

Lead Story !!!!!

Shayna interviews the New England Patriots Cheerleaders!!!!

This week I had the pleasure to interview two of the New England Patriots Cheerleaders Allison and Amanda at Patriot Place! They were nice enough to meet me at the "Fan Zone" which is a great event for kids during training camp. I hope you enjoy this interview on a perfect sunny August day!

Shayna: What is the best part about being a New England Patriot Cheerleader?

Amanda: To represent the 4 time Super Bowl Champion Patriots and to transform into "superheros" in our uniforms and be ambassadors for the team! Also the bond you form with the other cheerleaders is like having 27 sisters!!!

Allison: The people you meet and the connections and bonds you form!!

Shayna: What is it like going to the Super Bowl?

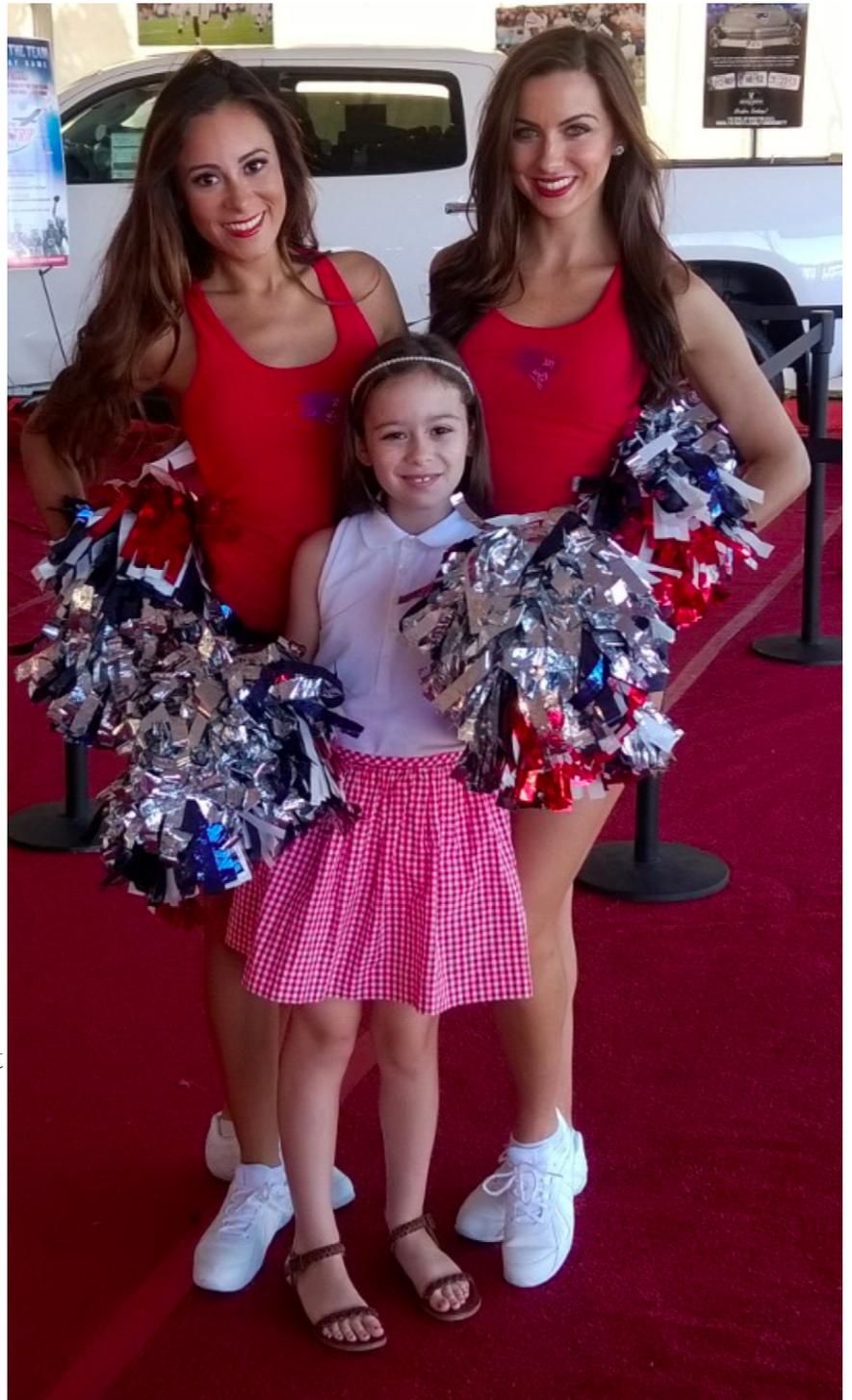
Amanda: Super Bowl was a week long experience full of so many events. We were interviewed on Good Morning America, we got to be on E! News and the Today Show!!! It was in Arizona which was a great experience to go there. Mr. Kraft also put on a private party after the Super Bowl for players, cheerleaders and some season ticket holders that was amazing!

Allison: This will actually be my first year as a New England Patriots Cheerleader so I'm hoping to get to go to the Super Bowl this year!

Shayna: How do you become a New England Patriots Cheerleader?

Amanda: It is a month long audition process. You need to be a high school graduate. There are 500 women who audition with only 28 spots available. There are interviews, boot camp fitness and media training.

Allison: Also you have to audition every year even if you were on the squad the year before!



Shayna: What do you do when you are not cheering?

Amanda: Well I have a full time job in finance and go to the gym every day and also Allison and I are both competing in Miss Massachusetts this year!

Allison: I work in mental healthcare and I also go to the gym a lot and like yoga too!

Shayna: Do you get nervous before a game?

Amanda: I get a few butterflies but it is more an excited energy!

Allison: Well this will be my first year but I have been dancing my whole life in front of crowds. I think getting nervous can be good. Like Amanda said it is more an exciting energy than being nervous.

Shayna: What is the hardest part about being a Patriots Cheerleader.

Amanda & Allison at the same time: TIME MANAGEMENT!!!! With full time jobs, going to the gym and being a cheerleader time management is easily the hardest part!!!!

Shayna:

What is your favorite dessert and meal?

Allison:

Mint chocolate chip ice cream is my FAVORITE!!

For a meal it would be pizza, I could eat pizza for breakfast, lunch and dinner!



Amanda: I know this is a bit boring but my favorite meal is sweet potato, chicken and asparagus! I'm not much of a dessert person but if I had to pick I love cake frosting! Not the whip cream kind but the good old fashion sugar cake frosting!!!

Six Fun Facts about the Patriots Cheerleaders!

- 1) During the week the cheerleaders practice one day for three hours and on the weekend they practice on Saturday for six hours!!
- 2) Amanda is entering her 3rd year as a Cheerleader for the Patriots!
- 3) Two things Amanda REALLY wants to do is throw out the first pitch at a Red Sox game and go scuba diving!
- 4) Before going to bed every night Amanda thinks of 3 things to be thankful for from that day!!
- 5) A great quote from Allison is "Make Your Mark On the World. We have one life to live, why not make a positive impact?"
- 6) Allison loves the t.v show "Modern Family"