

# The King's Academy and Sports Quest

The King's Academy has had a long and proud association with Sports Quest dating back to April of 2005. Our first planned soccer tour to Texas would not have happened had it not been for the excellent organisation and commitment of Jim Spence and his team of coaches and parents. All our accommodation was arranged through Sports Quest and the 17 boys and 3 coaches I brought that year were more than well looked after, good Southern hospitality being the order of the day! The training sessions at Bear Creek Park were thorough, well equipped, highly organised and took into account a team arriving from England and adapting to the somewhat warmer weather! The games arranged by Sports Quest were appropriate to the level of my team and the games well officiated by the referees and assistant referees again organised by Sports Quest.



We have now conducted four tours to Texas, travelling out every other year, and each one has been successful, enjoyable and enriching in terms of providing the boys with an experience that they will never forget. The coaching sessions have been appropriate and well organised and the boys have appreciated the effort and enthusiasm put in by the Sports Quest coaches. Each training session used a variety of equipment from speed guns to parachutes, and the skills worked on brought the best out of the boys in the games that followed. Water was always provided and water breaks were built into the sessions to keep the boys hydrated.

Each training session culminated in a competition to win a prize but more importantly in a devotional time. Jim took the time to prepare a thought from the Scriptures making it relevant to a group of 17/18 year olds from un-churched backgrounds. These times were very precious to the boys and the respect they had for Jim and his coaches through the soccer side of things meant that they listened carefully to what he had to say.

We are already looking forward to April of 2013 to resume our relationship with Jim and Sports Quest, knowing that we are in good hands and that in addition to being well catered for on the soccer side of things, that provision is also being made for the weightier issues to do with eternity!

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