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PANTHER LACROSSE COACH

Dustin Ruehle Named Youth Coach Of The Year

DENVER - It was announced today Dustin Ruehle, head coach of the Panthers' third-grade team in the Colorado Youth Lacrosse Association, has been named the inaugural Colorado Mammoth Youth Lacrosse Coach of the Year. In the month-long competition featuring nominations from the state's youth lacrosse playing population and their families, Ruehle came out the victor. "The passion in the nominations we received for Coach Ruehle was nothing short of overwhelming," Mammoth general manager Steve Govett said. "It was evident that Dustin has played an instrumental role in his players' lives, and that he is making each of them better individuals. You couldn't ask for anything more from a youth lacrosse coach." Ruehle was also recognized at halftime of the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association Division 1 national championship game at Dick's Sporting Goods Park on May 16. The coach said he was "surprised" and "in shock" when he was named the winner. "It's a great honor because I think it's very important to be involved in youth sports," said Ruehle. "The fact that my (players and their) parents felt good enough to nominate me...it's almost an indescribable feeling." While one of his players called Ruehle "the best lacrosse coach he's ever met," a parent spoke of the coach's impact on his son's life and the sport of lacrosse in general. "We are so lucky for our son to have such an amazing role model outside of our family circle. Coach Ruehle is a fantastic ambassador of the sport." As the inaugural winner of the award, Ruehle was presented with a commemorative plaque and a Mammoth team-signed jersey. He will also receive VIP accommodations at a Colorado Mammoth home game next season.

Congratulations Coach Ruehle, the Panther Community is Extremely Proud of You and Thank You For Outstanding Performance



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Football Registration and News

Panther football registration is open and underway! If you have not done so, please register online at www.panthersports.com under the football tab! We are busy making preparations for the upcoming season. Our Coaches will be attending a Coach "O" Positive coaching clinic on July 16th, a Children's Hospital Sports Medicine Clinic on July 21st, a Panther Coaches' meeting on July 23rd, and we will be having a Team Parent meeting on July 30th.

Practices will begin August 3rd and the **2009 Mandatory Weigh-in Date this year is August 22, 2009** at a venue yet to be determined. Please Note that there will not be another weigh-in date after August 22nd prior to the first game. **Thus, if a player is not weighed in by August 22, 2009, then they will not play in the first game of the regular season!** Also, new this year with weigh-ins we will be having a canned food drive. We are asking each player to bring a can of food with them to weigh-ins.

The Falkner Festival will once again be held at the Rock (Castle Rock that is...) on Aug. 29th & 30th.

Games will begin September 5th. Please note this is Labor Day Weekend! Please plan to celebrate your Labor Day weekend in "Panther Style" with your team's Season Opener!

Last, but certainly not least, we would like to announce the Panthers' very first Speed & Agility and Conditioning camp July 20th- 31st 9am-11am Monday through Friday. This is a great way to get in shape and shape things up for your fall sport. This is especially helpful for football as it is the two weeks before practices begin so you can be a step ahead and be in shape and ready to go and start hitting the first day of practice. You may register online at

Please also see our website www.panthersports.org for the camps/clinics tab along the left side of the main page for more camps and clinic opportunities!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in just a few short weeks.

Your Panther Football Delegates, Janet Holmes & Kent Calkins

PANTHER VOLLEYBALL

The Panther Volleyball teams ended another great season in early May. Four of our teams survived 'Play-Off Saturday' and made it into the championship matches on May 16th. Congratulations to the champions! Team Lowther was victorious in the 9/10 National division. In addition, congratulations go out to Team Masterson – 11/12 American, Team Cressman – 13/14 American, and Team Pearson-13/14 National for there second place finishes. As always, the Panthers were well represented in the upper age divisions.

The 2010 season will begin with a few new delegates. Christy Bross has volunteered step in as one of our new volleyball delegates. Helping Christy will be someone, "to be named at a later date". Stepping to the side, (but not completely disappearing), as delegates will be Jennifer Masterson, and Ted Smith. Welcome Christy!

Online registration for next season will begin in October of 2009, and will run through January of 2010. The AYL is hoping to see an increase in the number of boys playing next season. The projected goal is to eventually have both girls and boys divisions.

Good Bye, and Good Luck to all of our 'retiring' Panther players and their parents. Thank you for being the best parents around! Until we hear from you in October, it is time to get out there and hit those volleyball camps and clinics!

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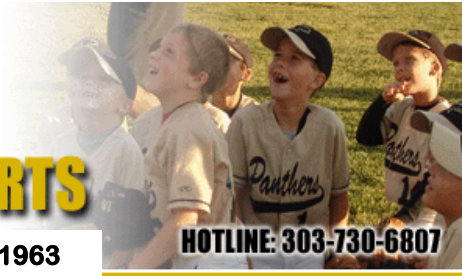
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Basketball Update

Boys basketball registration will begin in late September. Please keep in mind that registration is by team and not by individual. Each team will play a regular season of seven games and a tournament. Keep checking the basketball page at www.panthersports.org for details.

Summer Basketball Camps

Hoops 4 You Basketball camp 3-5th boys/girls. \$95

Boys: July 27 – 29, 8-10am

Girls: July 30 - August 1, 8-10am

Panther Lacrosse Teams Excel in the Jamboree

Jamboree Boys

Winners

5th grade Red - Panthers Evans
8th grade Upper White - Panthers Masterson

2nd Place

6th grade Red - Panthers Barker

Jamboree Girls

2nd Place

7th grade - Panthers Englert

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