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CENTRAL TEXAS STARZZ

APRIL 10, 2017

PROUDLY REPRESENTING THE CITY OF FIVE HILLS... COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS

EXTREME 212



CHAMPIONS

Cedar Park and Georgetown, Texas was the places to be this weekend for youth basketball. Extreme 212, a youth program out of Cedar Park, Texas held a youth basketball tournament. The tournament drew over 240 teams from throughout Texas and neighboring states. These teams came to compete for the right to be called "Champion." Seven Central Texas STARZZ teams participated. See page three.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Central Texas STARZZ basketball program is to provide an opportunity for our young people to develop and improve their basketball skills, as well as their personal development. Through basketball, our young people will learn valuable lessons about teamwork, discipline, respect, hard work and the value of making good decisions through participation in competitive sports.

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The Central Texas STARZZ is a non-profit 501(C)3 youth program, a member of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU).

THE CLIPBOARD



Dorothy and I, welcome you to another season of Central Texas STARZZ basketball. We are looking forward to a great rebuilding year after taking a year off. We are hard at work improving the STARZZ brand and rebuilding our program bottom up. We accomplish that by recruiting a nine team program this year. This is a monumental challenge and we believe the coaches and players we have in place are up to the challenge.

STARZZ teams have already participated in three tournaments and played over 40 games in this early season. Our 5th grade boys team started practice this week and we are still recruiting girls for a 5th grade team. I am pleased with where we are and look forward to the rest of the season. Coaches I remind you ... Teach in practice, Coach in competition, and Mentor 24-7. This is a winning formula for our brand ... Central Texas STARZZ.

NAME AND LOGO

The name of this organization is Central Texas STARZZ. Notice "STARZZ" is capitalized and also note the name is spelled out "Central Texas" not Centex or CTX. There is only one official Central STARZZ logo. Here it is.



C & C Sports is the only company authorized to re-produce this logo!



**"HARD WORK BEATS TALENT ... WHEN TALENT
DOESN'T WORK HARD"**

CENTRAL TEXAS STARZZ OUT AND ABOUT IN GATESVILLE



GATESVILLE EXCEL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS
8th GRADE BOYS with Coach Rideout

Five Central Texas STARZZ basketball teams took to the basketball courts in two cities last Saturday. The JV girls team, consisting of one junior, one sophomore, and eight freshmen took silver at the 15th Austin Lady Magic Invitational held in Cedar Park and Georgetown. The JV girls went 2-1 in their first tournament of the year. At Gatesville, the STARZZ 8th grade boys went 3-0 to win their division with a decisive 42-point win over the Robinson Rockets in the championship game. The STARZZ 7th grade girls and 4th grade boys took silver medals in their respective divisions. The 8th grade girls team came out on top of Gatesville in an exciting double overtime win in their first game. They finishing third in their division. All nine STARZZ teams will be in action on April 8-9 at the Extreme 212 tournament in the Austin area. On April 29 and 30, you will be able to see all the STARZZ teams, representing Copperas Cove, in action as they host their annual Central Texas STARZZ Shootout tournament in Copperas Cove. Last year's tournament drew 63 teams from across Texas to Copperas Cove. The Central Texas STARZZ is a 501.c.3 youth organization affiliated with the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). For more information, visit the STARZZ website at www.starzzbasketball.com or email us at ccstarzz09@aol.com.

Central Texas United
"We Got Next" Showcase Basketball Game



Saturday, April 15, 2017 from 11am to 1pm
in Killen, Texas

EXTREME 212 TOURNAMENT CEDAR PARK / GEORGETOWN



EXTREME 212 RISE UP TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS
Varsity Boys ACC Division

The Central Texas STARZZ Varsity basketball team participated in the Extreme 212 Rise Up Tournament held in Georgetown, Texas. The tournament drew over 240 youth teams from throughout Texas and neighboring states.. Competing in the Varsity Boys ACC division, the STARZZ defeated Texas Extreme and the Rim Rockers to advance to the championship game against the Texas Cougars. The STARZZ prevailed in a game that went down to the last shot. In the STARZZ 57-56 win , a Cougar 3-point game winning basket was disallowed at the buzzer as time expired. The team is coached by Glenn Johnson, Mark Palmer, and Calvin Merritt. Next play Next up for the team is the Central Texas STARZZ Shootout on April 29 - April 30, 2017 in Copperas Cove, Texas. The Central Texas STARZZ is a 501.C.3 youth services organization affiliated with the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and is located in Copperas Cove, Texas. Six other STARZZ teams participated in the tournament. All the teams are learning and gaining experience at this early stage of the season.

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FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME...



First Annual REUNION

After nine years of making a difference in the lives of so many young men and young women over the past nine years, the Central Texas STARZZ are planning a reunion. All former players, coaches, family members and supporters are asked to attend. The reunion is set for June 17, 2017. The location and time are yet to be determined but will be announced very soon, along with additional information. We also want our current STARZZ family to join us. It is you who are keeping the Central Texas STARZZ family tradition alive.



The Central Texas STARZZ will enter a team into the Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation Department Dodge ball tournament during Rabbit Fest. Need 8 guys and 7 ladies to make a team. Call Charles at 254-290-0730. You do not have to be a member of the STARZZ program. We are accepting mercenaries for this event only! Contact me at 254-290-0730.

Congratulations to former Lady STARZZ ...



Makayla Gatewood, Killeen Shoemaker
Temple Jr College, Temple, Texas



Shiane Johnson, Killeen H.S.
Weber State University, Ogden Utah



Lapraisjah Johnson, Killeen Ellison H.S.
South Plains College, Levelland, Texas

Representing Copperas Cove, Texas



4th Grade Boys take 2d Place at PAC



7th Grade Girls take 2d Place at Gatesville



Varsity take 2d Place at PAC



UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

April 22 2017	Bagging groceries at Clear Creek Commissary
April 22, 2017	Bake Sale at Clear Creek Commissary
May 20, 2017	Bagging groceries at Warrior Way Commissary
May 20, 2017	Bake Sale at Warrior Way Commissary
May 20, 2017	Bake Sale at Walmart
June 3, 2017	Bagging groceries at Clear Creek Commissary
June 3, 2017	Bake Sale at Clear Creek Commissary
June 10, 2017	Bake Sale at Walmart
July 1, 2017	Bake Sale at Walmart
July 8, 2017	Applebee's Pancake Fundraiser

Central Texas STARZZ Shootout

1-day
Tournament
Girls play on
Saturday

Boys play on
Sunday

Boys and Girls
Grades 4-12

3 Game Min
\$190

Awards for
1st Place
2d Place

April 29 – 30, 2017
Copperas Cove, Texas

Register at www.starzzbasketball.com

Deadline is April 22, 2017

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HORRIBLE SPORTS PARENTS



All parents want to help and support their kids who play sports. And most are able to do so in ways that don't hinder others' enjoyment or put unnecessary stress on the players themselves. But a few parents seem intent on ruining it for everyone. Check out these warning signs to see if you are indeed a horrible sports parent.

1. Coaching from the sideline

Encouraging comments are welcome. Everyone wants a cheering section, and athletes often feed off the energy of the crowd. But parents (we're looking at you, Dad) shouting instructions from the stands is rarely helpful. First, it takes the player's focus off the field and puts it on you. Second, what you're telling the player to do may directly contradict what the coach is trying to communicate. The last thing you want to do is confuse your kid.

2. Your expectations are too high

Even in the highest levels of varsity sports, only a small percentage of athletes go on to play in college. Of that number, a tiny fraction play big-time college sports. And from that collection of truly elite athletes, an even more minuscule number get a chance to play professionally. It's good to have dreams. It's good to set high goals. But the odds are against you and your young player. Approach the game with that knowledge.

3. Criticizing other kids

OK, so your superstar QB son threw a perfect pass, but the wide receiver dropped the ball. Take a deep breath. The last thing you want to do is say something disparaging about someone else's kid, whose parents are likely sitting within earshot. Trust us, they feel awful enough about the play. Don't make it worse.

4. Arguing with . . . just about anyone

Youth and varsity sports are tense. There's no debating that. A ton of emotion is involved in watching your kid

play. Tempers can flare even among the calmest moms and dads. But if you're the type who likes to argue balls and strikes with a high school kid umpiring a game, you're a special kind of unreasonable. Nobody wants to hear you berate the officials or argue with opposing parents. Just stop.

5. Playing the blame game

Sometimes your kid will screw up. Sometimes his or her teammates will screw up. Sometimes the coach will screw up. Heck, sometimes your team will just get beat. Live with it. There's another game next week.

6. You think every opponent of your child cheats

Your kid is a beacon of good sportsmanship with perfect on-field etiquette. The kids on the other side of the field are dirty miscreants who will stop at nothing to win the game. The only way your kid can win is to overcome the opposition's dirty deeds done dirt cheap. Oh wait, that's what those other parents are saying about your kid.

7. Bragging

Oh, Tommy got another call from Urban Meyer? He threw how many touchdowns last week? You don't say? Wow. It's just so interesting to hear about your kid's accomplishments. Again.

8. Not letting your kid have a life outside of sports

Practice makes perfect, but there's a limit to how hard you should push your student-athlete. More important than transforming your child into a perfect baseball/softball hitting machine (or basketball shooter, soccer goalkeeper, etc.) is to let him or her evolve into a well-rounded person with interests and abilities outside of athletics.

9. Yelling at your kid in front of everyone

Accepting criticism is part of getting better. But there's a right way to do it and a wrong way. Loudly, in public is certainly a bad way. You'll embarrass your kid and put a bad taste in everyone's mouth.

10. Swearing/complaining/being a loudmouth

Notice that empty buffer zone on the bleachers between you and the next-nearest parent? Your yelling is not entertaining, helpful or insightful. You know what it is? Annoying. Cut it out.

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