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Memphis Grizzlies Foundation hosts Fifth Annual Mentoring Matters Summit of Tennessee



MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Memphis Grizzlies Foundation and MENTOR Memphis Grizzlies will host the fifth annual Mentoring Matters Summit of Tennessee from Thursday, April 9, to Saturday, April 11.

Designed for mentors, program staff and youth-serving organization leaders who are committed to strengthening mentoring across Tennessee, the summit brings mentors and mentees together each year to discuss and showcase the importance of mentoring in local communities. This year's theme, The Art of Mentoring, celebrates the creativity, intentionality and expertise behind powerful mentoring relationships.

The three-day summit will tip-off with two days of virtual professional development and networking. Session topics include Program Creation, Growing Your Program and Nurturing Your Program, encouraging thoughtful conversations about

improving mentorship programs among participants.

The final day of the summit will conclude on Saturday, April 11, at STREETS Ministries in Downtown Memphis with Youth Day, hosting 75 youth and more than 100 mentors and parents in a youth-centered experience. Attendees across the MENTOR Memphis Grizzlies network will be invited to participate in hands-on activities with local artists and explore different artistic paths, including fashion, visual, music and dance.

Registration for the summit is open now and closes on Friday, April 3. Visit Grizzlies.com for registration.

For more information on the Mentoring Matters Summit of Tennessee, visit grizzliesfoundation.org and follow @grizzcommunity on Twitter/X and Instagram. Fans who want to support the Memphis Grizzlies and purchase 2025-26 season tickets, single game tickets or partial plans can do so now by going online to grizzlies.com/tickets. For more information on the Grizzlies, visit grizzlies.com, 'like' Memphis Grizzlies on Facebook or follow @memgrizz on Twitter/X and Instagram.

Grizzlies Medical Update

MEMPHIS, Tenn. March 29, 2026 – The Memphis Grizzlies announced that wing Jaylen Wells sustained a tendon avulsion fracture in his right great toe during the Grizzlies' road game on March 23 at Atlanta. In order

to optimize healing, Wells will undergo a procedure to stabilize the toe.

Wells is expected to make a full recovery, and a timeline for his return will be provided following the procedure.

Christie claims Mountain Dew Bassmaster Elite championship at Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway



Oklahoma's Jason Christie has won the Mountain Dew Bassmaster Elite at Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway with a four-day total of 58 pounds, 2 ounces. (Photo by Seigo Saito/B.A.S.S.)

COLUMBUS, Miss. — Despite his 30-plus years of tournament fishing, Jason Christie was delighted to admit he was wrong about the Mountain Dew Bassmaster Elite at Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

Nevertheless, the decorated pro from Dry Creek, Okla., pulled off a nail-biting win to claim his ninth Bassmaster title with a four-day total of 58 pounds, 2 ounces.

"I thought there was zero chance I'd win," Christie said. "When I was idling in, I figured somebody had caught 'em."

"It's funny, in the previous Elite tournament (Lake Martin), I fin-

ished dead last and I win this one. Last year, I finished dead last (in another trail) and then I won."

Tackling a tough, riverine fishery known as the Tenn-Tom, Christie started Day 1 by running north, locking twice and catching a limit of 12-5 that left him tied with Brandon Cobb for 37th place. The second round saw Christie change strategies and fish closer waters where he'd catch a limit of 16-10 and rise to fifth.

On Semifinal Saturday, Christie returned to his Day 2 spot and moved into the lead with another bag of 16-10. A painfully slow Championship Sunday saw

Christie holding a small limit into the early afternoon, but two key bites — a 2-pounder at 1 o'clock and a 3-12 at 1:30 — lifted his final limit to 12-9 and pushed him across the finish line.

Edging second-place Dakota Ebare by 2-5, Christie took home the \$100,000 top prize and his sixth blue trophy.

"It was a crazy week; on the first day, I thought I'd messed up," Christie said of his early effort. "The difference was I caught two big ones yesterday and one today off stuff you couldn't see."

"Garmin just released a new 360-degree sonar unit and I went into (his local spot) and marked those stumps, because I figured that's where those big ones would hang out."

After burning a big chunk of his first day running and locking, Christie committed the next three days to a shallow backwater right across from the tournament site on Columbus Lake. There, he diligently picked apart the shallow grass and wood cover for the better part of three days.

Christie left his main area around noon on Day 4 with hopes of finding a big bite. It took less than an hour for him to realize he'd be better off where he'd started.

"I wasn't out there 45 minutes

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2ND ANNUAL CLINIC

APRIL 18 | Laurie-Walton Family Basketball Center

Register your student-athlete for a free sports clinic where they will build confidence, develop life skills, and rotate through sports stations led by Memphis female student-athletes and their coaches.

Scan for more info and to register

Check-in | 9:45 AM

Clinic | 10:15 AM-1:30 PM

Eligible participants | Third through sixth grade girls

Space is limited. Register today!

Join Memphis Athletics for 2nd Annual Power of Girls in Sports presented by FedEx

This is a FREE event, but registration is required.

Participants will rotate through sports stations led by Memphis female student-athletes, their coaches, and staff, with opportunities to attend skills and autograph sessions.

This is not a drop-off event. A parent or guardian must remain on site during the clinic.

*Lunch will be provided.

*If your student-athlete has any food allergies, please bring their lunch.

Only a few spots remain. Register today. All attendees must complete the waiver to participate.

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