

Tennis Program Executive Summary

The Tennis Program

TennisForKids.org is a San Francisco not-for-profit corporation established to provide youth, with a specific emphasis on low-income youth living in San Francisco, with instruction on how to play tennis at no cost. At the present time, we are making arrangements to conduct a clinic every Saturday morning.

Who We Are

We are a group who wants to give something positive back to our community. We are committed to building a solid, successful tennis program for the youth of San Francisco.

A. Our Motivation

The reasons for our volunteers undertaking this commitment are varied. Some want to have a positive influence on youth, some want to share a sport they love with these youth, while others want to do some volunteer work.

B. Our Tennis Backgrounds

1. Playing Experience

As our reasons for volunteering vary, so do our playing experiences. Our range of experience varies from those who are relatively inexperienced to those who played college tennis and play competitive tournaments.

2. Teaching Experience

Our experiences with teaching tennis range from those who have never taught at all (but are willing to learn how to properly teach) to professionals who have worked with individuals and groups of varied age groups and experience levels.

Our Goal

We would like to have as many low-income youths as possible from San Francisco attend our weekly clinics. Our hope is that the participants (1) will have a new, positive experience, (2) will get some exercise while having fun, (3) will decide that they like tennis and begin to play regularly, (4) will convince their friends to try tennis, and/or a combination of these.

We will encourage any and all youth (specifically low-income youth) from the age of 6 through those in high school to attend the clinics.

How You Can Help

There are a number of components necessary in designing and implementing a program of this magnitude. The group has broken into mini-groups to facilitate the organization of the program. The mini-groups are primarily concerned with achieving the following:

A. Attracting and Retaining Youth

Our first goal is to find youth interested in playing sports, specifically tennis. While we definitely do not want to discourage youth unaffiliated with any other group from attending the clinics, we believe it will be easier to reach youth who are already part of a group. Potential "groups" could include certain schools and charitable organizations. Do you know a kid or a group of kids who may be interested in attending these clinics?

B. Courts

For this program to be successful we need a facility with multiple courts on a regular basis. Can you provide us with such a facility? If not, can you assist us in accessing such a facility?

C. Equipment

While we have received a commitment from the United States Tennis Association (USTA) that it will lend us certain tennis equipment, there is a huge need for our organization to acquire equipment of all kinds. The list of equipment includes:

- 1.) Tennis Racquets - Junior and Adult sizes
- 2.) Tennis Balls - New and Used balls are welcome
- 3.) Ball Hoppers and Baskets - New and Used are welcome
- 4.) Instructional Equipment - This may include cones and any instruments that can aid in the development of specific tennis skills (please use the contact information below for further clarification)
- 5.) Shoes - New and Used wearable pairs are welcome
- 6.) Jump Ropes - New and Used are welcome
- 7.) Squeegees - New and Used are welcome
- 8.) Large Drink Containers

Can you provide any of the equipment listed above? If not, can you assist us in obtaining such equipment?

D. Food and Drinks

We would like to provide the youth with snacks and drinks. Can you provide snacks and/or drinks for any clinics? Do you know any companies/stores/organizations that would be interested in providing snacks and/or drinks for any clinics?

E. Tennis Instructors

We have a number of individuals willing to serve as instructors in the clinics, but we can always use more. Can you serve as an instructor? Do you know someone who may be interested in being an instructor? We can provide the training in instructional techniques

How You May Contact Us

If you can aid the program in any way and affect your community positively, please contact Brian Hedstrom at tennisforkids@hotmail.com or call him at (415) 751-3206 for more information. Thank you!