

# **The Advance**

e-news for DHS Wildcats Fencing

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## **Season-end Banquet on Thursday**

**Thursday, March 28**

**4:00 pm (fencers to set-up & then home to get ready)**

**6:30 pm Dinner**

**Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church  
in the Great Hall**

**\$12 per person; fencers eat free**

***Catering by: Willy's Mexicana Grill - Taco Bar***

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**LAST CALL RSVP by: Tomorrow, Monday, 3/25**

**RSVP via [Paypal](#)**

**Send to: [dswildcatsfencing@gmail.com](mailto:dswildcatsfencing@gmail.com)**

**Choose "Sending to a Friend"**

***(not paying for an item or service)***

**Add your number in the notes section:**

***(e.g. - 1 fencer, 2 guests)***

**Your payment is your RSVP -**

**It must be done in advance!**

## ***Attire is dressy-casual.***

### **Banquet Vote**

We'll have a quick vote by the membership to approve these officers and board members-at-large for DHS Wildcats Fencing, Inc.

### **2019-2020 Board**

President – Sarah Taliaferro

Vice President – David Kopel

Secretary – Cailin Thelen

Treasurer – Eric Kasowski

At Large – Nancy Averbach

At Large – Christine Hilgert

At Large – Kitty Ragals

### **Spotlight: Alexander Sonnier, Eagle Scout**

Our own Alexander Sonnier was recognized at a Court of Honor held Saturday, March 16th, at Dunwoody United Methodist Church. The program celebrated Alexander earning the prestigious Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Rank. Guest speakers at the ceremony included Coach Kathy Vail, fellow fencer Sarah MacElroy's father, Mark MacElroy, and our Armorer and Alexander's Dad, Gary Sonnier.



Alexander's Eagle Scout project was in support of the PCMS Band and Jazz Band programs. He modeled, planned, and sourced materials for scouts and other volunteers to build music stands for the Jazz Band, as well executed a Band room cleanup and repair day. Less than 7% of Scouts attain the rank of Eagle.

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## **Deadline Tomorrow: Banquet Slide Pictures**

**Add your pictures to be included in the banquet slide show.**

**[ADD HERE](#) or [email](#). (Drag and Drop - [Instructions](#))**

### **Upcoming:**

- **Mon, 3/25 - Deadline to submit slide show photos**
- **Thu, 3/28, 6:30pm - Season-end Banquet**
- **Mon-Thu, 4/3-6 - DHS Fencing Camp | Registration Open Now**

See our website [calendar](#) to add events to your Google Calendar or see the remaining year-at-a-glance at the bottom of this newsletter.

## **Bypass the Hectic Start of School**

*Plan to get your physicals before the beginning of the school rush to complete August fencing paperwork.*

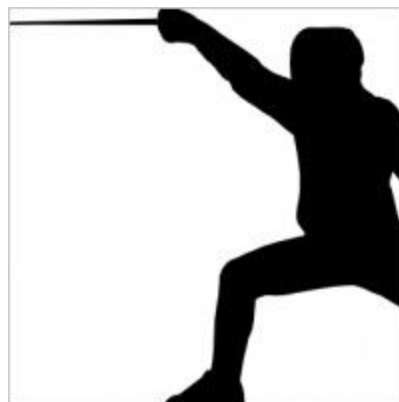
**They last for 1 year,  
so the timing is good starting now.**

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**Register Now:**  
***DHS Fencing Camp***  
***June 3-6***

Register, support our club,  
and improve your technique  
for next year.

Find more information



and register [HERE](#) on our  
DHS fencing website.

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Find all of the [tournament results from the  
2018-2019 season](#) on our website!

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## **2018-19 Season Team Standings**

*Women's Team: 5th place  
Men's Team: 6th place*

**[www.dhsfencing.org](http://www.dhsfencing.org)**

### **Fencing Jacket Embroidery**

The fencer's last name is embroidered on the jacket back according to USA Fencing protocol and costs around \$20. [Email](#) if you're interested.

## **Browse Pictures**

### **Consider a sponsorship or donation to keep our team strong.**

With a larger team this year, our club continues to grow and with that comes the need for additional equipment and skilled people. This past year we've purchased 2 more electronic fencing strips (\$1,100 each), hired an assistant coach, and we'll cover the cost of referees as needed during tournaments - just a few of the bigger ticket items.

Donations are tax deductible.

Make checks payable to: DHS Wildcats Fencing, Inc.,  
which is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

[Learn more about sponsorship levels.](#)

**[DONATE HERE](#)**

Contact: Eric Kasowski - [ekasowski@yahoo.com](mailto:ekasowski@yahoo.com) or 404-680-0890

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## **Helpful Links & Files**

[Absolute Fencing Gear](#)  
[DHS Fencing Website](#)  
[DHS Fencing By-laws](#)  
[Dunwoody Fencing Club](#)  
[Email DHS Fencing](#)  
[Pictures: Browse and Add!](#)  
[Tournament 101](#)

## **2018/19 Calendar**

See our website [calendar](#) to add events to your Google calendar.

Practices are Thursdays from 3:10pm - 5:30pm at DHS unless noted.

### **March**

1 (Fri): *STARTING NOW: GET YOUR PHYSICAL FOR AUGUST PAPERWORK*

28 (Thu): 6:30pm, Season-end Banquet

### **April**

TBD: Demonstration at Peachtree Middle School

### **June**

3-6 (Mon-Thu): DHS Fencing Camp

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### **Team captains 2018-19**

**Team Captain: Megan Murphy**

**Men's Team Captain: Robbie Garber**

**Women's Team Captain: Sarah MacElroy**

**Assistant Captains:**

**Sara Gelber**

**Hannah Soderberg**

**Head Coach**

Kathy Vail

**2018-2019 Board**

***DHS Wildcats Fencing, Inc.***

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## **Assistant Coach**

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## **DHS School Sponsors**

Cecilia Forbes

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Sonya Williams, Co-sponsor

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## **Team Parent**

Sharon Murphy

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