

Greetings Parents!

With camp just around the corner, we hope your campers are just as excited to get here as we are to have them! This welcome letter will provide you with camp info and expectations. You can find the daily schedule and packing list in separate attachments.

At Bear Valley Soccer Camp, we provide high quality soccer training with experienced coaches, but respect the fact that a little fun along the way is always a good thing. During soccer trainings, we expect campers to stay involved and responsive to coaching points, but we hope to also provide some run and relaxation off the field. Expect each athlete/camper to have a full day and be ready for lights out by evening.



Residential Camper Check-In: 9:30am-10am at Bear Valley Lodge

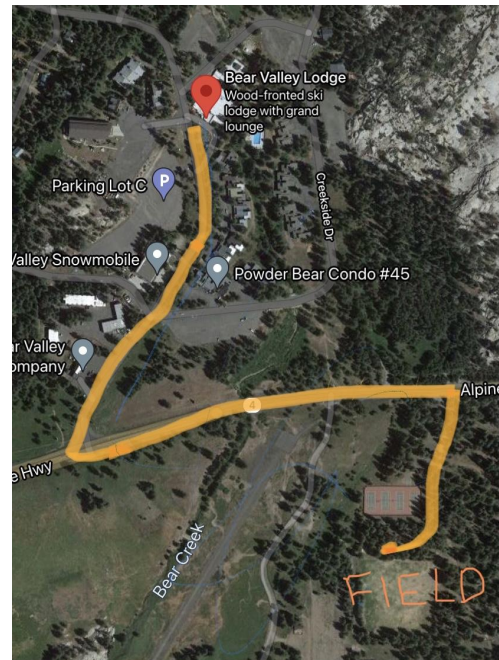
Bear Valley Lodge is located at 265 Bear Valley Road. Campers will check in with the counselors and leave their luggage in the lounge on the first floor. Campers will then need a ride from parents to the Bear Valley Ball Field for orientation and the first soccer session (directions to the field are below). Note: Room assignments and unpacking will happen later that day.

Day Camper Check-In: 9:45am-10:10am at the Bear Valley Ball Field

Directions to the Bear Valley Ball Field: The ball field is located on the south side of Highway 4. Traveling east on Hwy 4, take the first dirt road to the right after passing the airstrip, approximately 100 yards past Bear Valley Road. The entrance will be signed. The dirt road also passes by the tennis courts – a sure sign that you are going the right way. (See map.)

In an effort to promote social interaction and maximum enjoyment of the beautiful Bear Valley setting, electronic entertainment devices are not permitted at camp. Campers will not be allowed to text, Insta-Snap-tweet etc. during camp time. Campers can bring cell phones but are not allowed to make or receive social calls, text, etc. during camp. Time will be permitted each evening for campers to call home as necessary or upon parent request. Please discuss this with your camper. If there is a social function happening, we want the campers present with each other and their surroundings.

I will have my phone with me during camp but be aware that reception is spotty. In the case of an emergency, the best way to get a hold of me is to contact Bear Valley Real Estate at (209) 753-2334, or in an extreme emergency the Bear Valley Sheriff's Station at (209) 753- 2321. The Sheriff's office is just a short distance across the highway from the field, and they know right where to find us.



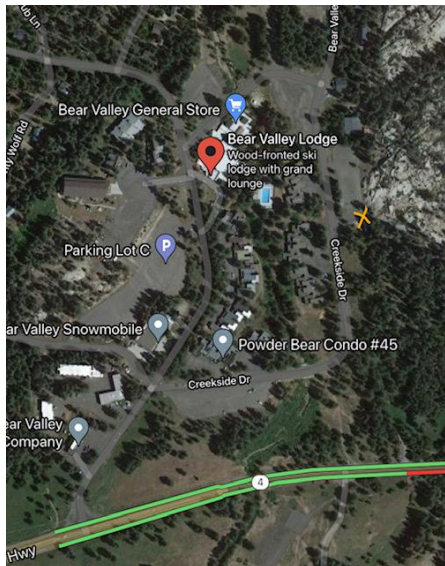
COVID Protocols: I have been in close contact with the Alpine County Health Officer to make sure we provide a safe camp environment amidst this unique time. Thank you for speaking to your camper about the following expectations:

- Please DO NOT send your child to camp if they are feeling ill in any way\*
- Counselors and coaches will be administering symptom checks daily
- Campers will be sent home if they develop a fever, sore throat or cough during camp\*
- Masks are required to be worn while riding the bus and in the Lodge, except while eating or in residential rooms

\* Should a camper fall ill before or during camp, a full or prorated refund will be issued, less the cost of food.

In the entire time Bear Valley Soccer Camp has been operating, there has yet to be a single discipline issue. We expect each camper to treat others with dignity and respect. No hazing, teasing or bullying is tolerated on any level. Coaches and counselors will be encouraging and inclusive, and we expect the same from our campers. In the unlikely event a camper possesses alcohol, drugs, or experiences behavior problems, they will be immediately dismissed from camp. Parents are obligated to pick up their dismissed camper immediately and no refund will be given.

In the Lodge, boys are not permitted on the girl's residential floors and girls are not permitted on the boys' floor for any reason at any time. Day campers are not permitted upstairs on any residential floor for any reason at any time. Once it has been declared bedtime, no campers should congregate afterhours anywhere outside their rooms. There are two gender appropriate young adult counselors who spend the night on each residential floor.



You will see on the schedule that parents and families are welcome to join us for the Final Night Bonfire on Thursday night, as well as the full field scrimmages on Friday afternoon. To find the bonfire at our "secret spot" on Thursday night, go to the far end of the parking lot that is in front of Perry Walther Community Center (marked by the orange X on the picture at left). Follow the path of soccer balls up the granite rock hillside until you find us.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for pictures and updates throughout the week, and don't hesitate to call or email with any questions.

The countdown begins! I can't wait to see, coach, and have fun with all of your campers next week!

Best Regards,  
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