LACROSSE STORE WINTER HOURS:



Monday: 6:30pm-8:30pm Tuesday-Thursday: 5:00pm-7:00pm Saturday: 10:00am-4:00pm Friday & Sunday: CLOSED

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Bright Future in 2018

There's a lot of excitement surrounding Next Level Lacrosse in the new year:

- The <u>2019 (current juniors)</u> and <u>2020 (current sophomores)</u> classes are receiving a lot of attention from college coaches and these talented groups are ready for a terrific summer schedule.
- The girls program is revamped with a young and committed <u>coaching staff</u> and a group of <u>1st and</u> <u>2nd graders</u> who don't lose.
- Every single <u>winter indoor clinic</u> sold out for the third year in a row, and these programs continue to boast the best lacrosse instruction in the area
- Our very popular <u>summer camps</u> are expanding and growing to new locations, including the brand new turf field and updated facilities at The Heights School.

We hope you enjoy the newest edition of our newsletter. Read below, visit our <u>website</u>, and stop by the facility soon to understand why it is truly a great time to be a Spartan!

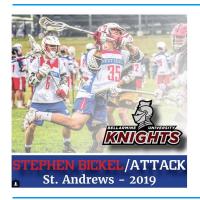
What's the Latest?

We are excited to announce the newest members of our coaching staff: Connor Reed (Johns Hopkins University) and Pat Meyers (Boston University). Connor and Pat





join an already fantastic group of coaches, highlighted by Matt Hickman (Salis bury) and Joe Fitzpatrick (Maryland) to help offer the most elite clinics around. Connor, Pat, and Joe will be running our middle school Elite Offense vs Defense clinic this spring, while Matt Hickman brings his expertise to the younger stars in the Grades 3-5 Offense vs Defense. With coaches like these, Next Level continues to stay true to our mission, which emphasizes player development and character formation above all.



Congratulations to <u>Stephen Bickel</u> who was recruited to play Division I ball at Bellarmine University. A strong, smart, and hard-working attackman who has mastered the question mark dodge and has a ferocious shot. He's a great young man, teammate, and student. Look for him to put up serious numbers this spring for St. Andrew's Episcopal School and this summer with Next Level 2019.

Congratulations to our 2029/2028 Girls

Team for going undefeated in their fall league! A

fun-loving group who have shown that hard

work pays off with their extra team workouts
and coachability. The future is bright with this

young group of stars!



Our high school studs were active this fall attending showcases of some of the best DI programs in the country. These boys represented themselves, their coaches, their schools, and this program well.

To name a few:

- NL 2020 Blue's <u>Kevin Christmas</u> (Georgetown Prep), <u>Isaac Aronson</u> (Bullis), <u>Ryan Giles</u> (Landon), <u>Joey Graham</u> (Landon), and <u>Teddy Russell</u> (Gonzaga) attended Notre Dame University's
- NL 2020 Blue's <u>Chase MacCartee</u> (Georgetown Prep) and <u>Doane Kiechel</u> (Gonzaga) attended Georgetown University's
- NL 2020 Blue's <u>Clay Weiss</u> (Georgetown Prep) attended University of Virginia's



Next Level is excited to send its travel teams to the best tournaments in the country this summer. Some highlights of where the boys will be representing themselves and the program include:

- Adrenaline's Platinum Cup (NL 2019 Blue, NL 2020 Blue, NL 2021 Blue)
- Crabs Lacrosse Crab Feast (NL 2019 Blue, NL 2020 Blue, NL 2021 Blue)
- Naptown National Challenge (NL 2019 Blue, NL 2020 Blue, NL 2021 Blue)
- World Series of Youth Lacrosse (NL 2023 Blue)
- Rising 8th National Championship (NL 2023 Blue)
- Crabs Lacrosse Young Guns (NL 2022 Blue, NL 2023 Blue, NL 2024)





We are excited to welcome two new members to the Next Level family! President and co-owner Dave Mitchell and his wife, Emily (girls program General Manager) welcomed Maren Jean on December 19. Boys program General Manager and co-owner Boh Mitchell and his wife, Rosina, welcomed Nicholas Anthony on October 21. A couple future lacrossestars!

More Spartan Highlights

- With over 400 players coming through the facility this winter, our clinics once again prove to be the most popular in the area. Thank you for joining us and we hope it has been nothing short of an awes ome experience for our players and parents!
- The DMV Premier Lacrosse winter <u>YOUTH</u> and <u>HIGH SCHOOL</u> box leagues are in full swing. With teams from the best school and dub programs in the area, players have been using the box experience to improve and have fun before the start of the spring.
- The DMV Premier Lacrosse pre-spring March Invitational is SOLD OUT with teams coming from programs like Primetime, Team Carolina, DC Express, MadLax, Club Blue, BLC, Cannons, Cavaliers, API, VLC, and others. These teams will shake off the winter rust and battle it out on brand new turf field at the MD Soccerplex, Bullis School, and St. Andrews.
- Congratulations to our youth teams on some strong showings in the fall tournaments this
 year, including NL 2027 (Halloween Havoc champs), NL 2026 (Madlax Fallfest champs),
 NL 2025 (Madlax Fallfest runner-up), NL 2023 (undefeated in MD Lacrosse
 Tournament), NL 2022/23 Red (Madlax Fallfest runner-up), NL 2022 Blue (Halloween

Havoc Champs and undefeated in Hogan Fall Brawl).

Meet the Coaches - Matt Hickman



When did you first pick up a lacrosse stick?

I first started playing lacrosse when I was in 2 nd/3rd grade for MVSA. But I was given a fiddle stick when I was born by my dad's best friend at the hospital, so pretty early.

Why did you decide to get involved in coaching lacrosse?

Lacrosse has always been a part of my life and I continue to play because I love the sport. I know I won't always be able to and coaching is the next best way to stay involved. I truly love seeing kids get better as they are the future of the game.

What was the most valuable lesson you learned from a coach you played for?

I think the thing that stuck with me the most would be something Coach Giblin said to us in high school and that was to be "Relentless in your pursuit of Victory." I wrote that on the first pair of gloves I was given at Salisbury and I still have that pair to this day.

What's your most memorable moment from playing lacrosse?

My most memorable moment playing lacrosse was playing in the National Championship game my Junior year at Salisbury. We won the title and I earned most outstanding player of the game.

Spring Clinics are Open!

With new additions to an already exceptional coaching staff and class lineup, this spring's indoor clinics are guaranteed to be some of the best yet. Whether a travel team player trying to develop a certain skill outside of team practices, or a future star who has never picked up a stick, we have clinic options that will help your daughter or son reach their potential. Sign up TODAY!

BOYS CLINICS
GIRLS CLINICS
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Little & Big Spartans Programs are BACK!

Held at the beautiful Washington Episcopal School's facility, the Little & Big Spartans training programs are a fun and stress-free way for boys and girls in grades K-6th to learn, practice, and improve in the sport of lacrosse.

This program is designed more for rec or house players but all skill levels and positions are welcome. Players will be separated into teams primarily by school and personal requests so be sure to invite your son or daughter's friends and class mates!

GIRLS LITTLE & BIG SPARTANS

Boys and Girls Summer Camps



Our summer camps are some of the most popular around. This year we are excited to offer 3 boys camp sessions, 1 girls camp session, and our revamped weekly sports camp here at Next Level! Make us a part of your summer plans!!

- Boys Lacrosse Camp The Heights
- Boys Lacrosse Camp Landon
- Girls Lacrosse Camp Landon
- SUMMER SPORTS CAMP Next Level
- JR. SUMMER SPORTS CAMP Next Level

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