

OXFORD, AL – The 2015 volleyball season is officially underway. This year marks the 37th year that the ACAA has sponsored volleyball. This particular season begins and ends in Oxford, AL. Trinity Christian will be hosting the 8th Annual Tiger Jam Tournament August 7th and 8th. This year's tournament features 11 ACAA schools. The season concludes with the state championship tournament at Oxford High School the weekend of October 16th and 17th.

“Trinity is excited to host the 8th annual Tiger Jam Tournament,” stated tournament director Jeff Smith. “There are 11 ACAA schools participating this year. It's a fantastic opportunity for coaches to see where their teams are as they head into the season, and gives the girls a chance to work out early season jitters. It's a great time of competition and fellowship.”

The 2014 ACAA state champions are among the 11 league schools represented in the Tiger Jam Tournament. New Life Christian (Millbrook) looks to defend their championship. They will be facing tough competition, though, as they are joined by the 2014 state runner-up, Tuscaloosa Christian, and third place team, Meadowview Christian (Selma).

The other eight ACAA schools represented in Oxford this weekend are: Cornerstone Christian (Decatur), Cullman Christian, Brooklane Baptist (Hueytown), Marshall Christian (Albertville), Chilton Christian (Jemison), Trinity Christian (Oxford), Victory Baptist (Millbrook), and Clay County Christian (Ashland).

Tuscaloosa Christian coach Alan Montgomery, whose Warrior teams won three straight state championships from 2011-2013, knows the importance of testing his team early. “I feel it is extremely beneficial for us to take what we have learned the previous three weeks and put it into play against different people in a game environment,” stated Montgomery. “The practice environment becomes mundane. When put in a game environment, we will see how well we have retained what we learned and get a better feel of where we stand from a learning perspective.”

When asked what he looks for most from his team this weekend, Montgomery had this to say: “I am looking for us to be in the correct places on the court during each phase of the game. We have many young players and I want to see how they respond to game situations and pressure. Also, I want to see how our team leadership is moving along.”

Play begins Friday, August 7th, at Noon at Bynum Community Center. Teams will play in three different pools to determine seeding for Saturday. The championships for the three tier tournament begin at 1:00 PM on Saturday.