



University of Mobile
Presents the 29th Annual



Soccer for Thinkers



“The Thinking Game”

Coach Roy Patton

SOCCER FOR THINKERS

Camp Director

University of Mobile, Soccer Coach, Dr. Roy Patton conducted his initial camp at the University of South Alabama in 1982. Since that time 130 Soccer for Thinkers Camps have been conducted in the following US states: Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, Oregon, Vermont, New York and Colorado.



This year Coach Roy Patton enters his 26th year as a college coach with a combined record of 307-146-36, having coached at the University of South Alabama, The University of Vermont and currently, the University of Mobile. Coach Patton’s teams have posted 11 conference championship appearances and won 7 outright. All three of his collegiate teams have gained the nation’s top twenty in their respective NCAA and NAIA divisions. Coach Patton has been honored with the Coach of the Year award ten times in his collegiate tenure and most recently for his team’s conference title at the University of Mobile in 2011.

Coach Patton has served as a Regional Olympic Development coach, a State Coaching Director, a professional coach, a youth club technical director and continues to be heavily involved with continuous soccer coaching education.

Soccer for Thinkers Camps will continue to focus on technical skills and players will leave camp with a firm understanding of what is expected and required in terms of technical execution at the next level. Tactical play along with psychological and physiological aspects will be nurtured as age and playing level allow. Beginning in 2012

an emphasis will be placed upon understanding life style requirements as it pertains to reaching the next level.

Assistant Camp Director

University of Mobile Assistant Coach, Daniel Whelan has served as the Assistant Men's Soccer coach since July of 2010. Coach Whelan helped guide the team to the Round of 4 at the 2010 NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship and a regular season conference championship in 2011.

A Manchester, England native Coach Whelan served as a volunteer coach at Embry-Riddle in 2007 and served as interim head coach for the Spring Hill College men's and women's soccer teams in 2009. Before beginning his coaching career at Embry-Riddle, Coach Whelan played for ERAU from 2003-06. The two-time NAIA All-American earned numerous honors in his playing career.

He was also a three-time All-Conference selection as well as the Florida Sun Conference and NAIA Region XIV Player of the Year in 2006. He served as team captain in both his junior and senior campaigns.

Before coming to the United States, he played at the highest level of youth soccer in England, the FA Youth Premier League, with the Blackburn Rovers Football Club in 2001-03.

Soccer for Thinkers Staff Coaches

Norman Whiteside, former Manchester United player and Northern Irish World cup player.

Stephen Small, Irish Cup winner and manager of northern Irish Premier team, Cliftonville F.C.

Colin Carmichael, Oklahoma State University, Head Women's soccer coach.

Billy Sinclair, Irish League manager, former English First Division and NASL player.

Joe McCall, Northern Irish Men's U-18 National team manager.

Tony McCall, current college coach with Regis College in Denver and European Cup participant.

Chris Panayiotou, UEFA, A licensed coach and one of the nation's premier U12 coaches.

Ben John, UEFA, A Licensed coach, Director of Coaching with Rush Wisconsin

Our camp staff will be posted subject to their availability one month prior to start of camp. All coaches will be licensed, experienced and approved by Coach Patton

Example of Soccer for Thinkers Daily Schedule

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7.30 Soccer Breakfast
8:30 Warm-up
8:45 Ball dominance (technical)
9:45 Technical/tactical training I (or Goal keeping)
10:30 Break
10:40 Performance Phase
11:10 Fundamental skill circuit
12:00 Soccer Lunch
12:45 Soccer video
1:15 Technical/tactical training II (or Goal keeping)
2:00 Soccer games
3:30 Swimming
4.00 Prepared and age appropriate Topical Meeting with coaches.
5.00 Soccer Dinner
6.30 Soccer Games
8.30 Camp Debrief

Each day players will take part in activities and will be encouraged to build a **Soccer for Thinkers** folder which they will take home with them at the end of camp (an evaluation will be provided).

Camp Information

Location: University of Mobile, Alabama
Camp Dates: June 3rd - 7th

Residential fee: \$390

- Full Day Camper fee: \$275.
Camp finishes at 8.30 PM Soccer Field
- 3/4 Day camper fee: \$225.
Camp finishes at 4.45PM, Pharr Gym.

Age Groups:

Boy's and Girl's 8 years of age - U18

Question and Answer

Question: What if the weather turns foul before Camp begins?

Bring the merry campers to the Pharr Gym which is located 100 yards from the soccer fields. Locations will be clearly posted. The coaches will figure it out from there!

Question: What if the weather turns foul during camp?

We probably will get a little damp; we will head for Pharr Gym, dry off and figure it out from there?

Question: What if the weather is inclement all day?

We will do our best to keep the experience positive and move between buildings and fields as appropriate. We may sing songs!

Where do I drop my camper off?

At the soccer fields and lots of parking is readily available.

What should I bring?

Residential camper:

Please bring soccer gear, ball, casual clothing for the duration of camp, swim suit, water bottle and toiletries. Try not to bring anything of significant value or gadgets that can be easily broken. Dorms will be supervised and locked.

Day camper:

Please bring a soccer ball, change of clothes, towel, water bottle and swim suit.

Can a day camper stay for the evening?

We encourage day campers to stay for the evening and dinner will be provided. However, younger camper may find that the morning and afternoon activities suffice. The evening is set aside for soccer games.

Do you offer a Team discount?

Yes! A team of 14 or more receives a 10% discount per player.

Can we train as a team?

Yes! This is our preference and whenever feasible we will try to keep a team intact.

What will my child learn?

We will have age group specialist coaches on staff who work specifically with player grouping as follows: Junior U9, U10, Intermediate (middle school) and Senior (High School).

What happens in case of an emergency?

Each coach will have a parent or guardian's telephone numbers and calls will be placed as needed.

Can I call and talk to someone?

Please call Assistant Camp Director, Coach Daniel Whelan 251 442 2396 or Email dwhelan@mail.umobile.edu. Coach Patton can be reached at rpatton@mail.umobile.edu

Will I receive any more information?

Yes! One month before camp commences we will Email directions, reminders, camp waiver, and all pertinent information. Any special provisions can be made at this time.

For your convenience The University of Mobiles Men's Soccer Team website <http://www.umobile.edu/Athletics/MensSports/Soccer.aspx>

Coach Patton's pledge:

You have my personal promise that your child will be kindly and courteously treated and that our coaches will do all in their power to provide a top flight soccer camp experience.

Kindest Regards,
Roy Patton

See next page for registration

Registration

Campers Name _____ / _____

First

Last

Address: _____ / _____

Number

Street

City

Zip

Tel # _____ / _____

Area Code

#

Gender: Male Female Age at time camp begins: _____

Team name (if applicable): _____

Please check here if you would like a roommate preference

Specify shirt size: Adult XL L M S
Child XL L M S

Email address: _____

Please send a refundable deposit, made payable to Roy Patton for \$95
Dorm space is limited to 84 beds and early registration is therefore recommended.

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