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Irish, English coaches at Keyes elite soccer camp

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Young soccer players and those who want to learn the game can hardly wait for the start of Monday's annual Brendan Keyes Academy elite soccer camp.

Registration is still open for the 5-day camp for boys and girls ages 5-18 to be held at Resoft Park in Alvin. Camp cost is \$75 for registered Alvin players and \$150 for non-Alvin registered players. The camp starts Monday, July 27 and ends Friday, July 31.

The unique part about this camp is that the staff includes former pros such as Keyes, who played for the Houston Hurricane. Keyes has more credentials that a wallet can handle. He is a sanctioned professional USSF coach, plus he has FAI Football Association of Ireland experience, along with Soccer Management and Scouting Sports Management Worldwide. In other words, he can make a talented player into a star.

That's not all who will be at this camp.

Former Irish Women's National Soccer Coach Noel Mulhall will again make an appearance as an instructor and counselor. In addition, English coach Jerry Campbell will also be on hand to round out the foreign contingent. And you can't forget the experienced players and instructors at the Keyes Academy.

Campers will receive a camp T-shirt and 15 hours of training. Those coming out of the camp will know all the basics of soccer from dribbling, ball handling and shooting.

There will also be photo ops with Mulhall, Campbell and Keyes and the rest of the crew.

The camp's final day will feature free pizza or pasta and MVP and penalty presentations at Capones Grill and the T-shirts and photos and autographs from all the coaches.

For fast information call Keyes at 832-748-1001. You can also email him at bk.kicks@rocketmail.com. Online applications are available at www.brendankeyes.com or www.alvinsoccer.org.

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One of the fun drills for the campers is to try to go one-on-one for a goal against Brendan Keyes.

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