



East Lansing
Public Schools

MEMORANDUM

TO: ELPS Board of Education

FROM: Mark Dobson

SUBJECT: Action Item: High School Volleyball Camp in North Carolina

DATE: June 3, 2026

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Board approve the high school volleyball team's participation in an out-of-state volleyball camp in North Carolina from July 21 – 23, 2026 as submitted by Ms. Heather Stanley.

Participation in this camp will provide students with valuable opportunities to enhance their volleyball skills through focused skill development, systems training, and competitive match play. In addition to athletic growth, students will benefit from team-building experiences and exposure to a higher level of competition.

The cost of the trip will be funded by participating families, and there will be no financial impact on the district. Students will also have opportunities to participate in fundraising activities to help offset individual expenses.

Thank you for your consideration of this enriching opportunity for our high school students.

**EAST LANSING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUEST FORM**

IMPORTANT: All out-of-state and overnight school-sponsored extracurricular activities require approval from the East Lansing Board of Education. Per Board Policy 5506, "The Board may approve extended extracurricular trips for student groups under school sponsorship. Each trip requires separate approval and must be approved annually."

For further details, please refer to East Lansing Public Schools Board of Education Policy 5506, which is included in the Field Trip Application Packet. All requirements must be satisfied before the Board will consider requests for out-of-state and overnight school-sponsored extracurricular activities.

Required documents must be attached to this request form:

1. Letter to ELPS Board of Education, requesting approval of this trip
2. Detailed Itinerary
3. Copy of parent consent form (customize using provided template)

Name and position of staff person requesting trip:

Heather Stanley - Head Volleyball Coach

Trip destination and dates: (please attach detailed itinerary to this form)

University of North Carolina - July 21-23 - see attached

Purpose for trip:

Volleyball Camp

Grade level of student participants, and number expected to participate:

10, 11, 12 grades - 12-13 players expected

Cost to students and fundraising/scholarship plans:

\$400⁰⁰ - will scholarship players in needed

Names of chaperones, plus total number committed:

Heather Stanley Ericka Baer

Proposal for Out-of-State Volleyball Team Camp Approval

University of North Carolina Team Camp

Dates: July 21-23

Camp Site

Overview

Each summer, our volleyball program seeks out a competitive team camp that allows student-athletes to develop their skills, strengthen team cohesion, and compete at a high level in preparation for the upcoming season.

For Summer 2026, we are requesting approval to attend the University of North Carolina Team Camp, a program specifically designed for high school teams. This camp provides a structured environment focused on skill development, systems training, and competitive match play.

Purpose and Benefits

Attending this camp would provide our student-athletes with meaningful opportunities to grow both individually and as a team. Key benefits include:

- Exposure to collegiate-level coaching, expectations, and training methods
- Opportunity to be coached and seen by multiple collegiate level coaches outside of the state of Michigan, beneficial to those athletes with a desire to play beyond high school
- Advanced instruction in team systems, strategy, and skill development
- Competition against high-level teams from outside the state of Michigan
- Development of leadership, communication, and team cohesion
- Preparation for our high level conference and district-level competition

Additionally, participation in an out-of-state camp allows athletes to experience a broader level of competition and gain perspective beyond our local environment.

Why This Camp

As an alumna and former player of the University of North Carolina program I have firsthand experience with this camp, the coaching staff, and how the program is run. This familiarity provides confidence in the quality, structure, and overall experience our athletes will receive.

Additionally, the University of North Carolina volleyball program ranks among the top

programs nationally, including a Top 20 finish last year. This level of excellence ensures our athletes are exposed to high standards of training, competition, and program culture.

Camp Details

Location: University of North Carolina

Dates: July 21–23

Cost per Player: \$400

Includes housing, meals, and instruction

Comparable to in-state options (e.g., Michigan State University camp at approximately \$350)

Housing and Supervision

Players and coaches will stay in on-campus dormitories.

Facilities are monitored by camp staff and coaches.

Nightly room checks will be conducted by team coaches and camp staff.

Dorms are used exclusively for camp participants during this period.

Transportation

Families will be responsible for arranging and paying for transportation to and from the camp.

Participation Criteria

Open to all varsity-level athletes:

- 11th and 12th grade athletes
- Returning varsity players

If additional roster spots are available, participation may be extended to underclassmen interested in the varsity program.

As with any summer activity, per MHSAA rules, participation does not guarantee team placement for the Fall 2026 season and is not required.

Financial Accessibility

We are committed to making this opportunity accessible to all interested athletes through fundraising opportunities and transparent communication with families.

Initial outreach to returning program families has been conducted, and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and supportive.

Conclusion

The University of North Carolina Team Camp offers a valuable opportunity for our athletes to train in a high-level, team-focused environment that emphasizes both individual growth and program development.

Approval of this request would support our goal of building a competitive, cohesive, and well-prepared volleyball program for the Fall 2026 season.

TAR HEEL TEAM CAMP #2- COACH REGISTRATION

7/21/26 - 7/23/26

Chapel Hill, NC

Join us for Tar Heel Team Camp #2- the perfect way to get your High School, Middle School, or Club team in the gym before the 2026 High School volleyball season starts back up. Timed perfectly to serve as a preseason before preseason, come train with and against teams from around the country. Each participating team will be assigned a half court (two teams per court), and a Carolina Coach to aid your school in training and competitions.

In 2025 these teams attended our team camps and made it to their State Championships in the fall:

- Green Level High School - North Carolina 8A State Champions
- DH Conley High School- North Carolina 6A State Runner-up
- Ayden-Grifton High School - North Carolina 3A Champions

Team Camp is the perfect way, in addition, to teach players the skills and tools to grow and develop together before the school season begins. A Camp Tournament will run the final day of team camp to provide your team with the best possible preparation for your competitive season.

Teams and Coaches/Team Representatives will be housed on campus at Granville Towers. Housing and meals will be provided, linens & overnight snacks provided. Suggested Packing list can be found on FAQs page!

Camp Dates: July 21-23, 2026

Location: Eddie Smith Field House, 8 Fetzer A & B

Age Group: High School JV and Varsity Levels

Gender: Females

Registration Limits: 50 teams/camp - 8-12 players per team

DAILY SCHEDULE

In order to maximize the Team Camp experience for all schools wanting to participate, we will continue to run a wave schedule for each Team Camp. Please see the attached 2025 Team Camp Wave Schedule for reference of exact times.

**Schedule subject to change according to size of each camp!*

Coach Registration: 9:30am

ESFH/CARM

DAY 1 | 11:30am - 10:00pm

DAY 2 | 7:30am - 10:00pm
DAY 3 | 8:30am - 1:30pm

FETZ AB

DAY 2 | 6:30pm - 9:30pm
DAY 3 | 8:30am - 12:00pm

HOW MUCH DOES THIS CAMP COST?

\$3200 per 8 athletes and 1 team representative/coach (every team must be accompanied by a supervisor)

- \$400 per additional player
- \$175 per additional representative/coach.
- UNC on campus housing and meals are provided - 2 nights in the dorms and 5 meals during camp duration.

\$500 deposit and Team Camp Reservation Form must be received either online or mailed prior to the May 15th Team Tar Heel Camp Deadline.

Write checks to: Tar Heel Volleyball

2001 Walden Glade Run

Apex, NC 27523

Once deposit is received, Coach or Rep will receive an online code specific to their team to start player registrations. Please let Sarah Schall, Tar Heel Camp Director know how you would like to complete payment (Players can pay online with a 6% process fee applied OR they can pay their HS team and coaches send 1-full Team Camp check to Tar Heel Volleyball Camp).

Important: All players **MUST** have paperwork and registration complete on Teamworks no later than July 15th, 2026. Players with outstanding waivers may not attend and will not be allowed to participate in Tar Heel Volleyball Camp.