

# Canterbury basketball camp is a slam dunk

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Children from various communities in Dallas and Ellis Counties enjoyed a unique basketball camp at Canterbury Episcopal School last week.

Beginning at 9 a.m. on July 13, children ranging in age from 6-14 learned and improved their basketball skills by personal instruction, games, scrimmages, and just plain fun.

The afternoon sessions were geared specifically for students ranging in age from 14-18 years old to improve their basketball skills and give them the competitive edge needed for high school play.

Under the direction of Canterbury Athletics Director Scott Vaughan, the Canterbury Summer Sports Camps are unique in the competitive seasonal industry of "enrichment camps."

"What makes Canterbury's camps stand out from many others is that not only do the events offer the opportunity for students to learn and improve particular athletic skills, but they are infused

with the values of fairness and good sportsmanship that are sometimes overlooked in competitive sports today," a spokesman said.

Each morning of camp begins with words from Canterbury coaches and a fun interactive game for all the campers. The session progresses with stations where campers learn and improve particular skills needed for the game, additional games and opportunities for competition and prizes, followed by scrimmages grouped by ages and skill level.

Following the final activity, campers receive tickets that they have earned for their efforts during the day that they will be able to trade in at the end of the week for prizes. Each session closes with inspirational words from Vaughan or other Canterbury coaches.

Vaughan has seen many of the campers for several years and stated that he loves to see the growth and improvement in these young athletes. The CES high school counselors offer a fun and inspirational element for the event. Many of the counselors, such as

Canterbury junior Tyler Mathis and 2009 Canterbury graduate Derrik Neal, enjoy assisting with this event as much as the campers enjoy attending.

Seeing the joy in Derrik's face while he instructs some of the beginners, makes it obvious that his plans to become a coach will be successful. First time campers, Monroe Bailey of Ovilla and Jax Thaxton of Midlothian, both said that they were having an "awesome time" and are already looking forward to next year.

Canterbury Volleyball Camp and Basketball Camp have concluded for this summer; however, for anyone wanting to take part in this unique summer camp experience while improving their baseball skills, there is still time to register. Boys' Baseball Camp will be held on campus July 20-23. The morning camp session is for ages 10-13, and is from 9-11:30 a.m. (\$110), while the afternoon session is for ages 14-18, and is from 1-4:00 (\$120). For more information or to register, visit the Web site or call 972-890-7280.



The Canterbury Episcopal School's basketball camp was a success as the campers learned both life and basketball fundamentals. The school plans to hold a baseball camp this week.