



Greetings! Please let me introduce you to Florida Fire Travel Basketball Club. In late August of 2020, we started the Florida Fire Travel Basketball Club with the intentions of just helping 8 – 10 kids get some exposure to better talent, coaching, competition and eventually colleges. At our first interest meeting however, we had 35 kids. The next week at try-outs we had 50 players trying out for our teams! Off the strength of those 50 we were able to create three teams and took home a 2nd place trophy in our very first tournament with our 16u team. In April of 2021, we would end up having three more tryouts for ages 11-19 for boys and girls. We were shocked when we had 50 players at our first tryout, but even more so at our next three that included over 100 boys and 50 girls. We quickly blossomed into an organization of 9 teams in under a year with nothing but volunteers!

Our goal at the Florida Fire is to have positive impact on as many lives as we can through the game of basketball. We do not teach only offense and defense. We teach a state of mind and how to not only be a great athlete but a great teammate. Our core values of integrity, hard work and passion will take our athletes much further than just the hardwood. However, we do need help with things such as court rental, tournament fees, food, drinks, travel, lodging, warm up gear, etc.

Today we humbly ask you to consider helping us achieve our mission. A mission that includes basketball and so much more, as we strive to not only change lives on the court but also at home and school. A donation to our club of any size would significantly impact our youth here in Florida and any donation that is \$250 or more is tax exempt, as we do have 501c3 status with the IRS. Donations would be met not only with a ton of appreciation but also: shoutouts on our Facebook/Instagram/website, pictures of all the teams you helped support, and invitations to every game, practice, and event the Florida Fire would be at. Donations can be sent to 22 S. Courtland Blvd., Deltona, FL 32738. Please make checks payable to Florida Fire.

Thank you in advance for your support,

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