

## 2009 Badger Soccer Camp



A participant fires a ball into an unconventional goal, using the backstop from the shot put ring as a target.



LHS head soccer coach Greg Porter gives a young camper a helping hand, serving as a "water fountain" by squeezing water from a bottle.



Attendees play keep away from one another while trying to avoid the hoops stuck in the ground used to mimic defenders.



Above: Greg Porter gives out instructions during a drill. Right: Two campers run down the pitch passing the ball back and forth between them.



### Badgers wrap up 7-on-7 season

The varsity Badgers went 1-12 during their five-week stint in the Hill Country Passing League, but that does not mean the 7-on-7 season was unsuccessful.

After losing the final three contests last Tuesday evening, Lampasas head football coach Joey McQueen was disappointed at the lack of victories, but he was certain his team accomplished a lot.

"It would be nice if we were 12-1 instead of 1-12, but some positive things that we got out of it were the kids competed and, other than two or three games, we were within six points," McQueen said. "What I wanted to see was what the character of the kids were."

"Some still need a little work but, for the most part, others worked hard."

The coach was also excited about the participation after averaging between 16 and 20 players per week, a significant increase from previous years.

Despite their efforts, however, the Badgers were unable to translate hard work into wins.

In the final day of the season, Lampasas dropped all three games, falling 25-7 to Llano, 21-13 to Marble Falls and 34-20 to Burnet.

"I know some of the kids are disappointed, but I don't put a lot of stock into [7-on-7]," the coach said. "Maybe this is an omen."

"[Last year,] we nearly won all the 7-on-7 [games] and went 0-10 [in the regular season]. Since we only won once, maybe we'll go 10-0."

The Badgers kick off their regular-season schedule Aug. 28 at home against Manor.

The junior varsity team went 3-0 in their final outing, getting a forfeit victory over Westlake before beating the host Mustangs 30-14 and shutting out Burnet 40-0.



### Active Citizenship



Straight from the Coach's Mouth  
Joey McQueen

Having been in education for 28 years, I tend to collect ideas and information from different sources. One source I will use today is from the National Guard, where they, along with the National Football League, have developed a High School Player Development Program.

Each topic in the program helps us understand the life skills that are important to be successful.

The topic I will talk about today is "Active Citizenship," something I want our kids to be involved with in our school and community.

Active citizenship implies working toward the betterment of one's community through volunteer work, public service and economic participation to improve life for all citizens. Good citizenship is demonstrated by contributing to the well-being of an individual, a group or the community.

As a student-athlete, you have the opportunity to make a difference through leadership and community involvement. Check with school clubs, advisers, the local newspaper and community organizations to take advantage of available service projects. You have an opportunity to make a difference. Get involved!

Volunteering is both enjoyable and rewarding. "My mom always stressed academics and really trying to do more than just average ... practice, practice, practice. Study, study, study" - Warrick Dunn.

Strive to become a model citizen within your community. Cooperate, stay informed, vote, be a good neighbor, respect others and protect the environment. Appreciate the opportunities that have been given you.

Give back by devoting your time and talents to help make your school, team and community better. These opportunities should be done from your heart but will also look impressive on your college and job applications because employers want to see a well-grounded person. "Intelligence plus character; that is the true goal of education" - Martin Luther King Jr.

It is our responsibility, as a good citizen, to follow not only social rules but also rules at home, school and on our team.

Be a leader by setting a good example for others to follow. Act in a way that results in the greatest good for the greatest number of people. In time, you will build a following of people who respect you for your leadership and citizenship skills.

Volunteering is a great way to expand your mind, learn new skills and develop new interests. It is also a great way to meet a diverse group of civic-minded, involved individuals who could be mentors and excellent contacts for the future.

Getting involved feels good and will give you a sense of accomplishment knowing you have done something to make a change for the better. Whether it's raising money for a cause, mentoring a student or volunteering at a shelter, every bit counts.

Joey McQueen is the Lampasas High School athletic director and the Badgers' head football coach.

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