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Dexter, Missouri - It's time to sign up for the 2022 Summer Camp slated for May 25th - May 27th. It's a month earlier than last year so get with Coach Chad Allen as soon as possible.

The Basketball Camp will be held at the Bearcat Event Center. These little guys are our up and coming stars for high school athletics and we can't wait to see them play.

Kindergarten - 3rd grade boys will play from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. each morning.

4th - 6th grade boys will be in camp from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m each day.

7th and 8th grade boys will be in camp from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. daily.

The Boys Basketball Camp features team concepts, ball handling and passing instructions, shooting instructions, defensive concepts, ability and age grouping, contests, games and a camp t-shirt.

These students will gain valuable knowledge and understanding of the sport while attending camp.

Contests include Hot Shot, Free Throw, Chair Dribble, 2 Ball Layups, Lane Slides, Oneon-One, and Team Play. The cost is only \$25 and checks should be made to the Dexter High School. There is still time to attend this Summer Camp. Please come at the applicable time.

If you have any questions, please contact Coach Chad Allen at (573) 421-4571 or email to callen@dexter.k12.mo.us

We are the home of the Bearcats and we are proud! Come out for an exciting week of basketball! What a great learning experience and memories they will have attending basketball camp!

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Dexter High School 2022 Spring Sports Awards -Boys Tennis

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Dexter High School 2022 Spring Sports Awards - Boys Tennis

Dexter, MO - The Dexter High School honored their spring sports with their 2022 Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Coach Eric Boles gave out the awards for Boys Tennis.

"To say that this year has been a tough one is an understatement," commented coach Eric Boles. "However, we did get the opportunity to have a tennis season and we could not have done it without the help and support of many different people."

The Courts for Cancer was a quite a success raising over \$3,000 by having sponsorships, purchasing of t-shirts, and raffle tickets. They were able to send checks to six different people or groups ranging from \$400 to \$800 each.

Cooper Worley, a freshman, had to come in and play varsity right away according to Boles. "This is a very difficult task, especially when most of his opponents were juniors and seniors. He has a very bright future ahead of him. He and his doubles partner ended up medaling in the District Doubles Tournament."

Logan Jones is a first year varsity only player and the #4 spot for most of the year. He and his doubles partner medaled at the SEMO Conference Tournament. "He is our "Mister Consistency" on the courts. He was voted "Best Teammate" by his fellow teammates."

Lawson Blocker is the second of the two freshmen on the team and had to come in and play varsity right away. Not only did he have to play varsity as a freshman, he played in the top half of every match as the #3 spot. "He held his own and has shown great progress in his game over the course of the season. He and his doubles partner ended up medaling at the District Doubles Tournament."

Peyton Boles is a 2nd year varsity letterman and had a very tough year ahead of him. He played the #1 spot most of the year and constantly had to play individuals who had much more experience than his first year of tennis. "He never let the pressure get to him. He always remained calm and under control." His season highlights include a 3rd Place Medalist finish at the Poplar Bluff Tournament in singles bracket and qualified for the Sectional Tournament by taking home the Silver Medal at Districts. He was voted "Best Overall Player" by his teammates.

Drake Channell is a 2nd year varsity letterman and the only player with more than one year of tennis experience. He was the #2 player most of the season, but took over the #1 spot the last two weeks of the season. "It is a lot of pressure being the only senior on a

very young team. After taking home the Bronze Medal at Districts, he is officially done with his high school tennis career and now will take on a much bigger challenge as he moves on to the college level in August."

Most Singles Wins Award: Two boys tied for this award. They have the exact same number of wins and they have the exact same win percentage. "They were the only boys with double digit wins, the only ones with a winning record and they both finished with a win percentage of 60%. This award goes to Drake Channell and Peyton Boles.

Most Doubles Wins Award: This award came down to the tie-breaker of win percentage and the team of Drake Channell/Peyton Boles have earned this award.

Bearcat Award Winner: This award was voted on by the team. "I had the boys complete a survey on our teammate awards (6 different categories), and the player that received the most overall votes was awarded the Bearcat Award." This years winner is Peyton Boles.

Pictured from left to right are Peyton Boles, Cooper Worley, Lawson Blocker, Ryder Williams, Drake Channell, and Clayton Whitaker.

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Dexter High School 2022 Spring Sports Awards - Track & Field

Dexter, MO - The Dexter High School honored their spring sports with their 2022 Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Coach Deberry gave out the awards for Track & Field.

Awards are based on total points as well as top performances.

Top Sprinters - Male - RJ Farmer, Female - Allison Turnbo

Top Distance - Male - Chris Stone, Female - Gabby Brown

Top Thrower - Male - Josh Alday, Female - Dulcie Pullen

Top Jumper - Male - Christian Wirz, Female - Abbie Lloyd

Versatility - Male - Anistin Kyle, Female - Avery Neely

Most Valuable Player - Male - Anistin Kyle, Female - Gabby Brown

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Dexter High School 2022 Spring Sports Awards -Golf

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Dexter High School 2022 Spring Sports Awards - Golf

Dexter, MO - The Dexter High School honored their spring sports with their 2022 Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Coach Eric Sitze gave out the awards for Golf.

"We had a great season this year," Coach Eric Sitze said. "Our lowest 18 hole score was 312 which stands as a 2nd lowest in school history. We had a season scoring average of 163.8 and our season match record was 14-3 with three rainouts."

"I wish we could have played those matches, but the rain was really, really bad this year. We played in a total of 6 tournaments playing against fields of 12 to 16 teams."

Dexter finished 4th in the Notre Dame Tournament against three Class 5 teams Nixa, Helias, and Poplar Bluff. They tied for 2nd with Jackson in the Farmington Invitational. They finished 3rd in the Jackson, Poplar Bluff, and SEMO Conference Tournaments to Poplar Bluff and Jackson.

This past Monday the golf team finished 1st as a team in Districts advancing to the State Tournament on Monday, May 16th and Tuesday, May 17th at the Sedalia Country Club.

Dylan Sitze was able to claim the gold medal for a 2nd year in a row and Cy Worley claimed the silver finishing 2nd.

The 2010 Bearcat Golf Team was the last team able to advance to the State Tournament. "I am completely thrilled to get the opportunity to compete at this level again," stated Sitze.

Individually this year the Bearcats had 3 SEMO All Conference players Cy Worley, Dylan Sitze, and Matt Hardin. They also had three All District players Dylan Sitze, Cy Worley, and Tucker Temples.

Ben Christian also medaled in two tournaments this season. "We did very well individually in our area."

"They have been a great bunch of kids to coach this season and I am very proud of all of their accomplishments," continued Sitze.

Letter winners are Alyssa Warren (sophomore), Ethan Zabelin (sophomore), and Miller McLaughlin (senior).

"These three players have worked hard this spring working on being better players. They participated in three to four varsity matches as individuals. There were many days after practice they would be on the range tring to improve their swing or just work on their game. They are great teammates and very supportive of each other."

Ben Christian (freshman) letter winner - His average was 41.2 this season. he played the number 3 spot all year and did a great job for the team as a freshman. Ben medaled in 2 out of his first 3 tournaments shooting a season best 77 and tying for 4th with Dylan and Cy in the Farmington Tournament.

Tucker Temples (freshman) letter winner - His average was 44.7 this season. He played the number 5 spot most of the season. He was a medal winner in two tournaments and one JV tournament at Perryville where he finished 4th and then placed 9th in the District Tournament making the All District Team.

"I want to thank my three seniors for all of their hard work and dedication over the past four years," continued Sitze. "We are going to miss you guys next year. You have been a big part of our success and I am proud to have gotten to know them and hope they have learned something that will help carry them through the next phase after graduation. Golf is a great game that can teach many great life lessons. I am grateful for our four years together and will always be a phone call away. Thank you again and good luck after graduation." Senior Matt Hardin's average was 46.4 this season. He played the #4 spot. He was a state qualifier last year and a SEMO All Conference medal winner this year. "He has steadily improved over the past four years on the golf team shooting his best score of 81 at Conference a few weeks ago. Matt has a great golf swing and can hit it long. He keeps all our guys in line, and isn't afraid to tell them when they cross that line."

Senior Cy Worley had an average this season of 38.4. He played the number 1 and 2 spots. Cy medaled in all 6 of the tournaments and finished 3rd at the Poplar Bluff Invitational. He was SEMO All Conference this year and All District two years, placing 2nd and winning a silver medal on Monday at Districts. His lowest score this year was a 34 (-2) which included a hole out from 100 yards for Eagle. That tied him for 2nd lowest 9 hole score in the Dexter High School records. "He earns the award for growing more in his four years than any other golfer I've coached. He was a big part of our last District Championship team in 2019 and our very talented 2020 team that was cancelled because of Covid-19. Cy will continue his golf career at Mineral Area College."

Senior Dylan Sitze had an average 38.9 this season and he played the number 1 and 2 spots. "Dylan has been a very consistent player for our program the past four years." Dylan medaled in all 6 tournaments this year. He is Dexter's 12th District/Sectional champion. His lowest 18 hole score was 72 (+1) at Fox Haven Country Club in Sikeston. He has been All Conference and All District every year. He has earned a trip to State every year individually and was all State as a freshman. Dylan was also a big part of our last District Championship team in 2019 and our very talented 2020 team that was cancelled due to Covid-19. Dylan will continue his golf career next year at Evangel University.

"I have always given this award out before State and it came down to 2 athletes for the first time since 2002. Kyle and Matt Christian were the last two guys that this was so close. Dylan and Cy have been playing against each other since they were 10 years old. This year was no different. I think they are about 14 or 15 stroked apart."

This year's 2022 Season Medalist with a 38.4 season low average is Cy Worley.

Pictured from left to right Coach Eric Sitze, Allyssa Warren, Matt Hardin, Ethan Zabelin, Cy Worley, Ben Christian, Dylan Sitze, and Tucker Temples.

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Dexter High School 2022 Spring Sports Awards -Softball

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Dexter High School 2022 Spring Sports Awards - Softball

Dexter, MO - The Dexter High School honored their spring sports with their 2022 Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Coach Starla Pulley and Asst. Coach Jenkins gave out the awards for Softball.

"We had a lot of new faces to our program this year," commented Coach Starla Pulley. "Some girls haven't played in quite a while, so we spent a lot of time working on fundamentals and trying to learn different aspects of the game."

The Bearcats had four freshmen, three sophomores, and three juniors on the their roster and hoping they all return next year.

Though they lost five of their first seven games, they played competitively and the season looked optimistic. They beat Malden early on and that was a great confidence building for the Lady 'Cats. They won their first round of SCAA play against Bloomfield, but lost to a very good Advance team and later to Bernie in the third place game. The following Friday they beat the county champs Advance 10-9 and that was a tremendous win for the

girls.

The Lady 'Cats then won the next eight games. They won the D Division of the Swing Pink going 3-0 during the one day tournament. They also beat Woodland who got second at the SCAA Tournament. Then in the first round of the District Tournament they defeated Arcadia Valley then lost to Clearwater who went on to win Districts.

The Bearcats did suffer some injuries late in the season as well which lead to players playing positions they were not familiar with, but did a great job stepping up. They ended the season 11-8.

"I had two seniors who are leaving to bigger and better things," continued Pulley. "Lexi Laramore came out to play for the first time this year. I asked her many times to come out and play softball and she finally did her senior year. I had the privilege of coaching her in volleyball and she is just a great athlete, teammate and just a great person. Her personality and positivity and willingness to do whatever is needed is a great leadership quality that we all could learn."

"Kennedy Bess is my other senior and we are going to miss her greatly. She is a phenomenal player, teammate, and just an all around great young lady. Her dedication, hard work and love for this sport is something that will be hard to replace. I know that both of these young ladies will go and do extraordinary things after high school."

Letter winners are Kennedy Bess, Lexi Laramore, Emily Hester, Abbie Sandage, Molly Simmons, Kinleigh Chappell, Amelia Jenkins, Kaylee Hazel, Tatyana Littlewhiteman, Kaden Jackson, Alexis Sisk, Payton Short, and Isabella Pittman.

Andrea Hernandez was the team manager. "I really appreciated her coming out and being the team manager. She came to every practice and every game helping and cheering us on in the dugout."

Highest Batting Average Award: "This young lady started off the season a little rocky. We had her in the lead off position and we talked about it and knew she could do so much more. We moved her to the 6th spot and she took off. There were so many times where we needed the bottom of the line up to take off and she was there to make it happen. She finished the season with a .408 batting average, .508 on base percentage, .632 slugging percentage. She had 20 hits, 4 doubles, 2 triples and 1 home run this year." The Highest Batting Average Award goes to Kinleigh Chappell.

The Bearcat Award: "This award goes to a player that is a true example of what our athletes should strive to be and she is hardworking, a great leader, hustles, encourages

everyone, dedicated, a goal setter, self disciplined, coachable, and I could go on and on. She was a force to be reckoned with behind the plate. Teams were scared to steal on her. She has been a leader in our program for the last four years from filling shoes as a catcher, pitcher, infield, and outfield. She has also been one of our top players the last four years in hitting and defense. This year she had a .353 batting average and .963 fielding percentage and 9 stolen bases. She will be missed greatly!" The Bearcat Award goes to Kennedy Bess.

Most Valuable Player Award: "This award goes to a young lady that is the epitome of what a team player looks like. She has a lot of heart and passion for the sport. She works all year long and it shows. As a freshman she had 147 strike-outs and pitched 91 innings. As a sophomore she pitched 96.2 innings and had 164 strike-outs, beating her record from last year. She is driven and goal oriented. She not only is our leader on the mound she is one of out top hitters with a .309 batting average. I would put her up against anyone in a tough situation. There have been several situations this year where we had bases loaded with one out and she got us out of it. If the other team started chanting, she got more driven and focused. I can't wait to see what she will do in the next two years." The Most Valuable Player Award goes to Amelia Jenkins.

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