Old Town Academy Summer 2012 • Teacher Bios

One-Week Sessions • 3 Courses Every Day Taught by Master Teachers • Music ✦ Language ✦ Sports

	Course Title	Coaches	Course Goals ✦ Teaching Philosophy
	Music: ❑ Piano Lab: Performance, Reading Music, Composing, Recording "Video Songs"	********  **ANDY INGERSOLL** (music educator, director, arranger) is excited to be involved in the summer program at OTA. His experience as a summer camp instructor is extensive, having taught at the JCC in La Jolla, the San Diego Junior Theatre, CAST Productions in Fallbrook, ACT San Diego, and the California Youth Conservatory. National Tours include Footloose, The Music Man, and Titanic. Regional work includes music directing and arrangements for The Weathermen at the La Jolla Playhouse. Locally, he's worked on over twenty shows at the Lawrence Welk Resort, including Evita, Oklahoma!, and Joseph. Andy holds a Masters in piano performance from the University of Surrey, UK, and is finishing a Masters in British Literature at San Diego State University.	******** Andy believes a fun, well-rounded music education is essential when learning piano. If students can learn a variety of styles, they will carry more confidence as a musician. While the old-fashioned daily grind of practicing scales continues to yield results, the 21st Century musical climate will require musicians to command authority across several skill sets. He intends to prepare OTA Summer Camp participants for a colorful musical world full of sight-reading, computer music, composition, recording techniques, and standard classical piano playing.
	Music: ❑ Violin & Orchestra	********  **MIKHAIL BORISOVSKY** has taught violin and piano privately to all ages for 15 years. He has conducted orchestras in public and private schools throughout San Diego. He studied music (violin and composition) at UCSD and studied violin under the Berlin Philharmonic concertmaster, Janos Negyesy. Mischa studied composition under the Grawemeyer-Award Winning composer, Chinary Ung.	******** Mikhail has developed a level system that very quickly advances beginner violin students giving them the skills needed to play in an orchestra. The system emphasizes learning to read and play music violin music. Students study classical pieces, along with popular movie themes (like Star Wars) and fiddle music.

Sports:

❑ Greater SD Soccer

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Andres Ramirez is a San Diego native that has played soccer for the past 12 years of his life. Starting his career in the local North Park AYSO recreational league, he then proceeded on to local competitive soccer club Albion SC where he helped win the club's first National Cup title. After graduating high-school two years early and attending San Diego City College at the early age of 15, he received a merit scholarship to attend St. Lawrence University for his academic, athletic, and musical accolades.

Andres is now a defensive-midfielder for NCAA men's soccer powerhouse, St. Lawrence University Saints, as well as the captain for US Club Soccer's, SoCal Elite U-23 squad. Aside from his experience as a player, Andres has donated many hours coaching, inspiring, and developing young players from all-over the San Diego county area through coaching. He obtains a vast amount of experience not only as a player, but also in dealing with players of varying caliber both in the individual and group setting.

The **Greater Area of San Diego Soccer Camp** emphasizes the importance of skill development and game understanding. It is a coach's primary goal to see an improvement from the beginning of the week to the end of the week in each and every player.

We are passionate about teaching players to have fun developing **a competitive attitude** and are committed to making each player better regardless of their current level of play.

Foreign Language:

❑ Spanish Immersion

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Martha Chousal. Spanish teacher with more than 15 years of experience, I'm a native Spanish speaker from Monterrey Mexico, graduated as Elementary teacher I have been teaching children from 18 months to 13 years old and also tutoring high school and middle school students, after moving from Mexico to SD I realized the importance of being bilingual my children were young and they started this process in a very natural way specially the youngest who came here when he was two and a few month later he would ask people; English or Spanish?

World Voices SD is a full language immersion for kids with a unique approach to get your children into new languages, with a fun adventure learning method in WVSD we believe that the best time to start the process of leaning a second language is during the first years of life, If a child gets exposed to a foreign language before puberty he will be able to learn in a more natural way without translating and without accent. Growing up bilingual is just as natural as growing up monolingual. At this moment we have classes at OTA, TCPS, and some other in private locations.

11:45 *12:45*	**Foreign Language:** ❑ Mandarin Immersion	********  Eagle Wang. I'm a Chinese university graduate majoring in English translation. I'm a native Mandarin speaker in China I taught English to children in China and here in SD I started to teach Mandarin as a second language to English speakers children and adults. I worked as a part-time English teacher during my school vacations for three years in China. I enjoy working and leaning from the children here at OTA and the other schools we are working on. It will be a pleasure to continue with the Mandarin program during the summer with more fun summer related activities, in Mandarin.	