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Jason Baker's Pro Football Mini Camp Ready to Kick Off

Fort Wayne, IN – Nearly 300 young people and 200 to 300 coaches will participate this year in the seventh annual Pro Football Mini Camp organized by Fort Wayne native and veteran NFL punter Jason Baker.

The camp for 6th, 7th and 8th-grade boys will be held May 2 and 3 at Wayne High School, feature instruction by some of the region's top high school coaches, and conclude with a non-contact NFL Flag tournament. The young football players will also participate in a servant leadership experience celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

On May 1, the day before the camp begins for young people, Tony Porter, a nationally recognized advisor to the National Football League, National Basketball Association and Major League Baseball, will speak at a coaches clinic about healthy manhood and how that relates to the current sports culture. Four coaches from the Purdue University football staff will lead breakout sessions.

"We see the camp as an opportunity for young people to develop their football skills, but also a chance to embrace values that will lead to success off the field – values such as teamwork, dedication, perseverance, integrity and leadership through service," said Baker, a Wayne High School and University of Iowa graduate who played for 11 years in the NFL. "For area coaches, the clinic is an opportunity to learn techniques, practice-planning and motivational skills from college coaches, and learn how to be a positive impact in a young person's life."

Since the mini camp's start in 2009, more than 1,500 young people have participated and shared Baker's vision for building a community of young leaders. Since 2004, Baker and his Catie B Charities Foundation have organized football-related character development activities in the Fort Wayne area.

More information about the camp/clinic and registration information is available by visiting

www.profootballminicamp.com

About the Pro Football Mini Camp: Jason Baker's Pro Football Mini Camp gives young people the opportunity to receive football instruction in a friendly, exciting environment from some of the region's best coaches and encourages values that will also lead to success off the field. It provides coaches with football, motivational and health and safety information that will help them be positive influences in the lives of young people. More information is available at profootballminicamp.com