Michigan Cricket Academy is a nationally and confessionally diverse organization which welcomes anyone interested in making the world’s second-most-popular sport available to Michigan’s children. Our teams play in at least three tournaments a year. The Academy practices at Lyon Oaks Park from spring until late fall and then indoors throughout the winter. We also have an outreach program designed to interact with schools, community sports organizations, parks, and rec. and ed. departments. If you would like to support our work through sponsorship, or if your family would like to participate in the Academy, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Maple Leaf C. C. Ground, King City, Ontario: MCA and North Star meet, 21 August, 2008
The host club, Michigan Cricket Academy, a Chappell Way affiliate, was founded in 2004 to promote cricket among Michigan’s children. MCA numbers continue to grow: this year over forty children have participated in Academy events. MCA has been represented at tournaments in California (the National Youth Cricket Tournament), Florida, and Chicago, and has held its own summer tournaments since 2004. In April MCA hosted the first Michigan Sixes Indoor Tournament, and in May a Memorial Day Weekend tournament. Last year MCA played its first annual cross-border series with North Star Academy of Toronto. This year MCA entered a team in the MichCA T20 tournament for the first time. Three MCA players represented Central East Region this year in the National Inter-regional Tournament. MCA, which practices year-round, emphasizes not only skills development but also the importance of team play, collective spirit, and respect for the game, the opponent, and the match officials. Chief coaches: Vasanth Krishnaswami and Shyam Mayasandra.

The Michigan Cricket Association (www.michca.org), established in 2001, brings together cricketers from across the state, as well as northern Ohio and Windsor. At present 9 teams, including MichCA Colts, compete in MichCA’s T20 league and 16 in the 40 overs league, both running from May 1st until the end of September; twelve teams competed in MichCA’s season-opening T20 Great Lakes Tournament. MichCA is the proud organizer of the Corporate Cup, an annual event showcasing players from the automotive and related industries; MichCA also runs a popular youth camp. MichCA President is Shahid Ahmed.

The Great Lakes Cricket Conference (www.greatlakescricket.org) consists of fourteen clubs from Michigan and Ontario, with a total of 25 teams playing in T20, forty-over, six-a-side, and indoor tournaments throughout the year. GLCC is led by Nabeel Ahmed, who has been prominent in US cricket for many years and is now Vice President of the United States of America Cricket Association. GLCC runs a youth section, with a summer camp at Lyon Oaks. GLCC’s youth team is coached by Raghuram Boorada, a former first-class cricketer, who has also run a cricket academy in Andhra Pradesh.

The DreamCricket Academy is the youth section of what must be America’s biggest cricket operation — DreamCricket has a large and popular web site, serving as the USA’s biggest source of cricket news (DreamCricket.com); the company is also major cricket retailer, with a large online operation, a 3,000 square foot store in New Jersey and another outlet in Fremont, CA, and DreamCricket also operates an indoor cricket school at Hillborough, N.J. The Academy has grown rapidly, with its U13 team making its first appearance at the CalCricket tournament this June. The DreamCricket Academy teams in MCA’s tournament are coached by Earl Daley and Malika Frank.

The California Cricket Academy (www.calcricket.org) is the largest and most prominent youth cricket program in the country, regularly winning youth tournaments at all age levels and placing players on representative teams, including national age-level teams. Founded by Hemant and Kinjal Buch, CCA runs year-round cricket programs, has hosted very successful summer tournaments for several years, and has undertaken tours both to India and England in the last two years. CCA Juniors are coached in the MCA tournament by Dasarathy Raghunathan.

The main focus of Washington, D.C., Youth Cricket is to promote cricket among u-15 and u-19 youth in the Washington DC metropolitan area. Our vision is that the future of cricket in the USA is with this group and that any investment of time and resources in this group will pay handsome dividends in the future. To that end we provide free coaching and opportunities to compete with the best talent in the country. WYC is coached by Ajith Silva.

The Mid-West Cricket Academy, based in the Chicago area, was established in 2004 by former first-class cricketers and operates under the aegis of the Midwest Cricket Conference (www.midwestcricket.org). From an initial group of seven, MWCA has grown to its current enrolment of some twenty-five young cricketers. MWCA players have been selected regularly to represent the Central East Region in US zonal tournaments and several also played on adult teams in the Midwest Cricket Conference. MWCA has been represented at previous MCA tournaments, in the National Cricket Tournament in Cupertino, CA, and at the GCCA tournament in the Chicago suburbs. Chief coaches: Krishna Meluveettil, Ajit Ramaswamy, Sridhar Jagath, and Jaggi Nadig.

The youth program of the Greater Chicago Cricket Association (www.chicagocricket.com) is led by Coaches Shirish Joshi and Hemant Chavan, whose young cricketers play in local leagues and in the GCCA adult competitions. Several of their players represented the Central East Region in zonal tournaments this year, and, like MWCA, their squad also contributed to the Michigan-Midwest Cricket Academies side which played in the national U13 tournament in California this year, and also included three MCA players.

Guest players at the tournament have come from: the Atlanta World Cricket Academy which is a joint enterprise of the World Cricket Academy (www.worldcricketacademy.com), based both in London and in Mumbai, but with branches in many cricketing countries, and of the Atlanta Georgia Cricket Conference (www.atlanta.cricket.org); and the Memphis-Jackson Cricket Association of the Arkansas-Tennessee Cricket League (www.arktenncricketleague.com).