

**March Mania Youth Basketball Tournament**  
*A success for our kids, youth basketball and our community*

On March 15-16, Durango hosted the Second Annual March Mania Youth Basketball Tournament on the Fort Lewis College Campus and at the Durango Recreation Center. We had 54 teams register from four states with a waiting list of teams. Each registered team played a minimum of three games, each player received a FREE t-shirt and FREE parking was provided for the weekend. Awards were given to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in each division.

The tournament was a success on many levels. Games ran on schedule and kids were playing quality basketball on beautiful courts. March Mania was a success for our kids, youth basketball and our community.

I'd like to thank several groups who participated to bring this wonderful tournament to Durango. Please let them know you appreciate their support of youth sports.

Thank you to the parent's who support these players and get them to practice, games and tournaments. Your involvement in developing young athletes and scholars is the first step in the process.

Thanks to the Fort Lewis Athletic Department who donated the Whalen Gymnasium. To host the upper divisions at our local college campus was a convenience for attendees and a privilege for the players. It was a thrill for the kids to have the opportunity to play on the Skyhawk courts. A special acknowledgment to Kristen Mattio for organizing the college facility and athletes. Thank you Fort Lewis College for your vision and dedication to youth basketball.

Thank you to Ted Avila and the Official Association, who did a fantastic job of refereeing and keeping the games on schedule. Your professionalism was outstanding.

Thanks to the countless volunteers who helped with pre-event details, registration, bracket placement, clocks and scorebooks. March Mania would not have been successful without your dedication to youth basketball.

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Last and most importantly, I'd like to thank the volunteer coaches who donate endless hours with these kids on the basketball court lending their talent and time to our youth.

Congratulations to all the youth who participated, it is not whether you win or loose, it is how you play the game. And you played the game very well.

The Four Corners Region is a hub for basketball and Durango has proven it offers a tournament worth attending. I look forward to March Mania 2009.

Pam Glasco  
Tournament Director

*Congratulations to the following teams:*

**Girl's Divisions:**

**4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Durango Blitz

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Durango Tuff Chix

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Grand Junction Supreme Court

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Pagosa Springs

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – NM Bear Cats

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Montrose

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – K-Town Az Rebels

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Montrose

**Boy's Divisions:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Durango Nuggets

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Utah Boys

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Durango Rockers

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Air Durango

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – NM Mustangs

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Rifle Bears

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Durango Devils

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Pagosa Springs

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Durango Eagles

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Pagosa Springs