



Reading Eagle: Natalie Kolb | Yamil Martinez, 9, left, and Isiah Ruiz, 10, of Reading, play together during Family Friendly Night as part of the Reading Recreation Commission's Soccer Academy.

Reading event features soccer, food for families

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The Reading Recreation Commission held its first Family Friendly Friday Night international soccer event Friday at Egelman Park in Reading.

In addition to soccer, the event had an international flavor at a covered dish meal featuring food from Central and South America.

The event was part of the commission's Soccer Academy, for which children ages 8 to 18 learn skills useful in the sport. Their parents often participate in the sessions, lending their passion and dedication to advancing the sport in Reading.

Kevin Devera, sports program manager, said statistics show that children whose families are involved with their sport tend to become better players.

The commission also employs a similar outlook in its youth tennis program.