



CHICAGO FIRE JUNIORS SC LAUNCH 'ELITE ID CAMP 2017 (MALE PLAYER)' AT LAKE FOREST ACADEMY, LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS

ABOUT THE ELITE ID PROGRAM

In June 2014, the Chicago Fire kicked-off the 'Elite Player ID Program' with over 2,500 boys playing in Fire Juniors programs across the U.S. The focus of the initiative was to identify 'emerging talent' in the Fire Juniors Programs, place them in a training camp environment before selecting players to participate in a youth tournament.

2017 will see players return to Lake Forest from July 30 to August 2 to participate in a camp as part of wider 'Emerging Talent Program.' There is a dual focus of camp - to place players in a professional training environment, and assess their potential before deciding on what age groups can compete in a high-profile showcase tournament event. Chicago Fire Academy Staff will also be in attendance to identify potential players for the U12, U13 & U14 Academy Teams.

Stage 1 Player Identification:

Chicago Fire technical staff at Toyota Park will work closely with Fire Juniors Directors of Coaching to identify elite male soccer players in the following birth years:

- 2004's (born on/after 1/1/04 through 12/31/2004);
- 2005's (born on/after 1/1/05 through 12/31/2005);
- 2006's (born on/after 1/1/06 through 12/31/2006);

Stage 2 Elite Player ID Camp:

Fire Juniors male players will be invited to attend a 4-day training camp at Lake Forest Academy from Sunday, July 30 to Wednesday, August 2, 2017. Players will participate in a series of practice sessions led by Fire technical staff. Off the field, players will attend college placement, mental preparation, hydration/nutrition workshops and more.

Stage 3 Elite Player Selection:

Technical staff will use camp to identify emerging talent in each age group or across two age groups. 16-18 players will be selected to participate in signature tournament event.

WHEN:

Start Date: Sunday, July 30, 2017
End Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2017

WHERE:

Lake Forest Academy,
1500 West Kennedy Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045
Visit www.lfanet.org for more campus information

WHO:

Elite male soccer players born in 2004, 2005, or 2006, & currently playing in one of 11 Fire Juniors Soccer Clubs.

COST:

The cost of the 4-day ID Camp is: \$459 per player (overnight) includes room, meals and camp. (Cost does not include travel to and from venue).

NEXT STEPS

The Elite ID Camp is invite only. Each club Director of Coaching/Technical Director will be responsible for selecting players. Players will be selected and asked to register online by **Wednesday, May 3rd**.



Featuring senior coaching staff from FIRE JUNIORS & the Chicago Fire EMERGING TALENT PROGRAM

SUNDAY JULY 30TH

61:00-2:45pm Check-In
3:00-4:00pm Opening Address
4:00-6:00pm Team Practice 1
8:30-9:00pm Team Meetings

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2ND

07:30-8:00am Breakfast
08:30-10:30am Inter-squad games
11:00a-12:00pm Closing Address

MONDAY JULY 31ST

07:30-08:00am Breakfast
09:00-11:00am Team Practice 2
11:30a-12:30pm Lunch
12:30-1:30pm Rest Period
1:45-2:45pm Classroom Lectures
4:00-4:30pm Dinner
6:30-9:00pm Warm-up and evening games
9:00-9:30pm Post-game/refreshment meal

TUESDAY AUGUST 1ST

07:30-08:00am Breakfast
09:00-11:00am Team Practice 3
11:30a-12:30pm Lunch
12:30-1:30pm Rest Period
1:45-2:45pm Classroom Lectures
4:00-4:30pm Dinner
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