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**Summer Soccer Academy**

**Welcome Packet**

Thank you for selecting the MSYSA Summer Soccer Academy for your summer camp experience this year!

The mission of the MSYSA Summer Soccer Academy is to provide training that focuses on the four pillars of the game (technical skills, tactical skills, physical and psychological) to those players who not only love the game of soccer, but wish to enhance their abilities and commitment to the sport. MSYSA is committed to providing each attending player with an outstanding camp experience.

Our coaching staff is comprised of ODP coaches. All of our coaches are licensed and experienced. They understand the developmental needs of our players and promote a positive and proactive approach to training based on each player’s age, skill and developmental level. Having fun, while learning and making new friends, are primary components to the Academy’s overall mission of player development. We will also have a certified Athletic Trainer at each session to manage any injuries that might occur.

The MSYSA Summer Soccer Academy will be held at the Saint James School (17641 College Rd, Hagerstown, MD 21740). Saint James School is not only beautiful - it is also safe and secure. The residential halls, auditorium, dining hall, gymnasium, and athletic facilities are perfect for our summer soccer academy with only a short walking distance between facilities.

Please review the information in this document and don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions. I look forward to meeting each of you at the camp this Summer in Hagerstown!

Yours in soccer,

**Gandalf French**

MSYSA Technical Director

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Sample Schedule (See Attached Campus Map):

**Sunday:**

2:00 - 4:00 pm. Check-In (#13 Alumni Hall Gym)

*Please be prompt. Dorm roommate requests noted on your registration form will be honored. No changes the day-of will be made without Director's approval.*

4:30 - 5:00 pm Parent, Player and Meet the Staff Meeting (#11 Kerfoot)

5:00 - 5:45 pm Dinner *Bring gear for training* (#11 Kerfoot)

6:15 - 6:30 pm Assemble for training/Orientation (main turf stadium with gear)

7:00 - 8:30 pm Evening Session

9:00 - 9:45 pm Snack Bar Open (#13 Alumni Hall Gym)

10:00 pm Lights Out

**Monday - Wednesday:**

7:00 am Rise and Shine

7:45 - 8:45 am Breakfast

9:15 am Assemble for training

10:00 - 11:30 am Session #1

12:00 - 12:45 pm Lunch

2:00 - 3:30 pm Session #2

3:30 - 4:00 pm Daily competition (stadium)

5:00 - 5:45 pm Dinner

6:15 pm Assemble for training

7:00 - 8:30 pm Session #3

9:00 - 9:45 pm Snack Bar Open (#13 Alumni Hall Gym)

10:00 pm Lights Out

**Thursday:**

7:00 am Rise and Shine

7:30 - 8:30 am Breakfast

9:30 - 11:00 am 4v4 Tournament “scramble”, parents encouraged to watch!

11:00 - 1:00 pm Check out

The Academy will close after Thursday morning’s session with pick-up at the stadium field for most campers, any campers not yet picked up will head to the gym from 11am - 1pm. After 1pm there will be a fee of $100/30 minutes for any remaining campers. For those attending as a Day Camper only: Sunday drop off/pickup will be during check in, each day drop off at 9am and pickup at 9pm - both at (#13 Alumni Hall Gym).

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Check in information:  
Please complete prior to check in / bring each of the following items to the camp check in on Sunday.

•[***SSA Medical History Questionnaire***](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXz1dHcjayGj6neSOUMuxnQNKUx_rZ0GIAnSlXO4N-6LJyRQ/viewform?usp=sf_link) ***(online form)***

• ***Medication administration authorization form.***

This form is [linked here](https://usy345.americaneagle.com/assets/984/15/2019%20Medication%20Administration%20Authorization%20Form.pdf) and must be filled out for EACH medication that your player will be bringing to the camp and handed in at check in. Please note that this form is only valid if signed by a medical professional. Our camp follows the COMAR (MD law) regulations for a *self administration of medication.*  This means that your player is responsible for taking their medication under the supervision of a non-medically trained adult. All medication (except emergency self-carry) will be stored in a safe location by an adult staff member. Emergency medication that requires self-carry (epi-pens, inhalers, etc.) is also approved but must still have a form filed at check in for each medication.

• ***Rooming Damage Acknowledgement form***.

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Player packing list:

Please label all clothing and personal items. This is a four-day overnight experience so please pack accordingly. Each player will receive four (4) Academy shirts and an appropriately sized soccer ball. Please be sure to also bring the following items:

• Toiletries (e.g. soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, floss, deodorant etc.), towel etc.

• Bedding (residential hall beds are ‘long twin’ size) including sheets and pillows

• Alarm (cell phone is fine, traditional if needed)

• Clothes for downtime, your favorite jersey(s), Soccer Shorts, Soccer Socks, Shin Guards,

• Cleats and indoor shoes *Players will play inside in the event of inclement weather.*

• Favorite team jersey *Players will wear these on Jersey Day!*

• Slides or Flip Flops *Players can not wear cleats inside.*

• Sunscreen

• Water Bottle or Small Jug *Water and ice will be available at ALL training venues.*

• Portable Fan *Players rooms have AC.*

• Cash to be used at the Snack Bar (including healthy options and pizza etc.) in $1/$5

denominations only! *Players will keep cash on hand and manage it themselves as a learning*

*experience throughout the camp.*

• Cell Phone. *Players may use their cell phone EXCEPT while walking to/from training and while at training or*

*meetings.*

• [Pizza Order Forms](https://usy345.americaneagle.com/assets/984/15/SSA%20Pizza%20Order%20Form.pdf) *Players can order pizza each night from Monday-Wednesday*