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The Basalt Recreation Department would like to write a letter of recommendation for Andrew Persin in regards to his wonderful talent of not only coaching and organizing for basketball tournaments, but for connecting with the students and becoming a leader in guiding the players through good sportsmanship.

Andrew partnered up with the Basalt Recreation in March of 2012 forming an elite travelling basketball team. It quickly became evident that he was a very knowledgeable coach and very dedicated to expediting the opportunities for the young players to participate in multiple tournaments. The team placed in many tournaments and even took home the championship in one. Andrew gave these players the opportunity to compete at a much higher level than they ever had living in a small town on the Western Slope of Colorado. It was evident that they had a lot of work to do to maintain the level of competition that was required of them in these MAYB tournaments.

The players were required to perform, be at practices, be respectful and be dedicated to basketball. While Andrew had a great connection with the players, he also did not tolerate any disrespect in any aspects of the player's lives. They were required to perform in school, stay out of trouble in school and home, and attend practices. It was great to watch how the players became a team through the bonding of performing together. In the 7th grade boys team we even had a very dedicated young girl and she was treated with admirable respect among the other players.

In closing, I would like to just say that Andrew is a performer and it was a wonderful experience for the players to have him as their coach for a summer. We hope we get a chance to have Andrew back to coach these kids and give them the awesome tournament opportunities he provided for them this summer.

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