



Tennis Shorts

EVE KRAFT COMMUNITY TENNIS CENTER
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Tennis Program for Juniors and Young Adults with Autism

This new indoor program will be held on Saturdays from 3-4pm. It will be conducted by Princeton and West Windsor-Plainsboro South High School Volunteers organized by Sahana Jayaraman and in partnership with the Sri Anna Foundation, www.SriAnna.org.



Team Kaptan's Aces (not all shown): Alexander Louie, Jessica Pil, Christopher Guo, Sri Narayanan, Michelle Kwong, Kevin Yang, Lily Chu, Diana Higgins, Noah Lilenthal with coach, Heidi Witzel

Congratulations to Kaptan's Aces!

They were finalists in the Junior Team Tennis (JTT) District Event held on July 21 and as the 2nd place team at Districts, they received a wild card invitation to the Section Championships on August, 5th at Mercer County Park. Good Luck!

Princeton Tennis Program Partners with Community House for Tennis & Tutoring

Princeton Tennis Program is entering its 3rd year in partnership with Princeton University's Community House offering Tennis and Tutoring. Community House is an organization committed to closing the minority achievement gap in Princeton.

Over the past couple of years, the program has evolved through popularity and lessons learned. The tutoring happens at Community House and the tennis happens indoors at the Eve Kraft Community Tennis Center (KCTC). Community House provides the transportation to KCTC twice a week, Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the school year to conduct this special program. On-court the children learn about tennis technique, strategy and etiquette.

Programming for 10 and Under Tennis at PTP...

The Princeton Tennis Program is constantly thriving to bring the latest teaching methods and advances in technology to its students. Recently we have been questioned about the use of the foam balls and our experimental "short court" (Court 4) at our indoor center.

We have always used both foam and lower compression balls for our younger students (4-10), as well as shortening the courts. This method allows the students to succeed much quicker, with better technique and strategy, with balls and rackets that fit their age and height. By using the age appropriate equipment, there are studies showing that there is less of a chance of a child getting repetitive injuries.

Our goal as an organization is to make sure that the students are having fun, getting exercise, developing their hand eye coordination and motor skills and learning proper techniques and strategies to enable a full appreciation for the game of tennis. For these reasons, you will see our professionals introducing a variety of exercises with your child. Learning to hit a ball takes many skills and the drills you will see relate to movement, hand eye coordination, focus, confidence building and sometimes just plain old fun.

This said, we are always looking for students who have above average talent and skills for their age. Our team of professionals will point them out to the director and these students will be moved along at a quicker pace and into accelerated classes. The same principles just outlined will apply. Overall, we are all looking to get kids into tennis at an earlier age and to truly make it a "Sport for a Lifetime".

We will be converting all of our existing indoor courts to QuickStart courts with blended lines at the end of the Summer and are already are using lower compression balls.

Championship Points

- AUGUST 1, 2011 AT 9AM PTP BEGINS **FALL/WINTER REGISTRATION**
- AUGUST 2 FROM 5-8PM **COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT** FOR PRINCETON RESIDENTS.
- AUGUST 21 FROM 2-6PM "ON THE MOVE"...**TENNIS IN THE STREETS** FOR PRINCETON RESIDENTS.
- SEPTEMBER 8, 2011 **FALL/WINTER CLASSES** BEGIN.
- **HOLIDAY CLASS SCHEDULE:**
 - SEP. 29-NO CLASSES
 - OCT. 8-NO CLASSES
 - NOV. 24-FACILITY CLOSED
 - NOV. 25-NO CLASSES
 - DEC. 24-FACILITY CLOSED
 - DEC. 25-FACILITY CLOSED

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