



## REACHing for Success!

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## Only two more weeks!



Starfinder Cup 2017 is coming! 18 corporate teams are signed up for a great day of soccer fun and team-building. [Click here for a full sponsor list!](#)

### March 4, 2017

Starfinder  
4015 Main Street  
Philadelphia PA 19127

Can't make it? Catch the day's play-by-play on social media.

**Facebook** - Search for "Starfinder Foundation"

**Twitter** - Our handle is @StarfinderFound

Want to come and watch your team in-person? Great! You can [observe from our mezzazine that overlooks the field.](#)

Competitive play begins at 9am. Recreational play starts at 1pm. Dress warmly!

Thanks to all our Starfinder Cup 2017 companies and volunteers - your participation gives Philadelphia kids access to the meaningful programming that helps them achieve success on the soccer field and beyond.

## February 2017

## Summer in February

Phil the groundhog saw his shadow. That *might* mean six more weeks of winter, but Starfinder is already planning for summer camps!

Our Summer Camps offer low income kids ages 4-12 a fun, supportive environment to play soccer, learn new skills, and make

## Can I get a Wah-Boo?

In response to our last newsletter, you wanted to know more about the Wah-Boo. A frequently asked question was "**So how exactly do you Wah-Boo?**"

A proper Wah-Boo is a three step process:

- 1) **The Shoutout.** A message of appreciation acknowledging hard work, persistence, diligence, or success.
- 2) **The Call.** "Can I get a Wah-Boo?"
- 3) **The Response.** The group claps in unison, and then throws their hands up

in the air and toward the person or group receiving the shoutout. It all ends with a heartfelt and well-deserved "Whew!".

That's it in a nutshell. Want to see a Wah-Boo in action? [Click here.](#)

## Their Journey so far: REACHing for Success

This winter and spring, we're taking you on a journey through a year in the Senior Leaders Program. Come travel with us to find out what young people experience here at Starfinder. (*Did you miss Part 1 of this series in our January Newsletter? [Click here!](#)*)

At Starfinder, soccer is the hook, but success in life is the goal. It's also about being your best possible self beyond the game. That's why, once the kids get used to the structure of the programmed sessions, we encourage them to REACH for a personal stretch goal. To do this, they participate in a process that allows them to brainstorm about group expectations, barriers that get in their way, and to think about what an environment, setup for excellence, needs to look like and be.

What do this year's Senior Leaders aspirations look like?

In their own words ...

"I will check in on my attitude before coming to program."

"I will come ready to work hard even if I am having a bad day."

"I will try to control my feelings while I'm here at Starfinder."

"I plan on stepping out of my comfort zone as much as I can."

"I will try to work as hard as I can even when I'm tired after coming from school and getting here."

"I will become a better dribbler and look before I pass."

"I will be more outgoing."

"I want to expand my communication skills from one-on-one to all the people around me."

Aspirations are also embodied in the REACH Agreement that our Senior Leaders use as a tool to remind themselves how to REACH for success each and every day.

**Readiness** – Be prepared to work, learn, and contribute

**Empathy** – Everyone's experiences matter.

**Attitude** – View success and failure as opportunity.

friends. Our teens serve as mentors and coaches in the camps and build their leadership skills. [Check out last year's summer fun here!](#)

Please consider [sponsoring a child for Summer Camp.](#)

**\$95** will cover the full cost of providing a week of camp to a child.

Thank you for your support,  
*Heidi Warren*  
Executive  
Director

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**Communication – Use your voice, and hear others.**  
**Hard Work – Always give 100%.**

Our kids hold themselves and each other accountable for their goals all year long. They use REACH to remind and reinforce. At the end of the program year, they decide who should be recognized with a REACH award (one award is given in each category). Since the nominations come from the program participants themselves – the winner in each category is one who is readily recognizable as someone who has REACHED for their goal and achieved their best possible self in and beyond the game.

Our graduation ceremony (which is open to the public) will be held on the evening of May 24th. We hope that you will save-the-date and that you will feel inspired to come and meet the youth people that you have companioned with throughout the year.



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