

1.What is your role on the Moorpark AYSO board and how did you end up with this role? I am the Webmaster in charge of site maintenance and updates. As I volunteered and got more involved, I met more fantastic board members and referees, and I wanted to be part of the amazing community of volunteers whose service provides a phenomenal program for our youth each year.

2.How long have you been a volunteer at Moorpark AYSO? I have been volunteering for 5 years, primarily helping set up each Saturday in the early hours at daybreak. If anyone is looking to get those volunteer points, I encourage them to join me each Saturday to enjoy the park before it is filled with the rush of wagons and easy ups.

3.What is your favorite part of volunteering with Moorpark AYSO? My favorite part of volunteering is seeing the many kids get excited warming up for the game, scoring a goal or saving a shot knowing that they have a positive and supportive environment to fall in love with the sport of soccer.

4.Aside from AYSO duties, what do you like to do for fun? As a family we play many board and card games. We also enjoy any outdoor activity like hiking and camping, and I am always up for a good game of Dungeons and Dragons.

5.How has Moorpark AYSO impacted your life and family? With three kids and two nephews in the program it has filled up our Saturdays with many games filled with excitement, suspense, and sometimes triumph! We have seen our kids develop, gain new skills, learn dedication and perseverance, and grow stronger mentally and physically. It has been effort well spent and amazing to watch them play.

6.What would you like the community to know about you? I am always willing to help and speak up for others. If you have concerns or need a voice, feel free to reach out!

7. Do you have an AYSO story to share? We have had some harrowing moments. Kids have been cleated, tripped and rolled end over end, dehydrated on some hot days, but nothing has made me more nervous than watching our twins referee for the first time! Seeing them not only grow in the game but also become more responsible and give back to the community has been extra rewarding, but as a parent you are always nervous when your children step into a role where they could be criticized. So be nice to your Refs!