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EVAA Volunteers Needed!



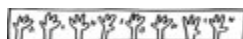
The Eastview Athletic Association needs you to continue to bring excellence in athletics to our children. EVAA board members, individual sports board members, coaches, field coordinators, equipment coordinators, and committee members, are all crucial to the continued success of the Eastview Athletic Association.

Most recently, EVAA was in danger of having to cancel the 2007 Track season because this sport was without a named Program Director. Volunteers have stepped up to lead this program so registration for Track could begin with the other EVAA sports starting January 1.

While Traveling Basketball is winding up its 2006 season, the 2007 season is currently without a Program Director. If you would like to volunteer for this responsibility, please contact the current Program Director, Ken Dockter.

Tennis has also indicated a need for both an In-House age coordinator and Traveling coordinator. Please contact Bill Sommers for additional information.

Many of our individual sports programs have open positions needing your help. You will not be starting from scratch as our many established programs have people eager to teach you the ropes. Without volunteers, our organization would cease to exist. For Track, we were the closest we've ever been to canceling a sport because of lack of volunteers. Think of all the fun our kids would be missing! If you have interest in helping, please go to the website at www.evaasports.org and use the Contact Us link.



EVAA Change in Check Processing

Starting in January 2007, EVAA will be implementing a change to its online registration policy. Credit card payment only will be accepted during the online registration process. Please have your credit card information available at the time of registration. Paying by check will still be available via walk-in registrations. Dates for walk-ins will be posted in the *Eastview Extra* newsletter when available before publication and on the EVAA website at www.evaasports.org. This change is being implemented to reduce administrative costs in check processing which will be passed onto the programs and families EVAA serves.

Did You Know:

- The EVAA website now has a location for participants to sell used equipment. Please go to the website www.evaasports.org => Baseball => Equipment Exchange. Let us know if you would like to see this service expanded to other programs.

Spring and Summer Sports Registration

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Fall and Winter leagues are winding down and Spring/Summer registration is beginning. Please read on for highlights and signup dates for our Spring and Summer lineup.

2007 Online registration dates:

- In-House Baseball – Jan 1 – Mar 18
- Traveling Baseball – Jan 1– Mar 15
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Falcon Ridge Middle School

In-House Baseball

Eastview In-House Baseball is currently preparing for the 2007 season. The program continues its efforts to provide youth age 5 as of April 30, 2007 through 9th grade with a fun, yet competitive baseball league. We believe EVAA's In-House Baseball program offers both a great opportunity for our children to learn and love the game of baseball and for our families to enjoy sharing in the experience.

In the past year the In-House Baseball Board has undergone significant turnover and we are currently seeking enthusiastic parents to help keep the In-House Baseball program successful. Please contact Lars Erickson, In-House Baseball Board Program Director, if interested in joining the board at lserickson@frontiernet.net.

This year we will open online registration on January 1, 2007. Online registration will run from January 1, 2007 through March 18, 2007. The late registration period runs from March 19, 2007 through March 31, 2007. Access online registration through the EVAA website at www.evaasports.org. Any registration received after March 31, 2007 will be placed on a waiting list.

In-House Baseball uses grades, not ages, to determine teams. In an effort to avoid confusion and to align the EVAA In-House Baseball program with the VAA In-House Baseball program, the In-House Board would like parents to register their child according to the child's current grade. This is a change from last season. Please read the registration directions carefully.

Lacrosse

There are some exciting changes to the community spring lacrosse program this year!

- 7-8th grade boys will begin playing outside, using the field lacrosse format. This will help prepare them for playing at the high school level. Some travel will be involved.
- Girls in grades 4-6th and 7-8th grades can now register for girls' lacrosse. Girls' lacrosse uses a different set of equipment and rules, but it is still a fast-paced, no-contact sport. Some travel will be involved. Girls with previous indoor lacrosse experience are encouraged to register for girls' lacrosse this year.
- Boys in 2-4th and 5-6th grades will continue to play the indoor, box format. This in-house league will combine with Eagan, as in past years.

Registration for all lacrosse teams is January 4-February 17, 2007 and can be accessed from the EVAA website, www.evaasports.org/lacrosse.

Volunteers are needed for Uniform Coordinator, Equipment Manager, and Eastview Lacrosse Coordinator. Please contact Chris Lorsung, VAA Youth Lacrosse Commissioner, at chris.lorsung@vaasports.org to volunteer or for more information.



EVAA In-House Basketball Shoot-Around



In August, the incoming 2006 class of EVAA in-house registered 3rd grade boys and girls basketball players participated in a special 3 day clinic arranged to prepare them for changes in fall basketball. This year, third grade EVAA basketball players played fall basketball on full size courts and shot on regulation height baskets (10 ft). In addition, the game changed to the traditional 5 players on 5 players as opposed to past years' 4 on 4 due to the gym constraints (cross court).

To help prepare our children for this new exciting year, EVAA In-House Basketball hosted a shoot around. Eastview High School Girls Varsity players, Danae Moore, Taylor Allen, Brittney McSperron and Kenzie Del Santro assisted in support of this learn-

ing experience while making it fun for the children.

Parent coaches, age group coordinators and Minnesota's own Liz Podominick, former Minnesota Gopher Basketball player from Lakeville and holder of many awards including, Metro Player of the Year, three time Coaches Association All-State Player, and McDonald's National High School All American, provided instruction and encouragement for the EVAA 3rd graders.

Tennis



Tennis is a sport for a lifetime! EVAA offers both In-House and Traveling Tennis programs with over 170 participants in 2006. The tennis season runs from mid-June through the end of July. The program provides instructors and traveling team coaches.

The in-house program costs \$65 and is for those who have completed kindergarten through 8th grade. A Ralleyball team format is used at the K-3 grades. Ralleyball is a simplified form of tennis that allows the younger players with little or no tennis experience to successfully play team tennis within a game format. This has been so successful that in-house participation has doubled in the last 2 years.

The traveling program costs \$160 and is for ages 10 – 18 (as of July 1, 2007). The co-ed traveling teams compete in a USTA Junior Team Tennis league and the USTA sectional tournament. Teams are formed based on age (14 and under and over 14) and ability and accommodate a variety of skill levels.

We need volunteers to help administrate and guide the tennis programs. Please send e-mail to tennis@evaasports.org if you would like more information.

The season starts with a free instructional clinic in May. Watch the EVAA tennis web site for details.

Other Sports Registration Highlights

- Traveling Baseball: Session May-July. Ages 9-15 as of April 30. Tryouts on March 30-31. Program cost is \$75. Non-refundable tryout fee is \$25.
- In-House Soccer: Spring Session May 1-June 30. Program cost is \$45.
- In-House Softball: Session May-July. Grades K-5.
- Traveling Softball: Session May-July. Ages 10-16. Tryouts on March 9-10 and 24-25.
- In-House Tennis: Session June-July. Grades K-8. Program cost is \$65.
- Traveling Tennis: Session June-July. Ages 10-18 as of July 1. Program cost \$160.
- Track: Session Apr-May. Grades K-5. Program cost is \$50. Friday night meets for all grades.

More information can be obtained from visiting the website at www.evaasports.org.

2006 EVAA – 3rd/4th Grade Girls - Fall Volleyball Tournament Champions



Congratulations to the Red Flames for winning the 3rd & 4th grade In-House Volleyball tournament.

This year there were 5 teams participating in 3rd & 4th grade girls' league - including the Fireballs, Tangerines, Purple Destroyers, Blue Sharks and the Red Flames.

This year's tournament 1st place winners - "Red Flames" - include Christina Barry, Cassie Field, Gabby Field, Jessi Ford, Sarah Gill, Courtney Holmvik, Marquise Kassa, Olivia Robinson, Emma Veum, and Grace Wilson.

Thank you to the coaches—All parents of the "RED FLAMES" — for your volunteerism.

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Highlights from the 2006

October EVAA Board Meeting

- EVAA will contribute a donation to the memorial of Earl and Nicholas Kyle.
- A proposal to add a link to the EVAA website to sell used equipment was discussed and approved.
- Sports programs provided updates.
- Board member attendance quorum was not met.

Highlights from the 2006

November EVAA Board Meeting

- Spring and Summer programs will present budgets at Dec meeting.
- Slightly under projected budget for admin fees, insurance, and salaried positions.
- Web training was poorly attended. Need program directors to understand how to administer web updated on the newly designed web site.
- Equipment exchange link added to the EVAA web site.
- Sports programs provided updates.
- Mike Oberfeld and Chad Schmidt stepping down as board members. Thanks for your involvement.
- EVAA on the Dec 15 AV Chamber of Commerce meeting agenda.

EVAA Board Meetings

EVAA board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, 7pm, at the Apple Valley Community Center. Anyone interested in addressing the EVAA board may do so during Open Forum which begins each meeting promptly at 7pm. No meetings are held in the months of June, July, and August.

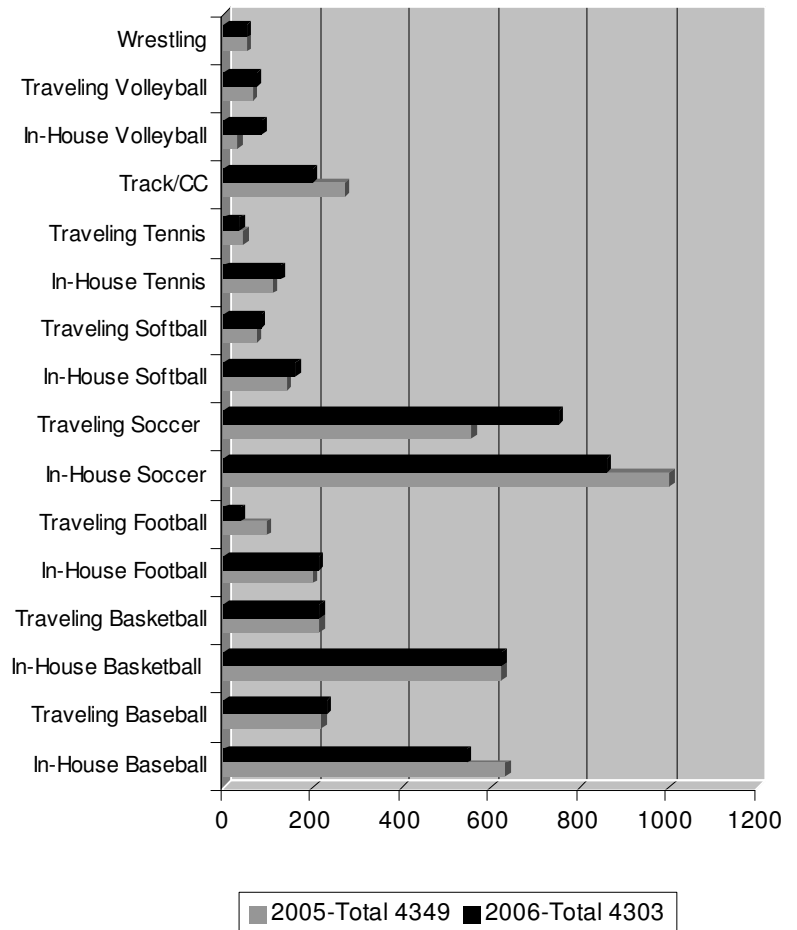
The first meeting of the year is a special session where community dignitaries are invited to speak and new board members are nominated. It will start at 6:30pm on January 15 2007.

Highlights from the 2006

December EVAA Board Meeting

- Sports Star Photography presented new feature offerings involving management of archival photographs.
- Travel Baseball, Tennis, and Soccer presented 2007 budgets.
- Sports programs provided updates.
- Decision on credit card only payment for online registration starting January 2007.
- Court appointment for lawsuit involving Ryan Electric was complete. Decision is pending.
- Spring/Summer sports online registration to be turned on January 1, 2007.

Participation Numbers 2005-2006



Congratulations EVAA 6th Grade Traveling C Boys Basketball



The Eastview Boys 6C Traveling Basketball team were the Champions of the Consolation Bracket of the Eden Prairie Tournament in early December. The team is 7-5 after playing four tournaments this season. Team members include Jack Bernstein, Luke Ericksen, Justin Flesher, Matt Huhner, Taylor Johansen, Austin Mans, Michael Marsh, Alex Norderhus, Nick Oelke, and Jordan Olson. Coaches are Scott Mans & Steve Parsons. Congratulations Lightning!

2006 EVAA – 3rd Grade Girls - Basketball Tournament Champions

Congratulations to the Purple People Eaters for winning the 3rd grade In-House Basketball Tournament.

This year's tournament 1st place winners include Colleen Muraca, Jenna Plagens, Rebecca Roeder, Erika Schlosser, Talia Sherry, Emma Sinn, and Samantha Zelenak. The team was coached by Phil Sinn and Jay and Lisa Schlosser.

Congratulations Lightning!



2006 EVAA – 3rd/4th Grade Girls - Fall Soccer

The "Golden Gophers" 3rd & 4th grade girls fall soccer team ended the regular season undefeated and won second place in the playoffs. Players include Carson Albrecht, Taylor Carroll, Sarah Chatfield, Sarah Gill, Gina Hall, Kelley Kozulla, Megan Lewandowski, Mackenzie Lindell, Marie McNamara, Megan McNamara, Rachel Munos, Stephanie Olson, and Anneliese Singer. Coaches are Jim Carroll, Mark Hall, Jeff McNamara and Johnny Gill.

Congratulations on your undefeated regular season!





From the President...

By Dale Kersten, EVAA President

Apple Valley Legion Post Discontinues Support of EVAA

The Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776 informed EVAA in October that due to a disagreement between them and the Eastview Thunder Baseball Board they were discontinuing all funding opportunities to the Eastview Athletic Association effective January 1, 2007.

The Circumstance

The Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776 has sponsored a Legion Baseball team comprised of high school players, many of whom live in the boundaries of EVAA. Players ages 16-19 are eligible to play on the team. The formation of a single team in Apple Valley (a city with two large high schools) has traditionally limited many players from an opportunity to compete on a team with other players of similar ability. The result divided our players among the Apple Valley Legion team, other Legion teams in the area, and other Senior Babe Ruth programs in the area.

The Response

The Eastview Thunder Baseball Board, which governs 16-19 year old players within the EVAA participation boundaries, adopted a mission to assist athletes in developing advanced baseball skills and provide the opportunity to compete with other players of similar abilities. To this end, the Eastview Thunder Board proposed to the American Legion, in January, 2006, the creation of a second Legion team in Apple Valley. The Legion did not support this proposal.

At this point, the Eastview Thunder decided to create a team and fund the team without the sponsorship of the Apple Valley American Legion. The Apple Valley Legion then decided to discontinue all funding to the Eastview Thunder Baseball Program (which contributed to the support of the Senior Babe Ruth team).

Later, when the Minnesota Legion State Board awarded a charter for a Legion team to the Eastview Thunder Baseball Board at their semiannual meeting on September 21, 2006, the Apple Valley American Legion responded by discontinuing all funding

to Eastview Athletic Association along with other institutions involved in providing athletic opportunities to the Eastview community. There remains some question as to the scope of this decision by the AV American Legion. This will be effective beginning on January 1, 2007.

This was an independent action taken by the American Legion in response to an independent action taken by the Eastview Thunder Board. At the same time, we (EVAA) philosophically support the position taken by the Eastview Thunder Board.

The Future

Eastview Athletic Association and our associated high school programs have had extraordinarily successful relationships which have provided thousands of youth a variety of activities that meet their individual needs. We have every intention of maintaining these quality opportunities for youth athletes in our community. We wish to thank the members of the Apple Valley American Legion for their service to our country, community, and association. At the same time, we all share disappointment in the Apple Valley American Legion's response to the addition of a Legion baseball team to our community by discontinuing all funding to our community programs.

We will continue to investigate and pursue revenue streams to support our programs as we continue to serve the community. Two local supporters of EVAA and possible fundraising meals have already helped fill any gaps that have been created. They are the Rosemount American Legion and the Apple Valley Applebee's. I encourage you to support them and all of our valued contributors to the continued success of the Eastview Athletic Association.

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EVAA 2007 Program Directors

In-House Baseball	Lars Ericksen
Traveling Baseball	Michelle Jacobson
In-House Basketball	Johnny Gill
Traveling Basketball	Ken Dockter
Football	Chris Anderson
In-House Soccer	Peter Brekke
Softball	Brad McCumber
Tennis	Bill Sommers
In-House Track & Field	PD To Be Named
Volleyball	Jim Martin
In-House Wrestling	Travis Lee

To contact any program, please visit the website at www.evaasports.org and go to "Contact Us."

Advertisement Rates

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Publications dates are January, April, July, and October in 2007 (ask about delivery dates and advertising deadlines). All advertisements are black and white. Current Rates:

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