



Putnam Valley MAGMAH Alternative Soccer Program

The Putnam Valley MAGMAH program was started in 2013 by a group of six 10th grade PVHS students who wanted to develop an alternative soccer program for the Putnam Valley community.

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Our Start:

In the spring of 2013 we learned about a program called Backyard Sports Plus. We contacted them and they invited us to visit their sites at Purchase College in Purchase, NY and the Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in Yorktown Heights, NY. During these visits, we were able to observe the Backyard Sports Plus program in action. We were also able to meet with some of the program administrators who were happy to answer all our questions and encouraged us to work on developing a program of our own.

In October 2013, we began developing a program like Backyard Sports Plus for the community in and around Putnam Valley.

We met with PVCSD teachers and administrators as well as parent volunteers to get help defining and clarifying our goals.

We enlisted the aid of Putnam Valley school district administrators and faculty to secure a site as well as equipment.

We met with Putnam Valley coaches, special education teachers and inclusion specialists from our local YMCA camp to help us to create appropriate lesson plans.

We recruited volunteers and set up volunteer training sessions, with district and community educators and coaches.

We did outreach to the community through our school administrators and teachers and well as the PTA and SEPTA.

About Our Program:

The MAGMAH program focuses on providing children who benefit from 1:1 support and guidance with an opportunity to be physically active in a non-competitive, enjoyable, relaxed environment. Improving social skills while developing soccer skills is the foundation of our program.

We believe providing 1:1 support and guidance is the best way to help our participants to improve their ability to attend to task, follow direction, separate from caretakers and play cooperatively.

We encourage consistent attendance on the part of both the player and the coach as we believe consistency is necessary for success.

We encourage clear and open communication between MAGMAH leaders and parents as this enables us to better know our participants.

How It Works:

We have run 2 one hour sessions for 6 weeks in the fall and 2 one hour sessions for 8 weeks in the spring since the spring of 2014. Our program has grown to serve 25 student athletes each season and we have recruited, trained and supervised approximately 35 volunteers.

Our Hope:

We are hopeful that the program will continue to grow and to provide children who benefit from 1:1 support and guidance with an opportunity to make new friends and feel connected to the larger community. We believe every child should have a place to play where they feel safe and are therefore willing to take risks and try new things. We want every child to have a chance to just be "one of the guys"; to have a sense of belonging; to just have fun.

If you would like to learn more, please contact Lisa at: AmeliaAnders@aol.com



The Putnam Valley MAGMAH Alternative Soccer Program
In partnership with **PVCSD** and **PVPR**
Will be hosting an 8-week soccer clinic at
Putnam Valley High School * 146 Peekskill Hollow Rd * Putnam Valley

Session Times: Session 1: 9:00-10:00
Session 2: 10:00-11:00

Dates: Sep 24 * Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 * Nov 5, 12

Cost per player: \$40
Scholarships are available upon request

We will meet on the turf, weather permitting.

In the event of inclement weather, we will meet in the HS gym.

Our coaches are HS athletes who have been trained to work with children who may benefit from 1:1 support and guidance. You can learn more about **MAGMAH** by logging on to PVCSD, going to the District tab and clicking on Pupil Personnel.

If you are interested in participating and would like a registration form or if you would like to learn more, please contact:

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**Putnam Valley MAGMAH Alternative Soccer Program
Player Registration Form Fall 2017**

The Putnam Valley MAGMAH's are offering a soccer clinic for children who benefit from 1:1 support and guidance at Putnam Valley High School * 146 Peekskill Hollow Rd * Putnam Valley

Session Times: A: 9:00-10:00 B: 10:00-11:00 **Dates:** Sep 24 * Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 * Nov 5, 12

Player's Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Please tell us something about your child:

School Name: _____ **Teacher:** _____

T-shirt size: Child: sm – med – lg – ex lg Adult: sm – med

Session Preference: A: _____ B: _____

Please note we will do our best to place your child in the session of your choice.

Cost per player \$ 40 – If registering electronically please bring your check, made out to PVPR, to the first session. If registering in person, please attach your check to your registration form and submit them at the first session.

Scholarships are available upon request

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Cell #(s): _____

I, the parent/guardian of the registered participant, a minor, agree that the participant and I will abide by the rules and regulations of the Putnam Valley MAGMAH soccer program. In consideration of the participant's participation in the program, intending to be legally bound, I hereby release and indemnify the Putnam Valley MAGMAH's, the owners and operators of the facilities used for the program, and each of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives from and against all claims, liabilities, damages, or causes of action arising out of or in connection with the participant's participation in the program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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