



Meet The Summer Camp Staff 2020

"Experience is the best teacher!"



Gretchen Schantz

Camp Director

- TRFC Director of Tennis and Tennis Professional.
- Has coached TRFC Camps since 2005.
- Head Tennis Coach at Pima Community College from 2006-2017.
- NCJAA National Coach of the year 2013.



Sam Ciulla

Camp Director

- Associate Head Tennis Pro at Tucson Racquet Club for 41 years.
- Worked with Fred Stolle and Margaret Court as part of the Racquet Club Ranch.
- Most Famous Lesson: Oscar winner Charlton Heston most famous for playing Moses in "The Ten Commandments" and "Ben Hur".
- The "face" of the famous "Ciulla Buck"



Samantha Ruth

Public Health Advisor/Office Manager

- Master's in Public Health from George Washington University
- Assisting Camp adapt and reopen safely with critical public health considerations during the COVID-19 pandemic
- B.S. in Microbiology & minor in BioChem from UofA
- One of Summer Camp's favorite past campers and tennis coaches
- 3 Team & 3 Individual H.S. State Tennis Championship Titles



Nelson Payne

Tennis Camp Director

- Nelson has been with TRFC Camps since 2007.
- Tennis Professional and works with all levels from juniors to adults.
- Teaching Pro for Tucson Community Tennis Program.
- Head Pro at San Angelo's Brentwood Country Club and Director of Tennis at College Hills Country Club
- Most Famous Lessons: Hailey and Tatum Rochin (former campers and coaches) ranked #1 in the Southwest.



Bel Haoula

Soccer Camp Director

- Currently the "Technical Director" for Real Salt Lake Southern Arizona, Tucson's connection to the MLS Team.
- Bel has 20+ years of coaching experience at the youth level.
- Former professional soccer player
- Tunisian National Team youth player
- 3 time Arizona State Champion

Bradley Vanek

Head Swim Coach

- Bradley returns for his 3rd summer as everyone's favorite swim coach
- Certified Lifeguard and swimming instructor for 10 years including public pools for the City of Phoenix
- Coaches the high school swim team at The Gregory School—where he also teaches French, Chinese and Chess!!

Dustin Schroeder

Soccer Camp Head Coach

- Coached in Kansas City since 2015 and recently joined RST Southern AZ coaching staff
- Former collegiate soccer player
- Holds a "D" coaching license
- Degree in Exercise Science and Certified Personal Trainer
- Former Director of Soccer For Success, free after school program
- Extensive training in Youth Development and certified in youth mental health, first aide, and childhood trauma care.



Amber Bender

Soccer Camp Head Coach

- Grew up playing soccer in Southern California
- Played for Pima Community College NJCAA DI
- Transferred to the Barry Buccaneers in Miami, FL
- Played semi-pro for TSAFC in 2014
- 11 years coaching experience, ages 3-18
- USSF D National License
- Currently coaching for Real Salt Lake of Southern AZ

Gregg Baker

Tennis Coach

- Gregg has been with TRFC Camps since 2011
- USPTA Certified Tennis Professional and works with all levels from juniors to adults for over 20 years
- Director of Tennis at La Mariposa Fitness/Club 2000-2011
- Assistant Tennis Pro at Canyon Ranch Spa and Resort from 1994 - 2000; clients included Julia Roberts and Dustin Hoffman
- Assistant Pro at Westward Look Resort from 1993 - 2000

SOME FUN FACTS ABOUT SOME OF OUR COACHES.



Tennis coach **Rita Bermudez** played Division I tennis for University of Idaho. Currently a USPTA certified Tennis Profession at TRFC. ♦ Pee Wee Tennis Coach, **Lydia Carlson** was the Head Coach for the Girls Tanque Verde High School Team for 4 years & is a 6th grade science teacher ♦ **Peris Lopez** is a former State High School Tennis Champion playing for Catalina Foothills H.S. and a sophomore at Georgetown University! ♦ **Noelle Karp** is the Camp Office Manger and former State High School Tennis Champion playing for Catalina Foothills H.S., ranked top 20 in the NJCAA while playing for Pima CC Tennis in and was the fundraiser chairman while playing for the UofA Club Tennis Team ♦

