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The Illinois Tornadoes are the All-State High School team representing the best from over 40 schools in Illinois. Each year we are providing these young men with the opportunity to play rugby at a higher level than they would typically get playing for their primary clubs. Annually, we play a match against the Wisconsin State Selects for the Cody Cup and we also participate in the Midwest All-State Championships. We have also been able to bring international rugby competition to Illinois with matches against Manitoba, Canada; Cwm Rhymni, Wales; Windsor, England; and Consett, England.

For the third time in five years, the Tornadoes will fly over to the United Kingdom for a tour!

Matches are being scheduled to play in England, Scotland and Wales.

We would like to be billeted by host families for at least half of our stay. The best way to experience a different culture is to be immersed into the daily life of local families. There will be an optional daily activity for the boys who might have a host that has to be away for work during the weekdays.

Our goal is to develop both rugby skills and friendships that will last forever. The relationships between clubs continues to grow, and by the end of this tour, we will have played three of the clubs on both US and UK soil (Consett, Cwm Rhymni and Windsor). This summer, Consett will play in Chicago on July 4th and in the Great Lake 7's on July 7th.

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SAMPLE ITINERARY

July 25	Meet in Terminal 3 Chicago O'Hare at 13:00 Bring your travel folder.
July 26	Arrive in Manchester (MAN) 7:35am
July 27	Tour Hadrian's Wall and museum. Arrive at Consett
July 28	Match #1 vs. Consett RFC
July 29	Tour Newcastle and Rugby stadium
July 30	Depart for Edinburgh Scotland Stay in Edinburgh Hostel
July 31	Meet Scottish hosts.
Aug 1	Match #2
Aug 2	Depart for Glasgow. Meet Scottish hosts.
Aug 3	Match #3
Aug 4	Depart for Wales
Aug 5	Match #4 vs Club Ryhmni
Aug 6	Depart for London-Tower of London Tour
Aug 7	London - Attend an Olympic event
Aug 8	London - Open day
Aug 9	Depart for Windsor. Tour Windsor Castle
Aug 10	Match #6 vs Windsor Boy's School
Aug 11	Depart for Manchester
Aug 12	Depart from Manchester (MAN) 10:40am arrive Chicago ORD 1:05pm