



President's Corner

Political Circus

The TV show about politics called *The Circus* got me thinking about the difference between man and beast. If you have too often heard politicians say that they are running for public office because they answered their "calling", now everyone is under the circus big top. The word public service has many meanings. In the case of service industries, i.e. water, electric, phone and internet, the services are vital and taken for granted. However, in the area of Public Service, meaning those who hold public office, we can only hope they perform an equally valuable service.

I find the words "I had a calling" very suspect. Every calling starts with a self-awareness of your ability to be helpful to others. It is said that the two most important days in a life are the day you are born and the day you realize why you were born. I guess you could say that this second day is your calling. Many of my teammates became policeman. Of my children, five of them or their spouse are teachers. My brother-in-law is a fireman. My uncles were all in the military and my closest friends were also military, policeman, and fireman as well as football coaches. I have many memories of these who answered their calling. One common trait was the desire to make life better for those they served.

To read the rest of *Political Circus* [click here](#).



The AYF/AYC Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed upon an AYF Administrator or Coach. All of our inductees have worked with youth for 25 years or more. Giving ones time to the youth of America... is the most significant charity of all.

"Honoring a decade of committed youth ambassadors who have given themselves, selflessly to guiding youth athletes for over a century."

The following inductees will be honored at the 2016 AYF/AYC National Championship Hall of Fame Ceremony:

 Mike Jannuzzi Jackson, NJ	 Kim Scott Baltimore, MD	 Xavier Smith Tucson, AZ
 Leon Mclean Hyatsville, MD	 John Stepney Winston Salem, NC	 Harold Gilliard Houston, TX



Matt's Message

Who's the best?

As the seasons wind down, that question will be answered and champions will be crowned. Healthy competition is a great thing. Our young people need to learn how to win and how to lose. This is something they need to know throughout their lives.

To read the rest of *Who's the Best?* [click here](#).

AYF Announces Partnership With Sport Testing Inc.



Sport Testing Inc. uses a combination of testing hardware, monitoring software, and applications to assess both general athleticism and sport-specific skills. This seamless process will enable athletes to view and compare their scores to players that have been tested previously and are in the Sport Testing database. Professional athletes such as Connor McDavid, Andrew Wiggins, and Tristan Thompson represent a few of the elite

Member Services

Attention All Administrators



Conner Medina, Andrew Wiggins, and Milton Thompson represent a few of the elite athletes that have been tested by the company. The technology has been used by many NHL, NFL, NCAA, NLL, KHL and AFL teams and players, as well as youth sports organizations globally. To read the full release [click here](#).

ROSTERS ARE NOW PAST DUE!!

[Click here for more information.](#)



Sample AYF/AYC Risk Management Plan

[Click here](#) for more info and sample plans.



2016 New Associations

[Click here](#) to see new associations for 2016.



[Click here](#) to learn about our annual awards.

Check out Past Events!

National Championships

All-Star Game

Hall of Fame

In Case You Missed It:

[September Huddle](#)

[September Sponsor Offers](#)

AYF GIVING BACK SPOTLIGHT



Here's a heart-warming and inspiring story about an American Youth Football game from the North East division of the Big Beach Conference in Augusta, Georgia. Noah Williams is 7 years old. He was born 3 1/2 month early and was not expected to live. Bound to a wheelchair, with major developmental and cognitive delays, he has still defeated all odds. Saturday, September 17th at T.W. Josey High School, the CSRA Ravens 12U team was playing the West Augusta Wildcats and the Ravens welcomed their newest brother aboard. Noah, "The Champ", was able to score his first touchdown as he was wheeled down the field by teammate #99, Payton "The Bulldozer" Flanders. The community also had banded together to make a donation to Noah's mom, Naomi Williams, to support her efforts in purchasing a wheel-chair accessible van for growing Noah. Today, it was bigger than football. Much, much bigger.

Highlight Video: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=qCmCfaCT6-s>

Original Story Post: <https://www.facebook.com/CSRARavens/posts/1614943752138626>

#TeamNoah's Information Page: www.facebook.com/teamnoah09

If you or someone you know has FOOTBALL or CHEER uniforms/equipment to donate please contact [AYF GIVING BACK](#) so that we can kick off the spirit of 'giving back' this season.

2016 Regional Championships






REGION	HOST CONFERENCE	LOCATION	SPORT	VENUE	DATES
ATLANTIC	SOUTHERN MARYLAND AYF	WALDORF, MD UPPER MARLBORO, MD	FOOTBALL CHEER	NORTH POINT HS/GWYNNE PARK HS	11/11-13 11/13
BIG EAST	TEAM MARYLAND NJAYF	BALTIMORE, MD TRENTON, NJ	FOOTBALL CHEER	POLY HIGH SCHOOL SUN BANK CENTER	11/19-20 11/19
DESERT PACIFIC	PHOENIX AYF TUCSON AYF	GILBERT, AZ TUCSON, AZ	FOOTBALL CHEER	WILLIAMS FIELD HIGH SCHOOL TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER	11/19-20 11/20
MIDWEST	CHICAGO AYF	CHICAGO, IL CHICAGO, IL	FOOTBALL CHEER	MARIET HIGH SCHOOL MARIET HIGH SCHOOL	11/18-20 11/20
MOUNTAIN NORTHWEST	NOR-CAL AYF	OAKLAND/SAN JOSE, CA SAN JOSE, CA	FOOTBALL CHEER	MICCLYMONDS/OAK GROVE HS INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL	11/20 10/23
NEW ENGLAND	CONNECTICUIT YFC	MERIDEN, CT HARTFORD, CT	FOOTBALL CHEER	FALCON FIELD XL CENTER	11/20 11/19
SOUTHEAST	MANATEE AYF	LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL BRADETTON, FL	FOOTBALL CHEER	PREMIER SPORTS COMPLEX BRADEN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL	11/17-20 11/20



As November chill quickly approaches, the heat of the 2016 AYF Regional Championships remain in focus. From New England to the Big East, to the Mountain Northwest and the Desert Pacific, coaches, instructors, athletes and parents are gearing up for a chance to compete for a true regional title and a trip

SOUTHWEST	NTX UNITED/NTX DALLAS	DALLAS, TX	FOOTBALL CHEER	TBD	11/19-20	to AYF Nationals in December. For all of your AYF regional questions and host contacts please click here .
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ARE YOU READY FOR NATIONALS?

 	 <p>ASEP REQUIRED All coaches bringing teams to Regionals OR Nationals MUST have completed the ASEP AYF/AYC Coaches course and print the certificate to be certified.</p> <p>www.ayfcoaching.com</p>	 <p>READY TO PARTY? This year's AYF/AYC National Championships Party will be at Universal's Islands of Adventure on Thursday, December 8th from 7pm-11pm.</p> <p>Click here to learn more and purchase.</p>	 <p>501c3 STATUS As we all know 501c3 status is an important component in running your youth football and cheer program. 501c3 status allows you to solicit and accept donations that are exempt from federal taxes and is a requirement when applying to States' for your sales tax exemptions certificate.</p> <p>Click here to see how to check your status.</p>
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2016 National Championship Schedules

2016 AYF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 3rd, 2016 9am-5pm
TEAM CHECK-IN OMNI CHAMPIONSGATE RESORT HEAD
COACHES-MEETING 7pm


DECEMBER 4th-9th, 2016
AYF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AUSTIN TINDALL
REGIONAL PARK KISSIMEE, FLORIDA
SPORT TESTING COMBINES 1/2, 5&12 / 6 (TIMES TBA)

DECEMBER 7th, 2016 7pm
AYF HALL OF FAME CEREMONY
OMNI CHAMPIONSGATE RESORT (INVITATION ONLY)

DECEMBER 8th, 2016 7pm-11pm
UNIVERSAL STUDIOS PARTY

2016 AYF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION DATES

LAKELAND CENTER LAKELAND, FLORIDA



DECEMBER 8th, 2016
TEAM CHECK-IN
OMNI CHAMPIONSGATE RESORT
ROUTINE REVIEW
***ALL TEAMS, LEVELS & DIVISIONS
UNIVERSAL ISLANDS OF ADVENTURE PARTY

DECEMBER 9th, 2016
ROUTINE REVIEW
OMNI CHAMPIONSGATE RESORT

DECEMBER 10th, 2016
DIVISIONS 8, 12, 14, & 18
***ALL LEVELS

DECEMBER 11th, 2016
DIVISIONS 10, 14 ELITE,
DANCE & STEP
***ALL LEVELS

2017 AYF 8th Grade All Star @ IMG Academy



DECEMBER 29, 2016 - JANUARY 1, 2017

10th ANNUAL

IMG ACADEMY - BRADENTON, FL

ALL STAR
20th GAME

AYF 8th GRADE NATIONAL ALL STAR GAME
EAST VS. WEST

The 2017 game will be the 10th annual game between the TOP 30 AYF players from the East and the TOP 30 AYF players from the West. The Top 20 AYF Cheerleaders in the country will cheer the boys on. AYF was and still is the "Original" 8th Grade All Star Game. The game standings after 9 games stand at 4 wins East, 4 wins West and 1 tie. Who will take the lead in the standings this year, the East or the West?

In the last 9 years, AYF has partnered with the U.S. Army H.S. All American Game, The Under Armour H.S. All American Game, and the Semper Fidelis All American Game. AYF would play our game before or after the above mentioned games. For the 10th annual game, AYF has decided to take the game to the NEXT LEVEL by making our game the ONLY game played on the field on January 1st, 2017.

AYF is excited to partner with the world class facilities of IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and game partners the AYF game will stand out and stand alone in 2017.

The football players and cheerleaders will stay in luxurious apartment accommodations on the IMG campus, dine on all meals at IMG, practice on the pristine field of IMG, receive SWAG from our partners/sponsors, and play our game at one

60 OF THE TOP 8TH GRADE AYF FOOTBALL PLAYERS IN THE COUNTRY
20 OF THE TOP 8TH GRADE AYC CHEERLEADERS IN THE COUNTRY

OWNERS from our partners/sponsors, and play our game at one of the premier HS football stadiums in the country.

The player selection process is taking place in all 8 regions. Any questions can be directed to Craig@americanyouthfootball.com.

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