

What HVLax Means To Me

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HVLax is the organization that had a significant affect on influencing my life thus far. To most people HVLax is just another sports program that brings a group of little kids together to run around playing lacrosse and occupying free time. However HVLax means much more to me. HVLax is where I was introduced to a sport that would help make me who I am. HVLax is where my love of sports and some of my closes friendships started. HVLax is where I learned the basics of lacrosse, playing a team sport and how to work hard to be successful. It's where I played in my first game, experienced my first success and disappointment. My first experiences with HVLax and the introduction to lacrosse made it so everything I did had to be lacrosse related. I had a burning desire to have all the gear that would make you the best, watch all the high school games. I even begged my dad to take me to all the final four lacrosse games and to buy me a goal. My dad would always say no because the yard wasn't big enough for a lacrosse goal, however he finally gave into my passion and bought it for me. I spent many of hours outside in the back yard shooting on that lacrosse goal. It didn't matter to me that the yard was too small I just wanted to practice so I could show all my friends that played HVLax what I could do. I later taught myself how to string my own sticks and that became a passion. I again would pester my dad to buy lacrosse string so could spend hours stringing my stick. My dad would often yell at me to keep the stick the same so I could get used to it. I even learned the art of how to string a crosse the traditional way. Because of HVLax I am now one of the varsity starting midfielders for the Blue Devils. Being able to play with my friends all the way up to high school has helped me grow a bond with them so we are better on the field together. As I read my essay about HVLax I realized something important about HVLax. HVLax is where I built friendships that I will have for life. These friendships wouldn't have been possible without HVLax and that is what HVLax means to me.