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FLORIDA ATHLETES QUALIFY FOR U19 FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two North Florida high school students will represent Team USA beach volleyball in the U19 division this July in Larnaka, Cyprus.

Tavares, FL – June 6, 2016 – Beach volleyball partners **Adam Wienckowski** (16) and **Clay Messenger** (16) have qualified to play for Team USA in the U19 division at the 2016 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships. The event will take place July 26 – 31 in Larnaka, Cyprus. They qualified for this elite event in May at the USA Volleyball Junior Team Tryouts in Manhattan Beach, California, where they came in second place in the U17 division.

Wienckowski lives in Jacksonville, FL and attends Providence School. He has been playing beach volleyball with Messenger as his partner for the past three years. Wienckowski said that it is a great honor to be representing USA this summer and it feels even better being a team coming from Florida. “I can’t wait to see how we stack up against the other international teams,” he said. “We will continue to work hard and do the best we can.”

Messenger lives in St. Augustine and attends Alan D. Nease High School. He says that it is an awesome feeling knowing that he will be representing his country on an international level. “First of all, I just want to thank the Florida Region for having faith in us and enabling us to go to the trials,” said Messenger. “I am very excited to be traveling to Larnaka, Cyprus for the championships. Adam and I have been training very hard for the past year to reach this level and will continue right up to the tournament.”

Both boys practice either beach or indoor volleyball 5-6 days a week. For beach, they train with Coach Kent Ammons of Jax Beach Volleyball. For indoor, they train with Coach Rob Holley of Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association.

Steve Bishop, Executive Director of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball, said this is a great opportunity for the boys to represent the USA in Cyprus. “This is a huge accomplishment and we are very proud of their success,” said Bishop. “I have personally watched both of them come up through the Florida Region beach programs and I am thrilled with their recent results. The entire Florida Region will be cheering them on as they represent us and the USA!”

About Florida Region of USA Volleyball:

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is a 501c3 non-profit that began operations in the 1960’s and was officially incorporated in 1982 to promote the sport of volleyball and to create competitive playing opportunities for volleyball enthusiasts of all ages throughout the State of Florida. The Florida Region is one of the 40 regional volleyball associations under the umbrella of USA Volleyball and currently serves over 13,500 members. Indoor and outdoor programming is available for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. The Florida Region of USA Volleyball headquarters is located in Eustis, FL. Additional information on the Florida Region can be found at: www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

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