

Why is MYS camp **free**?

Rovel S. Sparkes, President & Founder, has fond memories of soccer in his neighborhood of Kingston, Jamaica, not only as an opportunity to share his skills and talents as a player but also as a vehicle for building community. Noting high soccer fees, he decided to enlist the support of his fellow soccer players to provide an experience like he had as a “yute.”

In 2008, he began selling hats and t-shirts to raise funds, covering the cost for the first camp. Now MYS is operating on a completely volunteer basis, mostly so that everyone, adults included, can have fun and enjoy the beautiful game.

Is MYS camp for “**under-privileged**” kids?”

The MYS mission and vision encompasses all children. We are not focused on one label or another used to describe privilege. The criteria used to ensure diversity is zip code. We boast 11-18 different zip codes in our camps, none overly weighted, providing access to high quality soccer camps and to a diverse, socio-economic environment.

Does my child need to wear soccer **shoes**?

Soccer shoes are recommended. Although, since Oakland Technical High School athletic field is turf, flat sneakers just might work. We also have trade options. Bring in a “previously enjoyed” pair of soccer shoes and we likely may have a pair just your size!

What else should my child **wear** to MYS camp?

Shorts and a **t-shirt** are most comfortable for soccer camp. We will provide an official MYS t-shirt that we expect the children to wear **every day**. And yes, that’s free too! Please no sweats or full school clothes. We just may have some soccer socks as well if needed. Check in with us on day 2 or 3.

Will **snacks** be provided?

We provide water and you provide the water bottle (with child’s name written clearly on the bottle please).

We also provide fruits during the week and a catered lunch for the campers, mentors, and coaches for our Friday celebration (yes, that’s free too!)

Please DO NOT send your child with liquids that are colored (**i.e. no soda, gatorade, etc**) or a full lunch, candy, or chips.

The field use is strictly monitored and we could be fined.