

SACRAMENTO AREA VIP GAMES

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Spring 2025 Newsletter



Sacramento Area VIP Games supporters, volunteers, and athletes: Please enjoy our update of activities and a recap of our competitions. We have hosted four competitions since the last newsletter: Soccer, Floor Hockey, Basketball and Track and Field. If you attended and/or participated, we hope that you enjoyed yourself!

On a beautiful sunny day, we hosted a fantastic VIP Soccer Tournament, bringing together 160 athletes from six different clubs across 16 teams. A huge thank you to Brick House for your incredible support of the event! We're also grateful to Sac Republic FC for setting up a booth and to all the amazing volunteers who helped make this tournament such a success.



Floor Hockey – For some of us this is our favorite sport. Unfortunately, there were too few teams for a fair competition. Therapeutic Recreation Services kindly collaborated with us to extend their practice time and we all enjoyed some fun scrimmage games with local teams. Lunch was served and donated by Carmichael Kiwanis. Thank you.

Basketball – Basketball this year was huge. Knights of Columbus and Orangevale Rotary served 482 lunches and we hosted 354 athletes. There were 34 teams and 31 individual skills athletes. All teams played at least 2 games and usually 3.



Swim - Our swim meet was once again held at Natomas Aquatics Center. We are so fortunate to be able to use this facility. The event was bigger than last year and we welcomed teams from Tuolumne, Placer and San Joaquin to compete with us. We saw many smiling faces.





Our Bocce competition was so much fun. We divided the divisions into morning and afternoon, which helped everything to go very smoothly. Lunch was wonderful and donated by the Lions, including hamburgers cooked to perfection by Laguna Lions. We had 142 athletes, and so it was a very active day.

We partnered with Pathways to Recreation in May for a Bocce Ball and fun for All Fundraiser. It was a great success and so much fun for all involved.



Fashion show – The VIP Fashion Show Fundraiser 2024 was a dazzling success, uniting fashion, community, and philanthropy for an unforgettable evening. Models took the runway in stunning outfits, proudly representing VIP. Thanks to the generosity of Macy's and our talented personal stylist, Sharon Tidwell, each model had the opportunity to showcase two stylish looks. From the incredible designs to the vibrant energy in the room, the night was a true celebration of inclusion, creativity, dancing and giving back. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this event possible!

We are extremely grateful to our fundraising supporters. This has enabled us to purchase over 1600 medals, awards signage, shade awnings and tablecloths for our outdoor events, an electronic starters gun for Track and Field, lunches for our swim meet and other miscellaneous expenses. A big portion of our fundraising is used for facility rental (we must recognize the Pathways foundations for helping with this) and bathroom rental. Thank you to Sacramento City for loaning us Natomas aquatics Center, East Portal Bocce Club for the use of their facility, Destiny Church for the use of their track. Rosemont Soccer Club for the use of their fields. These donations, plus corporate donations from California Correctional Peace Officers Association and VSP are a big help in keeping Sacramento Area Very Inspirational games active. BIG DAY OF GIVING IS APPROCHING – please consider donating to help us continue. Thank you.



A huge thank you to John Drenth, our hardworking President for another successful year and to Jenn Wilson-Marchino and her team at Therapeutic Recreation Services. They spearhead most of our competitions and do a fabulous job. It would be so difficult without them.

V.I.P. UPDATES

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS



- In November, we hosted a modest yet impactful fundraiser for Giving Tuesday, which garnered generous support from our community. February saw us partnering with Panda Express for a fundraising event, where many of you contributed and enjoyed delicious Chinese cuisine, resulting in nearly \$300 raised. Additionally, donations have officially opened for The Big Day of Giving. We eagerly anticipate our third year of participation. The continuous support and generosity from our community truly humbles us. With your ongoing contributions, we can continue our commitment to organizing the exceptional competitions that VIP Games is known for, enriching the lives of our dedicated athletes.

SPONSORS



Sponsors – Once again, we are so thankful to our Sponsors and Volunteers. Carmichael Kiwanis provided lunch for Floor Hockey and will once again be serving lunch at our Track meet on April 26. The Lions Clubs who are always so willing to support us donated, cooked and served our Bocce lunch. Knights of Columbus and Orangevale Rotary generously made lunch at basketball. For the third year in a row, Brickhouse Restaurant in Elk Grove donated delicious lunches for soccer. As always, a huge shout out to our friends at CERT who volunteer and provide First Aid at most of our events. Let us not forget all the students, parents, community volunteers and celebrities who help to make our events successful



Big Day of Giving Donation

[Click Here](#) to donate to V.I.P. Starting Today and ending on May 2 at 11:59pm



OUR CURRENT NEEDS



VIP incurs significant expenses in hosting these tournaments, including facility fees, rental equipment, sporting equipment, athletic awards, and lunches for athletes and volunteers. Current equipment needed to enhance our athletes' experiences during our tournaments:

- \$30 - Folding Chairs
- \$50 - 6ft. Fitted Table Covers
- \$80 - 6ft. Folding Tables
- \$100 - Tandem Sports Deluxe Score Flipper
- \$350 - 8ft X 8ft Pop-up Straight Display

- \$400 - Gill Halo Electronic Starting Device
- \$750 - Custom Pop-up Straight Display
- \$1000 - Bronze Medal Supply
- \$1500 - Silver Medal Supply
- \$2000 - Gold Medal Supply