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Santa Cruz Soccer Camp

There's something good happening at Delaveaga Park every summer for our community. The week long camps that run all summer and teach our children soccer skills in a fun noncompetitive way also train our teenagers in leadership development skills. My son started out with this camp as an inexperienced five year old. It captured his spirit. He loved going at least one week a summer to continue learning new skills and to have fun in games with all ages of children. Skills are taught in a playful, uplifting manner that had him out of bed before the alarm clock went off.

Once Bryen hit the teen years, he was interested in learning to be a coach for the younger children in the camp and eventually to work his way into a paying summer job. The leadership development program that Santa Cruz Soccer Camp offers is an excellent way to keep our older kids engaged in a positive direction and gives them the tools to be a leader with the skills and training to assist other children. My son went on to become an assistant coach and he decided to get other training to allow him to be a referee for other clubs when they have their competitive games.

This awesome camp has also trained some of the coaches to become assistant directors and directors of the week to oversee the whole program. Having young adults who have been through the camp as children do the coaching and directing in the camp adds a spark of magic to what goes on every week at Santa Cruz Soccer camp. This is a grass roots service to our community that gives many kids more self esteem and brings fun in the out of doors to keep them developing strong and healthy bodies. The campers also learn to have compassion for younger athletes and to work towards their personal best.

Sincerely,
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