



“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.” - Franklin D. Roosevelt

**Elks Soccer Shoot
Youth Activities**

**HOSTED BY MERIDEN
ELKS LODGE #35**

Soccer “It’s a Kick”

September 28th 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

at Kronenberger Soccer Field 398 Maple Ave, Meriden



\$80 million + Elks have donated to local communities nationally.

Meriden Elks Lodge #35

Established in 1886, focused to building stronger communities through investing in programs that help children, families and veterans.

Elks donated **over \$120,000 +** to the Meriden Community over the past 5 years over **\$20,000 in donations** so far this year

Community **activities and grants** supported include, but are not limited to

Veterans (Fischer House, Luncheons, Antique), **Youth & Families** (Back to School Expo, Special Olympics, Cove Center, Nerden Camp, school supply drives, shelter & homeless food drives, Shelter Now, Soccer Shoot, Hoop Shoot, CCMC).

Divisions & Eligibility

Division eligibility is determined by the age of the child on January 1, 2019.

U-8 age 7 & under, minimum 4 years old

Children participate in the “**Five Goal Contest**” with smaller target goals to build confidence as they move down the line. 10 & 11 (U-12). Group four ages 12 & 13 (U-14). Group five ages 14 & 15 (U-16). Our new age bracket U-16 is an optional group this year.

U-10 (ages 8 & 9), U-12 (ages 10& 11), U-14 (ages 12 & 13), U-16 (ages 14 & 15):

The “**Grid Goal Contest**” uses specific kick distance, based on age, to challenge the older participants to kick the ball from a specific mark for score, thus developing advanced skills.

Positive and character-building!

The Soccer Shoot program is free to all contestants. **Winners advance** through District (October 6th), State (October 20th) and Regional (November 2nd) Contests.

Parents are urged to **pre-register** their child by Thursday, September 26th. Please visit www.elks35.com for more information and registration information (under events and online forms) or contact Jenn Maheu at (203) 240-0925.

Your Community Our Mission