

The Annual AYF National All Star Game Week was another huge success.

The West All Stars, East All Stars, and Cheer All Stars enjoyed a full week of activities, practice, interaction, and fun.

The General Managers and Coaching Staffs provided leadership and direction along with support from the National Staff, JWT, Intersport and the Marines.

The week started off with an inspiring AYF Welcome Address from Captain Andrew Holmes of the Marines. Following the Address, it was time for Team Meetings, Swag Bag Pick Up, meeting teammates, and then time for rest!

**Day One:** Practice took place for the football players at Westminster High School and the players mixed it up right away to put in work and competed for playing time - Which is where the true value of the All Star Experience takes place! The Cheerleaders practiced at the hotel and worked on formations, stunts, and installations.

After practices the entire group loaded up on the PT Party Buses, official Transportation provider for the AYF National All Star game for last 3 years. Concourse Bowl was the next destination for the Annual All Star Team Bowling Challenge where the teams were mixed with East, West, Cheerleaders, and Staff. Everyone bowled, ate pizza, and then headed back to the hotel.

**Day Two:** The Football Players and Cheerleaders loaded up the Busses and headed back to Westminster High School for Practice #2. The sessions were intense as the East and West teams started dialing in their game plans and fully installed their offensive and defensive schemes. Each coach asked for extra practice time and got it, as well as the cheerleaders! Following the long practice session, Jersey Mike's Subs hit the spot for post-practice lunch, which they provided each day for the players and staff - Thanks to Clarissa of Jersey Mike's Subs in Fullerton!

When the players arrived back at the hotel, they enjoyed some personal time and many took naps, played video games, or just relaxed. The Annual President's Dinner and AYF/AYC All Star Awards Banquet and Jersey Ceremony was next, which took place at Dave and Buster's Orange. Prior to loading the busses for that, all the football players were treated to a College Recruiting Seminar, conducted by AYF All Star Director/West GM Phill Lomax and Camp AYF Director, James McKinney. The Seminar touched on all aspects of the recruiting process as these players embark upon their high school journeys. Each player was focused on the information and filled their notepads with all the nuggets that were provided.

The Banquet and Jersey Ceremony was first class and featured AYF President, Joe Galat, as he provided the Key Note Address. There was a great dinner, photos, cake, interactions, and of course all of this was followed by video game play. All the players and cheerleaders made their way to the game floor and had unlimited game access for 2 hours.

**Day Three:** This day started off with the Dick's Sporting Goods Media Day and Shop Day at the Huntington Beach location. Thanks to Brad Coonradt for his continued support. The Cheerleaders lined the entrance and cheered as the All Stars entered the Store for a few great words from Brad, followed by interviews, shopping, and more swag pickup. Thanks Brad!

Following Media Day, the final practices put the final touches on the game plan - special teams and substitutions were the focus.

Following Practice, the busses stopped at the beach for lunch and ice cream. The All Stars enjoyed the California Sun, more Jersey Mike's Subs and Hubert's Lemonade for all.

Upon returning to the Hotel, the players were treated to a session with 2 of the Semper Fidelis High School All Americans. The players had an interactive session with the players, told them about their journey, the dedication required on and off the field, and answered questions as they shared a few laughs.

From there, the players had time to shower and get ready for the AYF Family Dinner Night at Buca Di Beppo. Everyone enjoyed the pregame dinner as well as the gifts that they received from 2Tone Cleat Covers. All players were treated to a pair of All Star version. The cheerleaders were treated to an interactive information session about college cheerleading with a surprise visit from the UCLA Cheer Coach. The AYF All Stars learned about College Cheerleading and What it takes to prepare both on and off the mat.

**Game Day!** Players met at the hotel, enjoyed pregame snacks, and loaded the busses focused and determined. The Busses arrived under the StubHub Center, they all went to their respective locker rooms, conducted pregame warmups, back to the locker for pre game speeches, and they to the Tunnel for introductions, a beautiful national anthem by Renee West, and then coin toss. Thanks to APN Video Sports for the game coverage. Go to <http://www.americanyouthfootball.com/events/all-star> for all the game highlights!