The first ever Rush Select ID camp is underway in Casa Grande, AZ. The top 31 U14B's and the top 37 U13B's arrived in Casa Grande on Friday afternoon, and after taking a "luxury" bus from Phoenix airport to Casa Grande, wasted no time in getting the camp underway. Rush Select Director Nik Penn, was joined by Head Coach Brian Lux (Pikes Peak Rush) and assistant Kevin Driggs (NM Rush) with the B14 group and Head Coach Andy Vanover (DE Rush) and assistants Adam Ritchie (MD Rush) and Charlie Raphael (MD Rush) with the B13 group.

The purpose of the camp is to help identify and train the players to make the traveling squad for the annual Rush Select event at the Presidents Day Tournament in Phoenix on February 2013. The first training session started at 4:00pm on Friday and the boys were back out there at 7:30pm to play the first 11v11 games under the lights. The Select Staff are able to have all their needs taken care of at the Casa Grande resort, with 8 immaculate fields (6 lighted), hotel and banquet facilities as well as classroom, locker room and meeting rooms.

Saturday saw the boys back out after breakfast for a morning training session, which was followed by watching the LA Galaxy vs. Real Salt lake U18 Academy game before heading in to lunch. The boys had the pleasure of speaking with two former Rush players that are now part of the residency program for Real Salt Lake here at Casa Grande, and hearing about their experience and what it takes to

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become an Academy Player. The afternoon saw a second training session of the day, and the evening back to 11v11 under the lights and a second classroom session.

Players coming from 18 Rush Clubs are represented in Arizona, all looking to join the event in February. Sunday will see the final day of training and games before they all head back to their home states. For updated information please go to the Facebook/rushselect for photos and updates.