



2013 "Little Mo" Internationals Tournament and "Mo in the Mountains" Training Camp

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We hope to see you in the majestic Rocky Mountains for the "Little Mo" Internationals and our 1st "Mo in the Mountains" training camp from July 1-8. The camp will be held from July 1-3 and the tournament will be held from July 3-7 (July 8-rain date).

The "Mo in the Mountains" training camp and "Little Mo" Internationals tournament are open to any player from the United States and worldwide. ***Players can participate in the camp only or the tournament only or both.*** There is a special savings of \$75, if you sign up for both. We hope you will plan to be with us for this very special week in beautiful Colorado Springs at the foothills of Pikes Peak.

We are planning to have some great speakers at the training camp. Some of the topics that will be covered are mental toughness, match strategy, fitness, injury prevention, nutrition, etc. Chuck Kriese, long time coach at Clemson, will be our headline speaker/guest coach at the training camp and Anne Smith (10-time Grand Slam champion) will attend the tournament. She will give an on-court clinic to the players on July 3 and will be available for "complimentary" consultations on mental toughness during the tournament.

This year, we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of Maureen Connolly's Grand Slam win. In honor of the 60th anniversary, we are presenting the ultimate challenge to players to see if they can win The "Little Mo" Grand Slam and win the tallest trophy ever given in junior tennis (6 feet tall). The first leg of the Grand Slam is the "Little Mo" Internationals in Colorado Springs with the second leg at the historic Forest Hills in New York (August) and the third leg in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida (December).

Goal: To provide young players an opportunity to improve their skills through a training camp and tournament competition with players their same age with emphasis on good sportsmanship and developing new friendships.

Drills will be conducted by certified pros and the guest speakers will be certified in their field of expertise. The training camp is not for beginning players but players who have had tournament experience and want to take their game to the next level.

Dates: "Mo in the Mountains" Training Camp: Monday, July 1 - Wednesday, July 3

"Little Mo" Internationals: Wednesday, July 3 - Sunday, July 7
Monday, July 8 - rain date

Site: United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado
(both training camp and tournament will be held at the Academy -
no other sites will be used)

Events: Boys and Girls 12 & under, 11 & under, 10 & under, 9 & under, and 8 & under
Singles and Doubles for all divisions.

Eligibility: Open to any player from the United States and worldwide.

Born in 2001 - 12's
Born in 2002 - 11's
Born in 2003 - 10's
Born in 2004 - 9's
Born in 2005 or 2006 - 8's

Birth Certificate: Please bring a copy of your birth certificate or passport to check-in
for the "Little Mo" Internationals (mandatory)

Fee: \$375 for camp only and \$200 for tournament only (singles and doubles).
** For both camp and tournament: \$500 (\$75 savings)

Entry fee is non-refundable after June 1. Deadline for entries: June 17.
Fee covers the cost of the camp director/tournament director, courts, pros, guest
speakers, umpires, player party, balls, t-shirts, trophies, medals, insurance,
sportsmanship awards, online registration fees, etc. (A portion of the fee is tax
deductible and comes back to the foundation to further junior tennis development.)

Format/Draw size: Main Draw Singles (32 draw) in each division: Boys & Girls 8, 9, 10,
11 and 12 with First Match Loser Consolation. Entries are based on a first come, first
served through online registration. The first 32 players in each division will be accepted.
(An alternate list will begin after the first 32 places have been filled. All matches will be
played on full court with the traditional yellow ball. Players are guaranteed at least two
matches in singles. All age divisions will play best two out of three tie-break sets with a
10 point tie-break in lieu of a third set for main draw and consolation. Regular scoring. 5
minute warm-up.

Doubles: Boys & Girls 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 with Single Elimination. Doubles sign-up will be onsite at the Tournament Desk on Wednesday afternoon, July 3 from 2:00 -3:00pm. Both players must be present to sign in together to play as a team and must be entered in the same age division as singles. Only players who are entered in singles can sign up for doubles. There will be a "looking for partner" sign in sheet at the desk if you are needing a partner. (Players will need to find their own partner to be included in the doubles.) All age divisions will play an 8 game pro set. Regular scoring.

Practice Courts: Available at U.S. Air Force Academy. First come, first served.
Players may need to share courts. No reservations necessary.

Ball: Penn Championship extra duty - high altitude

Stringing: On site by Craig Brotman. Due to the high altitude, racquets should be strung three pounds tighter.

Match times: Draws and match times will be posted online on Wednesday, July 3 after player sign-in (not before 8:00 pm) on www.mcbtennis.org. Click on Tournaments and scroll to the "Little Mo" Internationals "mountain icon".

Trophies: Trophies will be awarded to main draw singles winners, runners-up and 3rd/4th place in each age division as well as consolation winners and runners-up. For doubles, trophies will be awarded to the winners and runners-up.

Hotel: The Academy Hotel. 8810 N. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80920 (719) 598-5770 or (800) 766-8524. To receive the special "Little Mo" rate of \$99 per night, please click [here](#).
"Comp" breakfast included in rate. Deadline for reservations: June 2.

Tennis Attire: Please wear nice tennis clothes and shoes for the training camp and your matches. For the opening ceremony on July 3, please wear all white clothing (colored shoes and small logos ok)

4th of July Party: A fun "pizza party" for players and parents will be held at the Academy Hotel indoor pool. The party is "complimentary" for all players. (Parents, siblings, guests: \$10 per person.) Bring your swimsuit.

Player Gift Exchange: It is a tradition with the "Little Mo" that players exchange a small gift with their first round opponent in singles. The gift should be \$10 or less (wrapped or in a gift bag) and represent your city, state or country. The gifts are exchanged before the players walk on court for their first match.

T-shirt/Player backpack: All players in the training camp and tournament will receive a t-shirt and backpack with complimentary items from Babolat.

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Training Camp and Tournament Chairman: Carol Weyman: cartennis@aol.com
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Things to do in Colorado Springs: Take the cog railway to the top of Pikes Peak, see the beautiful red rock formations at the Garden of the Gods, the waterfalls at Seven Falls, tour the U.S. Air Force Academy, Cadet Chapel and the U.S. Olympic Training Center, visit the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, tour the Cave of the Winds and enjoy dinner, a spa day or a round of golf at the historic Broadmoor Hotel (5 star resort). In nearby Denver, there are many sightseeing opportunities: tour the Colorado State Capitol and the U.S. Mint, take river rafting trip, go mountain climbing, visit the Denver museums, zoo and aquarium, etc. (1 1/2 hour drive north of Colorado Springs.)

Schedule of Events

Monday, July 1

8:00-9:00am (anytime) - Training camp check-in and player packet pick up (mandatory)

9:00-9:30 - Orientation (mandatory)

9:30- 12:00 - Morning session

(Parents are welcome to stay for the camp but not mandatory.)

12:00-1:00 - Lunch

(Jason's Deli will deliver lunch for players and parents each day to the training camp - at your own cost. Details will be given at check-in.)

1:00-4:00 - Afternoon session *(Please pick up your child no later than 4:00pm)*

Tuesday, July 2

9:00-12:00 - Morning session

12:00-1:00 - Lunch

1:00-4:00 - Afternoon session

Wednesday, July 3

9:00-12:00 - Morning session

12:00-1:00 - Lunch / Awards presentation

1:00- 2:30 - Player clinic on-court with Anne Smith

1:00 - 1:45: ages 8-10 **1:45 - 2:30:** ages 11-12

2:00-3:00 - "Little Mo" Internationals - player check-in anytime (mandatory)

(Players must present copy of birth certificate or passport)

- Doubles sign-in

4:00 - Players line up for player parade. Please wear all white clothing for parade (colored shoes and small logos ok) and bring a small flag representing your country.

4:30 - 5:30 - Opening ceremony and player parade (mandatory) (Don't forget your camera.) Important tournament information will be given to players and parents.

The national anthem and America, the Beautiful will be sung by the USA players. (see lyrics below). Did you know America, the Beautiful was written on top of Pikes Peak by Katharine Lee Bates in 1893?

Thursday, July 4

8:00am - "Little Mo" Internationals - matches begin and continue all day
(gift exchange before first round match)

Evening - Player party at the Academy Hotel indoor pool.

Friday, July 5

8:00am - Matches begin and continue all day

Saturday, July 6

8:00am - Matches begin and continue all day

Sunday, July 7

8:00am - Singles finals and 3rd/4th place play-off in singles. Doubles finals.

Monday, July 8 - rain date

The "Little Mo" is named after Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly, who was the first woman to win the Grand Slam when she was only eighteen years old in 1953. She is still the youngest and only American woman to have accomplished this magnificent feat. To read more about "Little Mo", please go to www.mcbtnet.org and click on the Story of "Little Mo".

America, the Beautiful (USA players to sing at opening ceremony)

The lyrics to this beautiful song were written by Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929), a professor of English literature at Wellesley College, Massachusetts, after an inspiring trip to the top of Pikes Peak, Colorado in 1893.

**O beautiful for spacious
skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain
majesties
Above the fruited plain!**

**America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with
brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!**

