

Pre Campus Visit Preparation Checklist

Campus visits are a big step in the recruiting process. It is often after a campus visit that interest from a school really gains momentum and things can happen fast. Prepare for visits accordingly. Knowing the basics and having a plan will make conversation with coaches easier and allow you to simply be yourself.

Here's what to do to prepare:

Know the program basics:

- ☐ Division and level
- ☐ Conference
- ☐ Recent track record (Wins/Losses)
- ☐ Rival schools or conference foes
- ☐ Coaching staff history (How long have coaches been there? Have they had success? Where did they coach before? What is the reputation?)
- ☐ Successful alums
- ☐ Some program history

Know the basics about the school:

- ☐ Correct name
- ☐ Size
- ☐ Brief history
- ☐ What is it known for?

Clarify the role of your parent/support person in advance:

- ☐ What is your game plan? Discuss appropriate role of parent/support person in advance
- ☐ Have support person come with questions prepared
- ☐ Support person as important listener, you as the main voice

Show up prepared:

- ☐ Bring updated copies of your transcript and test scores
- ☐ Have a goal for the visit in mind (get information, get offer, learn more, make a commitment, etc.)

Prepare questions:

- ☐ What do you want to know? (Coaching and training philosophies, opportunity to play, roster questions, daily schedule questions, academic support resources, etc.)
- ☐ What do you need to know? (Cost of attendance, level of interest, etc.)
- ☐ Write questions down so you don't forget in the moment

Remind yourself of appropriate day-of-visit behavior:

- ☐ Wear nice, clean set of clothes
- ☐ Address the coaches more formally ("yes sir", "yes coach" until established otherwise)
- ☐ Phone on silent and away for entire visit
- ☐ Speak and answer for yourself (don't defer to parents)
- ☐ Be present in the moment and be engaged
- ☐ Be honest and be the best version of yourself

