

DECEMBER 30th, 2015- 61 FOOTBALL PLAYERS & 20 CHEERLEADERS CHECKED IN TO MARRIOTT ORLANDO WORLD VILLAGE RESORT EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVED A SWAG COURTESY OF XP AND UNDER ARMOUR CONTAINING SNEAKERS, CLEATS, SLIDES, FLIP FLOPS, T-SHIRTS, SHORTS, SOCKS, GAME UNIFORMS, AND MORE. THAT EVENING THEY DINED AS A TEAM FOR THE FIRST TIME AND ATTENDED A WELCOME ADDRESS BY FORMER ALL-PRO LINEBACKER LAVAR ARRINGTON. JOINING LAVAR ARRINGTON AND ADDRESS THE PLAYERS WAS 2007 SUPER BOWL CHAMPION NY GIANT WR PLAXICO BURRESS. RYAN STEINBERG FROM THE NCAA EDUCATED THE PARENTS ON THE COLLEGE RECRUITING PROCESS.

DECEMBER 31st, 2015-AFTER BREAKFAST WE ALL DEPARTED THE HOTEL FOR GATEWAY HS FOR PRACTICE SESSION #1. AFTER PRACTICE WE WERE BUSED TO THE DISNEY WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS TO BE THE GUESTS OF UNDER ARMOUR AT THE HIGH SCHOOL SKILLS CHALLENGE. OUR AYF PLAYERS WERE SEEN ON ESPN DURING THIS EVENT. WE RETURNED TO THE HOTEL TO A SPECIAL ADDRESS FROM FORMER NFL PLAYER, HEAD COACH, & CURRENT ESPN ANALYST HERM EDWARDS. HERM EDWARDS WAS A DYNAMIC SPEAKER AND CAPTIVATED OUR PLAYERS ATTENTION. WE THEN HAD NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER AS A TEAM FOLLOWED BY 2 HOURS OF AYF ONLY DEDICATED FUN AND GAMES IN THE UNDER ARMOUR PLAYER'S LOUNGE.

JANUARY 1st, 2015-AFTER BREAKFAST THE FOOTBALL PLAYERS DEPARTED FOR GATEWAY HS FOR PRACTICE SESSIONS #2 and #3 (7 HOURS OF PRACTICE). DURING THE DOUBLE SESSION BREAK OUR PLAYERS WERE TREATED TO LUNCH BY A LOCAL BARBECUE CATERER AT GATEWAY HS. THE CHEERLEADERS STAY AT THE MARRIOTT AND PRACTICED IN THE BALLROOM AND THE OUTDOOR GRASS AREA. AFTER DINNER WE WERE INVITED TO THE UNDER ARMOUR HS ALL AMERICAN JERSEY CEREMONY. WE WERE AGAIN TREATED TO SUCH SPEAKERS AS LAVAR ARRINGTON, HERM EDWARDS, & STEVE MARIUCCI.

JANUARY 2nd GAMEDAY- AFTER BREAKFAST WE DEPARTED THE HOTEL FOR THE CITRUS BOWL. PRE-GAME WALK THRU ON THE AUXILLARY FIELD FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT STADIUM. WE THEN TOOK OUR RESERVED SEATS ON THE 50 YARD LINE AND WATCHED THE TOP 10 HS FOOTBALL PLAYERS IN AMERICA PLAY IN THE UNDER ARMOUR HS ALL AMERICAN GAME. 4PM HAS FINALLY COME AND THE XP AYF 8TH GRADE ALL STAR GAME IS ABOUT TO START NOT BEFORE BOTH TEAMS WERE

TREATED TO THE KING OF HYPE COACH DON COX GOT THEM FIRED UP IN THE TUNNEL PRIOR TO PRE-GAME ANNOUNCEMENTS. THE GAME WAS ARGUABLY BETTER THAB THE HS GAME. AT HALFTIME OUR CHEERLEADERS TREATED THE CROWD WITH AN ELECTRIFYING PERFORMANCE. THE FINAL SCORE OF THE GAME WAS THE WEST 35 THE EAST 24. SOME NOTABLE HIGHLIGHTS WERE TOMMY CHRISTAKOS FROM THE WEST KICKING A 32 YARD FIELD GOAL, BOTH TEAMS RECOVERING ON SIDE KICKS AND BOTH TEAMS WERE PERFECT ON EXTRA POINT KICKS. SPECIAL TEAMS WAS DEFINITELY ON DISPLAY. KEVIN BAUMAN FROM THE EAST HAD 3 TD CATCHES ON THE DAY. THE SCORE DIDN'T MATTER AT THE END 81 KIDS WON BECAUSE OF THE EFFORTS OF AYF, XP, AND UNDER ARMOUR.

UPON RETURNING TO THE HOTEL WE DINED FOR THE LAST TIME AS A TEAM, TEAM AYF/AYC. THE WEEK WAS OVER BUT THE FRIENDSHIPS MADE WILL LAST A LIFETIME.