



30,000 Miles, 31 NFL Stadiums, 3 Friends, 1 Great Cause

A Real Life Football Fantasy Trip; Three friends travel to every NFL stadium in a single season to raise money for a memorial fund honoring a fallen hero and friend

[INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana] – As Nate Thompson drives from Louisiana to Indiana after attending a Monday night game in New Orleans, he remembers the moments shared with his late friend Joe Lusk. The times when they dreamed about traveling across the country in an RV to watch football and tailgate all season long.

In honor of Lusk, who was killed in an Apache helicopter crash in Kuwait on Jan. 21, 2005, Nate Thompson, Aaron Thompson and Nolan Meyers have decided to drop everything and travel to all 31 NFL stadiums and nine college games during the 2009 season. To date, they have hit 21 NFL stadiums, eight college games, and covered over 25,500 miles across 40 states. This weekend, they will be attending the Indianapolis Colts game on Sunday. They will be hosting a tailgate fundraiser to raise awareness and money for the Joe F. Lusk II Memorial Fund (joelusk.org).

The Joe F. Lusk II Memorial Fund was set up by his family to help as many people as possible in his name. Their current focus is to provide financial assistance to families of military personnel who have been killed or wounded while defending the country.

“Joe and I planned this trip together when we were in flight school at Fort Rucker,” said Thompson. “I just finished my second tour in Iraq, and now it’s time to pursue a dream that’s been a long-time coming, because I know Joe would do it for me.”

The three traveled more than 12,000 miles in an RV wrapped with their schedule and logos of JFL Memorial Fund and Vet Tix before the engine and transmission died. Helpful parents then lent the guys their Suburban to continue the trip while the RV was repaired. The RV, resurfacing two weeks ago, will help the guys get the word out by providing that visible distinction for the great cause.

The guys also linked up with Veteran Tickets Foundation (VetTix.org), who sponsored the RV while it travels across the country and hosts tailgates at each stadium. Vet Tix provides free tickets to sporting and non-sporting events to all Veterans, Active Duty Military members and their families as a way of saying “thank you.”

31stadiums.com was created in 2009 to allow others to follow three friends around the country and to promote the JFL Memorial Fund. The site offers information, blogs, pictures, and video of the adventure and also offers a chance to donate to the cause, with 100% of the donations going directly to the JFL Memorial Fund. Visit 31stadiums.com to follow an adventure of a lifetime.

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