



Hello Nueces Canyon Tennis Players in Training,

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Once again, the summer is shortly upon us, and it will be time to prepare for the next year's state championships. GO PANTHERS!

There are a lot of opportunities for Nueces Canyon Students only, that you can take advantage of on your path towards that goal.

Your camp tuition can be covered with a scholarship from the Nueces Canyon Opportunities through Recreation and Education, N-CORE, but for that to be a possibility, you will need to make a commitment noted in the 3 steps below.

FIRST: Training is essential.

Below are some training opportunities, you can go to more than one, but the organization will only scholarship one. Starting age is the summer before entering 6th grade through entering 12th grade, and beginners are welcome. You will be responsible for all transportation to and from camp and any other needs such as spending money.

- Garry Naudebaum Session 7 is July 7-10th, not for beginners

- Newks Tennis Ranch, flexible dates, one week, beginners welcome

- Camp of your choice, that is about same expense, around \$1000, as above, one week, this can be a great opportunity to see a college campus and stay in the dorms, just contact me, Mona Lois Friday, and let's get it worked out, beginners welcome.

SECOND: Tournament play is essential.

- Your commitment would be to play at least 3 tournaments this year in addition to school tournaments. I can help you get started on finding and entering tournaments, but you will need to make the arrangements to get to the tournaments. The Mason DP Open is the only tournament where I provide some housing. Otherwise, work with friends to share responsibility and expense. Junior membership with USTA is free. Get online, register, and then you can enter tournaments in the area such as Kerrville, San Angelo, San Antonio, and most larger communities in Texas. Also, there is another organization that provides tournaments, UTR. Many of these tournaments are in one day. For USTA, if you are a beginner to low experience, you would play Level 7. Most of these tournaments will be singles only, that is why the opens are so great, you can generally get entered into 2-3 events, so more match play for the same trip.

THIRD: Court time is essential.

- Your commitment would be to play at least one hour, once a week. You and some friends can get together whenever it works for you. Community Tennis on Sunday evening is a good opportunity to have people to play with, without having to arrange it. But whatever works, you need to keep the eye-hand coordination going along with court awareness pretty much year-round. It doesn't have to be intense, just fun times on the court.

Tournament Opportunities, there are more, this is just a few to get you started:

<https://playtennis.usta.com/tournaments>

<https://www.universaltennis.com/>

Mason Swing Tentative Dates: it will be in June, Swings are set up for the beginner player. Enter all the events that you can, singles, doubles, and mixed. Singles is good, it is match time, even if you don't like it. Last year it was an UTR, which sets tournaments up on skill, not age or gender.

<https://www.fredericksburgtennis.org/tournaments>

Fredericksburg usually has a swing the weekend after Mason's swing in June.

<https://www.masontennisassociation.com>

Mason Junior DP Open, July 16-17. A 6 bedroom/4-bathroom home is reserved for NC students to use. Parents are welcome, it is not a school event, it would be up to the parents to decide how their player would be transported there, fed, supervised, and overall taken care of. There is a swimming pool. People can bring air mattresses and bedding. Work with your friends. The house is across the street from the tennis courts. Plan to enter all three events, even if you aren't a singles player, match play is match play and it all is good for you.

<https://fredericksburgtennis.org>

Fredericksburg Junior DP Open, is usually the weekend after the Mason DP Open. Once again, enter every event you can. This is about getting tournament match play.

Uvalde usually has a tournament at the end of July or first of August.

Once you join USTA and/or UTR then you can look for more tournaments in the area. Kerrville is just 1 1/2 hours away and that is very drivable without staying the night. Within 2 hours you should be able to get all the tennis tournaments in without a problem. San Angelo usually has several tournaments. Look around, find a place you have friends or family that you can stay or travel with and have a good time. ncorevision.org

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