

# QUEEN CITY PREP TRAILBLAZERS

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## **A Note from the Director . . .**

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Trailblazers! I would like to thank each of you for submitting your offer packages to us on time. We will also be distributing enrollment information to you from the Evelyn Mack Academy, so look for that packet in your mail in a few days. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the Evelyn Mack Academy information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Coach Taylor.

There have been a few updates to our website. We now have a "**Press Releases**" button which helps to keep you informed about our appearances in news articles. We also have a "**Newsletters**" button which is our monthly newsletters just for parents to help you stay abreast of happenings with Queen City Prep. The Newsletters will also be mailed to your homes, because not everyone uses the computer. We welcome suggestions and topics for the Newsletters and please be aware that this is the form of communication that we will use to get information to you and from you. So, please read your newsletters! There is also a "**Tuition Payments**" button, which should be used to make your on-line tuition payments for Queen City Prep only (not to be used for payments to Evelyn Mack Academy). We have added a "**FAQ**" button which stands for Frequently Asked Questions to help answer some of your questions that you may have concerning our program. Finally, we've added a **Photo Gallery** under the Events page.

Lastly, there have been a few parents that have been contacting me and Coach Taylor during the weekends and late evening hours on our personal cell phones. We are asking that you please be mindful of our schedules and not contact us on the weekends or late evening hours. The questions and concerns that we have been addressing when taking your calls over the weekends and evenings are of a non-emergency, non-urgent matter and could easily be addressed during the work week during normal business hours. Please know that we receive every email and voicemail message that you leave and will respond to your message within 24 hours during the week. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

## **HELP US WIN \$2,500 FROM LIBERTY MUTUAL!**

As a reminder, we need your support! To date, we only have 16 certificates and the contest **ends July 19<sup>th</sup>!** Please help spread the word, have everyone in your families take the quiz. I know it's been challenging, because I have told all of my friends and family as well and we still don't have the numbers I anticipated having.

So go online to our website at [www.queencityprep.org](http://www.queencityprep.org) and click on the picture to begin. Once there, scroll to the bottom of the page and Search for Our Organization (Queen City Prep Basketball). You should take both quizzes, the Coaching and the Parenting quiz to earn two certificates.

This exercise is actually quite fun as you will be amazed at how much information you do not know as a parent and it teaches you about coaches and their responsibility.

For more information on Liberty Mutual's Responsible Sports program, visit [www.responsibleSports.com](http://www.responsibleSports.com).

## **Events and Activities**

**SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP EXTENDED!** - Queen City Prep Basketball, together with the Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation department is sponsoring a Summer

Basketball Camp. The camp is for youth ages 6 – 15 and has been extended **through August 8, 2008**. There will be no camps during the weeks of July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup>, due to scheduling conflicts. The camp's hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Naomi Drenan Recreation Center, 750 Beal Street, Charlotte, NC 28211. The cost per week is \$50 for each camper. "Alimoe aka "The Black Widow" of the And 1 Streetballers attended the basketball camp on July 18<sup>th</sup> and we have pictures for that day in the Photo Gallery.

We would like to thank **Rashad Toney (Varsity Team)** who has been volunteering at the camp almost everyday and **Rodrecus Moore (Post-Grad Team)** for also coming out and volunteering his time at the camp. It is a very rewarding experience to work with children and know that you have impacted a child's life in some form through your volunteerism. So, for those of you that have not been able to help, we will have more volunteer opportunities for you in the future.

**PREP ALL-STARS SUMMER CAMP** – Coach Tony Taylor will be coaching at the Prep All-Stars Summer Camp, **July 5 – 8, 2008** at UNC Charlotte, 9201 University City Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28223. This camp is open to our varsity and post-grad teams. The cost for this camp is \$495 and campers are provided breakfast, lunch and dinner and will reside in the dormitories at UNC Charlotte. For more information on this camp, visit [www.prepallstars.net/summerUNCC.htm](http://www.prepallstars.net/summerUNCC.htm). We have also enclosed a brochure and registration form for you to complete and submit.

**PREP ALL STARS CHALLENGE** – Our varsity team will be competing in the team showcase challenge held during the Prep All-Stars Summer Camp at UNC Charlotte on **July 6 and July 7, 2008**. There is no cost for this event. Please arrive at least 1 hour before game time. There will be two games played on Sunday and two games played on Monday. Time and location will be communicated to you as soon as the brackets have been completed.

**TOURNAMENT** – The varsity and post-grad teams will be playing in a tournament held at the University of South Carolina located in Columbia, South Carolina, from **August 22 – 24, 2008**. More information to follow.

### **Coaches' Corner**

We hope that everyone has been staying very active this summer, running, shooting, dribbling or participating in AAU competitions. Due to the successfulness of our Summer Basketball Camps which have now been extended through August 8<sup>th</sup>, we wanted to inform you that we will not be participating in the Las Vegas Showcase or the AAU 17Under Showcase at the Disney World sports complex. There was a great demand and need for us to provide this wonderful opportunity to our community.

As stated above, we will be participating in the Prep All-Stars Challenge on July 6<sup>th</sup> and possible on July 7<sup>th</sup>. As soon as we are made aware of the brackets, we will communicate that information to all of you. Our team name for this event is the Carolina Trailblazers. The following is a list of the players that will be playing in the challenge: Khaalis Coppock-Bey, Christian Farmer, Alex Jackson, Charles Robinson, Bernard Sullivan, Nehemiah Thompson, Walter Warfield and Tione Womack. If you are in need of hotel accommodations, there are several hotels near the campus of UNC-Charlotte, which is called the University Research area.

Please note that we will need to have an athletic profile on each of the players for those players that have not yet submitted one. An athletic profile consists of information concerning your basketball career and experience. You should include a list of teams, the years affiliated, schools, positions, averages, awards, trophies, etc. Please get that information to our office as soon as possible, as we will be creating your profiles on the team rosters on the website.

## What Should I Bring? Move-In Checklist

The official move-in date for those players that do not reside in the Charlotte area and live beyond a 60-mile radius will be moving into the residential housing on Friday, August 15, 2008 beginning at 9:00 a.m. All rooms have similar furniture which includes:

- ◆XL twin beds
- ◆Desks and chairs
- ◆Chest of drawers
- ◆Closet and shelf

Here is a checklist of the things you should bring with you:

### IDENTIFICATION

- Driver's license
- Social Security card
- Medical Insurance Card

### MEDICATIONS

- Anything you take regularly and any special instructions for things like allergy shots
- Spare eyeglasses, contact lenses, supplies
- Current written prescriptions
- Headache / cold medicine
- First aid supplies

### LINENS

- Pillow
- Blanket
- Comforter
- Sheet Set
- Towels
- Wash cloths

### PERSONAL ITEMS

- Shower tote to carry to the bathroom
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss
- Brush and comb
- Shaving items, tweezers
- Shampoo, conditioner
- Bath soap
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Robe

### LAUNDRY / CLOTHING CARE

- Detergent, fabric softener, stain remover
- Laundry basket, bag
- Hangers
- Dirty clothes hamper
- Mom's helpful hints on sorting and washing

### OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Camera and film or digital camera

### STUFF TO LEAVE AT MOM & DAD'S

- Indoor grills, including George Foreman®-type
- Halogen lamps
- Candles
- Pets (unless they're fish of the non-piranha variety)

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Sewing kit (if you know how to use it) and safety pins (if you don't)
- Alarm clock
- Non-perishable snack foods
- Plastic stacking cubes
- Footlocker
- Pad Lock or Combination Lock
- Computer / printer with Ethernet connecting cable

### OPTIONAL DECORATION

#### (AKA Things to Make a Room Your Home)

- Posters, photos, artwork
- Calendar
- Plants
- Small area rug
- Desk lamp, clip-on light
- Bed rest and / or lap desk for reading / writing in bed

### OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- TV with shielded coaxial cable\*
- DVD player\*
- Video game system
- Stereo, headphones, iPod® / mp3 player\*
- Surge protector / power strip\*
- Mini refrigerator (five cubic feet or less)\*
- Fan\*
- Phone with Caller ID\*, calling cards or cell phone with long distance service
- CDs, DVDs

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