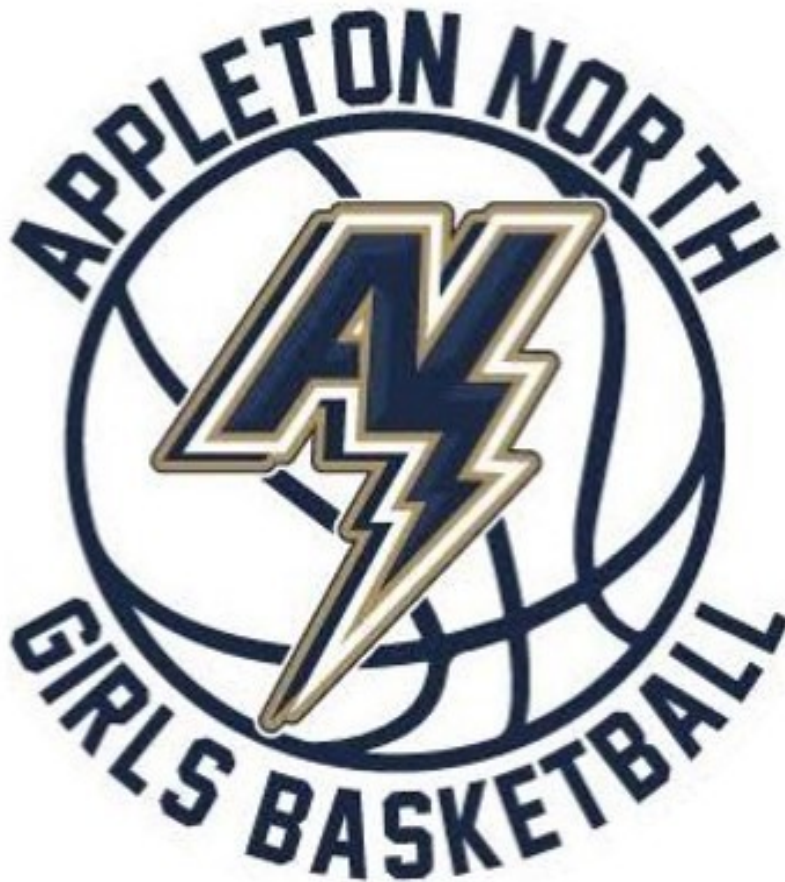




2025-2026



**Appleton North Girls
Basketball Club
Coaches**



Junior Lightning K-2nd Grade



Andy Bruno (Head)

I'm a husband and father of three children residing in Appleton WI. My love for the game of basketball developed in my childhood and I look forward to creating an opportunity for our youth players to enjoy the game of basketball. I played basketball thru 12th grade and I've had the opportunity to coach multiple youth boys and girls basketball teams ranging from kindergarten to 8th grade. Additionally, I've worked with high school level players as an assistant coach in summer league teams. I'm a big believer that players, especially youth players, learn in many different ways, and providing visual links prior to practice on the concepts & or fundamentals that will be taught during practice times is a wonderful way for basketball players to accelerate their learning curve with basketball concepts and fundamentals. My goal is to create a positive experience for our players where they will grow their basketball knowledge and skillset while also balancing the competitiveness of our team.

3rd Grade Coaches

Andy Shadik (Head)



Hi there! I'm Andy Shadick, and I'm excited to work with your daughter this basketball season! I currently teach economics and work in technology at Appleton North. My wife, Amanda, and I are Appleton North graduates, and are busy with our three kids who attend Ferber: Leon (4th grade), Ezzy (3rd grade), and JoJo (kindergarten).

Coaching has been a part of my life since college, where I played football at Northern Michigan University and UW-Oshkosh. I'm currently the head track coach at Appleton North, and I've also coached high school football, youth baseball, basketball, and flag football.

For me, coaching is all about making sure the girls have fun at every practice and game, but most importantly develop as people, both in the game and in life. Looking forward to a fantastic season!

3rd Grade Coaches



Matt Cooper (Assistant)

Hello, my name is Matt Cooper, and I'm excited to return for my second-year coaching with the Appleton North Girls Basketball Club. My wife, Stacy, and I are proud parents of two wonderful daughters, Peyton, a 9th grader, and Adelyn, who is in 3rd grade.

Basketball has always been a big part of my life. I played throughout my youth and into college, and I've been fortunate to stay involved in the game through coaching. I began coaching basketball (K-8th) at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater La Crosse, where I spent eight rewarding years. After that, I served as the assistant JV boys coach at La Crosse Logan High School for one year, followed by four years as the assistant Varsity boys coach at the same school.

I have a deep passion for the game and truly enjoy teaching, mentoring, and helping players grow—on and off the court. I'm looking forward to sharing my knowledge and enthusiasm with your daughters this season.

Outside of basketball, I enjoy spending time with my family and pursuing hobbies like cooking, golfing, fishing, and traveling.

Justen Stracy (Assistant)

My name is Justen Stracy and I am excited for the opportunity to be an assistant coach for the 3rd grade girls team. My wife Kristin and I have 4 children ages 14 to 3 years old including our 3rd grader Olivia. We recently relocated back to the valley after spending 10 years in Houston, TX. Our goal is to be active parents with our children as they grow up within this great community. I look forward to sharing my passion for basketball as they grow and develop their game.



4th Grade Coaches



Brandan Backman (Head)

My name is Brandan Backman. I'm married to my wife, Whitney, and we keep busy with our three kids: Mya (4th), Tate (1st), and Trey (Kindergarten). I grew up in the Fox Cities and played basketball at Appleton North and in college at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. I enjoy coaching my kids as well as serving as an assistant coach for the Appleton North men's basketball team. I look forward to working with your daughter this upcoming season and spreading my love for the game.

Adam Thiel (Assistant)

My name is Adam Thiel and I will be assistant coaching the 4th grade team. My wife Robin and I have two girls, Ellie (4th grade) and Addie (2nd grade). Outside of work and family, I enjoy running, reading and anything sports related – especially helping with my daughters' sports teams. I have been involved with youth sports coaching, primarily basketball and soccer, for the past four years and this is my second-year coaching with the Appleton North Basketball Club. My coaching philosophy focuses on developing fundamental skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. I look forward to a fantastic season and am excited to help your children grow both on and off the court.



4th Grade Coaches



Crystal Anzulewicz (Assistant)

Hello! My name is Crystal Anzulewicz, and I'm excited to be assisting with the 4th-grade team this year. My husband, Jon, and I have two children—Adalia, who is in 4th grade, and Asher, who is in 2nd grade.

I grew up in Brookings, SD, and played basketball at Sioux Valley High School before continuing my athletic and academic journey at Northwestern College in Orange City, IA. During my time there, I had the incredible opportunity to compete in the NAIA National Tournament three times: reaching the Final Four as a sophomore, the Sweet Sixteen as a junior, and winning the National Championship as a senior. I currently hold the single-season and career records for blocked shots at Northwestern College.

Professionally, I work full-time in a remote role for a recruiting company based in Denver. I also enjoy giving back to the community through volunteer work—I serve as a United for Reading Success tutor and help with the Blessings in a Backpack program at Ferber Elementary.

Basketball has been a major part of my life, and I'm grateful for the coaches who influenced me with their passion for the game. My goal is to share that same love for basketball with others, and to show how the lessons learned through teamwork and dedication can positively shape lives far beyond the court.

5th Grade Coaches



Jaime Krueger (Head)

Hi! I am Jaime. This is my 5th year coaching at Appleton North Hoops. I really love coaching basketball and watching the girls grow and develop their skills each year. It is so fun to see them understand the game and put their skills they learn in practice, and apply it to the game! I played basketball, volleyball and softball throughout my middle school and high school career. My husband Adam and I have lived in Appleton for the last 15 years and have an almost one month old son Miles. My family is a big sports family, between baseball, basketball, track, tennis, football and cross country so you will find my husband and I watching all of our nieces and nephews play sports. In the summer you will catch me on the lake somewhere or at a MLB baseball game! I am trying to hit all the baseball stadiums. I am 19 out of 30 completed. My college roommate and I started this trend after we graduated college and I have seen the Brewers play in 15 out of the 17! Looking forward to another great basketball season! Go North!

Jake Kohlhaben (Assistant)

I am Jake Kohlhaben, father of 5th grade girls' team member, Reggie Kohlhaben. This will be my 2nd year contributing as an assistant coach for the Appleton North Girls basketball program. I am excited to continue the growth and passion for our kids as they continue their sports journey. I fully believe in the value of sports as I have been actively involved in sports in some way from kindergarten until the present day. I played nearly 15+ years of competitive soccer, and 10+ years of competitive basketball, and I greatly enjoy participating in many other sports as well as watching them. I have worked as the soccer rec league program manager for the City of Appleton for 2+ years and thoroughly enjoyed working with children and coaches to help them learn and grow in the game of soccer.

When I am not directly involved with sports for my family, we enjoy traveling, board games, or hanging out by the water. Besides Reggie, my wife Nycol and I have an older daughter, Marchael, and two dogs, Poppy and Ramen. I believe there is a lot to be gained by our children from their time together on the basketball court, but I know it will take effort from all of us to maximize it. I look forward to being a contributor to this for the team.

Go Lightning!



6th Grade Coaches



Tim Guido (Head)

My name is Tim Guido. My wife, Sarah, and I have three kids. Our youngest, Ava, is on the team this year. She has two older brothers—Michael, who's at UW-Oshkosh, and Anthony, who's a student at Appleton North High School. I was born in Milwaukee, grew up in Wautoma, and moved to the Fox Valley in 2009. I've coached or assisted with several boys' youth basketball teams, and I've had the chance to coach Ava's basketball teams in 2nd and 3rd grade. I also spent one season coaching girls freshman basketball at the high school level. I really enjoy working with players who bring focused energy, work hard, and support each other on and off the court. I'm excited for the season ahead and look forward to helping your daughter grow and enjoy the game.

Open (Assistant)



7th Grade Coaches



Alex Hunt (Head)

I am Coach Alex Hunt, and this is my fourth-year coaching at ANGBC. I was born and raised in the Dominican Republic, where I grew up playing baseball and basketball. I was fortunate to have great coaches and mentors during my younger years in basketball. I have called the Fox Valley home for over 20 years now, and my wife, Kendra, and I have two children: Ethan, who is 15, and Mikyla, who is 13.

My coaching philosophy centers on developing the player first. My players understand that I believe we play the same way we practice, so we emphasize attention to detail and technique during practice. I am grateful for the opportunity to help players develop while also having fun. I am looking forward to this season as our girls continue to grow into the best players they can be.

Jana Cartier (Assistant)

I have played and loved basketball since I was about five. I played through my childhood, high school and also college (Lawrence University.) My wife Megan and I have three daughters; Malin (12) who I get to coach and also Harlow (10) and Bellamy (8) - not sure basketball is their thing, but they certainly stay active!

I absolutely love the game of basketball. I have become obsessed with watching the Indiana Fever, but what I love most about the game is what the game teaches aside from basketball skills. Being part of a team is something that is invaluable. Sure, making shots puts points on the scoreboard, but playing defense, making good passes, rebounding -- all of these things -- contribute to the win. It's not just about scoring, it's truly about teamwork! That is what I will teach your kids!



8th Grade Coaches



Beth Fietzer (Head)

I'm a lifelong basketball lover with deep Wisconsin roots, proud graduate of Mukwonago High School and Lawrence University—where I still hold the records for career assists and steals (though I can't wait to cheer when someone breaks them). In 2018, I was honored to be inducted into both schools' Athletic Hall of Fames.

Basketball has shaped my life, from playing to coaching at nearly every level. I spent three incredible years on the coaching staff at Lawrence before continuing my journey as an assistant coach at Mukwonago High School, Preble High School, and now Appleton North. I've also loved being involved in youth basketball through ANGBC, especially with my two daughters, Allison and Caitlin, who remind me daily why the game matters.

Currently, I balance my role as Sales Manager at TMC North America with my calling as a coach. My coaching philosophy is rooted in building confident, communicative, and mentally tough athletes. I'm a defensive-minded coach who believes that how you practice is how you play—and I push my players to bring intensity and accountability to every rep. I want every girl to see how capable she is, and to grow not just as a player, but as a teammate and human.

It's an honor to coach your child. I'm here to push, support, and celebrate their growth every step of the way.

8th Grade Coaches



Keith Doxtator (Assistant)

I'm looking forward to another fun and engaging club basketball season with your daughters. Seventh grade and middle school ball represents a meaningful step up in the competitive nature of the game, and I'm looking forward to developing talent, the love of the game, and overall preparing the girls for high school competition in alignment ANGBC's mission and priorities. While I may have spoken to most of you over the last couple years as an assistant coach, I appreciate Nicole's and the Board's efforts to improve team coordination, including coaches' information.

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I graduated from Seymour in 2003 where I played several sports to keep busy, yet basketball was always my primary attention and joy. I was a three-year varsity starter on teams that made the state championship game every year - once as a state champ and twice as the runner-up. While I was never the most talented or athletically gifted on the team, my role was earned from understanding our offensive movements, game flow and where to be defensively - all the types of guidance I've tried to instill, as appropriate by age and skill, within the teams I've coached.

I've been involved in various coaching capacities ranging from YMCA kindergarten ball up to ANGBC 6th grade ball with my children. I've also coached my youngest sister's middle school AAU teams.

Outside of athletics, my hobbies range from ones to keep me going physically or mentally. We often take family hikes or explore state and national parks. I've been working on checking off all the National Park visits, yet still have plenty to go. With friends, we regularly play board and card games in mildly competitive formats. Travel is another hobby that Trina and I have prioritized ranging from Door Co to Europe to seek out new experiences, cultures, and cuisines. I aim to keep involved in the community as well and currently serve on the Board for the Basic Needs Giving Partnership.

If any questions or curiosities come up during the season, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'm happy to chat further.