

## News release



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### **500 slots open for soccer players between 7 and 14 years old**

*[Casino Road Futbol Academy](#) begins its sixth year with [applications available online](#)*

"We have room for the first 500 students from Everett Public Schools and Mukilteo School District," announced Officer Aaron Snell, Community Information Officer for the Everett Police Department on Thursday.

The academy runs June 23 to June 27 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. daily at Walter E. Hall Park (1126 W. Casino Rd) in south Everett and is limited to the first 500 applicants, ages seven to 14. Registration is \$20 per participant which includes breakfast and lunch for the

week, a jersey and a soccer ball.

Everett Police Department Sergeant Manny Garcia launched the academy concept with a vision of partnering local businesses, schools, churches and community agencies committed to creating positive change with youth through soccer. In the past five years, over 3,000 area youth have learned soccer and life skills from talented coaches and volunteers at the Casino Road Futbol Academy.

Today the program is supported by Everett Public Schools and the Mukilteo School District as well as community businesses and groups, just as Garcia had envisioned. Garcia believes, "The Casino Road Futbol Academy is successful because youth see city officials, police officers and inspirational adults from within their community working to break down barriers and encouraging them in a positive direction."

Everett Public Schools superintendent Gary Cohn agrees. "We know it is the appeal of soccer that draws the kids to the academy each summer. When they have finished, they've gotten better at the game, and they've learned more of what it takes to be a good community citizen. They have stronger ties with each other and with good adult role models.

Link to Registration Form: [Casino Road Futbol Academy - Registration Form -or- <http://bit.ly/R8eU7g>](#).

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