

Hi Wise Families!

Most of you know how serious Jake and I are about only hiring the absolute BEST teachers for Wise Camps (we even fly people in from out of state!).

If your child hasn't been lucky enough to have Mr. Bohannon yet, please consider signing up for his Sports Math Camp or our August in-person camp this summer (more below!).

But first...check out his bio:

Matthew Bohannon

A lifelong Alaskan, I taught math for six years before moving to Washington in the summer of 2015 to continue my teaching career. Over that time, I have truly enjoyed working with students across the entire math spectrum. From struggling learners in a support setting, to providing enrichment for Advanced Academic Placement students, it has been my sincere goal to help all students in seeing that math has a meaningful place in their lives. My work has been primarily as a middle school teacher – focusing on Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. In addition to math, I have taught courses in Robotics, Multimedia, and Technology over the years.

I also believe firmly in raising thoughtfully grounded and well-rounded students. Actively involved with skating for 22 years – first as a National competitor, and then as a skating instructor for the last 17 – I sincerely believe that a healthy mind is nothing without a healthy body. My other love is tennis – both as a player, and also as coach of our boys and girls junior high teams. Sport and healthy competition provide many lessons to our students, and this active philosophy has come to shape class instruction over the years – working to better incorporate movement and activity into our everyday math lessons. What this has meant is numerous games and competitions that get students out of their seats, talking with one another, working towards a common goal, and having fun.

As a student, I competed in numerous academic competitions, and vividly remember the positive impact they had on my life. As an adult, I now coach and mentor many of the competitive opportunities at our school as STEM Club coordinator. Through the club, students are given opportunities to compete in math events throughout the year, including Mathcounts – where our team recently qualified to compete at the State championships. Students also participate in the National Science Bowl, Science Olympiad, VEX Robotics, and Future Problem Solving programs. I eagerly look forward to bringing some of our classroom strategies, mixed with the excitement and structure of academic competition, to this summer's program.

As you can see, Mr. Bohannon is a really special person and we are so so lucky to have him!

He is teaching his Zoom Sports Math camp July 5-9th for grades 6-9 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. as well as July 19-23 from 9-noon. Campers will learn about the math behind basketball legend Michael Jordan's hang time, play trashketball in their own home, learn the science and probability involved in Winter Olympic Games figure skating by rolling dice for "lands" or "falls", playing water bottle gymnastics, designing an oval track, playing lots of games like Kahoot and Jeopardy along the way, and so much more!

He is also teaching at our in person camps in July and August (our August camp just opened up for registration a couple of weeks ago so we still have spots in that one! August 16-20th!).

I made him promise the other day to stick around until my 3 year old twins are old enough to take his camps because he is so wonderful and inspirational!

Register at www.wisecamps.org

~Melissa Baker & Jake Nonis
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