$225 per player), makes sure that there are knowledgeable and Rutgers certified coaches on the field with the athletes (all volunteers), provide uniforms as well as make sure all field maintenance, paint, and all state sanctioned officiating fees are paid. This all comes at a premium to the club, with our biggest expense of \$110 per game for officials. It is because of countless volunteers and supporters that this all becomes logistically possible.

At the High School level, the Club supports the school teams as “pay to play” programs. The High School provides 2 coaches salaries, that is the total investment by the school. It should be mentioned that 2 other coaches generously volunteer their time. The costs associated with the High School program are high, and the Club enters into a legally binding contractual agreement with the school every year assuring all budgeted items are provided.

The following is a breakdown of those associated fees:

Officials (based on 16 Varsity games boys\girls & 16 JV games boys\girls) = \$5,900.00

The State mandates both scheduling of games as well as official’s fees. We are not in a position to schedule our own officials or negotiate rates.

Transportation = \$4,550.00

Field Maintenance (8 Pails of paint @ \$26) = \$208

Insurance Costs (4% of total cost \$17,971) = \$758

Miscellaneous Fees = \$200

2012 Total = \$11,616.00

It should be known as well that all uniforms, equipment, balls, goals, nets, mouthpieces, reconditioning of helmets, under this contract will be provided by the Lenape Valley Lacrosse Club. This cost in itself exceeds \$10,000.00.

In closing, we hope this clearly illustrates the need for fundraising for all our teams, as well as the need to apply a cost to our High School athletes to be able to field teams every spring season. The efforts of the coaches, volunteers and supporters of each program reaching from the youth through our high school levels affect the playing experiences as well as the safety of over 150 children. We thank you for your continued support of the Lenape Valley Lacrosse Club, and look forward to a safe and fulfilling season for all our athletes and families.

2) **Monthly Board /Parent Meetings**: Held last Thursday on the month in high school health room at 7:30pm. Open to all parents of youth & high school players who want to learn about the program and get more involved in the lacrosse league. **COME AND GET INVOLVED!!!!!!!**

3) **Internet Contacts & Information**

- www.lenapevalleylacrosse.com – HS and Youth information, photos, schedules etc.
 - Where In The World – send in any pictures wearing Lenape Valley lacrosse gear has been.
- Lenape Valley Lacrosse Facebook page

4) **Volunteering: WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!!**

- **Scoreboard & Time Keeper at games**
- **Anyone willing to take photo actions shots and send to Julia Berry for website**
- **Snack Stand volunteers**
- **Field set up & clean up**

5) **Insurance**: Each child is covered under the US Lacrosse insurance policy paid for with registration fees.

6) **Pictures** – Date TBD

7) **April 1st Big City Classic at Meadowlands** – <http://www.bigcityclassic.com/>

- **Tailgate party and fun**
- **Order tickets on line**

8) Fundraising

- Corporate Field Banner Program
- Kids picture buttons

9) Annual Lenape Valley Lacrosse Festival 5/12/2012:

- All day festival with lacrosse teams from six surrounding towns
- Fastest Shot Competition, Family Fun, 50-50 raffles, Smash the Car, Food & Music.
- Contact Karen Carpentier if you can help. (Help!!)
Karenc41@hotmail.com
 1. Bake Sale- people to bake and sell
 2. 50-50 sellers
 3. Garage Sale Vendors
 4. Set up & clean-up!!

10) June 11th End of year Family Picnic Youth & High school @ Indians field

- Parent vs. kids games
- Boys vs. girls games
- Annual High school vs. Alumni game

11) Coaching Staff

- **High school-**
 - Boys Varsity Coach- Kevin Earl
 - Boys JV Coach - Bryan Gallagher
 - Girls Varsity Coach - Kelly Kummerer
 - Girls JV Coach - TBD
- **Youth Program**
 - 7th & 8th grade- Head Coach= Skot Koenig
 - Team Mom- Karen Carpentier
 - 6th grade - Head Coach = Jim McCloe
 - Team Mom- TBD
 - 5th grade - Head Coach - John Gula
 - Team Mom - Dawn Gula
 - 2nd 3rd & 4th grade - Head Coach = Sam Polumbo
 - Team Mom- TBD

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP THE PROGRAM GOING

Please get involved