



## All Iowa Attack Newsletter

### Camp for A Cure

On Sunday, May 3 over 100 third through twelfth grade boys and girls filled the All Iowa Attack Fieldhouse for a camp in support of Dean Albrecht and his family in their fight against cancer and campaign for 'Man of the Year'. Following pizza and check-in, former Iowa State basketball player Lyndsey (Medders) Fennelly and current Iowa State men's and women's basketball players lead participants through a two-hour skills clinic to build their basketball abilities. All proceeds from the event were donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and used to support Dean Albrecht and his family and further cancer research.

The Albrecht family is one of the founding families of All Iowa Attack. Dean's daughters, Abbey (AIA Class of 2011) and Lexi (AIA Class of 2013), were on two of the first AIA girls teams. Dean was diagnosed in 2011

with peripheral T-cell lymphoma. He has continued to support Lexi as she plays for the Iowa State Cyclone's women's basketball team, continued to be a great dad and grandpa, and continued to smile throughout his up and down battle.

Watching and supporting your father battle cancer is more than any family should have to handle. Unfortunately, Dean's oldest daughter Melissa was diagnosed with breast cancer in May 2013. All Iowa Attack was grateful to support the Albrecht family in hosting Camp for A Cure.

Unfortunately, the Albrecht family is one of several families in the AIA program affected by cancer in one way or another.

Matt McCullough, dad of current 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl Sara and 5<sup>th</sup> grade boy Brady, was diagnosed with a very rare, advanced form of neoplastic sarcoma in the summer of 2014. Matt has continued to support his kids at Attack tournaments and be a great parent role model as he continues his own fight with cancer.

AIA hopes to walk along and support all our players and their families battling significant health needs.





**On Dean Albrecht...**

Throughout my life, my dad has shown me what the true meaning of living with strength and being a leader, not only through basketball but also through his fight with cancer. I'm so honored to have him as my dad and get the opportunity to give back to the community alongside him.

- Lexi Albrecht, AIA Class of 2013

**On Dean Albrecht...**

Dean has been a great friend of mine for many, many years. I enjoyed coaching his daughters very much and loved having their family be a part of Attack. Dean has always been a man of character and class. I hope his battle continues to be done surrounded by family and friends.

- Dickson Jensen, Director of AIA



**On Matt McCullough...**

My brothers and I know that my dad will be there at all of our activities. We have always been able to count on him no matter what and no matter how busy he is. He would always want to be with my mom and us kids over doing anything for himself. He is the best!

- Sara McCullough, AIA Class of 2019

**On Matt McCullough...**

I have known Matt for just a short time since Sara and Brady started playing basketball with Attack, but what I have seen from him is nothing but great. He is kind, supportive, and wants the best for his family. My relationship with the McCullough's has grown a lot in this past year and I have really enjoyed getting to know the McCullough family. I hope Matt will continue to defeat cancer each and every day.

- Dickson Jensen, Director of AIA





# AIA Boys Update

As the winter season came to an end, we welcomed 75 high school boys for the 2015 spring-summer season to go along with the 100 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys already playing Attack. These boys have already had a busy spring playing tournaments throughout the Midwest. Highlights of the past few month include:



**AIA 16U NIKE** boys visited Houston and Atlanta to compete in two of Nike EYB qualifying tournaments. After finishing a combined 7-2 in these two Nike EYB events, our boys finish in the top 16 and qualify for Nike Peach Jam in July. This national tournament is known to be the best event for AAU boys basketball.



### September Newsletter...

- AIA holds Meals from the Heartland hunger fight
- AIA hosts iCan Bike Camp
- Update on AIA boys and girls summer events

All of our other boys teams are doing very well too. AIA has boys teams at all skill levels with teams competing all over Iowa and the Midwest. The boys are playing hard, getting better and representing themselves off the court in a great way. It is very fun to see kids from all over the state come together and play a game they love!

# AIA Girls Update

With over 80 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and 80 high school girls, the spring-summer season is very busy.



We host a majority of our tournaments in Ames at the Fieldhouse and West Towne Courts. However, the highlight of this spring was the live period tournaments in April. Five All Iowa Attack girls teams travelled to Hampton, Virginia to compete in the Nike Girls Elite Youth Basketball League event hosted by Boo Williams.



The **11<sup>th</sup> National Johnson** team finished first in their pool with a 3-1 record. They went on to win two more games before losing in the championship game finishing overall 5-2.



**AIA 11<sup>th</sup> NIKE** team finished first in their pool with an impressive overall record of 4-1. The Boo Williams event in April, along with the Nike Chicago event in July are qualifying tournaments for August Nike Nationals at the end of July.

Overall, there have been many practices and games played thus far in the 2015 spring-summer season. We are proud of all our players and coaches and will continue to work hard to create better basketball players and better people through playing Attack basketball.

