

# OUTSTANDING COACH OF THE SEASON

I'm nominating Coach T for Outstanding Coach of the Season. He really should get it for the Outstanding Coach of the Past Two Years!! My son has played for Coach T for several seasons now. Coach T brings a lot of knowledge and patience to the 1st grade basketball league. Coach T brings a "word of the week" for the kids to think about and demonstrate throughout their week outside of basketball. Words like "respect", "responsibility" and "kindness". He reminds the kids to congratulate their teammate if they make a basket and to make sure teammates and opponents are okay if they fall or seem hurt. He communicates great with families and really encourages every kid, regardless of their skill level. My son feels encouraged and included. He gets so excited when he successfully accomplishes something Coach T taught him. We squeeze off-season basketball into our very busy schedules only because of how great Coach T is. I will request for my son to be on Coach T's team for as long as we can.

—Leah



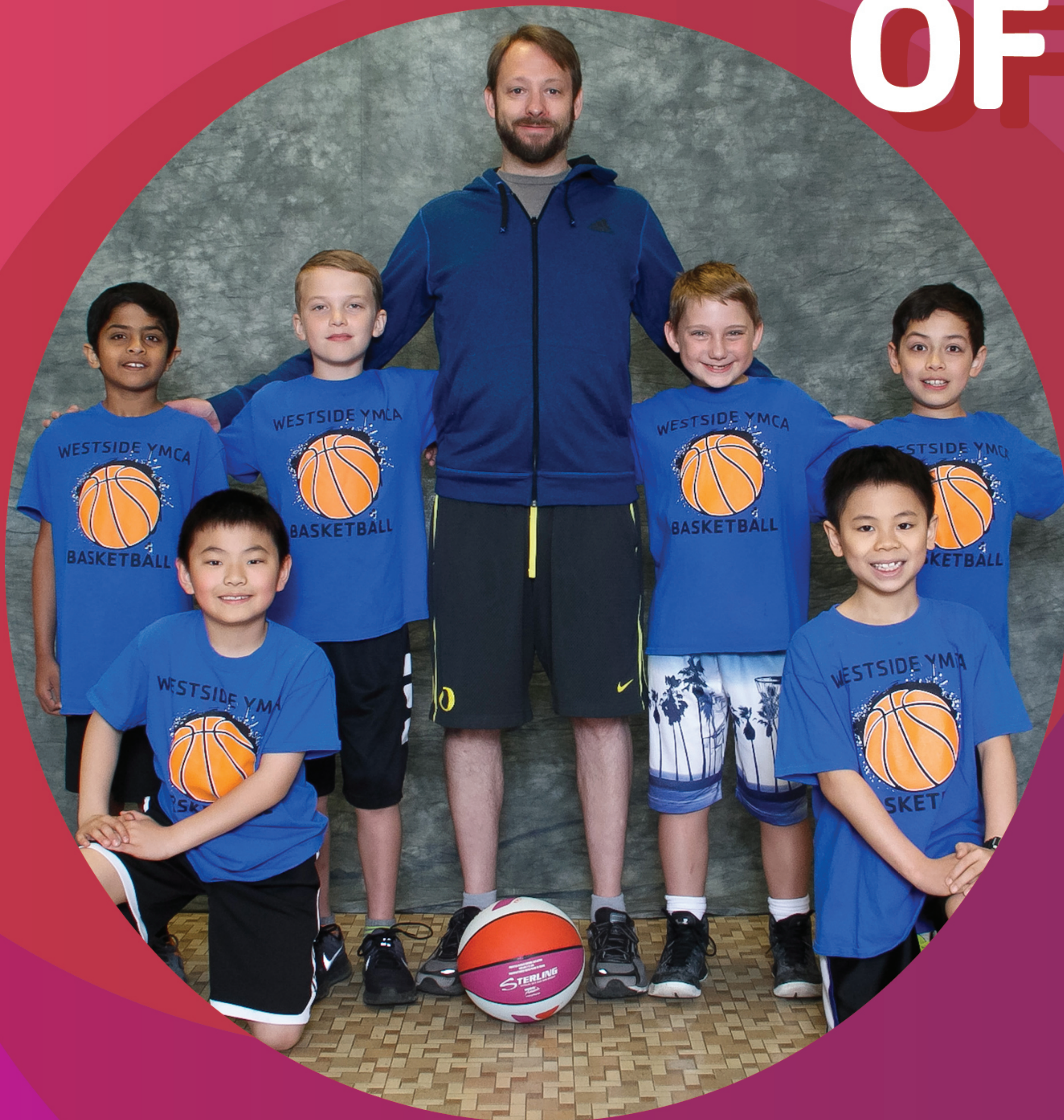
**COACH TERRENCE CHANG**  
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**COACH ERIK STRANDHAGEN**  
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I have a third grade son that has really grown to love playing basketball over the past several seasons with the YMCA. We were placed on Team 50, unfortunately, Team 50 did not have a coach. I know the YMCA was working hard to find a coach, but there were no parents that wanted to step up. I took it upon myself to search as well. I asked people at work, I had it on my Facebook, and then I also placed my plea for help on a Facebook page that I belong to. This is where Erik appeared. His response to my post was – “The kids need a coach! PM me the details.”

I had never met Erik; nor does he have a child on the team, meaning, he doesn't have an emotionally vested interest to coach our team. However, he stood up to take the task on. I hugged him when we first met and said he's now officially a hero! He's been great with the kids and knows the game to be able to give the kids knowledgeable support and guidance.

I would really love to see Erik recognized for stepping in to be our coach! He took on a task that most people pass up on (and obviously were).

–LeeAnn



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Our coach, Sean Cospers is amazing! He takes the time to teach each team member the basic of basketball and goes beyond the requirements.

Within this season alone coach has taught my son how to control the ball without looking, lay ups, even shooting long distance. He takes the time to make sure each team member gets playing times and makes sure the kids are having fun at the same time!

Sean takes his coaching seriously and loves seeing the kids happy!

We have been with the program since he was and kindergarten and my son has improved so much within the year of coach Sean teaching him.

—Maria



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