

West Side Boosters Organization Statement:

The West Side Boosters Youth Athletic Club, Inc, a non-profit organization (501c3), was established in 1970 to provide athletic opportunities for young people in the West Side and surrounding communities. Our mission is to develop and administer programs which provide leadership and engagement through sports and social activities to West Side and Saint Paul Youth. We strive to remove barriers and provide the highest level of access to all participants, regardless of their financial ability to pay.

The Westside Booster Club was founded in 1970. However, its origins can be traced back into the early 1940's through an organization called the Neighborhood House.

Combined efforts of community leaders such as Harry Gaston, considered to be the father of Westside Athletics and Neighborhood House, provided enriching opportunities for St. Paul's Westside boys and girls. These opportunities included quality structures in the fundamentals of athletics as well as the fundamentals of life. An environment with emphasis on mental and physical toughness, teamwork and integrity was established through football, basketball and baseball programs.

Coach Gaston instilled in his players one of the most valuable, prosperous and honorable set of guidelines to live by, you must give back what you have been given. Today's coaches are yesterday's players. Today's players will undoubtedly be the coaches of tomorrow. This solid foundation of core values, such as an emphasis on education and planning for a successful future that has been passed down through the generations is what we continue to build on today. Over the recent years, we have had many successful athletes participate in our program such as Jalen Suggs, Kenny Stills, Michael Floyd and others.

Over the past 53 years, the West Side Boosters (WSB) has continued to grow as an out of school time programming leader in the West Side and greater Saint Paul Community. In 2023, the WSB served over 930 youth in programs spanning from Cheerleading, Volleyball, Softball, Football, Basketball and more. The WSB has worked closely with neighborhood youth, local schools and businesses as a leader in the West Side Community. The WSB is also currently operating many community festivals, such as Cinco de Mayo and a Latino Heritage Month Celebration focused on bringing cross-sections of cultural communities together to celebrate Latino culture in Saint Paul and across Minnesota.

West Side Boosters '23

*53 Years of Commitment to The
West Side & Saint Paul Community*

Community Impact

Participation

Lil' Hoopers: 36
In-House Basketball: 107
Traveling Basketball: 82
In-House Baseball: 76
In-House Softball: 22
Volleyball: 76
Traveling Flag Football: 30
Instructional Football: 18
In-House Flag Football: 119
Tackle Football: 247
2023 Pilot: Violence Prevention
Mentor Groups: 40+ participants
Total Registrations: 930

Male: 70.6% | Female: 29.3%

Community Impact

50+ Coaches & Mentors for Youth in
Community
Attendance for Events & Games Est.
16,500
Over 50% of Families Received
Reduced or Waived Registration Fees
WSB Post Secondary Education
Scholarship Relaunching
Cultural Events such as Cinco de
Mayo & Mexican Independence
Day Celebration
Volunteer Hours
Coaches & Board: Est. 10,500+
Committee & Events: Est. 3,570+

Noteable Partnerships:

Saint Paul Public Schools
Saint Paul Parks and Recreation
Neighborhood House
Local Businesses
Office of Neighborhood Safety & SPPD
USA Football
NFL Flag Football



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