



THE BERKSHIRE BLAST

Spring 2015

The Berkshire Soccer Academy Newsletter

A Letter from the Directors

Dear BSA Families and Friends,

Summer is just around the corner, and the entire Berkshire Soccer Academy team has been busy preparing camp for our best summer yet! Here are some exciting updates for 2015:

- **Visiting Pros:** There will be a Visiting Pro at each session to awe and inspire! This unique exposure to the best soccer players in the world will be unforgettable.
- **New Private Training Opportunities:** Athletes can choose to work with Master Coaches for a 45-minute private or semi-private training session.
- **Clubhouse:** We've built a new Storage facility at the fields. No more hauling your bag up and down the big hill. Girls can now leave their soccer bags in their own Clubhouse cubby.
- **Stand-Up-Paddleboards (SUPs):** We have 5 new Stand-Up-Paddleboards (SUPs) at the Waterfront! These additional boards will ensure that everyone gets a chance to voyage around the lake on a SUP!

We are counting down the days until camp begins. As always, let us know if you have any questions, or just want to chat. 800-326-9219.

Warmly, *Joyce + Eric*



Eric, Liza, Everett & Harper

VISITING PROS

SESSION I:



Brandi Chastain

SESSION II:



Tisha Venturini

Mia Hamm

Kristine Lilly

SESSION IV:



Cindy Parlow

SESSION VI:



Kristine Lilly

Session III and Session V: TBD



Goalkeeper Track

Did You Know? The Academy offers a special Goalkeeping Track. Athletes interested in our GK Track can indicate so on their Camper Application (or call the office).

What's the GK Track all about? Goalkeepers receive specialized instruction in goalkeeping techniques and tactics from our expert Goalkeeping Coaches during one soccer session each day.



Do you have an insatiable passion for soccer?

GET MORE SOCCER AT CAMP!

We now offer private and semi-private soccer instruction. Private training sessions consist of 45 minutes of one-on-one coaching by a Master Coach.



Semi-private training sessions offer a 1:2 or 1:3 coach to player ratio. Private Training is available during our elective periods and throughout the Bridge Programs. Each training focuses on a single skill group or area selected by the athlete. Training topics may include, but are not limited to: one v one attacking or defending, long balls, corner kicks, first touch, aerial control, speed of play.

Fees:

Private lessons: \$75/45 minutes

Semi-Private lessons: \$50/45 minutes

Register for your private session on the camper application or by contacting the office. Space is limited!

SOCCER GEAR DRIVE

Bring your gently-used & laundered soccer gear to camp this summer and we will donate it to America Scores Boston!!

We are accepting:

- Cleats
- Soccer Jerseys
- Shinguards
- Soccer Socks
- Soccer Shorts



All donations are tax deductible and will help make the beautiful game more accessible to urban elementary and middle school children in Boston.



OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, June 14th
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm



COME CHECK OUT CAMP BEFORE THE SUMMER BEGINS.

Meet the Directors, and tour the facility. Light refreshments will be provided. Guests are encouraged to dress for the outdoors and wear appropriate footwear to walk to the grounds.

Tours will begin every 20 minutes from 12:20 pm - 1:20 pm.

Unfortunately pets will not be able to join the tour.

Camp Q&A with the 2015 Head Coaches

Academy Head Coaches are college graduates who coach soccer professionally. All three of our 2015 Head Coaches are returning to coach at the Academy from last summer! They are important leads and role models on and off the field.



BECCA MADISON: Have you ever been homesick? Yes, I was actually homesick the first year I worked camp. I had never spent the summer away from home, and missed it. I just kept reminding myself that I was there for the summer, and I could either be sad or enjoy camp. I threw myself into camp, made a ton of good friends and ended up loving it! I was 100 times sadder leaving than I was when I was homesick! **What's your pre-game ritual?** I always put my gear on in a certain order: left sock, right sock, left shin guard, right shin guard, left tape, right tape, left cleat, right cleat.



TORREE SOELBERG: As a coach, what makes an athlete stand out at practice? Players that do more than what is asked of them: they show up early to juggle or stay late to work on their shot. I love to see athletes who understand there is always room to improve. **What's your favorite camp meal?** Lasagna. **What's your favorite activity outside of soccer?** Swimming, whether it be in a pool, lake, river, or at the beach. Growing up in California, I can't help but love the beach! **What's one thing you'll make sure to pack for summer camp?** Favorite cleats.



TERRY SOELBERG: What is your most memorable game? We had to win this game to make it to state playoffs. I missed a PK during the first half. Second half, I was determined to make up for it. With five minutes left in the game Torree sent a great ball through the other team's defense and I scored the winning goal. **What's your favorite pre-game pump-up song?** Calabria 2008. **Who was your role model growing up?** Michelle Akers and Anson Dorrance, and they still are! **What color are your soccer cleats?** I like to keep them classic - they are black.

#INSTAGRAM CONTESTS

If Katniss played soccer, she would have the best braids on the field!

Unique braids were a hit at camp last summer. #Berkygirls, how are your braids looking these days? Tag @berkysoccer and #berkybraids for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to the BSA Store.



Looking to showcase your perfected "Woosh Clap"? Record yourself Woosh-Clapping, and tag @berkysoccer and #wooshclap on Instagram for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to the BSA Store.



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Spotlight – Meet Our 2015 LAX Director

Is soccer not your only sport? It's not ours either! Come to the Berkshire Lacrosse Academy!

Session I: August 9th - August 13th

Session II: August 16th - August 20th

MICHELE DEJULIIS

Director, Berkshire Lacrosse Academy for Girls



Michele is the founder and Director of Ultimate Lacrosse, a leading girls youth lacrosse club serving Southern New Jersey, Philadelphia and Delaware. Michele was a key member of the U.S. Women's National Team from 1994 - 2009 and captained the team that won the 2009 FIL World Cup in Prague. She joined Team USA as an assistant coach and was part of the 2013 Gold Medal winning World Cup team. Most recently DeJuliis was named as an assistant coach for the 2015 U-19 Women's World Cup. DeJuliis also spent eight seasons as an assistant coach with the Princeton University women's lacrosse program.

Answers to Trivia Questions on Back Page:

1. Kristine Lilly; 2. 52; 3. Ottawa; 4. China; 5. 24



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Women's World Cup Trivia

1. Previous USA captain _____ is the only woman, and one of three players in history, to appear in five soccer world cups.



2. The 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup runs from June 6-July 5 and all _____ (number) games will be shown live on FOX/FOX Sports.

3. The closest World Cup site is only 340 miles from camp. Where is it?

4. The US won the inaugural Women's World Cup in 1991, held in _____ (country).

5. FIFA has expanded the women's World Cup to _____ (number) teams for 2015.



Answers inside....

Be a fan of the game wherever your earbuds take you!

Check out our newest podcast obsession: Women's Soccer Zone" #WOSOZO



2015 Soccer Session Dates

Session I.....	June 28 - July 2
Session II	July 7 - July 10
Bridge A.....	July 11
Session III.....	July 12 - July 16
Bridge B.....	July 17 - July 18
Session IV.....	July 19 - July 23
Bridge C	July 24 - July 25
Session V	July 26 - July 30
Bridge D.....	July 31 - August 1
Session VI.....	August 2 - August 6
Bridge E.....	August 7 - August 8

* Session Rates & discounts available on our website!