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## Amber Pacific



**SMP:** How many Warped Tours is this for you?

**AP:** We've been on the Warped Tour for four years now. And it's kind of neat because we're finally to the point where we're actually able to enjoy the best parts of the Warped Tour – meeting bands, hanging out with other bands, especially the bands we looked up to growing up like The Starting Line, New Found Glory, the people that really got us into it.

**SMP:** What's different about this year?

**AP:** In all of the previous years, we've been driving ourselves and working in the tent all day asking people to listen to our CD because no one knows who we are. And then we'd have to jump in the motor home and drive eight hours to the next day and start over and do it all over again. We were at Warped for like two months and never had the opportunity to really enjoy it. We're pretty fortunate to be able to enjoy the extra time we have.

**SMP:** At the Cincinnati stop of the tour, you laughed and played around with a guy that flipped you off from the crowd. Stuff like that, your fan interaction; is that a conscious decision to involve the crowd in your shows?

**AP:** We try to ignore the people that put us down, you know? But we want everyone to have fun and really give the kids something fun to watch. But that day, for some reason, maybe we were having a rough day or whatever and just kind of played along with it. If you don't, you'll go crazy. We try to stay focused on the crowd and giving them something fun.

**SMP:** As far as the day to day activities go, what are your highs and lows?

**AP:** During the day, my favorite part is, other than the show, which is always good, is meeting the fans, signing autographs at the tent or whatever. When some bands kind of cop out after an hour, we stick around. When there are kids there that want to meet us and we want to meet them too. Best part of the night is the poker. I've been playing a lot of poker lately. And the worst part is definitely packing in and packing out.

**SMP:** Tell us a little bit about this "rockstar" game of poker.

**AP:** It's a decent size. It's not nearly as big as it's been in years past. It has been like every night, big game. But we've got a good group of guys that are always playing. All Time Low, New Found Glory, the Bad Religion guys, the Pennywise guys when they were here, along with some crew members, guys from the stages. We usually just have one full table all the time. It's a cash game with like \$100-\$200 buy-ins, cash out whenever. It's a lot of fun.

**SMP:** Is there anything else you want to say to your fans?

**AP:** I would just say to people, about the Warped experience, if you ever get an opportunity to be on the Warped Tour, if you're a small band trying to build a following, take advantage of it. It might be cool to get to hang out, meet bands, whatever, but that completely wastes your opportunity to get your music out there. If you can sell a hundred CDs a day, that's a hundred kids listening to your music.