

TEAMMATES

2009 Greater Chicago FCA Ministry Programs



OUR VISION

To see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of athletes and coaches.

OUR MISSION

To present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.

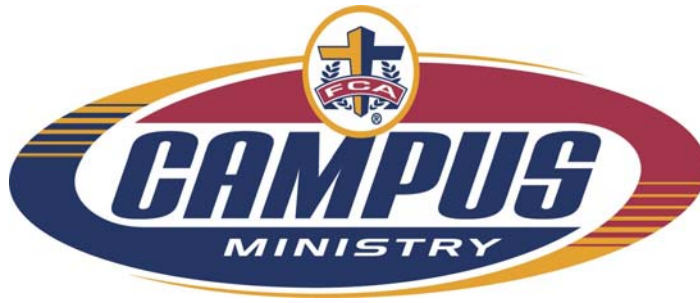
OUR VALUES

Our relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence.

OUR NEEDS

To secure funding to satisfy our *Greater Chicago Area* ministry budget of \$1.1 million.





Campus Based Huddles: There are currently 43 FCA campus huddles in the Greater Chicago Area (see back page of this catalog for a listing). FCA staff works with a coach/faculty sponsor and student-athlete leaders at each school to provide the opportunity for fun, fellowship and spiritual encouragement on campus. As the largest campus based sports ministry in the country, FCA is cognizant of the open door it has to reach young athletes with the good news about Jesus Christ.

FCA Challenge: This Olympic style competition between FCA Huddles provides a unique opportunity for FCA student athletes to compete, against other FCA Huddles in 10 different events. Participants also spend time in worship, hearing Christian testimonies and - something very important to young athletes - eating!

Fields of Faith: In October, FCA Huddles gather for Fields of Faith, an annual outdoor event conducted on an athletic field. FCA friends gather to give thanks, fellowship with other FCA Huddles, and hear a challenging message from God's Word.

Leadership Training & Recognition: Throughout the year, FCA staff provides training to student athlete huddle leaders to equip them to lead their campus huddles. This training includes using FCA ministry materials, leading small group Bible studies, and leadership training.





“A coach can influence more people in one season than most people will influence in a lifetime.” Billy Graham

Huddle Coaches: Huddle Coaches serve as the faculty sponsor for FCA campus huddles. Without huddle coaches, FCA huddles would not be permitted to meet on public school campuses. FCA staff serves local huddle coaches by providing resources, encouragement, fellowship, and prayer to support each huddle coach. It is our goal to help each Coach to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of them. (Phil. 3:12)

School Coaches: In addition to serving our huddle coaches, FCA staff reaches out to other school coaches, to encourage them to pursue a relationship with Jesus Christ or, if they are a Christian coach, to let their relationship with Jesus impact young athletes through their coaching.

Non-School based Coaches: With the proliferation of club sports, individual endurance sports, and parks and recreation programs, FCA is expanding its coaches ministry to coaches beyond the campus setting. This mission field presents tremendous opportunities to spread the gospel in new ways.

Coaches Kick-off Picnic: In September, FCA Staff hosts area huddle coaches for a family picnic to begin the new ministry year. This event provides huddle coaches with an opportunity to fellowship with other huddle coaches with whom they can stay in contact during the school year.

Coaching Clinic Outreach: FCA staff conducts chapels, Bible studies and fellowship events for coaches who attend area coaching clinics throughout the year.

Coaches Bible Studies: FCA Staff coordinates and participates in coaches' Bible studies that provide encouragement, accountability and discipleship opportunities for participating coaches.





Leadership Camp Scholarships: An important key to a campus huddle's success is the quality of the group's leadership team. Strong leadership typically translates into a strong huddle ministry. Therefore, we encourage every huddle to send at least two of its leadership team to FCA leadership camp in the summer. FCA raises funds to provide full and partial scholarships to provide every opportunity for each huddle to send its leaders to camp.

Golf Camp: For the last several years, Greater Chicago FCA staff has played an instrumental role in staffing the FCA Junior Golf Camps in Franklin, Indiana. Information about this summer's FCA camps is available online at www.fcacamps.org. FCA sponsors sports camps, coaches camps, team camps, and partnership camps with other ministries.

Lacrosse Powercamp: Lacrosse is an up and coming sport in the greater Chicago area. This summer, FCA will host a Lacrosse Powercamp in Chicago on June 18 & 19.

Powerkids Youth Camps & Clinics: FCA Powerkids ministry sponsors youth camps and clinics throughout the year for athletes in grades 3 through 8. Powercamps and clinics exist for volleyball, basketball, baseball, and soccer.

The 2009 FCA camp theme is Inside-Out, Change Your Game. The foundation scripture is Romans 12:2.





Powerkids Youth Sports Ministry: This youth sports outreach targets young athletes in grades 3-8. It is increasingly important to reach young people with the gospel at an earlier age. Powerkids provides a youth league experience combined with a Bible study component that encourages athletes to study the Bible with their parents. Powerkids sports include flag football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and soccer.

Pro Athletes Chaplains' Ministry: FCA staff member Sue Crawford serves as a chaplain for the WNBA's Chicago Sky. Planned expansion includes adding to our staff the team chaplains for the Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs.

Sharing the Victory Dinner: This is Greater Chicago FCA's primary fund raising event. Past speakers include, Lovie Smith, Tony Dungy, Bill Self, Don Beebe, and Mike Singletary. This year's lineup includes Matt Forte, Armintie Price, and Dr. David Cook.

FCA Golf Classic: Using a scramble format, these events provide winning teams with an opportunity to play in the FCA National Scramble at TPC Sawgrass in November. This year's Classic events are scheduled for June 11 at Elgin Country Club and July 13 at Ruffled Feathers Golf Club in Lemont.

Hoops for Hearts Tournament: This 3 on 3 basketball tournament will take place on May 2nd at Moody Bible's Solheim Center. This year's winners will be recognized at the Sharing the Victory Dinner. This is an outreach event to raise funds for camp scholarships and to make new ministry friends.

Circle of Champions: This is an advisory leadership group that provides inspiration, direction, creativity, and encouragement to the Greater Chicago FCA staff.

Non-school based Huddle and Coaches Ministry: FCA is starting non-school based huddles at fitness centers, sports training facilities and gyms as the Lord opens doors to reach more athletes and coaches with the gospel.

Sport Specific Ministry and Youth Sports Team Sponsorships: FCA Endurance Ministry and youth team sponsorships present exciting new ministry opportunities. Two youth travel teams played under the FCA team name in 2008-2009: an elite travel baseball team in the south suburbs and a basketball team in Crystal Lake.

Mayor Daley's Holiday Sports Fest: More than 75,000 people attend this 3 day event at the McCormick Place. FCA has sponsored a booth at the event for the past two years. At the last festival, more than 3,000 people visited our booth and FCA gave away more than 200 Bibles and 1200 pieces of Christian literature.

Hunt for Hope: This unique hunting event provides a day of hunting or fishing followed by a dinner and speaker at the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation in Dundee.

Chicago Marathon: FCA will partner with Moody Radio and World Vision to make an impact at the 2009 Chicago Marathon in October.

Partnership Camps: Greater Chicago FCA partners with local churches and other ministries by providing support for local sports camps.

