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Inside Look: Alabama Football Recruitment

During the fall, thousands of Tuscaloosa residents get together to cheer on the Crimson Tide at Bryant Denny Stadium. On Saturday home games, the football recruitment process takes place.

Becca Taylor, a member of the UA student recruitment team, said during each home game there are 90-100 recruits that come to the stadium.

Taylor said the student recruitment team's job is to hostess potential high school recruits and their guests before and during the game.

On Saturday, Alabama's football team had A-day. According to AL.com, A-day "marks the end of the spring practice slate and is the only totally open scrimmage to the public." The white team won against the crimson, 7-3.

Taylor said she is unable to disclose the amount of signed recruits who attended A-day this past weekend.

Trevor Wey, a former member of the football team, said "The recruitment process helped me learn a lot about the university, it wasn't just football related."

There are 120 members of the UA student recruitment team, with an addition of 90 more girls, who will be starting for fall 2016 said Taylor.

"It's a huge sacrifice and time commitment to be apart of the recruitment team, but if you love sports and think it can benefit your future, it's worth it." said Taylor.

The recruitment team is not paid and requires one to be at the stadium hours before kickoff, Taylor said.

“I went with my parents to one of the games when I was in high school and our host made us feel super welcome.” said Wey.

Taylor said it is hard for some people to understand how rewarding it is being a part of the recruitment process. She said that she has no problem picking recruiting over tailgating, but some people would not be able to give that up.

Sources:

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