Greetings!

I hope that all of you are enjoying your summer! Ben and I have been working hard in order to make this coming fall season a success. We set a quality foundation together last fall and winter as we trained and learned about each other. This fall promises to be another exciting time together. We have a tremendous class coming in to join us. I would like to welcome these persons into our program. The following is a list of individuals who have contacted me, deposited and informed me of their desire to play collegiate soccer:

Tammy Dewulf   Findlay High School, OH
Ashley Short   Archbold High School, OH
Eva Voth   Bluffton High School, OH
Ashley Bloom   Tiffin-Calvert High School, OH
Kenzy Meyer   Hilliard Darby High School, OH
Talia Kauffman   Graham High School, OH
Gina Elsea   Findlay High School, OH
Theresa Lipski   Perrysburg High School, OH

Please keep the following in mind:

**Sunday August 22** – First day of preseason

4:00PM Team Meeting – We will meet in a conference room located in Marbeck (the dining hall)
7:00PM both men’s and women’s teams will meet at the Smucker home for dinner, croquet, volleyball, and zipline? (No swimming in our glass-filled creek this year!)

Training will begin the following Monday morning. Plan on three sessions a day. (Two on the field, and one in the classroom) A detailed outline of the training sessions and topics will be presented at the Sunday meeting. This week will be quite intense, physically and mentally. We have a great deal of work to do in a short amount of time. In order to do this, you need to come in appropriate physical shape! Also, those desiring to represent Bluffton on the soccer field must be present for pre-season. If you cannot make this initial date, you must contact me ASAP to discuss your situation.

I want to do all that I can to help you develop both as an individual and as a soccer athlete. This is going to be a great fall!

I hope that this information is helpful. If you have questions regarding the dates, please feel free to call or email. More information will be coming out in July.

Blessings!

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P.S. This letter along with our summer mailing will be located on the college soccer website as well.