



High School Basketball Championships Move to Kentucky

The AAU High School Boys Basketball Division One National Championship and Gold Super Showcase, grades 10 through 12, will be held at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky in 2014 and the next 3 years. AAU President Henry Forest says, "We will be in the heart of basketball country where there is tremendous fan and media interest in the sport. Louisville is centrally located and is easy to reach for a large number of our teams and their families, fans and college coaches. The Kentucky Exposition Center is a premiere, event friendly facility; located in close proximity to hotels, interstate highways and the airport."

The 10th Grade Boys Basketball Championship will be held July 22-26. The 11th Grade Championship will be held July 22-28. The tournaments are expected to attract 340 teams, more than 900 college coaches and scores of national media outlets. "Our championship", says AAU Treasurer Ron Crawford, "takes place during an open recruiting period for colleges, so representatives from nearly every team in all divisions of the NCAA and the NAIA will attend, including the biggest names in the coaching business". In 2012 recognizable players like Andrew Wiggins (Kentucky; Julius Randle, Andrew Harrison, Aaron Harrison and Dakari Johnson (Kentucky) participated in the event.

TFE Hosts Town Hall Meeting



Team Fire Elite Staff and Maryland AAU Executive Directors

AAU Governor Benjamin DuBose was invited by the Team Fire Elite Basketball Program to a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, March 19. Coaches, parents, referees, and organization representatives attended; receiving information on the objectives, mission and goals of the Maryland District, and about the advantages of participating in the AAU Nationals, and developing local invitational tournaments and hosting clinics. Located in Waldorf, Maryland, Team Elite was founded by the husband and wife team of Kevin and Nakia Dade. The organization currently hosts 4th through 7th and 9th grade teams.

Team Fire Elite's mission is to improve athletic, academic and social accountability skills. They are committed, says organization literature, to exposing children to "acts of service" as a learning experience that develops character, provides clarity, and builds a sense of appreciation of the world/community. To that end, they recently raised \$750.00 to purchase items to fill and deliver 20 care baskets, which included heating pads, tooth paste, soap, socks and other items, to senior citizens living at the local **Morningside House of Saint Charles**. Many Morningside House seniors thanked the organization for its generosity with notes of gratitude and appreciation. "Keep up the good work. The world benefits from your kindness and love", wrote Alexandria Burtnick, a resident. Team Fire Elite is a growing organization that is committed to the St. Charles community. It is also committed to partnering with organizations in the county to broaden services to a greater number of kids and it has the full support of MD AAU.

AAU 2014 District Golf Tournament Scheduled

Stonebridge Golf Club in Greenville, Tennessee will again host the AAU 2014 National Golf Championship. The July 17th – 21st event will feature some of the country's best junior golfers. To qualify for participation, you must compete in the Maryland District Championship, which will be held Friday, June 27th at the Forest Park Golf Course, in Baltimore. Players that qualify will receive an expenses paid trip (air fare, hotel, and tournament entry fee) to the National Tournament. In 2013 the Maryland District, in partnership with the **Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation and Parks**, sent three representatives to the tournament who finished first, second and fifth. Visit the **Maryland AAU Golf website** for information on how you can enter this tournament.

Important Announcements:

- **2014 AAU Maryland District Track & Field Championship, * Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15**
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