MCA 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; we hope to enter a team in a league next year, and to play series with clubs in Canada. 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.

For more information about MCA go to our website, [www.micricket.org](http://www.micricket.org), or contact coaches Shyam Mayasandra (248-342-9305) or Vasanth Krishnaswami (734-223-7586), or information coordinator Michael Makin (734-646-4821).
The host club, Michigan Cricket Academy (www.micricket.org), a Chap-PELL Way affiliate, was founded in 2004 to promote cricket among Michigan’s children. MCA numbers continue to grow: this year over thirty 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. Last week MCA played the first of what is planned as an annual cross-border series with North Star Academy of Toronto. At least five MCA members have also played on senior teams in local leagues this year. 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 Big 3 Cricket Challenge Cup, an annual event showcasing players from the automotive and related industries; this year six teams competed for the trophy, further expansion is planned in 2009. MichCA also conducts youth coaching camps in Troy & Lyon Oaks, with 30 participants in 2008 (8-16 years of age). Former Pakistan captain Mushtaq Mohammed was a celebrity visitor to both camps last year and provided vital tips to participants. MichCA is supported by energetic members and volunteers, by local city administrations, and by generous sponsors.

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 this year 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 Michigan-Midwest Academies U-13 side (MCA, MWCA, GCCA) at the National Junior Tournament, California, 2008, with coaches Krishnaswami and Joshi

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 U-13 tournament in California this year, and also included six MCA players.

The Atlanta World Cricket Academy program 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). Head Coach Monty Desai’s “Rising Stars” program has produced excellent young players who have graduated with considerable success to adult teams.