

Prospective Varsity Parents,

First, thanks for all you have done for your kids over the last year. The team has been playing a lot of tennis and has improved a lot. I do appreciate all you do in order for them to have these opportunities. Because the team is competing at a high level, we do need to travel to find competition. This year we will be taking three overnight trips before school starts, and competing in four tournaments. I believe it will be a great experience for the boys, as well as a lot of fun. That being said, we need to be very organized to keep track of everything. Let's get started!

Hotel and Apparel: I purchased the hotels for the overnights a new shirt and pair of shorts for each player via my credit card. I worked very hard to find good rates on decent hotels, and Coach Dan is using his sponsorship with Athletic DNA to get us 70% off on the apparel.

Reimbursement: I'm going to add up all the costs for the hotels and apparel, and then have each varsity parent write me a single check, as opposed to doing a separate check for each hotel and for apparel. I feel this will be easier for everyone involved, including myself. *(If I keep extra varsity players and they don't go on the overnight trips, they will not be expected to contribute to the hotel costs.)*

Practice Times:

- We will practice 9-noon each day leading up to the Traverse City trip. (Not on Saturday or Sunday though)
- We will practice 10-noon on Thursday, August 22
- We will practice Monday, August 26 and Tuesday, August 27 at a time TBD
- We will practice 4-6 PM on Thursday, August 29
- When school begins we will practice each day after school until 5:00 PM.

Food/Sleep/Hydration at home: If the boys can make it through the next couple weeks, then Conferences, Regionals, and the State Finals will seem like a breeze in terms of physical exertion. Coach Dan and I will look for signs of dehydration, tiredness, etc. over the next few weeks to make sure each kid is resting and fueling their bodies properly. Please do the same while your child is at home.

Food / Snacks during trips: Parents will have to begin communicating on how we want to get food for the kids for each of the tournaments. Below I have an itinerary for each trip. Hopefully it helps you gauge how much money your child may need for meals on each trip, as well as the amount of snacks we may need at each event.

Note about Positions on the team: A player's position is not permanent or guaranteed. Tryouts are to establish an initial lineup for our first tournament. Performance in matches, however, is most important. I may switch a player's position early in the season. If I keep additional members on varsity, it is also possible that they may earn one of the starting spots. Ultimately, I will play the players who I feel gives us the greatest chance of winning the OK-Red, the Regional, and to finish strong at the State Finals.

The next two pages contain the itineraries for each trip. Please read through them carefully and let me know if you have any questions:

Traverse City Invitational: August 20-21
Rochester, Grandville, Traverse City Central, West Ottawa

TCC Tennis Courts
1150 Milliken Drive
Traverse City, MI 49686

Howard Johnson of Traverse City Hotel
417 Munson Avenue
Traverse City, MI 49686

Tuesday, August 20

Around Noon – Meet at transportation to depart for Traverse City. (Players should wear clothes that they can practice in once we arrive.)

Late Afternoon – Team Practice, then check in to hotel, then dinner, then back to hotel.

Wednesday, August 21

8:15 Warmup

9:00 Play begins

When finished, we will head for home, stopping for dinner on the way.

Okemos / Ann Arbor Invitational: August 23-24

Okemos Tournament: Okemos, Portage Central, Forest Hills Northern, West Ottawa
Ann Arbor Invitational: Lot's of amazing teams!

Okemos High School
2800 Jolly Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Pioneer High School
601 W. Stadium Blvd
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Comfort Inn and Suites University South
3501 South State Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Friday, August 23

6:00 AM – Depart from Transportation

6:03 AM – Arrive at Great American Bagel

6:30 AM – Depart from Great American Bagel

8:15 AM - Arrive at Okemos

9:00 AM – Play Begins

Mid-afternoon – Leave Okemos and drive on to Ann Arbor

Saturday, August 24

7:45 - Warmup

8:30 - Play begins

When finished, we will head for home, stopping for dinner on the way.

Birmingham Brother Rice Quad: August 27-28

Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Forest Hills Central, West Ottawa

Brother Rice High School

7101 Lahser Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

Courtyard by Marriott Southfield

27027 Northwestern Hwy
Southfield, MI 48033

Tuesday, August 27

Sometime before we leave – Practice, lead by Dan Doerrfeld.

Around 4:30 – Meet at transportation to depart for Birmingham. (We will depart earlier if I get permission to leave Professional Development early).

Evening: We will get dinner on the way, and then check in directly to the hotel.

Friday, August 28

8:15 - Warmup

9:00 - Play begins

When finished, we will head for home, stopping for dinner on the way.