



June 2019

Dear Elite Academy Session I Camper Parent/Player,

The Ray Reid Soccer School is only a few weeks away and we would like to make this camp experience as valuable and fun as possible for you. Below are some important camp details, including a Parents' Information Sheet on the back of this letter. We also have included a Packing Checklist and a Campus Map with Parking Instructions. Please read these items carefully before check-in/registration day as they may offer answers to questions you may have.

1. **CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION:**

- Check-in/Registration for **Elite Academy, Session 1** will take place from **9:30AM - 2:00PM** on **Sunday, July 14th inside Gampel Pavilion**. Following check-in/registration, campers will move into their rooms in the West Campus Residence Halls*.

Please Note:* Specific housing/dormitory room assignments within the West Campus Residence Halls will be provided at check-in/registration. **You will be responsible for the care of your player until 2:45PM. Please be sure to provide lunch for your camper; the first meal provided at camp will be dinner on Sunday evening. At 2:45PM, all campers will meet at the center quad area of the West Dorms for the start of camp sessions.

2. **DIRECTIONS to Gampel Pavilion / University of Connecticut Campus – Storrs, CT:**

- a. Camp check-in/registration will take place inside **Gampel Pavilion**. For check-in/registration, parking should be available in UConn's **South Parking Garage** (2252 Jim Calhoun Way, Storrs, CT 06269). *A fee may apply.* South Parking Garage can be accessed via the lower level entrance/exit on Jim Calhoun Way (across from Gampel Pavilion) or the upper level entrance via Lot 8 (**there is no parking permitted in Lot 8 during weekdays**). Leave your player's belongings at your vehicle and proceed to Gampel Pavilion which is located across the road from South Parking Garage.
- b. **After your player completes check-in/registration at Gampel Pavilion you may return to your vehicle for your belongings.** The West Campus Residence Halls are located within walking distance, diagonally across the street from the UConn Bookstore.

**We have included a map on the back of the Packing Checklist sheet which shows the location of the South Parking Garage, Gampel Pavilion, and the West Campus Residence Halls.*

3. **ROOM KEY DEPOSIT - SEPARATE CHECK NEEDED:** The University of Connecticut requires that we collect a **room key deposit of \$110** from each camper staying in the dormitories (day campers are exempt). The room key deposit will be due at check-in/registration, and checks should be made payable to: **"Ray Reid Soccer School."** This room key deposit check must be a **separate** check for \$110 only. This deposit will be returned to campers provided that their room key is returned at the conclusion of their camp session.

4. **CAMP FORMS & PAYMENT OF ANY CAMP BALANCES:**

- a. If you still owe us any or all of the following items, we **must** receive these items before the start of camp (an outstanding forms/payment sheet will be enclosed if our records indicate that you owe any of these items):
 - 1) **Waiver and Release Form;**
 - 2) **Medical Release Form; and/or**
 - 3) **Any balance on your payment for registration** (this can be paid in advance via credit card by calling 860-674-1500)
- b. If your son takes any prescription medications or **daily** over-the-counter medications, (such as daily doses of Advil/Tylenol, Benadryl, or Claritin), you will need to bring the **Authorization for the Administration of Medicine by Youth Camp Personnel Form** (signed by a doctor) to check-in/registration along with the medications (a copy of this and all other forms can be found on the camp website at: www.rayreid.com). This form is now a State requirement. If you are bringing an EpiPen or inhaler, please be sure the EpiPen or inhaler itself is individually labeled.
- c. It is very important that all requests for special dietary needs, including food allergies, be provided to the Ray Reid Soccer School camp office ASAP if not already noted when completing your initial registration. If you are unsure if this information was provided properly please contact the camp office. While the regular dining options satisfy many special dietary needs, the Dining Services department will work with you to provide reasonable accommodations for campers with allergies. If you have already notified us regarding your player's allergies/dietary restrictions, please find enclosed a special letter from UConn Dining Services with some additional information.

Email outstanding forms above to info@RayReid.com or fax to 860-674-1704 by Friday, June 28.

5. **WHAT TO BRING:** With this letter, we have included a checklist of items for your player to bring to camp. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** We ask players to bring **BOTH** soccer cleats **AND** soccer flats/sneakers for indoor play.
6. **PRE-CAMP REMINDERS:** a) We do our best to pair campers together as roommates in instances where both campers request each other. If your camper does not request a roommate, we do our very best to find and assign a roommate that is close to the same age; b) As noted above, the first meal on the first day of camp will be dinner - **please remember to get lunch on your own on check-in/registration day**; c) If campers choose to bring a cell phone or any other electronics to camp, we cannot be held liable for any lost, damaged or stolen electronic devices; d) Please note that the cell phone may only be used in your camper's dorm room. All cell phones must be turned off at "Lights Out" (10:30PM sharp).
7. **CAMP STORE ACCOUNT:** At check-in/registration, you can set up a camp store "account" for your camper with whatever dollar amount you choose (*cash/check only*). This way, campers do not have to carry any cash with them at any time. They can "charge" their account during the week for snacks, sodas, T-shirts, pizzas, subs, soccer gear, etc. Whatever money they don't spend will be returned on the last day of camp.
8. **GATORADE PACKAGE FOR PURCHASE:** At check-in/registration, you can purchase a Gatorade package, which includes a water bottle, for \$20.00. This will entitle your camper to fill the water bottle with Gatorade before each of the three daily training sessions (morning, afternoon and evening). The Gatorade refill station will be set up in the quad area at least 15 minutes before departure for each session. It will be your player's responsibility to remember to bring the water bottle in time for the Gatorade refills. Only water bottles purchased this year can be filled with Gatorade before each training session.
9. **DAY CAMPERS:** Campers attending the Elite Academy as a Day Camper must be dropped off at 7:30AM and picked up at 8:45PM at the Gazebo in the Quad of the West Campus Residence Hall and must be signed in and signed out by a parent each time. Day Campers will not receive breakfast but will receive lunch and dinner in the camp dining hall. Day Campers experience a full day of soccer just like any other camper at the Elite Academy, including 3 playing sessions a day.

10. **EARLY DISMISSAL OR LATE ARRIVAL:** For the safety of our campers, we require that you notify us in advance if your player needs to leave earlier than the usual check-out time, or arrive later than the usual check-in time. In either instance, you must notify the camp office by completing the appropriate form (either the Permission for Early Dismissal/Pick-Up Form or the Late Arrival form; see the "Camp Forms" or Frequently Asked Questions section of the website). You can also see camp staff at check-in/registration to fill out the necessary paperwork. If you have not filled out the paperwork, we will not allow your player to leave early. ***Pick-ups/Drop-offs must occur between 7:30AM – 9:30PM.***
11. **CAMPER PICK-UP BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN PARENT:** If your camper will be picked up by someone other than you, either before the end of camp or at the camp's conclusion, please notify us by completing the Permission for Early Dismissal/Pick-Up Form noted above. Please fax or email the completed form to the camp office at 860-674-1704. You may also fill out this form at check-in/registration on the first day.
12. **MEDICAL STAFF:** The Ray Reid Soccer School will have an athletic trainer and a nurse working with the camp at all times. For more serious problems, the camp will transport players to Windham Hospital, located approximately 10 minutes away. The Ray Reid Soccer School, Inc. provides secondary accident/medical insurance.
13. **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:** During normal business hours (between 8:30AM and 4:30PM), please call our camp office at 860-674-1500. If you have an emergency after hours or on the weekend, please send an email message to info@rayreid.com. We will be checking frequently and in the event of a true emergency we will get a message to your player as quickly as possible.
14. **AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:** We do not provide transportation to or from any airport or bus terminals. However, if you do require transportation we recommend contacting Premier Limousine: Toll-Free 1-866-885-5466 or www.premierlimo.net for rates from Bradley International Airport to the UConn Campus in Storrs. Remember to mention you will be attending the "Ray Reid Soccer School."
15. **CAMP CHECK-OUT:** Official Camp Check-Out for Elite Academy I will take place on Thursday, July 18th outside of the West Campus Residence Halls at approximately 11:00AM, following a brief closing ceremony. At check out, you will need to sign your player out of camp, so you will actually need to accompany him to check out. If someone other than you is picking your camper up at the end of camp, you need to complete the Permission for Early Dismissal/Pick-Up form noted above. Breakfast is the last meal provided on the final day of camp.
16. **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CAMPERS/PARENTS/FAMILIES - NATHAN HALE INN:** Hotel Accommodations for **parents/families** are available at the Nathan Hale Inn, conveniently located on the University of Connecticut Campus. ***Campers are not permitted to stay unsupervised at this location.*** The Nathan Hale Inn and Conference Center offers deluxe accommodations while providing high-speed Internet access, convention facilities and fine dining. To make your reservation at The Nathan Hale Inn call 860-427-7888.
17. **CAMP SCHEDULE/LOCATIONS OF GAMES:** You can check Facebook for field locations and schedules for evening matches. We will do our best to post these each day by 11:00AM. Please understand that sometimes last-minute changes are necessary due to weather-related concerns or other issues; we will do our very best to keep the Facebook page updated with the very latest schedule information. To determine which league your player is in for the matches, check the index card he will receive at check-in/registration which will indicate the name of his league.

Please feel free to call the Ray Reid Soccer School camp office at 860-674-1500 with any questions or email us at info@RayReid.com. We look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks at the Ray Reid Soccer School.

Sincerely,

Ray Reid and the Entire Camp Staff

Ray Reid Soccer School Elite Academy Session I: July 14 – 18, 2019

Parents' Information Sheet

Opening Day – Sunday, July 14th

9:30AM	
-2:00PM	Check-in for Day Campers & Residential Campers in Harry A. Gampel Pavilion (enjoy lunch on your own); parents should remain with campers until 2:45PM
2:30PM	Gatorade refills available in the Quad Area for players who purchased a water bottle this year
2:45PM	Introduction – in the Quad of the West Campus Residence Halls – separate into groups (please bring index card given at registration for this meeting)
3:00PM	Leagues depart to fields*
	<p>*Your player's league will be listed on the back of the index card he will receive at registration. Fields and team locations will be announced at registration/opening welcome and are subject to change.</p>
3:15PM	Field Session 1
4:45PM	Depart from fields to prepare for dinner
5:00PM	Dinner at South Dining Hall
5:45PM	Gatorade refills available in the Quad Area for players who purchased a water bottle this year (water is available for all players)
6:00PM	Evening training session
8:45PM	Day Campers' departure from the Gazebo in the Quad of the West Campus Residence Halls (Camper must be signed out through RRSS staff)
8:30PM	Camp Meeting – introduction, rules, daily schedule
10:00PM	Floor Meeting for Campers with Camp Coaches/Staff rooming on the floor
10:25PM	Campers in rooms
10:30PM	Lights out

Closing Day – Thursday, July 18th

7:00AM	Breakfast at South Dining Hall
7:30AM	Check-in Day Campers at the Gazebo in the Quad of the West Campus Residence Halls
7:45AM	Camp meeting explaining check-out procedure; Gatorade refills available in the Quad Area
8:00AM	Groups depart to fields
8:15-11:00AM	**League matches and small sided games at fields
11:00AM	Closing ceremonies at West Campus Residence Halls
11:15AM	Room Check (Rooms must be cleaned out before checking out!), Check-Out and Parent Pick-Up

All campers are to be picked up Thursday, July 18th, at 11:00AM after the closing ceremonies.
Parents are invited to attend the closing ceremonies at West Campus Residence Halls.

DAY CAMPERS:

Following Registration Day, *Drop off* is at 7:30AM Monday – Thursday at the Gazebo in the Quad of the West Campus Residence Halls (IMPORTANT: Each day, Day Campers must be signed in and out by a counselor at the Gazebo in the Quad of the West Campus Residence Halls – please do not just pick up your player.

- *Daily Pick up* is at 8:45PM Sunday - Wednesday at the Gazebo in the Quad of the West Campus Residence Halls
- On Closing Day, *Pick up* is at 11:00AM (Thursday, July 18th) at the Quad of the West Campus Residence Halls.

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