

2013 AAU Trip - Travel Day for the 14's, 13's, 12's

All of the teams made it down to Orlando on time. Today it was 93 degrees with rain off and on throughout the afternoon/evening. Nothing that was bad, just annoying.

The 14-1 team wrote a short summary of what happened today.

14-1: By Julia & Erin: Today was an early morning for the 14-1s. We all met at the airport at 5:15 am. It was a quiet plane ride down to Orlando. Once we got to Orlando we went to the outlet mall and shopped for a few hours and got food. It was a great way to spend time with our team. After the mall, we went to our house to get settled in and chill. We swam and watched the movie 'Cool Runnings'. For dinner we ate spaghetti, and hung out for the rest of the night. It was a very tiring and fun day!! We are excited for the water park tomorrow!

14-2: Monday we flew into Florida. We got our bags and car. Then we went to downtown Disney and went on a scavenger hunt. After that we came to the house and found out our roommates and rooms. We then got all settled in and ate dinner. After that we went swimming for an hour. Then we showered and watched a movie. It was then lights out. It was a fun day!!

The [13-1 team](#) got taken out for dinner by Curt and they had a great time.

12-1, 14-2, & 14-Black went swimming and had dinner at home tonight.

Wet & Wild 12's, 13's, & 14's.

Today the teams went to Wet & Wild. The weather was great, sunny and hot. Everyone had a fun time going down H2O Disco, The Black Hole, Brain Wash, relaxing in the Lazy River, and surfing the waves in the big wave pool. The teams also had a good BBQ lunch there at noon, went back out for another hour and then headed home to some nice naps in air conditioned comfort.

Curt went and visited with the 14-Black team for while, and they were all dressed up for dinner with their coaches. The 14-2 team also got "paid off" for their bet of getting Coldstone Ice Cream if they won the Qualifier....which they did, so we went to Cold Stone after their home cooked dinner tonight.

Play starts tomorrow for the teams with 131 & 141 playing in the morning at the convention center, and 142, 14-B, & 12-1 in the afternoon.

Below are some of the summaries for the day written by the teams.

14-1: By Olivia & April: Today we woke up at 7:30 ate breakfast and went to wet n wild. While we were there we went on water slides, the lazy river and we tanned. We liked bomb bay and disco the best. We had burgers and hot dogs for lunch and then went on more water slides. Then we left and hung out at the house for a couple hours. Most people napped or watched TV. Then we got ready and went to dinner at Bahama Breeze. We endured a 10 minute thunderstorm, and Jaz was really scared. After dinner we went to Downtown Disney and went shopping, listened to music, and got ice cream. We're headed to bed and are super excited to play tomorrow!

14-2: By Brynn and Chloe : Today was our second day in Florida! This morning we woke up to Eliza yelling, "Wakey wakey eggs and bakey!" Lets just say it was much better then a hotel wake up call :) We had breakfast courtesy of our amazing chaps Michelle and Larry. Then we had to put our sunscreen on in front of Crystal and Michelle (Antonie)...no sunburns for us! then it was off to wet n' wild. We had a great time on the water slides, lazy river, and wave pool...we even made a friend :). Afterword we went to Ron Jon to shop. Now we are back at the house relaxing and writing affirmations after a long day. Tonight we are planning to have sloppy joes for dinner and then we are going out to cold stone with curt! (we won a bet) We are super pumped to play and send our love to friends and family back home. We miss you!
Love, Brynn and Chloe

14-Black: By Emma, Ellie, Julia, and Mikaela: Today was really fun. We went on many water rides at Wet n Wild. There were a lot of lookers there...not that we were looking (just kidding!) We really enjoyed being outside in the summer tropics. Our favorite water ride was Brain Wash. The lazy river was very calming. The food really hit the spot. We wish we had more time there. Another highlight was arm wrestling Curt when we were waiting for lunch....Greta and Ellie won, Mikaela and Amber are requesting a rematch.

It is very different here in Florida...but it is a good different. It can get very hot during the day.

Coach Pam took us out for pizza at Giordano's Pizza where we had good pizza and got balloon animals made. We all dressed up for dinner. Curt came to the house to see us and loved how dressed up we were. We took pictures with him at the house, then we took a picture by the dolphin fountains at the entrance to Emerald Island resort, where we are staying.

Tonight, we are going to Downtown Disney. Tomorrow is our big first day of volleyball and we're really excited to start playing!

Here are some [pictures from the 14-Black team](#).

13-1: Erica Slinde and Anne Wong Yesterday we woke up super early to get on our flight to Orlando. Erica got upgraded to first class which was NOT FAIR!!! When we landed we got invited by Curt to swim at his house. He then took us out to dinner to Carrabbas. Thanks again Curt! Today we woke up at 7:45 to eat a delicious breakfast of eggs, bacon, pancakes and fruit . Then we took off to Wet n' Wild which was a blast! There were water slides that were super exciting(and scary) but most of all it was awesome to see everyone having a great time and bonding with their team. While waiting to get lunch Curt sat down and arm wrestled with us. The only winners were Grace(who actually won) and Anne(because the fight lasted so long).We went home relaxed, played some xbox 360 kinect, and watched a movie. We are looking forward to starting play tomorrow!

12-1: By Jane : Today we woke up and right away got on our swimsuits and got ready for the waterpark. Wet N' Wild was super fun, and we got through most of the rides within a half an hour. We hung out at the waterpark for a couple hours, and had a great lunch! We finished up in the lazy river and wave pool, and headed back to the house. We showered and got ready for an early dinner. We had made-to-order sandwiches, fruits and vegetables. We got back in to the car and headed to the opening ceremony. We got inside the Fieldhouse , and waited for the rain to stop for 2 hours. Finally, just as we were going to leave they moved the ceremony indoors, but we left anyway. We came back to the house for some great bonding, and went to sleep!

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14-1: By Halle and Cam Today we woke up at 5:30 to get ready for our first day of play. We started with playing a Puerto Rican team which we easily handled in two sets. After that, we played LAVA and again beat them in two sets. Lastly, we played Michigan Elite who gave us a little more competition, but we beat them in two sets. We came home to eating delicious snacks, and leisure time. Our parents came over for a barbecue where the food was GREAT! We then went to bed to get prepared for another early start tomorrow.

14-2: By Cassie and Eliza Today we played in the afternoon, so we had all morning to hang out. After we ate breakfast, we all gathered in Tatum and Karly's room for some team bonding. We played catch phrase and just talked. Then, it was time to play at Jostens. We played three matches against teams from North Carolina, Kentucky, and Hawaii. We won all three matches in two games. After we played, we went home

and had a baked potato bar. It was delicious! Finally, we were all so tired that we said goodnight to each other and went to bed.

14-Black: By Amber, Allie and Ellie Amber loved that 14-Black won all three games today, even though she played for a whole two points! :- (Having a bad back these last two weeks really kicked in when she tried to pass at the beginning of the day. That's ok, her teammates definitely covered for her, and we hope she'll be back tomorrow. (Do your stretches, Amber!!!!) Ellie reports that she really liked having Las Peregrinas (from Puerto Rico) in our pool. They didn't fare too well, but, well, they were from Puerto Rico and that was kind of cool. Ellie also adds that she ran C's today and they went pretty well. It was definitely a "warm-up" day for the team and it gave them the opportunity to try their more complicated plays. Allie says that the food was actually decent at the convention center (she had a really good crepe). Also, she was excited when Curt came up to talk to her and complimented her on her setting. (!!!) That really made her day. Everyone played amazing today. Tomorrow we move on to another PM wave at OCCC and more difficult teams to play. We can't wait!

13-1: By Kyndra Hansen and Grace Persson Today was the first day of play. We felt like the team played not as well as we could have, because our energy and serving percentage was low. We picked it up in the 3rd match and we won against MVBA, and 4th match our energy was really high and we came close to beating MadFrog. After we got back from the convention center we jumped in the pool immediately. The whole team had fun cooking dinner for their parents, aunts, uncles, grandmas, and grandpas. In summary the team had a fun exciting day playing the whole day. Go Lights, and have fun tomorrow! Play to win, don't play not to lose.

12-1: By Brenna & Team At 8:30 we got up and ate breakfast made by our wonderful chaperones. Then we got dressed to go shopping at the souvenir shops. Once we were dressed, we went downstairs to finish the movie we were watching the night before. Then we went to a souvenir shop. We had a lot of fun doing that. When we were done we came back and relaxed before we played. We made our sandwiches after that. The sandwich order was who had the cleanest room. Brenna and Jenna had the cleanest room and Aspen and Christine had the messiest room. Then we were off to the convention center. The first game was against Gainesville and we lost 0-2. The second game was against Skyline and we lost 0-2. The third game was against Hawaii and we lost 0-2. Games two and three were really close games. Overall it was a pretty good day. It was a lot of fun and we played really tough teams.

2013 AAU Trip - Day 2 of Competition 14's, 13's, 12's

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Today the 16-1 & 17-1 teams arrived in Orlando. After using up some time by shopping at the Outlet mall they finally got into their houses around 4pm. They were both excited about their houses, and Elmo got #5 again!

Curt paid off the 17-1 Team for winning the video contest by taking them to dinner at Carrabbas. We had a fun time, and learned lots of new jokes from the waiter. Happy Birthday to Shelby. Also thanks to the 17-1 team for taking the time to talk with the 12's who were at Carrabbas also.

Some pictures of the 17-1 team and the 14-2 team are can be seen by [clicking here](#).

14-1: By Bre M and Jaz Today we woke up at 5:45 and had delicious cinnamon rolls and pancakes for breakfast. We started off with playing Front Range. We've seen them before and won the match in two sets. Next we played VA Elite in which we easily handled in two. Lastly we played Volleyball Umet. They gave us a little tougher time than the teams before, but we beat them in three. Tonight we had a taco night, and enjoyed watching "Remember the Titans." The competition is getting harder everyday but we're excited to play!!

14-2: By :Kenzie and Taylor Woohoo! 3-0 again today! We played teams from California, Hawaii, and North Carolina. We had the morning shift so it was a 5 am wake up call for us! Today Crystal our assistant coach wasn't feeling to well, so we all had to beware of her constant deadly farts. She made many people run away with their shirts covering their noses. After our fun, tiring day, we went back to the house and just hung out and relaxed! Tatum finally got some pool time after much begging and pleading. For dinner, Crystal and Michelle took us for pizza! We all dressed up in dresses for the occasion. After that our coaches had a surprise for us! They took us to a harbor where we could get a boat tour! Unfortunately, it was lightning so we had to go to Plan B. We rode the monorail around Disney World! We stopped inside a giant hotel and saw the Disney Castle! We also got free leis from the Hawaiian Luau that we passed! Once we got home it was straight to bed for the 14-2's! Let's show up to win tomorrow girls! Love, Kenzie and Taylor

14-Black: By Mikaela, Kenzie, Allie and Ginger It's really hard with a PM wave to do anything fun besides volleyball. We were the only Lights team who played in the PM today and we really didn't have time to do much other than wait until lunch and then go to the convention center (at least we got to sleep in a little). By the time we got done, it was after 8pm, so we needed to get back to the house to get rested for tomorrow.

One good thing to mention for today was that lunch was with the team parents at B-Dubs (Buffalo Wild Wings)...it was yummy.

We went 3-0 today against teams that were a bit more skilled than the teams we played yesterday. The teams we played today could actually rally and get the ball back to us. So now we are 6-0 overall. Tomorrow we switch to the AM wave, but if we do well (which we plan to), we will need to stick around the convention center most of the day because there is a challenge match at either 5:30 or 6:30pm. Yuck.

13-1: By Dee and Maddie Today was a very successful day for our team. We had 2 matches and played together as a team, both matches. We won the matches and now we are in the top 16. After our victories, we came back to our home and jumped in the pool. After that, we got ready, and went to downtown Disney. All of us had a great time. It was raining but that made it way more fun. Running from store to store in the rain was exciting, and a little wet. When we left at 8:30 we went back to the house. Before bed, we had our team meeting. We talked about our goals, our playing today, what have to do, and expectation for tomorrow's day of playing. Overall it was a great day for our team.

12-1: Told in the view of Macy Winter #10

The day started out at about 5:45 a.m. We got up and headed downstairs for a hearty breakfast of yummy sausage and egg sandwiches and cereal. Sadly, no waffles for us. We then went to the ESPN Wide World of Sports to compete. We began with a 2-1 match against A5. Our next task was to ref, which, for me, was over quickly. Beating Legacy was an easy job thanks to our great team who kept faith through tough times. We ended up winning 2-0. We then reffed and ate. FOOD! I couldn't get my go-gurt open, which was horrible! The last match was an intense game against Tribe, which we won 2-0.

We jumped in the pool as soon as we could half pull on our swimsuits, which was quite odd. But that's okay because we are quite odd. A few of us had some trouble with the bathroom outside...okay maybe just me. I might have locked myself in the bathroom on accident...twice. The first time I could get out but the second time the lock wouldn't move. I thought they might have to feed me M&Ms under the door, but no...Then, I died. My funeral will be held next Saturday at 5:00.

We went to Carrabbas for dinner, which was AMAZEBEANS!!!!!! I had delicious pizza after knocking over Mikayla's glass of lemonade. Our next destination was the Disney Boardwalk, and I almost passed out because I was surrounded by chocolate everything. The photo booth was the most fun! We took so many pictures! Our conversation in the car was based on what would happen if twin boys and girls got married and had twin children, which ended with who our weirdest teachers were.

Curt bought us Ice cream and Christine and I had a handful of sugar, which made the night so much better!

2013 AAU Trip - Day 3 of Competition 14's, 13's, 12's

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14-1: By Brie O and Jenny Today was filled of anticipation, excitement, and disappointment. We woke up at 5:30, packed our lunches, and headed off to the convention center to play AVA from Texas. We won in two and started getting ready for our next game against A5. That was the disappointment of the day. We lost in two close games. To guarantee our spot in the gold we had to play front range in a cross over match. Luckily we got our act together and beat them in two. After that we went home and took ice baths! (250 pounds of ice) Then as a team we watched Miracle and were inspired to be the 14 open national champions!!!

14-2: By Karly and Tatum After 14 hours in the gym we left with 4 matches won. It took some time but we did it. We had trouble with Puerto Rico in our first match but pulled it off. We also played A5 from Georgia and United from Kentucky. We beat both of these teams in 2 sets. Our next obstacle was waiting the 5 hours until our challenge match. We kept occupied by playing Catch Phrase, Pass the Pigs and other games. Our challenge match was a must win to get into the gold bracket. Our opponent for the match was Crystal Academy from North Carolina who we beat in pool play earlier and once again beat. Now we have earned our spot in the gold bracket. Our team then headed home for lasagna and ice baths. It was a great way for Tatum to end her birthday.

14-Black: By Kenzie, Julia, Ginger, Allie, and Sammy We played some tougher competition today and we stepped up to the challenge. However, we did fall short against one team and in the first pool, we went 2-1. The weird thing was that the pool we were in were all from the same club in Indiana - they were the 3s, 4s, and 5s teams. We got 2nd in the pool, which meant we made our way to the challenge matches. We had to wait nearly 4 hours between pool play and the challenge match which seemed to go really slow. We ended up leaving the convention center around 9 or 9:15pm, so we were there nearly 14 1/2 hours today. We lost our challenge match in the evening...we could have done it, but we just didn't (very disappointing). We did not quit though (Pam says she is really proud of us for that). Then they told us we needed to ref after we played!!! It was a super long day and there isn't much to add because we pretty much were at the convention center ALL DAY. P.S. - Ellie said she enjoyed her ice cream.

13-1: By Ally & CC Today we played 3 matches. In our first match we started out strong, and that lasted through out the day. Today we had a tough day not finishing with any successes, but we felt that we played very well as a team. We never gave up and kept high energy through out all our matches. After we got home we relaxed, after a very long day. Then we ate tacos for dinner and watched a movie. Although we did not win any of our matches today, we will play hard tomorrow to finish 13th!

12-1: By Mikayla and the Mizuno Northern Lights 12-1's ;) Today we had an awesome breakfast made by the chaperones . Our day started out okay we lost the first two in 3. Then we came back and won, in two, the final two games of the day. We went home and swam till the parents came. We all had a blast with our parents and the brothers of Jenna and Macy. Sadly they had to leave so we got ready for bed and relaxed till it was time to go to bed. Like the days before we have an early morning, not as early as 5:45 though!

17-Red: By Megan: We arrived in Florida at 11:20 and as soon as we got off the plane, we were bombed with humidity. Next, we went to the outlet mall and shopped for hours and hours on end. Then, we went to super target so the chaperones could get food while we lounged on the patio furniture. Lastly, we came home watched a movie, took a dip in the pool, and now it's off to bed!

17-White: By Emma Mel and Marisa <3 Today started off at 4:00 am for most of us. We met at the airport promptly at 5:25 to get on our 7:15 flight... Which was delayed to 9 am. We arrived in Florida around 2 pm, which workout out perfectly because by the time we got to our house it was 4. When we got here there were a few issues with getting our house unlocked... But once we got in we loved it! It has a nice big pool and a pool table. We played a few team games then got dinner started.. Spaghetti!! It tasted great and we are looking forward to going to bed early so we are ready for the water park tomorrow! :)

15-1: Dear Friends and Family Back Home,

Today, we all had to wake up very early to be at the airport at 5:15 for our flight at 7:15 which ended up being delayed to 9:30. We arrived at the Florida Airport 1:45. After, we went to get our two rental cars. We were all very tired at that point. We arrived at the house at 3:45 and had to wait for the claning service to finish. We ended up waiting in our cars in the pouring rain. At 4, we ran into the house, chose our rooms, and unpacked. At 5:15, Curt took us out to eat at Carabbas! We all had a great time and are excited to go to the waterpark tomrrow!

Sincerely,

The 15-1 Team

P.S. thank you Curt so much for buying us the wonderful dinner! :)

2013 AAU Trip - Final Day of Competition 14's, 13's, 12's --- First day for 161 & 171. Water Park day all others

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14-1: By Entire Team Today we lost our first match against a5....grrrrr. We ended up getting 5th in 14 open, which is pretty amazing!!! Then we all went home and took a nap, and ate pizza and chicken. When we were done we got ready to go watch the championship games. Even though we were sad that we weren't playing, we were so excited because Brie Orr got all american!!!! After watching the games, we came back to the house and had a little pool time. Tomorrow we are going to Coco Beach. All in all it was a fun and good week! We will be back in the gym Monday to get ready for USJO nationals in Dallas. Watch out Dallas!! Thank you Curt!!!!

14-2: Today we woke up at 5:15 for the third day in a row....Whohoo! We had bacon and eggs for breakfast. Then we drove to the convention center and had our daily dance party! We played our first match against a scrappy Puerto Rican team. It was a close match which went to 3, but we came back from being down 14-11 to win 16-14! It was a great win. Then we sat and cheered on our 14-1's and 17-1's team when we sat. Our next match we played Fusion from Chicago. We played a great game but lost in 3. We had to ref afterword, but it was better because some of us got to broadcast a live game! After reffing, we drove home and spent some time in the pool. Then we had the parents over to the house and had olive garden with them. We all had a great time showing them around our temporary home ;) Next some of us went to the Mermaid souvenir shop. After that we went to watch the championship, where Fusion beat Union. Afterwords we found out that Kenzie received a All American award! We are all very proud of her. We are all packed up and ready to spend our last day together as a team.

Love, The 14-2's

14-Black: By Greta and Sammy This is the last update for the team because we are almost outta here! Today was the last day of play. We were sad not to make gold, but we did the next best thing....won Premier! 11th out of 103 teams isn't too shabby. We won out today going 3-0 and playing into the afternoon (later than the other teams again!) We really clicked today and played strong together all day. The last game was really strange because a player on the other team went down in the 3rd game and instead of subbing her out, we ended up standing there waiting close to 10 min as the other team's coaches and both refs tried to figure it out. They didn't want her to sit the rest of the game, yet they had taken a ton of time already...a trainer had to approve her to play and her parents had to say that it was ok for her to keep playing as well. The

funny thing was, we stayed strong during the long delay and the other team fell apart. So we won the division as a result. We came home, went swimming, and tonight we are finally getting a chance to hit Downtown Disney. Pam gave us the AAU bags and T-shirts that all players get and a memory book about the season was included as well. Tomorrow, we head to the beach before getting on planes to head back home.

13-1: By Tara and Camryn: Today was an interesting day! We all shared mixed emotions. Knowing it was our last day together, we played strong. We lost in three to Madfrog with our middle Grace not ending the season how she wanted to. The other team was under the net and she came down on her foot spraining her ankle, which is the size of a baseball. Although after a tough loss we came home as a winning team in our heads. We went for a swim and went to the Boardwalk watching magic tricks and getting to push Grace around in a wheelchair. Sad for Grace but making jokes at the same time. Dee and Tara were laughing and crying at the same time saying mixed emotions. Overall it was a wonderful season and we couldn't have asked for better teammates and coaches.

12-1: By Entire Team Today we had the last day of playing. We won our first game against Tampa. Our second match was against KaUlukoa. They beat us on the first day of playing so we really wanted to beat them. We ended up losing to them in a close game. I was really proud of us because we played an amazing season. After we played, we went home and swam. We also had a great dinner in between our swimming time with our coaches. The meal was the best leftovers ever, thanks to our wonderful chaperones. In the end we had a great day.....by the pool anyway!

17-1: By : No summary submitted today

16-1: By : No summary submitted today

18-1: By Paige: Today was a wonderful kick start to the week we have been waiting for all year! We woke up bright and early to enjoy an incredible breakfast made by Mr and Mrs Wilhite. Mark made his famous crepes accompanied by sausage and yogurt parfaits. After fueling up, we couldn't wait to head to the beach. We arrived at Cocoa Beach around 10:00am, and definitely loaded up on sunscreen. Blue skies and a hot sun awaited a few perfect hours in the sun. We floated in the waves, walked the shoreline, and relaxed in the rays. Everyone had a blast. On the beach we enjoyed a picnic of delicious sandwiches and watermelon. Nothing could have made it a better time! We took a quick look in Ron Jon surf shop, then headed back to the house. The team had a blast, but decided it was time to settle down for a nap. After a nice rest, we slowly regained consciousness and hung out together in the living room. Mrs Wilhite returned with mountains of groceries and treated us to an incredible dinner of Asian inspired chicken, salad, and asparagus: a crowd pleaser for sure!! We ended the night

with a relaxing team movie. It was a day to remember, and we can't contain our excitement for what tomorrow brings!

18-2: By : No summary submitted today

18-Black: By : No summary submitted today

18-Red: By Ellen, Garet, and Morgan We woke up at 7 this morning with a nice door knock from our chaperones. They had a breakfast of homemade egg mcmuffins ready for us which was delicious! It gave us energy for the in file day ahead. We got to Aquatica really early which gave us time to apply sunscreen as advised before heading off to the water. As a team we took lots of pictures then all went on the Rapids with life vests. We lost track after our 20th time around so we headed back to our coaches to see how they were doing with the sunshine. We learned Sara likes to sunbathe more then Joanna who was sitting under the umbrella. Then we split into two groups, one went to the wave pool and one went on rides. We decided to meet at 11 for lunch. The bread was an all around favorite! We broke the "wait half an hour before you go swimming after eating" rule because it was so hot out. Then we relaxed and left around 1 to save our energy. We watched She's the Man, had our end of the season meeting with Curt and a dinner of fajitas. Well now we have to get ready to sleep because our lights out is 8:30 to wake up at 5:30 to play.... Dueces!!

17-2: By Hannah :Hey! Today we had the opportunity to relax and get tan before the competition started! It was super warm so we were in the water a lot, but we all got tan! Luckily no one got sun burnt! Kelly (our libero) felt sick and went to the doctor and found out that she had tonsillitis... She stayed with her mom and we all miss her! We are so excited to start playing tomorrow!
Hannah Weidner #20

17-Black: By : No summary submitted today

17-Red: By Mikayla & Michelle We had a great day today! We woke up early and made our way to Aquatica! We went on a bunch of slides and had blast in the not-so-lazy river! We all managed to stay pasty except for Hannah! We finally left after walking around the parking lot for 15 minutes looking for the car! Once we got back from the waterpark we got all dress up for our dinner with Curt that we won at the banquet! We went to Carrabas and all ate our fill! We also got pretty much the best chocolate cake in the world! After dinner we had our meeting with Curt! We then had a meeting with our coaches where Lexi made everything awkward like usual! We then watched a movie and are getting ready to play tomorrow!! Overall just a great day for 17-Red!

17-White: By Hailey and Megan Our eventful day consisted of going to the water park, Aquatica, for about 5 hours. We had a team race down the racing water slide and Karyn was the winner... by far. After the water park, we came back to the condos, relaxed, and got ready to go out to eat at The Golden Corral. Once we got home from dinner, the team was getting pumped up to play for tomorrow's matches by watching Karyn's high school/college volleyball game film. Now everyone is just hanging out downstairs eating ice cream and watching a movie!

16-2: By : No summary submitted today

16-Black: By : No summary submitted today

16-Red: By Entire Team Yesterday (Friday) we flew into Florida. Our flight ended up leaving Minnesota an hour behind schedule and landed in Florida at 1 when we were supposed to land at 11:30. It was a long wait in the airport but we were glad once we landed after having to fly around the storm. The flight took an extra half hour because of this. It took 3 hours and 16 minutes. Once we finally got our car and got to the house at 4:15 and got our rooms and unpacked. Some people went swimming but it was really cold because it was sprinkling. Then had supper with the best spaghetti since we were all starving. We eventually all fell asleep and had to wake up at 7 the next morning. Stacey and John went shopping and got us great breakfast food and we headed out to Aquatica. We were all really happy it didn't rain once and had a lot of fun going on the rides early before the rush came. We had yummy Buffett at 11 and then left the water park at 1 to come home. For the rest of the afternoon until dinner we lounged out at the pool and had lemonade and strawberries. Dinner was at 5 (Cesar salad wraps). Since we don't start the tournament until Sunday afternoon we decided it would be a good time to go to downtown Disney. We all had the BEST time! There were so many people playing music and we got to sing and dance around. We even ran into the 16-3's and talked to them for a bit! Also didn't rain while we were there so I'd say we had a pretty lucky day! We were home by 9 and have to be in bed at 10:15 and play tomorrow at 2:30. We all have great expectations for each other for the rest of the week and hopefully we come home with hardware! Nationals Championship here we come! :)

16-White: By Entire Team Yesterday we had a delayed flight and arrived around 1. When we got to the house and found some worms swimming in our pool so we fished them out and went swimming. We enjoyed a spaghetti dinner and did some team bonding watching movies in our home theater. On day 2 we went to Aquatica and had a blast. The weather was perfect. After Aquatica and dinner we tried to go to downtown Disney but couldn't find a spot to park, so we ended up driving on a little adventure. We came home and relaxed as a team. All in all it was a good two days!

15-1: By Olivia Today we experienced the most riveting waterpark in Florida. The team bonded with every splash and every laugh that occurred. The food tingled our taste buds and the refreshing lemonade running down our throats quenched our thirst. After the splash and splashing, we came home to our cool dark theater and relaxed after the adventurous day at Wet N' Wild.

15-2: By : No summary submitted today

15-Black: By Room 1 (Willa & Roommates) We went to wet n wild and went on all the water rides, went on the lazy river and swam in the wave pool. After wet n wild we went out to dinner at carrabbas and then went to downtown Disney. We had a blast and we are super excited to start playing tomorrow!

15-Red: By Ally Today the 15-4's went to [wet n' wild](#) and went on every slide possible! Then we went on the lazy river and relaxed for as long as possible. Then we made the trip home for a wonderful dinner made by our chaperones. Then went wide world of sports and watched the championship game for 14's! Then Went to Downtown Disney and had fun shopping and doing a scavenger hunt !

15-White: By : No summary submitted today

2013 AAU Trip - Day 1 of Competition 15's, 16's, 17's, 18's --- Day 2 for 161 & 171

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15-1: By Lauren and Natalie The first day of the tournament went splendidly. We started off with a great breakfast of eggs and bacon, bagels and toast. Then we watched the proposal and got ready to play. We left the house at 1:10 and after many delays we started play. We played Xceleration, 949 and the Dunes. We breezed through the day winning all of our games handily. Then we came home and ate ice cream with sprinkles and fudge sauce and slept.

15-2: By : No summary submitted today

15-Black: By : No summary submitted today

15-Red: By the team: This morning we woke up at 8 to a wonderful breakfast which was eggs and toast. Our breakfast was prepared by our very kind and caring chaperones Mr. & Mrs. Wolf. The team then watched Grease Lightning and team bonded. After the movie we got our bags packed to go play. Before we left the house

we ate lunch which was sandwiches, chips, and fruit. We won all three matches in 2 games. We are very excited to continue on in the gold bracket tomorrow!

15-White: By Allie:We got 1st in our pool today. We won 2 and lost one. Our first match was a close one that we lost! We went into three but we fought hard. Our second match we also went into three but we pulled through and won! Our third match we came together to crush the last team in two sets! Everyone played awesome, and we had a ton of fun cheering!

16-1: By : No summary submitted today

16-2: By : No summary submitted today

16-Black: By : No summary submitted today

16-Red: By Entire Team Today we woke up around 8 o'clock and had a very delicious breakfast provided by the Konopas. Then we had pool time from 9-10 and got to soak up the lovely Florida sun. After that we all hung out & prepared for our afternoon games. Around noon we had lunch which was a baked potato bar. It was very yummy also. We then dressed in our uniforms & left for the ESPN center around 1:30. Our first match was against Club 1 and we came out with a pretty easy victory. Then we played Winterpark Volleyball Club and it was an even easier victory because we came together even more as a team. Our last match was against Club 5280 & was our toughest game but again we came out with a victory. We then found out we only have to play 2 games tomorrow at the Convention Center which will start at 3. We are looking forward to another victory filled day of volleyball!

16-White: By Ellen:Today was a fun and interesting day! We woke up at 8:30, had breakfast, chilled around in the house, played hide and go seek. Then had a team meeting, then we left to go play at the ESPN center. We took second in our pool. We lost to Juice in our first game, then we won our last two games. Then we had super and lastly we had our meeting with Curt! Thanks for coming in to talk to us! -16-white

17-1: By: No summary submitted today...But the [parents were having fun!](#)

17-2: By Hannah Weidner Hello again! Today we woke up bright and early at 5:30! (4:30 Minnesota time) It took us a while to wake up, but we pulled off our first two wins in two games! The last match was against Legacy and we played very well as a team! We crushed them and left proud and happy! We can't wait to bring the same emotion and energy tomorrow! Hope everyone is safe at home!

17-Black: By Entire Team We woke up soooo early today especially since Curt kept us up late! After a great breakfast of egg McMullen's and fruit, we hit the road...and hit traffic. We ended up getting dropped off and ran to the Convention Center in order to make our 8:00 referee assignment. Whew! We easily won our first two matches, although we weren't playing our best. Maybe because we were the B team, but we had to show them they got the seeding wrong. And we did, in the last match. We took on Fusion, the A team, and they came out like gang-busters, beating us 20-25 in the first set. But we kicked it into high gear and took them down 25-22 and 15-10 to win the match. We think our luck changed when Curt came to watch. (Thank you!) We came back to the house, had super Nachos, welcomed our teammate Paige, back from California and then made pizzas on the grill. Yummy! It's 9:00 now, so lights out, but not after saying good night and we are so happy to be here, all together.

17-Red: By Kaylee Lemke and Hannah Veldman :Today we woke up at 8:30 to a delicious pancake breakfast. We hung out by the pool for a little bit then plucked each others eyebrows. For lunch we had grilled cheese and chicken noodle soup then it was off to the gym! We won all 3 of our matches in 2 games each and came home to pulled pork sandwiches. We hung out in the pool again and watched a movie.

17-White: By Payton: Soooooooo, we started out the day by eating a scrumptious breakfast prepared by the two lovely shaps. After the team went outside for a little while and spent some good ole quality time together. Some were bored because we didnt play until later in the afternoon so we had some good creative fun. To prepare ourselves for the upcoming matches we ate a delicious lunch followed by a screaming car ride to the convention center to pump ourselves up and get in the zone.

Our first match didn't quite go as planned, seeing that we were the A seed and had lost the C seed, but later on we got ourselved back in the game and won the last two games. This now carry us on the gold bracket tomorrow... we will see what happens then!

18-1: By Hannah & Team The Northern Lights 18-1's started their day off right--with fluffy eggs, warm bagels spread with cream cheese, fresh fruit and granola parfaits, and a tall glass of Florida's classic orange juice! They were out the door at 6:30 sharp and ready for their first day of pool play. They played Delta, K2, and Wisconsin juniors, going 3-0 for the day without dropping a set. They returned to their beautiful house and enjoyed thirst quenching chocolate milk accompanied by supreme nachos, followed by a nice long nap. Later on in the evening they joined each other at the dinner table to fill the room with laughs, smiles, and hungry bellies. They enjoyed homemade garlic mashed potatoes, perfectly grilled steaks, fresh green bean feta salad, fresh fruit, and warm toasted bread. A scoop of Edy's slow churned ice cream topped off another perfect day here in the sunshine state. As of now the team is

gathered in the living room piecing together a puzzle and watching a man tight rope across the Grand Canyon!

18-2: By : No summary submitted today

18-Black: By : No summary submitted today

18-Red: With Love From The Maggie's Today was an early morning for the 18 red team. We woke up at 5:30 for breakfast and left shortly afterwards for our game at 8:00. We got off to a good start by winning our first match in 2 games. The next match was a little tougher but we still pulled out a W in 3 games. Our last match of the day was as easy as pie. We kept them in the single digits ;) Then we headed straight to cocoa beach. It was perfect weather and a lot of fun. We came back for some pizza and salad that was basically made from the heavens! We hope tomorrow goes just as well!

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The Northern Lights teams have been playing extremely well these past three days. The 16-1 & 17-1 teams are in the Gold Championship brackets and will finish at least in 5th or higher. The other 17 teams are ALL still in contention for their Gold Championships. On Sunday the teams had a combined record of 51-5. This is incredible! Today on Monday, the teams had a combined record of 50-6! Another incredible day. Good luck to all the teams on Tuesday, especially to the 171 & 161 teams who are going for the Gold Finals on Tuesday.

15-1: By : No summary submitted today

15-2: By : No summary submitted today

15-Black: By Kenzie: This morning we got up and ate some breakfast and immediately had pool time. In the middle, Curt came and talk to us about the season. Later that day we had our first match against the 15-2's and beat them in two. The score of the first was, 23-25. The second game was 14-25. Then we hung out waiting for our second and third. We played Indianapolis and Fusion and took first in our pool. Our team was extremely excited about how we played today and so were the coaches!

15-Red: By Entire Team We woke up at 8:30 and had breakfast at 9:00 of pancakes and bacon. After that we all watched the movie John Tucker Must Die. For our lunch we had sandwiches, juice, and chips prepared by our wonderful chaperones. Our coaches came at around 12:30. They then announced the winners of our scavenger hunt we had in Downtown Disney. The first place winners were of course the amazing outsides. Coming in a close second was the middles. In last, was the right sides/setters. We all received prizes for our fabulous scavenger hunt pictures. After that, we all packed into the vans and went to the convention center to begin our volleyball day. We started our first game off against M1's 15-3's. We played really well and won in two games. After that, we played Madison Elite from Wisconsin. We also won that in two games. The third game, we played Club 5280 and won that in two games as well which was awesome. When we were done, we came back to the house for a delicious meal of tacos and brownies. Three brave girls decided to take ice baths while the rest of us decided to take nice hot showers. Now it's time for bed so we can prepare for another great day of play tomorrow morning!

15-White: By Natalia Today we got up and ate a great breakfast that was prepared by our super awesome chaps!! We packed our lunches and got pumped up for our games in the afternoon! We played our first match and had a lot of energy and started out strong. Our hard work paid off with a victory. Our second match was the same as our first. We started our third match a little rusty but came back to tie it 18- 18 and fought super hard, but ended up losing a close set. Went in to the second set focused and ready to win! It was close, but we pulled it out. We played a very focused and tough third set, but it did not go our way. Taking 2nd in our pool was good! We worked very hard and had a lot of energy and fought to the end and did not give up! Time to go home and rest up for tomorrow morning!

16-1: By : No summary submitted today

16-2: By : No summary submitted today

16-Black: By : No summary submitted today

16-Red: By Entire Team This morning we woke up and had a lovely egg breakfast, then from 9-10 we had pool time. After that was resting time from 10-1 and we packed out lunches, then headed to the Convention Center at 1. We were in a 3 team pool today. First we played Asics Munciana 16 Yeti and won all three games. We also played 16 Indy Juniors and, also, won all three games. We then finished the night with a BBQ dinner our parents at the team house. Tonight we are going to bed early to prepare for our 8 a.m game tomorrow!

16-White: By : Ellen We played at the convention center today and won in two sets, lost in three sets, and then won in two sets. We had to wait around and watch a close game that might have prevented us from staying in second, but it ended up playing out the way it was expected to.

17-1: By : No summary submitted today

17-2: By : No summary submitted today

17-Black: By Entire Team We woke up to pancakes, sausage, yogurt, scones and posted ACT scores. Not only are we a good-looking team, but a smart one! Maddie, Miller and others with 30+. The smarts show on the court, too, as we blasted and out-maneuvered the morning competition. The first two teams we faced went down easy. However, we met our match with a BIG Wisconsin team. Although we worked hard, they ended up winning the match. So, we were 2-1 for the day. Grrrrrrr. Watch out tomorrow, though, as we are in a "seek revenge" mood. Later we went into Celebration for dinner and ice cream (thanks, chaperones!) and then home. Our key code didn't work, so crabby Mrs. Mullen got on the phone to command central and we finally got a new code. Highlights of the day included: ice baths (heeheehee), Antonio, our favorite referee, watching our first match, and watermelon as an afternoon snack. Bedtime, too. ZZZZZZZ.

17-Red: By Rachel and Jackie Today we played in the afternoon again like yesterday. Our plan today went a lot like our plan the day before. We all woke up at 8:30 to eat a nice breakfast- breakfast of champions. It consisted of fruit, bagels, cereal, yogurt, and granola. Since we were up and didn't plan on leaving, till 1:30, part of our team decided to explore the nearby gift shops. Gift shopping went on from 10:45 to 11:30. We also enjoyed our time in the sun by the pool. For lunch, our chaperones served us grilled cheese and soup. Once we were finished, we got ready and made our way to the ESPN Wide World of Sports. The three teams we played today were no match for our team's talent. And.....we killed them. Our record is now at a perfect 6-0. Pizza and salad for dinner, and since we play tomorrow morning, it's about time for bed. Goodnight Northern Lights Volleyballers. Peace

17-White: By Sarah Squared (Sarah Lehman and Sarah Almquist) Today we were able to sleep in because we played in the afternoon. It's nice to sleep in and be able to relax in the morning but none of us prefer playing in the afternoon. After we all woke up, we all went swimming in the pool and played some pool volleyball with Karyn's blow-up beach ball. Later on, we had the best lunch EVER from our chaperones, fajitas!! We were stuffed and content. In T-minus 30 min we journeyed out in our caravan. Destination: ESPN Wide World of Sports to take on the competition. This late afternoon/early evening we played incredibly. The competition was not up to

standard and we throttled our opponents (we even made a team cry in despair because they were the 2nd overall seed (we are the 10th) and we beat them!!!!). After a successful evening (we got first in our pool) we drove home, had some snacks and scampered up to our bedrooms. Alas, our teammates are beginning to drift into a deep slumber, and we now must follow in their footsteps and enter into the land of our dreams (dreamland) so that we will be able to play some exceptional volleyball when dawn (not sarah lehman's mother, but the sun) comes. ~ farewell and sweet dreams ~

18-1: By : No summary submitted today

18-2: By : No summary submitted today

18-Black: By : No summary submitted today

18-Red: By Keagan & Emily Today started off bright and early with yet another amazing 5:30am breakfast. We played two teams today and won both of them that kept us in the gold bracket! When we got back to the house we jumped into the pool for a quick dip. After some phone time we all gathered in the family room to watch The Notebook. After finishing that and waking the few sleepers who couldn't make it through the movie, we got our mandatory hydration of water and Gatorade and gathered on the steps and waited for our party guests to arrive. It started at 6 but we sat there thinking we got stood up until all the parents started to wander in later. But it was okay because they came with food in hand:) Cookies, ice cream, bars, fruit salad and more! It was so great and so was our pasta dinner that Ivy made for everyone. We hung out with everyone, gave the coaches their gifts, took some team pics and then the team snuck away to catch some of The Bachelorette before our 8:30 bedtime once again! Early morning again tomorrow- looking forward to another day of fun matches!!

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Mizuno Northern Lights 16-1 place 2nd at the AAU National Championships 16 Open

Mizuno Northern Lights 17-1 place 5th at the AAU National Championships 17 Open

15-1: By Entire Team We are happy to announce that the Northern Lights 15-1 team is undefeated so far for the 2013 AAU National tournament. Today, Tuesday the 25th, we had the morning shift, starting bright and early with an 8:00 match. Although it started off rough, we pulled through and won. It was smooth sailing from there on out. With a 9-0 record, we have advanced to the Gold bracket with an 11:00 game tomorrow morning. We are all very excited for the upcoming matches for they get us closer to our goal of the tournament. Best of luck to all of the other teams that are still competing, hopefully we will bring home the hardware.

15-2: By : No summary submitted today

15-Black: By Entire Team This morning we got up and ate some breakfast and immediately had pool time. In the middle, Kurt came and talk to us about the season. Later that day we had our first match against the 15-2's and beat them in two. The score of the first was, 23-25. The second game was 14-25. Then we hung out waiting for our second and third. We played Indianapolis and Fusion and took first in our pool. Our team was extremely excited about how we played today and so were the coaches!

15-Red: By Mikayla Lonergan Today we woke up at 5:30 and had breakfast called "McWolff McMuffins". Then we headed to the convention center and won our first match in 3 games and lost our second. We then had a crossover match at 12 that we won causing us to have to play a challenge match at 7. We played a Puerto Rican team that played a much different type of volleyball than we are used to. Sadly, we couldn't adjust and ended up losing the match dropping us down to the Premier bracket. We plan to go back tomorrow, give it our all and win the Premier bracket.

15-White: By AllieWe woke up at 5:30 very tired but ready to play. We had a light breakfast to fuel us up for our first match. Left the house at 6:15 and arrived knowing we had competition ahead of us! First match was against the A seed and beat them In 2 games. Second match against a team that was 6-0 and hadnt given up 20 points to any team so far so we were determined to break that record they were holding. With the first game in that set we came out strong leading 5-1 and then battling hard but lost the first one. We kept our heads high and knew we could do it. Second game came and again it was really close! 27-25 our defensive play was outstanding and it's the best we've played defensively all year!! Third game followed right after that and we acted like it was a timeout and kept the momentum up and fought. the score was 11-14 and they were ahead. We ended up winning 17-15! This is one of the best matches we've played all year! The team is really proud of how we played!! The third match we had to pull it out and win even though it was rusty we pulled it out in two. We worked super hard and played our butts off today and it was a great day overall !!

16-1: By Taylor: We started off good but not great and came back to win against Nebraska Juniors also the semi final game against MN Select was really intense and was really good for us to play. We came out kinda nervous and came back to win in 3. Championship match against legacy was really fun to play we didn't come out so hot but came back to together in the 2nd set. We came back in the 3rd set not to hot in the beginning but came together at the end of it for us It was to late to come back from how far we dug our selves in a hole. Over all in the tournament we played so good I was bummed that we lost but I was proud that we got to the championship because we played so hard to get there!

16-2: By : No summary submitted today

16-Black: By Sydnie and Sarah We didn't do as well as we had hoped to do today, but we turned it around and fought hard against Richmond. Although, we were a little saddened by how we performed earlier in the day, we had a lot of fun cheering on the 16-1 in the championship game at the ESPN center!! After we got back to the house we had a lot of fun team bonding by the pool and hanging out with the whole team for the rest of the night! We look forward to to more competition tomorrow. Lights Out! ;)

16-Red: By Emily Hrastich Today we got up at 5:45 and got ready to play after we ate some cereal for breakfast. We went to the convention center and we won our first two by a decent amount. Then one of our middles thought she had a concussion after she got hit in the head with a warm up serve and the team freaked out and lost! Due to the loss we had to wait till 6 for our next game and so we came back to the house! Everyone took a half an hour nap because we were exhausted but then played pool for a little while waiting for our coaches! When we went back to the convention center we beat the team by a lot and we ended up watching the 16-2 win their very close match! We came home and we ate pizza and now we are headed to bed!

16-White: By : No summary submitted today

17-1: By : No summary submitted today

17-2: By : No summary submitted today

17-Black: By : "A Series of Unfortunate Events" by the 17-black team On a damp Orlando morning, our house was awakened by cough cough cough of Ms. Lauren Simonson, who was miserable, hot, cold, feverish and altogether unwell. However, after consulting with coaches, concerned mother chaperones and teammates, she took some magic pills and went to the OCCC for a day of other unfortunate events: - Randall jamming her finger right before our first match -Bre still feeling headachy

from her major concussion -Losing our first match of the day in three games -Losing our crossover match However, we never lost our cool, and in fact played two matches so fast and so well that it made the referee's head spin just like the girl in the Exorcist. When we got back to the house, we decided that we would win the Premier bracket. And since Curt told us he would take us to dinner if we medaled, we believe that winning Premier is medal-worthy. (Hint hint). Plus, the chaperones are running low on food (another unfortunate event), so dinner after winning would be just grand! Stay tuned to see if these events take a turn for the better, as anything can happen on a damp Orlando Morning.

17-Red: By : No summary submitted today

17-White: By Melanie and Marisa Today we woke up at the crack of dawn (AKA 5:30). We ate a wonderful egg bake breakfast with yummy fruit and juice and raspberry scones. Then we whizzed on over to the convention center to play some volleyball! We started off with a tough loss that went 3 sets. We then came back with a win in two for our second match of the day. Then it all came down to the Atlanta Boom team. They were our biggest competition of the day and were scary looking. We fought hard throughout the whole match but unfortunately we lost in the third set. We then watched the 16-1s in the championship match at ESPN. It was very intense. After we went out to dinner at Olive Garden and enjoyed their delicious bread sticks. Then we enjoyed each others company while swimming and snacking. Now were off to bed and tomorrow we will be ready to win the silver bracket. WOOP WOOP.

18-1: By : No summary submitted today

18-2: By : No summary submitted today

18-Black: By : No summary submitted today

18-Red: By The Annie's Today we woke up at the crack of dawn to eat some fab breakfast to get ready for the day. We did great today, continuing our undefeated record, each set was intense and hard fought. After our play at the convention center we headed back to the house and got ready to go watch the 161 in the open championship. We are getting to leave for the now, and tonight we are spending more time as a team as we get ready for the big day tomorrow!

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**Mizuno Northern Lights 17-Red place 1st at the AAU National Championships
17 Classic**

**Mizuno Northern Lights 15-1 place 2nd at the AAU National Championships 15
Open**

**Mizuno Northern Lights 18-1 place 3rd at the AAU National Championships 18
Open**

**Mizuno Northern Lights 18-Red place 3rd at the AAU National Championships
18 Classic**

**Mizuno Northern Lights 16-2 place 5th at the AAU National Championships 16
Club**

**Mizuno Northern Lights 16-Red place 5th at the AAU National Championships
16 Classic**

**Mizuno Northern Lights 18-2 place 5th at the AAU National Championships 18
Club**

It was an awesome sight to see all the support the players & parents gave our teams in the Finals! Kelley Wollack & Abby Ihrke were great cheer coordinators. Everyone had a fun time. [These pictures say it all.](#)

15-1: By : No summary submitted today

15-2: By : No summary submitted today

15-Black: By : No summary submitted today

15-Red: By : No summary submitted today

15-White: By : No summary submitted today

16-2 entire trip summary: By :Janae and Kenzie Bright and early we arrived at the airport around 5 AM, little did we know our flight would be delayed 2 hours because of hail damage. Later that night we had some quality team bonding while watching Stick It with a surprise visit from Curt. The next morning we woke up early and made our way over to Aquatica. At Aquatica we went on a couple rides, but mostly tried to work on our tan. Later we went to the outlet mall and shopped till we dropped. On our first day of play, we won all of our games easily. That night we went to Downtown Disney and met a lot of cute international boys. On the second day of play at the Wild

World of Sports, we went 2-1 with a tough loss to Sports Performance who ended up in the tie for 5th like us. The third day of play, we played our strongest volleyball and rolled over our pool to get into a challenge match. We ended up winning the match and got ourselves into the gold bracket! On our last day, we played our first gold match at 8 and won! We then moved into the quarter finals to play Chaska. After crushing Chaska in the first set, we fought and fought through two heartbreaking losses to lose the match to Chaska. That match ended our tournament with a 5th place finish. That afternoon we went back to the Wide World of Sports to watch the 17 Red win a national championship and the 15-1's lost in a very fun 3 set game against Sports Performance . Also Abby Ihrke was named an All-American at the 16 Club award ceremony. On our final day in Florida we went to Cocoa Beach and shopped at Ron Jon Surf Shop.

16-Black: By : No summary submitted today

16-Red: By Macey Terhell We played at 8 am this morning against Sports Performance 16-5s and beat them. We played again at 10 am against Sports Performance 16-4s, and after a hard fought game we ended up losing by two points the first set and three points the second. We took fifth overall. We reffed and then stayed and watched for a little bit, then went home and got ready to come watch championship games. We went to the 17-red championship game and it was a great win and super intense to watch. Then we left to go eat ice cream at cold-stone. We came back to watch the 16 classic championship game and award ceremony where we cheered for Lynzi once she was awarded her all American award! After, we went crazy at the 15-1 championship game! We have never cheered so loud and obnoxiously!! It was a great game to watch and we were so proud of how hard they fought! Overall, it was a super great day!! :)

16-White: By : No summary submitted today

17-2: By : No summary submitted today

17-Black: By : No summary submitted today

17-Red: By The 2013 National Champions!!! Today was overall such a great day! We got to sleep in till 7:30 and then we made our way to the OCCC to play in the Gold Bracket quarter and semi finals! We won the first in three after a slow start! We then faced Crossfire in the semis where we came out strong and won quickly! We were so pumped to be going to the finals!! We went back to the house in between to rest. We played A5 in the finals and after a great team effort, we took the Gold!! We all played well and the score wasn't super close but we kept our energy high with the help of all the lights family who was there watching us! It made us all smile when

they would overpower the opposing teams cheering section! After receiving our gold metals and trophy, we went back to the house to clean up and go out to Texas Roadhouse, our second dinner this week courtesy of Curt! We all swam after and are packing up now but don't plan on going to bed anytime soon because we're all still so excited about being National Champions!!!! Overall we had a great tournament and a great season! We couldn't have asked for a better end to our season!!

17-White: By : No summary submitted today

18-1: By : No summary submitted today

18-2: By : No summary submitted today

18-Black: By : No summary submitted today

18-Red: By : No summary submitted today