

CHS Ultimate Frisbee Maplewoodstock 2026



PROPOSAL



ABOUT CHS ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Columbia High School (CHS) Ultimate Frisbee is a community-driven youth program serving over 200 middle and high school students in Maplewood and South Orange—widely recognized as the birthplace of Ultimate Frisbee. What began here in 1968 has grown into a global sport now played by millions of people around the world.

Rooted in the sport's defining principle, Spirit of the Game, the program emphasizes integrity, mutual respect, inclusion, and shared responsibility among players. With multiple teams and divisions, including opportunities for girls, non-binary, and recreational players, CHS Ultimate fosters both competitive excellence and a strong sense of community, helping young athletes grow as leaders on and off the field.



THE ULTIMATE FRISBEE AND MAPLEWOODSTOCK



ABOVE: Original CHS Ultimate "varsity" frisbee team

Maplewood and South Orange hold a special place in the history of Ultimate Frisbee. The sport was first organized at Columbia High School in 1968, and our community is widely recognized as the birthplace of Ultimate. One of the core principles of the sport, known as the Spirit of the Game, emphasizes respect, fairness, inclusion, and shared responsibility among players. These values have long been a defining part of Ultimate, and they closely reflect the spirit of community, sportsmanship, and mutual respect that Maplewoodstock celebrates each year.

OUR GOALS FOR MAPLEWOODSTOCK

Our goal is to introduce the sport of Ultimate Frisbee to younger participants and families, with a particular focus on elementary and middle school students, and to encourage more girls and non-binary players to get involved in the sport. We also hope to use the event as an opportunity to connect with the broader SOMA community and share information about our youth programs.

TOP: Lillian Pankow on Sparkle Motion, Varsity vs. Almni at Founder's Day, BOTTOM: ultimate Founder's Day 2024



FROM MAPLEWOOD TO THE WORLD

REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ULTIMATE PLAYERS



The activities we are currently planning for Maplewoodstock include:

- A youth clinic run by current players and coaches
- A small table to share information about our programs and allow on-site sign-ups
- Selling specially designed Maplewoodstock / CHS Ultimate frisbees and related items
- A short exhibition or hybrid game featuring coaches and younger players

CREATING SPECIAL “MAPLEWOODSTOCK” MERCHANDISE

SIGN UP FOR LOCAL ULTIMATE PROGRAMS

Printed materials that can be handed out to families with information about upcoming programs, including girls, non-binary, and middle school opportunities. Several coaches and players have already expressed interest in helping, and we expect to finalize the format once we confirm space, timing, and event logistics with the Maplewoodstock team.

Because planning is still underway, we welcome any guidance about what would work best within the structure of the festival, including space requirements, scheduling, and any rules we should keep in mind as we develop the activity.

We appreciate the opportunity to be part of Maplewoodstock and would love to create something that reflects the history of the sport in our community while offering a fun, welcoming, and engaging experience for festival attendees.



Right: Volunteers at Ultimate Founder's Day 2025

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