Setting up an unofficial visit

# The Call:

Ask for the individual in charge of recruiting. Ask them what would be the best time to visit campus on an unofficial visit for a kicker or a punter.

**What to have answers for:**

1. **What position you play**
2. **What’s your grade point average**
3. **What town are you from**
4. **What school do you go to**
5. **What are your stats**

**What to Expect:**

1. Unofficial is any visit prior to your senior year.
2. You may meet with a coach on either visit.
   1. Take this time to pick their brain and ask questions.
   2. Make sure that you are comfortable with the campus, class size, distance form home.
   3. This is your chance to get to know this staff and what to expect when your report.
3. You have unlimited unofficial visits.
4. You only get 5 Official visits senior year.
5. The family is responsible for all expenses. Coaches can coordinate travel but not pay.
   1. Athlete may stay with a player/member of the team or with any other student or family.
6. Do Not Just Show Up to a coaches office if you have had dialogue and on a coaches radar. Coaches do not like when a recruit just shows up at their door.
7. You cannot take more than 1 official visit to a single school. Cant got to school more than once.
8. Your host for official visit must be a player on the team.
9. Official visits do not last longer that 48 hours.
10. You will get one free ticket to a game on an official visit.
11. Official AND unofficial visits allow you to see and watch a practice.

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| Topic | Unofficial Visit | Official Visit |
| Costs | Family is responsible | School Pays for costs |
| Meet with Coach | Yes | Yes |
| Limited Visits | No | 5 |
| Watch Practice | Yes | Yes |
| Host | Anyone | Team Member |

**What to look for on official visits:**

1. Try to stay in a dorm
   1. This is where you will your first few years. Not in off campus housing.
2. **Do not be too cool for school!**
   1. This is an interview of you!
   2. Coaches will ask your host and other players about rather or not you will be a good fit for the program.
3. Try and sit through a class.
   1. It is easy to view this as a vacation, but you are there making a decision on the next 4+ years of your life. Make sure the classes are a good size and fit for you.
   2. Bad grades equals no playing time.
4. Try and eat in the dinning hall.
5. Take a campus tour to meet other people other than football players.
6. Go out with the boys, see how the football teams spends their off-time.

**What Not To Do:**

1. Do not ask the coaches information you should have already looked up.
   1. What conference are you in, what division is this, etc.
2. Lie about offers from other schools.
   1. Coaches talk to each other, EVEN THE RIVALS. This is a big no, no and can lead to a lot of bad issues.
   2. If you do have scholarships however, feel free to let schools know.
3. Don’t lie about stats or measurements. They will check and it is a big red flag when you lie.
4. Focus on yourself and don't talk about other recruits that you are competing against.
5. Don’t post alchohol, drinking, smoking, cussing, using racial slurs, talk politics, etc.
   1. Schools check social media for recruiting. Even if it’s private, delete it all!