



Camp Dates for Rio Grande's 2011 Hard Work Camp June 19-24

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Season in Review

NBA Division:



Lakers

Hard work was the key to a successful season for the LA Lakers. I'm proud to say I coached a group of guys that never complained, fought until the end – win or lose and put forth 110% effort all camp long. To Matt Leach, Will Haney, Mitch McCorkle, Austin Collens, Austin Hollins, Kenton Gullion, Tylar Adkins and CJ Smith – Continue to work hard this summer. I had a blast this week! Great job and be blessed! - Coach Te'

Thunder

In Coach Jenkins' first year as an NBA coach, the Oklahoma City Thunder had a record of 4-5. Coach was very pleased with the way his team played hard and gave an all out effort. Dylan Miller did an excellent job scoring whenever possible. Jimmy Ward hit shots that were huge. Bryant Mayhugh and Travis Moleski played excellent defense and hardly let their man score. Austin Spears and Nick Spots were both all around team players and were a great asset to the team. Austin Crosby ran the point well and got us into the offense. Alex Dickerson played a huge role for us, scoring and playing defense. Nice job players and Go Thunder! – Coach Jenkins

Suns

The Suns had an off-season this year, winning only two games. The one thing that can be said about all the Suns is that they all have the heart and desire to play hard, no matter the situation. There were a couple of late trades that brought Ben Owens and Kory Criner to the Suns. The Suns were plagued with injuries throughout the week, We finished the regular season with a record of 2-7. I am optimistic about "The Triple" because we are healthy. The Suns will be led by Caleb Heffner as the main offensive threat. The Suns key rebounders are Ben Owens, Caleb Heffner, Grayson Griffith and Kory Criner. We are led on defense by Chris Spencer, Joel Wascom, Tanner Price and Elijah Shanks. We are going into "The Triple" and we are going to play hard and as a team. The kids have played as a team and they will be great teammates in the future. – Coach Oliver

Heat

The Heat had an up and down week with a 5-4 record, but we are going into "The Triple" strong with the leadership of Blake Hilterbrant and Lamar Thompson, great rebounding of James Sellars and Cody Bryan. Nick Giompalo, DJ Sanders and Connor Patrick have done a great job shooting and stretching the defense. The heart of this team is with Ennis Thomas. This little man has done a great job. If this team works hard, defends, and plays together, we will be a real threat in "The Triple." – Coach Howard

Hawks

Overall, the Hawks had a strong regular season before heading into "The Triple." They finished with a 5-4 record and had close losses of 1-3 points. The Hawks were led by 5th year camper, Kyle Rollins on both ends of the floor. Chad McComas ran and set up the camp offense to perfection, while Alec Holt provided perimeter shooting. Trey Swain and Owen Moore provided depth in the middle and perimeter and both come up with huge points when needed. Newcomer, Phillip McPherson acquired in a trade provided good ball handling skills and another offensive threat. Will Finley gave 110% effort and always did everything on both ends of the floor. Lastly, Duke McAllister provided huge baskets when nothing seemed to be falling. Overall, the Hawks have a good chance of winning in this evening's Triple. I couldn't have asked for a better group. – Coach Stapleton

NBA
Triple champion: Nuggets
Overtime Champ: Thunder
Cut Throat: Jordan

Olympic
Triple champion: Jamaica
Overtime Champ: Jamaica
Cut Throat: LeBron

NCAA
Triple champion: Kansas
Overtime Champ: Kansas
Cut Throat: Reebok

Cavs

The Cavs regular season started off with a win and then quickly went down hill. We played hard but I don't think our 3-6 record shows how good of a team we are. I look for us to father our baring and make a hard fought effort in the tournament. We have two guys that are real team leaders on both ends of the floor; Ethan Quinn and Matthew Smallwood. They are always encouraging the rest of the team and can be counted on to keep everyone on the same page. Drew White and Chance Short have also done a great job of bringing the ball up the court and getting us into our offense. They do a great job handling the pressure from the defense and taking care of the ball. Ryan Bates and Chris Archer have done a great job on the defensive boards for us. They have been coming up with some big rebounds for us. Evin Stotts does a great job with the ball in transition. He is always wanting to get the ball out and ahead of the defense and does a good job of getting the ball kicked out and setting up an offense if we don't have anything on the fast break. The last two players on my team are everything a coach could want. Cannon Kilaberger and Chad Taborn are very good role players who go hard every second they are on the floor and do all the little things you ask of them. I look forward to seeing this team play in "The Triple" and get the wins they deserve for their hard work. – Coach Drakeford

Celtics

I would like to thank my players for playing very hard every game and giving all they have to get the job done. After losing one game, we bounced back to stay on top in the NBA division. Though it was a great season overall, our eyes are set on "The Triple" title. Thanks to all of my players – Brandon Daniel, Kyre Allison, Brandon Rowe, Shylon Riggle, Zach Beegle, Brayton Miller, and Bryan Rolfe. – Coach Gunnell

Hornets

This season has been a great season starting off 3-0. Our team was led by Javon Booth and CJ Glick as captain and most experienced. We have a great group of defenders – Jack Kyser, Brett Jones, and Layne Pickeriol. Seth Atkins and Brett Radabaugh were great rebounders. With Brandon Covert staggering on the three point line, we had all the tools. Finally, we had a good addition from the Olympics Division, Sky Oliver. – Coach Dawson

Spurs

A great week of team basketball was had by the Spurs' entire squad. This squad was a great collaborative effort by all involved – Kane Dixon, Kyle Baudraw and Logan Thousen did a great job communicating on both ends of the floor. Nathan Scott, Bird McNeal and Aaron Jackson brought great intensity and leadership to the floor. Finally, Ryan Faulconer and Cody Call continued throughout the camp to make everyone better around them. Good luck to all and go Spurs! – Coach McNeal

Magic

The Orlando Magic had a great week at Rio Grande's Hard Work Camp. They worked hard at every station and played hard at every game. The guards consisted of Tristan Wolfe, Brad Prather, Aaron Stephenson, Brady Johnson and Jacob Milani while Dustin Whilley, Aaron Thompson, and Cameron Queen filled the forward positions. It was a pleasure to coach these well-behaved young men. They had great attitudes, but at the same time hated to lose. I wish them good luck not only in basketball, but in life as well. – Coach Handley

Nuggets

The camp season started out slow, losing the first two games. Early on, we were led offensively by Jared Edens, who continued to be our offensive leader, however, Derek Flint, Gunner Kelly and Marty Beaugard have really stepped up and helped with the scoring. On the boards, Lane Bunnell and Ty Hiles have done a great job. Defensively, we have really improved; probably the most improved defensive players are Zack Maust and Marcus Rodgers. These two have really been impressive. We finished the regular season with a 7-2 record and look forward to "The Triple." – Coach Myers

Bulls

The young Bulls have made the most of this learning experience at "Hard Work Camp." The old man of the bunch and quiet leader, Corey Stevens has earned the reputatuion of a hard working, never quit post player, rebounding and scoring on the inside. Tito Gales has literally been the "driving force" of the Bulls; penetrating defenses at will, creating scoring opportunities for himself and his teammates. Defensively, Gales has stolen the league, averaging 3 steals a game. The youngest team member, Marcus Day has shown hard work and desire beyond his years. Riley Prine has fought through injury and improved his effort and intensity. Alec "Big Al" Chrismer has developed into an aggressive post presence. Nick Holbrook has worked both ends of the floor, doing the dirty work of defending and rebounding. Jacob Gross has discovered his potential as a rebounder and shot-blocker and continues to improve in these areas. Tristan Burgess has been an excellent off-the-ball defender, supporting his teammates who trust him to be there. Jake Neal, the heart and spirit of the Bulls, has been fiery and scrappy, both on the floor and on the sideline. He also provided his team with a big boost late in a game by hitting a 24 foot jump shot to help spur a victory. The Bulls have fought together to become a team that I am proud of. Thanks guys for reminding me why I love basketball. – Coach Fields

OLYMPIC Division:



Jamaica

The Jamaican National Team had a strong showing during the regular season and the overtime tournament. Everybody worked hard and got better. Cole Cottrill came in as the point guard and was moved to the floor general position. Ben Cain was a consistent dominant force in the paint. Tucker Schmitz led the team in shooting, while Josh Palmer led the team in heart! Although he is the smallest player in the league, Beau Szoke was by far the most competitive! Eriq Hoslay has kept a smile on everybody's face throughout the week and Zack Varney took on the role of assistant coach and Derek Fout kept us on our toes and thought the coach was crazy. The kids worked hard and deserve all the recognition they receive. Great job guys and always remember "Ya Mon!"

– Coach Beck

Italy

Team Italy had a good regular season. Even though they ended the season with a record of 4-5, the team showed great effort and attitude. Everyone contributed to the team's success. Clayton Christensen, Brady Hinkle and Clay Stralton were towers in the middle, grabbing every rebound in sight. Zion Parham did the little things like getting deflections and getting his hands in players' faces. Point guards Payton Hall and Bryce Day did a great job getting the team into the camp offense. Trent Rodwell and Michael Putney were helpful offensively hitting several clutch shots during the regular-season. Just recently acquired from the NCAA Division, Nic Ball brings the energy and hustle to the bunch. Italy looks to make noise in the annual "Triple." – Coach McFadden

Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico has had a successful week thus far in Hard Work Camp, not only on the floor but in the dorms also. They've shown great character being unselfish and willing teammates. Our floor general Dylon Beaugard has shown great poise to just be 10 years old in the Olympic Division. We also have knock down shooters in Chandler Weber and Andrew Bruning. Connor Flynn and Gunner Short are some of the best off-ball defenders in the Olympic Division. Reid Garrison has held the team together and has been the go-to guy. Richard Crockrel has been a beast on the boards and a lock-down defender. Lincoln O'Connor has been great all week and maybe our most consistent player. After going 7-2 this week, Puerto Rico is confident going into the "Triple." Hard work in stations has gotten them where they are now, 1st place and all the confidence they need to win. – Coach Alexander

China

China came a long way, starting out 0-3. We had to make a trade for Devin Henry. Henry came down from the NBA to help out with defense and rebounding. China finished out the season 3-4. Turner Ruby had completely turned around. Turner does everything I tell him. Marcus Moore and Casey Moore are great for the team. Both players have a bright future before them. Nathaniel Thomas and Dylon Smith are coming along great. Jordan Urter is the engine of the team. All team members have a bright future ahead of them and I wish them the best of luck.

– Coach Clark

Brazil

Brazil jumped out of the gate aggressive and ready to play. Brazil's big man, Alec Irvin, was unstoppable the entire week of Hard Work Camp. Blake Howard and Devin Draper were the back bone to the team. They brought all of the energy and intensity with them every day. Kane Hutchinson is the emotion of the team and he hustles every play. Despite Brazil's record, they have one of the best teams in the league. Chase Curtis will grab every rebound that comes off the board. He is aggressive and doesn't take no for an answer. Devyn Addy is always on the floor diving for loose balls. Devin Draper is one of the best passers. He has a heart of a lion. Mike Sullivan is extremely aggressive on the defensive end and averages three steals a game. – Coach Taylor

USA

A team is a group of individuals who come together as one and excel in achieving the highest expectations, but in order to do this, HARD WORK must be put in by each person. I can say, the USA players have done this and become a TEAM. Luke Purdy plays his heart out anytime he's in the game. Although size is not to his advantage, he plays like a big man. Summit Rosenberg has given everything he has, whether were on offense or defense. He never gives up on any play. Grant McIntosh has provided solid minutes every time he's in the game. His inside drive to the basket is a force to be reckon with. Jordan Jackson has a great game overall. He plays smart and possesses the skills to be a great leader. Jordan piloted our offensive ship and made sure everyone was in the right place. Brandon Saunders was the work horse. He was all over the court. He denied the ball anytime his man has the ball and he always cut hard to the basket every time. Harley Carpenter had to make some adjustments, but adjusted perfectly. He hustled up and down the court, always making a presence on both sides of the ball. Caleb Bailes was one of my big men. He played with a great approach down in the paint. Whether on offense or defense, he was there fighting for the basketball. My next big man was Eric Sheets. Eric was a threat in the paint. He went up strong with the ball and always battled for the loose ball. Overall, I am very proud of each individual player and how HARD they worked all week long. I consider it to be an honor to coach these eight players and wish them nothing but the BEST in their future. – Coach Stover

Greece

Greece had a great season even though their record was 3-6. Many games were lost by less than 4 points. Rhett Ball, Hunter Klaiber and Brendan Schaumleffor did a great job rebounding and controlling the paint. Jake Henderson and Brody Storm ran the team very well on the floor. Trever Medley, Eli Hurr and Dylan Streitenberger had some crucial buckets throughout the season and played great team defense. - Coach Miller

England

Team England had a great season. I am very proud of his boys this season and I know that they gave their all every game. England played as a team throughout the entire season and every player had a role on the team. Brandon Jones, Josiah Cox and Drew VanSickle were the rebounders and low-post scorers/defenders. Tim Snider and Chris Hucks were the defensive stoppers. Logan Carpenter, Ethan Leonard and Joe Henderson were the point guards/generals of the team. Everytime any of those three were in the game, the offense was ran to perfection. I was very impressed with the effort this team gave and I wish them the best in the future. – Coach Green

Canada

Canada had a solid season this year with Tanner Kaesheimer and Kole Carter leading the way in scoring. Rebounding and cleaning-up by Kevin Perry was big for Canada. Tyler McFadden and Sole Schafer showed a lot of heart dealing with injuries and adversity. In a couple of games, Trevor Downey and Tyler Conger hit some clutch jumpers down the stretch. Last but not least, Ty Staten had many crucial baskets and assists. –Coach Landrum

Argentina

Argentina has had a rough year. We won 2 games going into the Triple but I hope they can come together and pull it through. Everyone on the team plays hard and tries with everything they have. It just hasn't been their year. The leading rebounders were Arron Owens and Brandon Meadows. The two best passers on the team were Kyle Randolph and Luke Welsh. Darray Richardson runs the floor very well. Dakota Metzler also is a very hard player and tries with everything he has. The point on our team is Nate Thomas. He hardly ever turns the ball over. The 2 leading scorers on the team were Chase Jones and Preston Gothard. I enjoyed coaching and spending time with these boys this week. -Coach Hale

Australia

Australia had a roller coaster ride season. We are seated 5th in the bracket for "The Triple." Jacob Strieder was a rebounding force all year. Kelton Collins, Daniel James and Jason Sayre were the speed demons for Australia, helping win games by giving their all they had and hustling. Robbie McLinney was a scoring machine. He hit some key baskets in route of their victories. Alex Minton and Austin Ward were the emotional heart of the team, using their energy to help spark their teammates. Overall, the team played with heart and hustle. –Coach Deibler

Spain

Team Spain finished it's season on a high note, winning it's last four contests. The team is led offensively by Landon Hutchinson, Paul Holley, and Tyler Ryan. Micah Saunders, Austin Fannin and Shawnathon Scarberry serve as secondary scorers and play a big role on the glass. Last, but not least, Logan McCorkle plays an important role defensively. Spain has come together as a defensive tough minded group of kids. We are looking to take home "The Triple" Championship. – Coach Spradlin

NCAA Division:**Louisville**

Louisville Cardinals are great team to coach! Garrett Vogler, Gage Harrison, Talon Osborne showed the team how to play defense really well. Gabe Birkhiner, Mason Fannin, Jared Lemaster, Grant Sparks were great men to work with. Overall, Louisville has some of the best kids in the program. They work hard and are great listeners. They truly want to improve their game and take it to the next level. I wish my team the best in not only basketball, but in life as well. – Coach Martin

Michigan St.

The Michigan Spartans have been very successful. It has been a pleasure to coach them. They have complimented each other the whole week. Defense, rebounds, and camp offense have been the key. Michael Malone, Trenton Osborn, and Dakota Nehus have continued to make hustle plays. Dylan Miller, Logan Swackhammer, Evan Wiseman, and Corey Call have played great a team. The entire team has shown a positive attitude and played with high intensity. –Coach Laster

Syracuse

When it comes to Syracuse's season, all I can think about it how proud I am of my team. Aaron Dyer is a great team player. He led the team as the point guard and kept a positive attitude. Deshawn Burks really was the energy that led the team day in and day out. Quentin Alley was the big man underneath who grabbed every single rebound in sight. Josh Spires was my shooter who could knock it down from anywhere. Zack Smith was the clean up guy who took rebounded the trash and stuck it back up. Michael Wentz has improved so much throughout the week and has really helped his team by getting defensive stops. Jamison Neal was an extremely hard worker who was full and energy and had a positive attitude. Bryce Hall was like a coach on the court. He led his team well and never

complained. To all of my team, I have to say – Keep playing. Don't give up and always get better. Don't ever stop learning. See you all next year! Go Syracuse! – Coach Jones

Kansas

The Kansas Jay Hawks have had one sensational season. The Jay Hawks started off the season 6-0 and had some great confidence. Cole Davis was able to make some great passes and finishes for us. Caleb Montgomery could really push the ball great and get up the court in a hurry. Matthew Shockwiler had some sweet J's and pushed the ball with great drive and passion. Noaln Marcum was probably one of Kansas's most aggressive player on defense and offense. He was a hustle player. Drew Lowe had some amazing handles for a big kid. He got down the court when we needed it and boy, did he have a cannon to pass. Dillon Sheppherd is one of the best big men around. He crashes the glass well, has great footwork and I can really tell he has a passion for the game. Steven Zimmerman was an outstanding player along with Shane Zimmerman, A.K.A. the "Zimmerman Duo," they both are so quick off the dribble and can finish off the rim. As the season comes to a close and "The Triple" comes along, I'm looking for my guys to go a long way. Let's go men! I'm proud of you! – Coach Prater.

Gonzaga

Gonzaga has had an up and down regular season. Elijah McCarty, Dalton Tomlison, Layne Fitch and Ricky Meadows have been very solid offensively. Andrew Fuller and Asa Condon might be two of the best in the NCAA Division when it comes to steals. Garyn Purdy has been a huge force inside along with Dalton. Isaiah Snarr brings the most toughness while playing with an injured left hand. Gonzaga is looking to turn things around in the "The Triple" tonight and will need major contributions from everyone. –Coach Campbell/Albright

Rio

This season has been great with the Rio Red Storm. Rio has been very coachable as a team unit. Joshua Faro and Will Fenton always lead the team in drills and will be the first to shake a teammates' hand. Blake Mowen and Pierce Wilcoxon are my two little guys on the floor but they have the biggest heart. They give 150% every single time. Alek Blevins and Tre French never give up no matter what we are doing. They display great defense while leading our team with the most forced steals. Dylan Edens, Claton Howell have come on big here at the end of the season with being able to play multiple positions from point guard to center. Claton and Dylan are also leading our team in "and 1" plays. Way to go Rio! I could not have asked for a better group of kids to work with.

– Coach Baston

Memphis

It has been a learning experience for the young Memphis Tigers' team. The Tigers had high expectations at the beginning of the season. They began their season with a boom. Ethan Puckett was brought in during the middle of the season. Puckett was a great role player for Memphis. Tyler Hale was asked to play point guard and he was successful at doing so. He's proved himself to be one of the better players in the league. Leading the Tiger charge into the Triple was Colton Campbell, one of the leading scorers in the league. The inside presence of Simon Thoroughmen also caused problems for the opposing teams. The Tigers also had Devon Webb, the "Defensive Stopper." Bryce Pearson was a great role player and leader for the team. Trevor Neal and Kyler Sellars had a great season. Kylar was a good offensive player while Trevor caused chaos on the defensive side. – Coach Dill

Butler

The Butler Bulldogs are loaded with fun-loving kids who just love playing the game of basketball. They had great guard play from Seth Merdock, Austin Pierce, AJ Jones, and Carson Payne. The big man or the foundation of the team was carried by Mason Craycraft, Dillon Schaumleffel, Jason Sprague and Zack Adams. The Bulldogs were a group of kids who listened and wanted to improve their skills. They are the kind of kids a coach can only hope for. I am very proud of my team. – Coach Fulton

The Triple

Kansas lives the dream with a triple championship!!

The Kansas Jayhawks lived up to be Coach Prater's dream team. Kansas started the season off with a 7-0 record and were on their way to be regular season champs. The team faced their first sign of adversity however in game 8, "I felt as if the chemistry had left us that game. I told the boys to keep their heads up and play some ball" said Coach Prater. They finished the regular season with a hard fought loss to Syracuse heading into the "The Triple". The Triple started with Coach Prater giving the same commands, defense and rebounding wins games. Kansas started off with a win but suffered a loss to rival Rio in the second round. Kansas rallied after the loss to win several games straight setting up another match with Rio. However they found themselves down 14 points going into the 4th quarter. Kansas made a huge comeback stealing the game by . This gave the team the edge they needed to propel them to a Triple Title. "In the end we had the juice and we were ready. Im going to miss my boys, they are like my brothers" said coach Prater.

Jamaica wins Triple!!

Jamaica won both the overtime and the Triple Tournament! The entire team finally recognized how good they could be. They found the root of it all- PASSION!! "ya mon"

Nuggets take the Triple!!

This team picked up a lot of confidence as the season and tournament proceeded. You could see each player on the team believing in each other and wanting the Triple Title. The road to the championship wasn't easy but the Nuggets survived and came out on top.

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