

# SKYBACHER SPORTS

Happy New Year!!!! That's how we look at things here at Skybacher Ministries. A new school year has begun and that means another year of programming, sports tournaments, prayer, and good news. And speaking of good news, we have a new motto for the 2010 - 2011 school year in our sports department. **Skybacher Sports - Good Sportsmanship, Good Times, Good News!** We feel like this encompasses all that we try to bring to each and every tournament.

Speaking of TOURNAMENTS! We are loaded with another full schedule of tournament action, kicking off on SEPTEMBER 26TH with the Kickball and Cornhole Classic 4:00 pm at Green Valley Park. There will be two simultaneous tournaments running at once that are open to anyone 7 yrs and up! That's right we've heard the request from parents to have more tournaments for the elementary students and have more offered this year than ever. Not only that but parents and older siblings are welcome to participate as well. And the tournament is definitely open to teens and youth groups

Other tournaments for the younger students will be the Dodgeball Mini-Pumpkin Blast (Oct. 24th), Flag Football Cereal Bowl (Nov. 13), and the 3-on-3 Slam (Mar. 19th).

We're so excited, we haven't forgotten about the teens as plan to host 2 Broomball Tournaments this year! One will be an "Outdoor Winter Classic". More dodgeball, flag football, and basketball. Log onto [www.skybacherministries.org](http://www.skybacherministries.org) for more information or to register a team. Or you can text your roster to 724.312.7247

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Good Sportsmanship, Good Times, Good News!	
■	<b>September 26th</b> Corn Hole & Kickball Kickoff!
■	<b>October 23rd</b> The Pumpkin Dodgeball Blast
■	<b>October 24th</b> Mini-Pumpkin Dodgeball Blast
■	<b>November 13th</b> The Cereal Bowl - Flag Football
■	<b>November 26th</b> Turkey & Stuffing Volleyball
■	<b>December</b> Broomball Blizzard
■	<b>January 22nd</b> Arctic Dodgeball Blast
■	<b>February 25th</b> Broomball Outdoor Winter Classic
■	<b>March 19th</b> 3-on-3 Slam
■	= family events age 7 - adults
■	= jr. high/high school events
■	= elementary school event
■	= elementary/jr high/sr. high event
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This summer was the third summer of the Skybacher Sports Camps, bringing more fundamentals, faith, and fun!! We had -- different staff and volunteers, who did an amazing job teaching the kids the fundamentals of faith and sports. This year we continued to offer 2 soccer camps, 2 basketball camps, and a flag football camp. Things really became fun for us this year as we have gotten to see 3 years of development in some of the kids. We had plenty of new kids too as each week we had more than we did last year. Characters like Papa G, D.J. Blender, Lights Out, Professor J, and Mobacca brought more crazy antics. Campers each day were given lessons on the All-Star Action of the day, including, searching, trusting, listening, and complimenting. Throw in slip-n-slides, water games, treasure hunts, donuts, and cheese balls and it truly was a summer to remember!!!



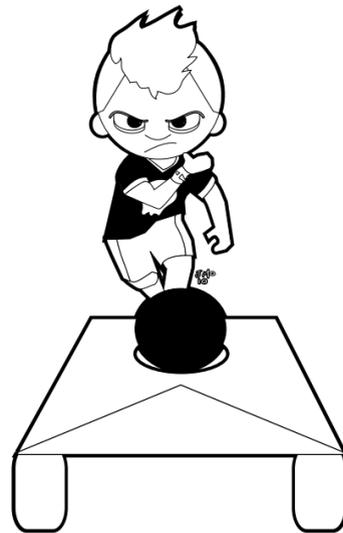
## pray & play

**Skybacher Ministries Prayer & Sports Ministry is back!  
Sunday nights 6:30 - 8:30 - Unionville Life Center**

Is Gym class one of your favorite subjects?

Pray & Play is an extension of physical education class on a Sunday Night. While you are there we take the time to care for your spiritual and emotional needs as well when we pray for your school, your friends, and your family!

If you have a teen in 5th grade through 12th grade looking for some activity on a Sunday night encourage them to try Pray & Play today. There are at least a dozen Geneva College students waiting for people to mentor and pray for. No need to be invited consider this your invitation to try Pray & Play today.



Skybacher Ministries  
Corn Hole &  
Kickball Kickoff

Sunday September 26th

Cost is \$5 per person  
Open to 7yrs and older

4:00 pm  
at Green Valley Park

### Prayer & Praise Corner

- Praise for an amazing summer
- Praise for protection, great weather, and lots of fun at the Skybacher Sports Camps
- Prayer for all of the Staff & Volunteers that helped.
- Prayer for the upcoming school year
- Praise for growth in the number of college helpers

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is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization  
All checks can be made payable to  
Skybacher Ministries Inc.  
and are tax deductible.

Don't forget you can designate your United  
Way contribution to Skybacher Ministries.  
Call or email us for more info.

### Summer Thank You's

Thank yous to some of our  
partners that helped with  
our summer camp ministry

\*Krispy Kreme, Cranberry  
Twp – donuts for banquets

\*D'Angelis Donut Shoppe,  
Chippewa – donuts for  
banquets

\*Fun Fore All, Cranberry –  
help with providing a night  
of fun to honor our staff

\*Ohio UP – VBS – donation  
to help with summer minist-  
ry and snacks for campers

\*New Sewickley Presbyte-  
rian Church – VBS – dona-  
tion to help with summer  
ministry

All of the parents, baby  
sitters and volunteers who  
helped make this such a  
great summer!!!

Thank You!!!!

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Perfect Power

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"Perfect Power"! Now that it's football season again, watch any game and you might see what looks like perfect power. Watch the lineman explode off of the line. Watch the running back shoot through the hole, or watch James Harrison, or Polamalu make a bone crunching tackle. So powerful it makes me cringe to watch, but none of them come close to God's "Perfect Power". In 2 Corinthians 12:9 Paul talks about how God spoke to him and said "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." This verse became a theme for the summer camp staff as many of us went into the summer feeling like we had nothing left to give. The college and high school students came off of a year of school work. My wife and I had just finished a full year of programing and events. Yet, it was exactly where God wanted us to be. Our weakness revealed His "Perfect Power" and much like a perfect Polamalu tackle, it blew us away!!! The next time you see a bone crunching tackle on t.v. or you wake up feeling weak, be reminded of God's "Perfect Power"!!

## \$\$\$ FINANCIAL REPORT \$\$\$

We have had a great year of ministry so far for 2010, but there is still much to do!! We had many new donors for our summer missions opportunity to the Czech Republic – Praise God for that provision!! We still have about \$1,500.00 to catch up from our summer ministry interns. We were able to have 8 college students and 2 high school students working this summer, as well as about 25 other volunteers making a difference in nearly 300 kids lives - please consider helping us catch up and make up the difference. ANY donation you make to Skybacher Ministries is tax deductible – you will receive a tax deductible statement at year's end. In addition to the deficit from the summer – we have so many programs for this school year that we need your help to make them happen!

"Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4

### A Few Words From Tyler

The Czech Republic was awesome!!! I got to play so much soccer!! It was so cool getting to play each day with kids who spoke different languages. The kids were really nice even though it was hard to talk and they kept calling me Taylor. It was so neat getting to learn about God in a different country. The most exciting thing was when I scored a goal! I also loved getting to visit Prague. The plane ride made me so tired! Thank you for your help I really enjoyed the Czech and it made it one of greatest summers of my life.



### The Czech Republic

On Thursday July 1st my 8 year old son Tyler and I boarded a plane for the Czech Republic. I had been asked to help out at a soccer camp by my long time friend Steve Mattocks. After a long 14 hour flight and some bad airplane food, we arrived in Prague. A man named Dallas picked us up from the airport I quickly set aside my feelings of hate for the Dallas Cowboys and Tony Romo and decided not to hold the name against him. As we drove through the country side seeing many farms and rolling hills I was reminded of New Sewickley township. Neither Ty nor I slept very well on the plane so after attempting a small conversation, I couldn't remain awake any longer. When I awoke we found ourselves in the town of Pisek. We spent the first few days at a church taking in the Czech culture, food, and even a little war reenactment.



On Sunday it was time for the soccer camp to begin (which made Ty really happy). I'll never forget the first moments where Tyler met one the Czech kids on the field. It was truly a worlds colliding moment. He right away started kicking the ball around and the beauty and pureness of sports without parental, and financial corruption took over.

The theme for the camp was "Glory". Each night we talked about different aspects of God's Glory. Steve & I shared the teaching each night as we spoke through a translator to all of the campers. I did pretty well with it until I started to get excited and would cut the translator off. Tyler even got to become a prop to illustrate that God loves in spite of our sin. He was nervous about it but he didn't have to do much other than smile! The awesome thing was that Tyler was a part of sharing the "Good News"! When he stood in front of the camp and turned his back on his father (me) he showed how we have all turned away from God, and when he turned back around his father was there all along ready to celebrate and throw a party. On the final night we talked about how God deserves the "Glory because he makes us a new creation. When we asked anyone who prayed to accept Christ to give a thumbs up, 3 thumbs out of 30 went up that night. Rejoicing in Heaven!!! Wow!! I believe what I witnessed that night was real and true. As one of the Czech leaders would later say, they have been given a choice the decision is theirs. I was blown away that God has chosen me to be a part of it. He deserves all the "GLORY"!

What about the soccer? Oh it was amazing to share something that my son and love together. I had no intentions of playing but when they needed a player I decided to give it a go, and scored my first European Goal. (I scored a few in Jamaica before). Tyler got his first international goal and it will be a memory we have forever. Ty ended up actually being on the team that won the Championship for his age group!

A huge thanks to Steve Mattocks and his family for offering Tyler and I this incredible opportunity, and for translating things when we had no clue what was going on. A huge thanks to so many of you who supported us and prayed for us in this journey.