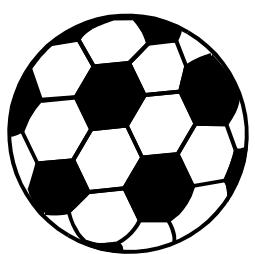




**Summer
2009**

**Week # 1 July 6 - 10
&
Week # 2 July 13 - 17
&
Week # 3 July 20 - 24**

**The Full Day and
Rookie Raptors Programs
will be offered during
all weeks of camp.**



Rookie Raptors (Half Day)
Boys & Girls ages 5 - 8
9 am - 1 pm
&
Full Day
Boys & Girls ages 8 - 17
9 am - 4 pm

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ABOUT THE CAMP

The 2009 Raptor Soccer Camp, sponsored by the Bard College Athletic Department, will offer three weeks of soccer instruction for boys and girls. Children of all skill and experience levels are invited to join us for an enjoyable week of soccer instruction and fun! Instruction will focus on the development of individual ball skills, how and when to use these new skills in game situations, and the importance of team play.

COACHING PHILOSOPHY

The role of a coach in any sport is to provide the athlete with an understanding of the game and the skills which are necessary to be successful in an environment that is safe and enjoyable. There are many different approaches to coaching the game of soccer, however the game can be separated into two basic categories: Individual skill development and team play.

Individual skill development is tremendously important for the young player. A player with a strong foundation in the basics skills of the game will be more successful in game situations and will progress at a quicker pace. The philosophy regarding skill development is really quite simple : The more you do something, the better you become at it. To this end, the exercises and drills which are used to develop individual skills are designed to maximize the involvement of the players and the number of touches each player gets on the ball. The skills that will be covered during the camp are easy to learn by players of any age or skill level, especially those just beginning the sport. The more advanced player will be challenged to perfect the basic skills, use them in combinations, and master them in game situations.

The coaches at the camp will also focus on providing the players with an understanding of the game appropriate to their level of development. The philosophy regarding this aspect of the game puts the emphasis on the player understanding their responsibility within the framework of the team, and how to approach different aspects of the game, both from an individual and team perspective. The young players will learn the basic rules of the game, player positions and responsibilities, basic team tactic concepts, and good sportsmanship. The more advanced players will be challenged to learn various systems of play and how each system changes the responsibilities of the individuals on the team.

SOCCER CAMP DIRECTORS

CAMP DIRECTOR

Scott Swere

Scott is the Associate Director of Athletics at Bard College, as well as the Head Coach for the Men's Soccer Program. This is the twelfth year Scott has been the Director of the Raptor Soccer Camp, bringing 23 years of camp experience to the program.

The recent successes of the Bard Men's Soccer program include a trip to the 2006 NEAC Championship Tournament Title Game, four consecutive HVMAC Championship Tournament titles, as well as setting many school records including goals scored per game average and fewest goals allowed per game average in a season, most shutouts in a season, and the highest winning percentage during a season. Scott has also received the HVMAC Coach of the Year Award three times.

Prior to Bard, Scott worked at both Wagner College and St. Francis College in Brooklyn, NY. Scott has been on staff at the Lake Placid Soccer Centre and has worked at the Connecticut Soccer School. He also served as the Head Coach for the Red Hook High Girl's Varsity Soccer for the 2000 & 2001 seasons, as well as the Head Coach for the JV team during the 2002 and the 2005 seasons. Scott holds a National Soccer Coaches Association of America National Level Coaching Diploma. In addition, he is a FIFA Certified Referee and is currently the Vice President for Development for the Crane Soccer Club.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

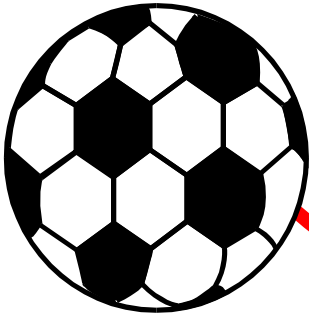
Jason Pavlich

Jason is now in his ninth year at the Raptors Soccer Camp. A '99 graduate of Bard College, Jason was a four year starter for the Bard Men's Soccer Team, captaining the team his junior and senior years. Jason took over the Bard Women's Program in May 2001 after spending the previous two years as the assistant coach of the men's team, and was instrumental in elevating the program to where it is today. During his last season as Head Coach, Jason led his team to a 12-7 record, setting a new mark for wins during a season for the Bard Women's Soccer Program.

Jason currently lives in Red Hook and teaches at Red Hook High School, where he has been the Head Coach of the Girl's Varsity Soccer Team for the past eight seasons. In this time, his teams have compiled a record of 115-21-9, winning 5 league championships. He has been honored multiple times by both the MHAL and the Poughkeepsie Journal as the Girls Soccer Coach of the Year. He continues to be a student of the game and holds a National Soccer Coaches Association of America National Level Coaching Diploma.

RAPTORS PROGRAM

FULL DAY



Boys & Girls
Ages 8 - 17
9 am - 4 pm
Fee : \$ 225.00

The program at the Bard College Raptors Soccer Camp is designed around developing the individual skills needed by every player, and using these skills in exercises and games. Many players are lacking basic ball control skills, such as dribbling, passing and trapping, as well as the ability to beat an opponent in a 1 v 1 situation. It is very difficult to improve as a soccer player if the basic building blocks are missing or are poorly developed.



The philosophy is really quite simple : The more you do something, the better you become at it. The skills that will be covered during the camp are easy to learn by players of any age or skill level, especially those just beginning the sport. The more advanced player will be challenged to perfect the basic skills, use them in combinations, and master them in game situations.

Campers will also be involved in small group and full sided games during which a variety of tactical topics will be discussed and demonstrated. Team play is vital to the game of soccer, and it is important young players develop an understanding of their roles on the field and the significance of proper positioning and movement without the ball.



Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt, a size 5 ball, a mini ball, a drawstring backpack, and a water bottle.

ROOKIE RAPTORS!!



Boys & Girls

Ages 5 - 8

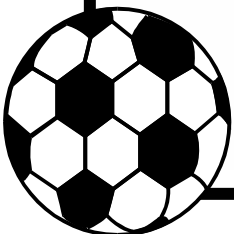
9 am - 1 pm

Fee : \$ 135.00

This week is formatted especially for the child 5 to 8 years old who is just beginning to play soccer. The program will focus on several areas which are critical in the development of a strong skill and knowledge base for a young soccer player. An introduction of basic ball control skills, such as kicking, trapping and dribbling, combined with instruction of the basic rules of the game, individual and team positioning, and general concepts of play, will provide the developing soccer player with an excellent foundation on which to build. Games and contests will provide the opportunity to use and practice newly learned skills in a variety of situations.

Each child will receive a t-shirt, a size 3 or 4 ball, a mini ball, a drawstring backpack, a water bottle and a soccer workbook, which will include a summary of everything covered during the week. The notebook will enable the child to review the skills and knowledge learned at camp, as well as provide Mom and Dad with a resource outlining the basic concepts and skills involved in soccer if they are new to the game. The workbook will also include a variety of exercises and games which are fun for the kids and are designed to assist in developing the skills needed to play the game.

The emphasis for the entire week is learning the basics of the game, participation by everyone, and most important - FUN !!!



SOCCER CAMP DAILY SCHEDULES

ROOKIE RAPTORS (Half Day)

9:00	Arrive at camp
9:00 - 9:20	Stretch & warm-up
9:20 - 9:50	Individual skill session
9:50 - 10:00	Break
10:00 - 10:30	Small group exercises
10:30 - 11:00	Supervised free time
11:00 - 11:30	Break with juice and snack
11:30 - 12:00	Individual & group tactics
12:00 - 12:10	Break
12:10 - 12:40	Skill games and competitions
12:40 - 1:00	Games
1:00	Pick - up

RAPTOR SOCCER CAMP (Full Day)

9:00	Arrive at camp
9:00 - 9:30	Stretch & warm-up
9:30 - 10:00	Individual skill session
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11:00	Small group exercises
11:00 - 11:45	Supervised free time
11:45 - 12:00	Change & walk to lunch
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch
12:45 - 1:30	Movie
1:30 - 2:30	Individual & group tactics
2:30 - 2:45	Break
2:45 - 3:15	Skill games and competitions
3:15 - 4:00	Games
4:00	Pick - up

Please note that times are approximate and may possibly change from day to day. This does not include morning arrival or afternoon pick-up, which will always remain as listed.