



Newsletter

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NASCAR Drive for Diversity Combine

This last week was crazy. I was really excited to get the call from John Story and Max Siegel from Drive for Diversity, saying that I had been invited back for the NASCAR D4D Combine a month ago, but nothing could have been more fun and exciting than to actually be there...in Charlotte, living it. Going back to North Carolina was an amazing experience. It was nothing like I expected. This year, the 909 group has decided to change things around, and I'm looking forward to seeing how this next year unfolds.

The week began with my father and I entering the hotel to a massive amount of camera crews and tons of drivers, half of which I had never met before. You would think it would be overwhelming but it wasn't. It was exciting and new and I was just happy to be there. Being that I am a very friendly person, I immediately started introducing myself to basically everyone I didn't know. We were so busy this week, you wouldn't believe. We traveled to three different hotels because of how many times we changed tracks. I have never spent so many days focused on just racing. I loved it!



I am glad that being a part of the Drive for Diversity Program requires me to move to North Carolina, because now it will be like that every day.

By forming Revolution Racing the Drive for Diversity Program has been turned into an Academy style training organization. So it will be like I'm going to school for racing.

Charlotte is the heart of NASCAR and I know it is where I have always dreamed to be, but now that it is actually here, I'm sad to leave my family and friends. This is a big step in my life and it's going to take a lot of getting used to, but I can't wait to get it started. Wish me luck!

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Ten Drivers - Only Four Camping World Teams—and I want it!

This Sunday, my mom and dad, and I are heading back to Charlotte. I start the second phase of the Drive for Diversity testing and evaluation process on November 3rd. I will be gone for almost three weeks where I will participate in on and off track testing and evaluations. This is when they are going to decide who are going to be the final 4 Camping World drivers.

The final ten of us are going to be living in a house in North Carolina together, all vying for the same 4 spots. No matter who makes it, we will all still be one team, and I look forward to working and learning from all of them this up coming season. From what I understand, we will be living what will be our typical weekly experience. I am hoping for a Camping World spot, but if not, it's ok. I'm still young and have plenty of time to work my way up....ok, forget that part, I want the Camping World seat!

Back in Charlotte, Caraway Speedway Test in a USAR Pro Cup Car



After the D4D Combine was over, I was back traveling again to Charlotte. The Drive for Diversity test was up at the Motor Mile Speedway in Virginia and this test was at Caraway Speedway in Concord, NC about 3 hours away.

The Caraway Speedway test and evaluation was set up by my Driving Coach, Ron Sutton. I felt like, ok here we go again, a new car, a new track and me back behind wheel, nothing wrong with that. I love to drive, especially driving Race Cars I have never driven before. A Pro Cup Stock Car is very similar to a NASCAR Camping World Car in weight and suspension, the real difference is the tires. Pro Cup cars run on a radial tire vs a bias ply tire. It was a blast to drive!

Thanks again for all of your support, it means so much to me!

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