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TOPSoccer Fall 2013 Youth Soccer

for Special Needs Kids

Pearland United Youth Soccer Club is now registering for the Fall 2013 TOPSoccer season. TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is designed to meet the needs of children with physical and/or mental disadvantages. Disabilities may include autism, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, sight or hearing impaired, down syndrome, and traumatic brain injury. TOPSoccer is geared toward player development rather than competition. It will be a fun experience and gives each player overall fitness, self-esteem and social skills.

The TOPSoccer season runs from early September to early November. Practices will be held once a week, for an hour, at Independence Park (from 5-6 p.m., day to be determined). Games are held either at Independence Park on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. or Friendswood (we play several games with their TOPSoccer players). Practices and games are run by high school volunteer student coaches with adult oversight.

The cost is \$40 which includes a full uniform and trophy at the end of the season. Grants are available.

There are several ways to register. Register online at www.pearlandunited.com (click on Fall 2013 Non-Competitive Registration). For questions, please contact LMTalbot@comcast.net.



"Striving For A Quality Community"

Keep Pearland Beautiful will be hosting the Shadow Creek Environmental Club Kick-Off at the Westside Event Center on July 19, 2013 from 5PM - 7PM. The Environmental Club is designed for middle school, junior high, and high school students in SCR.

Come out and join Keep Pearland Beautiful for pizza and drinks and learn about how you can help make Pearland the cleanest, most beautiful city in Texas while making a difference in the community in which you live, work, and play!

Shadow Creek Soccer

Fall Registration

Ages 4-9 – Saturday games 8-12 noon

Ages 10-11 – Sunday games 3-6 pm

New U10 girls only league along with our coed leagues.

First Game = September 21. Neighborhood teams. Registration includes a full uniform, practice equipment, and a trophy. Practice times decided by team parents. Teams coached by team parents. Register at www.shadowcreeksoccer.org.

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District 56 Toastmasters learn Secrets to Storytelling with World Champion speaker Ed Tate's with his presentation on The Story Finder: How to Create New Stories in Minutes. The evening at Bayland Community Center in Houston Texas began with Tibetan Tingsha bells to get the audience's attention. Ed Tate demonstrated connecting with the audience through silence and then began a highly interactive and lively audience participation exercise. He had our attention and made it fun with his humor and he shared his storytelling framework emphasizing connecting with your audience first. He also shared that stories are sticky parts of your presentation that remain memorable.

His teaching style included using gestures and rhythm and got the whole audience to participate. His framework included:

- Head helps you think
- Heart helps you connect
- Belly makes you laugh
- Hard Hitting is the walk away message
- Get the Point or KFD (What you want audience to Know, Feel, Do.)

Several toastmasters were given stage time to tell their stories and be coached by Ed Tate. He ended the workshop telling several of his own stories he is working on and asked for audience feedback. I found this very helpful to see an accomplished speaker in his process of developing his stories and getting feedback, both positive and negative, and how professionally he was able to handle that interactive evaluation of his personal stories. I was also impressed with the level of interaction he included in his presentation. There was a belly of laughs, fun and we came away with practical solutions to creating stories in minutes.



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Nolan Ryan Junior High

Nolan Ryan Junior High students, Kevin Panjikkaran, Vivek Patel and Audry Brown had an opportunity this spring to unveil their team's solar powered Biological Martian Regolith Surveyor (BMRS), at the University of Houston Mars Rover competition. The mission was to create a model rover to carry out a specific science mission on the planet's surface. The students' creation competed against 236 other models from 43 different schools, and placed first.

At the conclusion of the competition, the students were told by representatives at NASA that they had the best presentation that the organization had seen in years.

"This was a huge accomplishment for our students, and we are extremely proud of their hard work and dedication," said Christopher Barksdale, Nolan Ryan Junior High assistant principal.

Pictured is the entire Nolan Ryan Junior High Robotics Team.



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Manvel High School Valedictorian

Ronan Allencherril, a resident at the Estates of SCR, is the valedictorian of the Manvel High School Class of 2013. As a National AP Scholar and AP Ambassador, he has led his school both academically and extracurricularly. Over the past several years, he has been captain for such activities as Academic Decathlon, UIL Social Studies and Science. In addition, he has received multiple accolades for photography. An advocate for education, he has been working with the college planning group Ivy Planners as a tutor. An avid percussionist, Ronan enjoys playing the drums, tabla and piano. Apart from being part of the Manvel tennis team Ronan also enjoys playing golf. This fall, he will be attending Rice University, pursuing a major in biochemistry and cell biology. Ronan says, "My inspiration through the years, has been my brother, Joe, who was valedictorian at Alvin High 4 years ago."



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