To Whom It May Concern:

Hello, My name is Kyle Gray. I am working with Ara Tamzarian, Clemson University Paralympic Soccer, U.S. Soccer Federation, NH Topsoccer, and Manchester North Soccer League on a Veterans Affairs Adaptive Soccer Camp for 2022. This will be our second camp after a successful 2021 camp. The dates for the camp will be July 29-31.

 **What are adaptive sports?**

Adaptive sports are where people with any disability can play their individual sport without feeling alienated because of a disability. Because of this, we have been given the opportunity to bring insight into the world of adaptive soccer. While adaptive soccer has many adaptations to the sport like Blind, Power, Amputee, and Topsoccer. We focus on a few different soccer types during our camp: CP/TBI Soccer, Blind soccer, and Topsoccer. Each has its own rules governed by its respective international counterpart or state/country governing bodies. This gives you a good taste of what you can expect when involved in an adaptive sport.

 **Our main goal and what is included in the camp?**

Our goal is to introduce veterans to adaptive soccer and provide them with an opportunity to get a Coaching and Mental Health First Aid Certification. We will also provide resources for participants that want to get involved within their communities after camp.

1. Gain knowledge and training in adaptive soccer (CP/TBI Soccer, Blind Soccer,
2. Receive U.S. Soccer Coach Grassroots Certification
3. Receive Mental Health First Aid Certification
4. Attend a fun community event
5. Exposure to alternative adaptive sports experiences
6. Lunch and dinner are provided each day of camp
7. Meet other veterans and professionals
8. Gain lifelong memories
9. Lodging and transportation will be provided as needed and will be determined on a case-by-case basis

**Who is eligible for the camp?**

We are currently looking for any interested Injured Military veterans and active/reserve/guard members of the Armed Forces (PTSD, TBI, visual Impairment given preference) and any workers providing supportive roles. Our limit for this year’s camp is a maximum of 20. Registration is **free** and open until the start of camp.

**\*Our top priority is any injured or disabled veterans. They will be the ones to fill the slots first.\***

**Other projects and other resources:**

This isn’t the only event or project we put on throughout the year. Any other events will also be posted on <https://www.fuunevents.com/>

 We also have a gardening project with 6 locations in Manchester, NH. These are community-based gardens. For more information on this program, please go to <https://www.fuunevents.com/gardens/>.

For more information on the soccer camps, you can go to:

<https://www.mnsl.org/paralympic-soccer-camp>

<http://clemsonparalympicsoccer.org>

Or you can watch our video we put together for the 2021 camp here:

<https://vimeo.com/612928301/5ecb347623>

 Thank you for taking the time to read through our letter, and if you have any questions for us, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us. And we look forward to growing these projects for years to come and making a stronger community and State.

Sincerely,

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