

BASKETBALL

2023-2024 Season

Virtual Parent Meeting

September 13th, 2023, 8:00pm



Please submit all questions using the chat feature and we will address them at the end of the meeting.

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Social Media for the most up-to-date info:

TWITTER = @EaganHoops

FACEBOOK = Eagan Basketball Association

INSTAGRAM = eaganhoops

Send season photos & trophy awards to socialmedia@eaganhoops.org



PARENT MEETING AGENDA:

- 1. Being A Wildcat
 (Troy Tatting, President)
- 2. Season Overview (Troy Tatting, President)
- 3. Tryouts/Team Formation (Jeremy Bly, Tryout Director)
- 4. Development
 (Kevin Josephson, Coach & Player Development Director)

- 5. Eagan Tournament
 (John Berge, Tourney Director)
- 6. Merchandise & Fundraising
 (Amy Pazand, Merchandise Director, Kevin Norris, Sponsorship Director)
- 7. Wildcat Community
 (Troy Tatting, President)
- 8. Q&A



Being A Wildcat

(Troy Tatting, President)

EBA Mission

E.A.G.A.N

The Board

Mission of Eagan Basketball Association - Traveling

Eagan Basketball Association was created to provide an opportunity for boys and girls in grades K through 8th to play the exciting game of basketball.

Emphasis is placed on fundamentals, player development, sportsmanship and teamwork.

Eagan In-House Basketball is built to teach the kids about the game, the fundamentals and how to enjoy it.

Eagan Traveling Basketball strives to establish competitive teams, who are led by knowledgeable coaches, with a goal of developing the players to be ready to compete at the next highest level.

Goals: What Does it Mean to Be An E.A.G.A.N. Wildcat?

E.A.G.A.N. = Effort, Attitude, Greatness Achieved Now

An Eagan Wildcat is known for great effort and a positive attitude—two of the few things we can control in life. Our mantra is Greatness Achieved Now! meaning we are great on and off the court. To be great, we must do things that are exceptional and extraordinary. Greatness must be achieved—it does not happen by accident. When do we achieve it? The answer must be "now!" An Eagan Wildcat is always working toward greatness. The time to improve is now.

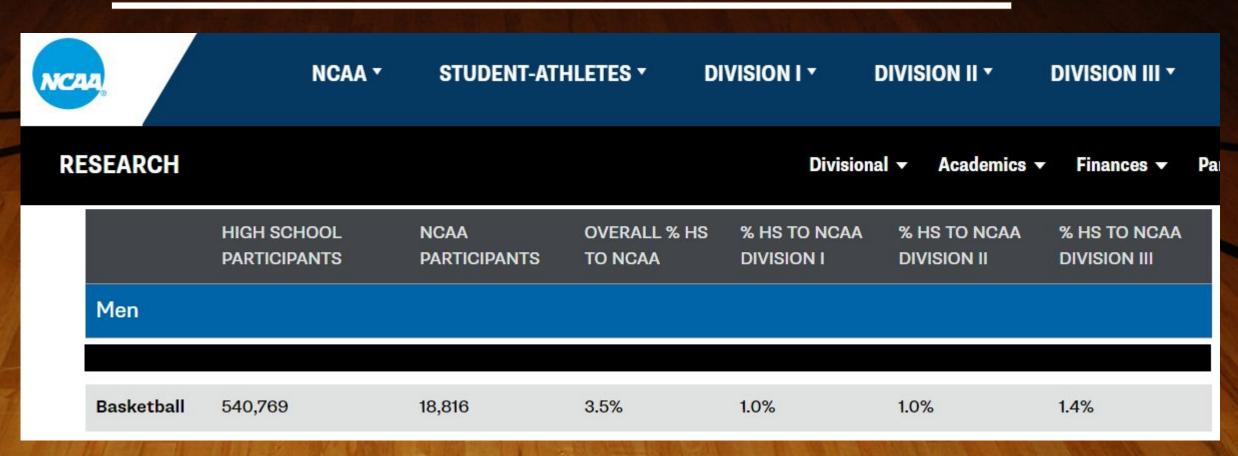
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E.A.G.A.N. = Effort, Attitude, Greatness Achieved Now

- 1. Hard work at practices, home, games
- 2. Positive support for our coaches, teammates, referees
- 3. Building community
- 4. Education of the game, our strengths and weaknesses
- 5. Making basketball a passion

Perspective: Striving for Greatness & Understanding Reality



Source: http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/research/estimated-probability-competing-college-athletics

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Perspective: Striving for Greatness & Understanding Reality as Parents

- Traveling Basketball = Largely volunteer run often with low paid referees and volunteer coaches
- MN Youth Basketball is extremely competitive, well run compared to other states (MYAS)
- Eagan has won numerous tournaments & sportsmanship awards in the past. Represent our community well!



Eagan Basketball Association Board

20+ Volunteer Board Members run Traveling and In-House Basketball

President - Troy Tatting

Secretary - Kellie Bunnell



Girls Program Director - Craig Olson

Facilities Director - Becky Carruthers

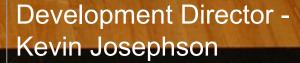




Vice President - Emily Rusham



Boys Program & Scheduling -John Simonsen Jason Wicklund











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20+ Volunteer Board Members run Traveling and In-House Basketball

Tryouts Director -Jeremy Bly, Brian Gray



Social Media Director -Jeff Sprick



Sponsorships & Fundraising -**Kevin Norris**



Tournament Directors -John Berge, Justin Johnson



Equipment Director -Josh Redetzke



Merchandise Director -**Amy Pazand**



In-House Basketball Directors -Lizzie Forshee, Edith Anderson



At Large Director -Paul Richardson



Eagan Basketball Association Board

Vacant Positions & Committee Opportunities

VACANT BOARD POSITIONS:

- Assistant Director of Sponsorship & Fundraising
- Assistant Treasurer
- At-Large
- Kindergarten In-House Director (Little Hoopsters)

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES:

- In House Programs Committee, Fundraising Committee
- WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT/UPDATE Committee

Eagan High School Head Coaches

Jesse Madsen- Girls Head Coach

jesse.madsen@district196.org

Kevin McKenzie - Boys Head Coach

kmac1524@hotmail.com

Coach Madsen & McKenzie invite our EBA coaches to email them, invite them to run a practice or set up a time for your team to watch a varsity practice



Season Overview

(Troy Tatting, President)

Practices

Games

Out-of-Town Tourney

Practices

- Start the second week of October
- Usually 2-3 per week
- 60-90 minute practices
- 3rd Grade: 1-2 practices per week
- Practice times between 5-9:30pm
- Locations = EHS elementaries, middle schools, MSB (3-5 gr), ECC, Bloomington, Silver Bell

- Try to get as early as we can but gym space is limited.
- Saturday practice between 8am-4pm (scheduled when no tournament games that weekend)
- Time, day, and location vary throughout the season.
- Schedules loaded in SportsEngine App

Practices

- Players are expected to be at all practices except for conflicts with school, family, church, and illness.
- If players miss practice for other reasons, coaches can deviate from playing time rules and deduct playing time.
- Practice is where your child and team will improve the most.
- Please notify coaches as soon as possible if your child will miss practice (use the SportsEngine app).

SportsEngine

• We are using the SportsEngine App for scheduling.



• Make sure you accept the SportsEngine email invite for your team after teams have been formed!

- Our facilities director enters in practice times and locations
- The Team Parent or Coaches enter in game times and locations

Games

- Played in weekend tournaments (no league games except 3rd gr.)
- EBA playing time rules: 50-50 for 3rd-6th and 60-40 for 7th-8th
- Deviations from playing time for absences, lack of sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship is our #1 priority –

(toward refs, coaches, teammates, other teams, and parents)

BE A ROLE MODEL - REPRESENT EAGAN WELL

Games

- 1-2 tournaments/month, 9 total tourneys, 3+ games/tournament (except 3rd grade has 7 tournaments)
- Teams have option of adding tournaments at their own expense
- Tournaments in the metro area + 1 away tournament (4-8 gr)
- State tournament location is undetermined until pools are made
- Tournaments are fundraisers for their programs. Most have switched to a no gate fee model.







Out-of-Town Tournament

HOSTED BY: BRAINERD BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Brainerd Minnesota

- Boys grades 4-8: February 10-11, 2024
- Girls grades 4-8: February 17-18, 2024





Out-of-Town Tournament













Out-of-Town Tournament







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8th Grade Celebration - Timberwolves Game

New this season!

EBA has partnered with the Wolves for all our 8th Graders to play against each other before the January 22, 2024 Wolves Game!

MONDAY

Jan 22

7:00 PM CST

TARGET CENTER

Minneapolis, MN









Tryouts

(Jeremy Bly & Brian Gray, Tryout Directors)

and

Team Formation

Tryout Reminders:

- Players are required to arrive 15 minutes prior to tryout start time.
- Players are required to wear plain T-shirts No names or past basketball team/camp/clinic info. Brand name logos, ie. Nike would be okay. This will be enforced upon sign-in.
- No parents allowed in tryouts. Only athletes, independent evaluators, head coach candidates, court assistants and necessary board members will be allowed in the gym.

Tryout Process

- 1. Tryouts are two days (mandatory)
 - Exception is 3rd grade, which will be one day
- 2. Independent Evaluators will be leading tryouts

What to Bring to Tryouts

- 2 **SEPARATE** deposit checks payable to EBA.
 - Check one \$250 to cover REQUIRED tournament volunteer hours OR \$200 to buy out of your volunteer hours.
 - Check two \$100 to cover the cost of uniforms.
 - Checks will be destroyed at the end of the season if uniforms are returned washed and undamaged and you have fulfilled your volunteer hours. Uniform check will be cashed if uniform damaged or not returned. Volunteer check will be cashed if hours go unfulfilled.
- Past Practice Jerseys --- all that you may have stashed away
- Water Bottle
- Athletic Shoes
- A Good Attitude and Ready to Work Hard

What Not to Bring to Tryouts:

- No Basketballs
- No Beverages or Food Water bottles only (no sports drinks, etc)
- No shirts with the names of players, camps, former leagues t-shirts, etc (plain t-shirts only)
- No phones or other electronic devices (if a player needs a phone to contact a parent, phone MUST stay in gym bag at all times)

Tryouts Evaluations

Pooling results will be formulated from a collective score determined by an external team of independent evaluators and previous coach evaluations that weigh in on player intangibles. Independent Evaluators will be looking at the following:

- Shooting (Off the dribble, off the pass)
- Layups (Left hand, right hand)
- Ball-handling (Left hand, right hand, change of direction)
- Passing (Both catching and passing)

- Basketball IQ (Moving without the ball, setting picks)
- Attitude and Effort
- Defensive Skills (help defense, moving feet)
- Scrimmage (3v3, 4v4, 5v5)

Tryouts Session #1 (Players required to attend both sessions)

www.eaganhoops.org/tryouts



Friday, September 15th, 2023

Location: Eagan High School

- 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 6th grade girls
- 7:05 p.m. 8:05 p.m. 7th grade girls
- 8:10 p.m. 9:10 p.m. 8th grade girls

Sunday, September 17th, 2023

Location: Eagan High School

- 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3rd grade girls (Only 1 day tryout)
- 10:10 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 4th grade girls
- 11:20 a.m. 12:20 p.m. 5th grade girls
- 12:50 p.m. 1:50 p.m. 4th grade boys
- 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5th grade boys
- 3:10 p.m. 4:10 p.m. 6th grade boys
- 4:20 p.m. 5:20 p.m. 7th grade boys
- 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8th grade boys



Tryouts Session #2 (Players required to attend both sessions)

www.eaganhoops.org/tryouts



Friday, September 22th, 2023

Location: Eagan High School

- 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 6th grade girls
- 7:05 p.m. 8:05 p.m. 7th grade girls
- 8:10 p.m. 9:10 p.m. 8th grade girls

Sunday, September 24th, 2023

Location: Eagan High School

- 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5th grade girls
- 10:10 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 4th grade girls
- 11:20 a.m. 12:20 p.m. 3rd grade boys (Only 1 day tryout)
- 12:50 p.m. 1:50 p.m. 8th grade boys
- 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5th grade boys
- 3:10 p.m. 4:10 p.m. 6th grade boys
- 4:20 p.m. 5:20 p.m. 7th grade boys
- 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 4th grade boys



Tryouts Sessions

For Tryouts @ Eagan High School:

PLAYERS & PARENTS ENTER THE MAIN DOOR FOR CHECK-IN

PLAYERS ONLY IN THE GYM (PARENTS DO NOT ENTER - OBSERVERS NOT ALLOWED IN GYM)



Tryouts Sessions

DOUBLE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR TIMES, RULES, AND LOCATIONS

https://www.eaganhoops.org/tryouts



Our coaches and players commit significant time to prepare and play traveling basketball. Players with repeated unexcused absences or

Team Formation

Number of Teams/Grade:

- 8-10 players per team but often uneven distribution of players trying out at each grade
- Analyze historical tryout numbers, talent level, registration numbers, and available coaching pool prior to tryouts to develop a plan
- We reserve the right to change the plan during tryouts based on actual tryout numbers and the related talent
- We may add a team for a grade/gender if tryout numbers, talent level, and coaching pool support it
- Conversely, we may drop a team due to numbers, talent level, or lack of coach
- Typically Team 1 plays in "A" tournaments; Team 2 in "B" tournaments; Team 3 in "C"

Team Formation

Team Selection:

- Teams are formed via Tryout Committee (Tryout Directors, Development Director, Boys/Girls Directors, Secretary, and President)
- Based on combined independent evaluations
- Other data points include: parent volunteer, paid coach, and board member combined evals; evaluation comments; prior years' coach player survey; size/height (measured at first tryout)
- If a conflict of interest exists (for instance, a committee member has a child in that grade), that member leaves the room
- Discussions are as a group vs. any individual making a decision

Team Formation

Coach Selection:

- Head coach candidates attend the tryout session for the grade/gender they applied to coach
- Candidates have been interviewed and ranked by the Interview Committee made up of various EBA Board Members
- Evaluators do not know the results of coach candidate rankings
- The highest ranked coach with a player in pool 1 will be named the Team 1 Head Coach. Subsequent team head coaches will be named after each previous team has been formed in the same manner.
- Player pooling and coach ranking are independent of each other.

Paid Coaches

- 1. EBA's policy is to have paid coaches for the 7th & 8th grade A teams.
- 2. 7th & 8th grade A team coaches are subsidized. Parents pay \$100 each.
- 3. Helps prepare players (and parents) for high school vs. being coached by a parent.
- 4. EBA also contracts with 2 additional paid coaches to fill in where needed.
 - If your son or daughter ends up on a team with one of these paid coaches, the team is responsible for funding the coach. Cost would be split between all players on the team and would range between \$225-\$250.
- 5. If funding for a paid coach is financially difficult, please contact the EBA to work out other volunteer options.

Current Registration Numbers Girls Boys

Grade	Players	Teams	Coaches
G3	8	1	2
G4	22	2 or 3	3
G5	24	3	3
G6	21	2	3
G7	19	2	2
G8	20	2	3

Grade	Players	Teams	Coaches
В3	12	1	1
B4	28	3	5
B5	28	3	4
В6	38	4	7
В7	23	2 or 3	4
B8	34	3 or 4	5

The Team Selection Committee determines exact team roster numbers after tryouts.

Each team will include between 8-10 players depending on final registration numbers, coaches, and related talent.



(Kevin Josephson, Player & Coach Development Director)

MSB / Reid Ouse

Visiting Coaches at Practices

Coaches Corner

Offseason Development



Resources for Coaches/Players:

- Minnesota School of Basketball Grades 3-5:
 - MSB has paid instructors, works with players on technical aspects, shooting
 - At least 1 team coach should participate, helping the MSB instructor who runs practice
 - Provides us extra time in the gym; a great place to sign up for private lessons
- Reid Ouse Grades 6-8:
 - Professional instructor of college and NBA stars
 - Meets with teams multiple times each season
 - At least 1 team coach should participate, helping Reid as he runs practice

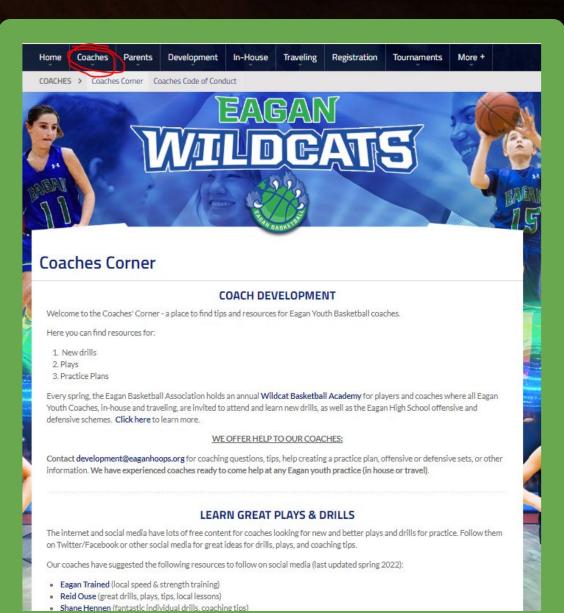
Resources for Coaches/Players:

- NEW: VISITING COACHES
 - Coaching our coaches
 - ~10 of our most highly rated and experienced coaches, paid and volunteer
 - Assigned to run practices, share ideas for success and past experiences
 - New drills and shared ideas for continued development
 - Fresh instruction for players (it's a long season)!
 - Email <u>development@eaganhoops.org</u> to request an experienced coach visit!

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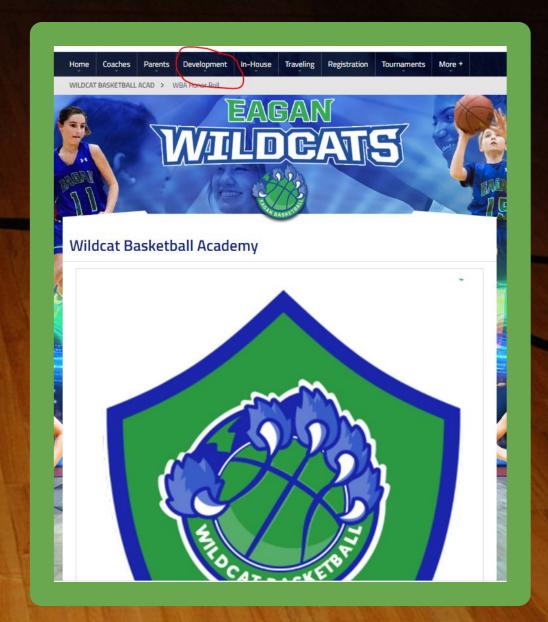
COAHES CORNER

- Coach development webpage
- Plays, drills, offensive/defensive sets
- Coaching links to follow
- Sample practice plan
- Updated regularly
- https://www.eaganhoops.org/coachescorner



Offseason Resources:

- Wildcat Basketball Academy
 - 3-4 Sunday Nights in April/May
 - Speakers, Parent Assembly
 - T-Shirt, Contests, Awards
 - Honor Roll
 - 2023 stats: 232 players, 26+ coaches, 900 individual contests, 96 awards!
 - \$17k+ raised for EBA!
 - www.eaganhoops.org/page/show/701 0840-wildcat-basketball-academy





Offseason Resources:

- <u>10,000 Shot Club:</u>
 - Record shots during summer
 - Prize at Varsity game for 10k shots
 - https://www.eaganhoops.org/10kshots

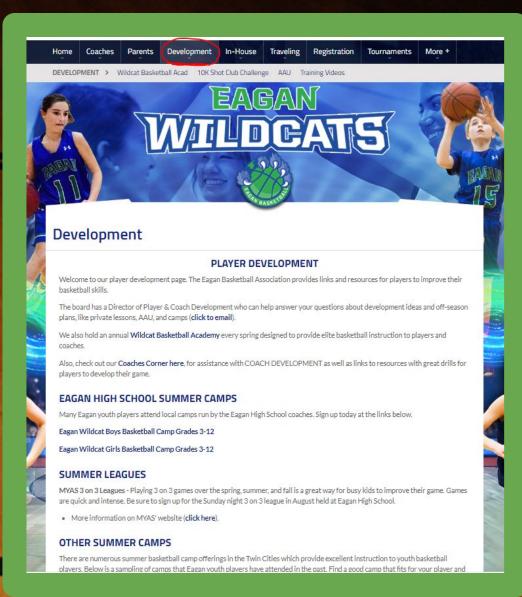


- To get the most benefit, players should shoot a variety of shots. Layups, form shooting,

free throws, three pointers, baseline jumpers, elbow jumpers, etc.

Offseason Resources:

- Check out the "DEVELOPMENT" tab on www.eaganhoops.org:
 - EHS summer camps
 - AAU, MYAS 3x3 leagues
 - Other summer camps
 - Links to videos





Eagan Tournament

(John Berge & Justin Johnson, Tournament Directors)

Volunteering/DIBS

Locations

Teams

Eagan Tournament

Wildcat Classic 2023

November 4-5, 2023

- BOYS & GIRLS 3rd-8th, A-C:
 - One-day format
 - No gate fees
 - Brackets to be released by middle of Oct
- Locations for 2023:
 - Eagan High School
 - St Thomas Academy
 - Black Hawk Middle School
 - Hope Fieldhouse
 - Dakota Hills, if necessary



Eagan Tournament

Volunteer Requirements (DIBS)

- \$250 Volunteer Deposit due at time of Eagan Travel Basketball tryouts (first day)
 - Opportunity to buy out your volunteer requirement for \$200.
- Mandatory 4-hour parent volunteer shift per player per season
 - Tournament weekend lots of options for volunteering:
 - Concessions/Runners, Gym Set-Up/Take Down, Co-Site Managers
 - Volunteer shifts will be released following the brackets so you can try to limit conflicts between your shift and child's games
 - DIBS app will be used to sign up to work a shift and track your volunteer hours
- Fundraiser for our program we need everyone!



Uniforms



• Uniforms:

- Shorts and reversible jersey
- Will be handed out at practice

Sizing

- Coaches will have a list of your athlete's size when handing out
- If player's jersey does not fit, we will have a jersey exchange day in late October for those who need a different size.
- Please take care of the uniforms
 - Misplacing uniforms = you will forfeit \$100 deposit required at tryouts
 - Wash in cold water and line dry

Player Shooting Shirts & Coach Shirts

- Shooting/Warm-Up player shirts:
 - Same shirt for all teams Grades 3-8
 - Size will reflect the jersey top size you selected for your athlete
 - Shooting shirts will not be available to try on prior to ordering
 - Orders placed immediately after team placements are finalized
- Athlete's last name(s) submitted during registration will be on the shooting shirt along with the Eagan basketball logo
- Shooting Shirts will be handed out at practice in October
- Coaches shirts: Following tryouts, after coaches are determined, sizes will be requested from all coaches (Women & Men fits available)



Eagan Spirit Wear



St. Mane Sporting Goods

- Unique Eagan Basketball Spirit Wear
- O Basketball bags, sweatshirts, zip ups, basketball shorts, pajama pants, etc
- O This will be offered for a limited time
 - Opens at the end of tryouts and closes at midnight October 8th
 - Items will be available for direct ship or pickup (St. Paul location) the last week in October

**** A portion of each sale goes to the EAA basketball program ****

Squadlocker

- Eagan Spirit Wear: can purchase throughout the season
- o Ongoing online store: can place orders anytime for shipping directly to your home
- All items will have Eagan Wildcats logos and most items can be personalized on the site
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Fundraising 2023-2024

- Thank you to all of our sponsors!
- Fundraising Nights
 - Past fundraisers at Raising Cane's (Eagan), Nautical Bowls (Eagan Promenade) and Chick-fil-A (Eagan)
 - Save the date reminders to follow on social media and email!
 - Future events will be communicated as they are scheduled
- We are still accepting donations and sponsorships for the season. Please reach out to Kevin at fundraising@eaganhoops.org











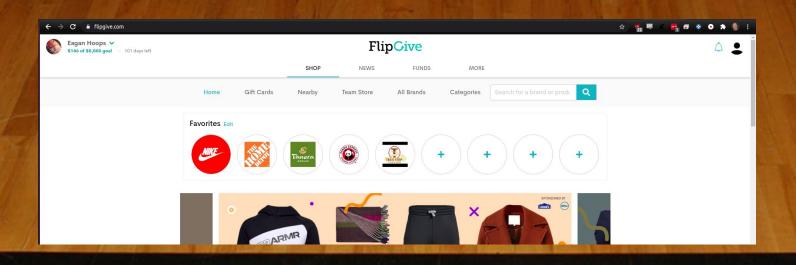




Flipgive

Stop fundraising the old fashioned way and try FlipGive, a free team funding app that earns you cash for the things you're already buying.

- Flipgive is a way that you can purchase everyday items or dining at restaurants when using the app while giving back to the Eagan Basketball Association.
- Download the app, create a username and password, and select our organization with team code CWXTLY for Eagan Hoops!







Wildcat Community

(Troy Tatting, President)

Eagan FunFest Parade
Winter Event

Summer Event



Community

Help Grow the Wildcat Basketball Community:

- Board of Director Membership
- Committee Membership
 - Fundraising
 - Community Events
 - In House Programming
- FunFest Parade
- Winter Break Event planning
- Summer Event planning







Parent/Coach Feedback

SURVEYS:

- Mid-season survey and end of season survey.
- Your feedback is important to the continued improvement and growth of the Eagan Travel Basketball Program.
- Take time to complete surveys regarding our program and coaches.
- Be open and honest we want to continually improve our program.

COACH MEETING:

• Coach meeting at the end of the season & coach evals sent to parents.

What it is All About!

Eagan 5th grade boys

State Tournament

Semifinals

Eagan is down 1 with 1.1 seconds left

TRIP TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ON THE LINE!!!

What it is All About!



Q & A

Please submit questions in text chat.

