

Minnesota Basketball News 2025 Top 100 Expo Showcase

College of St. Benedict · St. Joseph, MN · Tuesday, July 1

Information

Top players are being invited from Minnesota and nearby states to participate in a two-part program: a College Prep Camp on Monday, June 30 and the Top 100 Expo Showcase on Tuesday, July 1. The College Prep camp is optional, but it is highly recommended for all players as it will be conducted by the Expo coaching staff.

Commemorative Jersey

Each player registered by **Friday, June 6** for the Expo will receive a high-quality reversible numbered Top 100 Expo Showcase Jersey. Every effort will be made to supply requested sizes.

Registration – Players attending the College Prep Camp

Players should park in Lots 8-10 or 13 and check in at Clemens Field House between 9:30-9:45 am. on Monday, June 30. Clemens Field House is in the Haehn Campus Center building. The first meeting of all players for the camp will be held at 10:00 a.m.

Registration – Players attending the Top 100 Expo

Players checking in for the Top 100 Expo on Tuesday, July 1, should park in Lots 8-10 or 13 and check in at Clemens Field House in the Haehn Center at The College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph between 8:30-8:45 a.m.

Top 100 Expo Showcase approximate schedule

The morning session will begin at 8:45 a.m. Between 8:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., players will organize as teams, get jerseys, have photos taken, practice with their coaches, eat lunch, play three games, hear a “Coaches’ Talk on Preparing to Play College Basketball”, and attend a final closing ceremony, where teams and individual players are recognized: all-star team, championship team, runner-up, and MVP.

Health/Medical Concerns

Players with special medical concerns should mention this to the staff at check-in or in correspondence prior to the first day. The St. Cloud Regional Hospital is 10 miles from the college. A trainer will be on staff at all times during the Top 100 Expo.

Exposure: MN BB News Staff

The Top 100 Expo Showcase is an exposure camp which provides all players with exposure to the members of the Minnesota Basketball News staff who select the Top 100 Players List for the 2025-2026 season. It should be understood that players are getting exposure for potential selection to the Top 100 List, which is the reason for the "Top 100 Expo" title of the event. This program is not suggesting the players who attend are "the Top 100 Players" in Minnesota, which would be misunderstanding, as there is no guarantee the Top 100 players would attend. Approximately 400 players in each gender are being invited from Minnesota and the five-state area, and the event is limited to 72 boys and 72 girls. Minnesota Basketball News will be selecting a Top 100 Player List - the Top 50 girls and Top 50 boys – in every class for the 2025-2026 season - a total of 400 players.

Exposure: College Coaches

All head college coaches in MN-IA-WI-ND-SD-NE are also being invited. There is no guarantee how many will attend. In the past a total of 20-25 college coaches in attendance at the Expo is the average range. The number of college coaches that attend is often related directly to the quality of players that make up the Expo roster. **Expo players can also influence the attendance of college coaches** by suggesting to any coaches in correspondence with them that the college staff could watch them play three games in one day at the Expo...against many other college-bound players.

Player Profiles

Each player will fill out Player Profile information, which will be presented in a Player Profile booklet to all college coaches in attendance and those who request one be sent.

Expo Program

Players will be assigned to teams of 7-9 players and assigned a coach. Coaches will hold a practice to install an offense and cover any special teaching areas. Teams will play three games with each game being four 8-minute stopped time quarters. Players will be rotated throughout each game for balanced playing time. Teams will be competing for the over-all Expo Championship.

Contests and Awards

If court space is available, players may participate in one-on-one and shooting contests. If these contests are held, winners and high performers will be recognized at the awards ceremony.

A 10-player All-Star team and a Most Valuable Player will be honored for both genders with photos and all names posted at www.pacesettersports.net.

All players should plan to stay through the conclusion of the final ceremonies at 5:00 p.m.

Meals/time between sessions

Players will be provided with a nutritious lunch each day in the dining hall. Meals will NOT be provided to parents and other spectators, but they are welcome to eat at the all-you-can-eat Gorecki Dining Center and pay on their own. There are also restaurants and fast-food options around and in St. Joseph.

College Prep Camp

The one-day Pacesetter College Prep Camp will be offered to all players on Monday, June 30. Paul McDonald, former head men's coach at Vermilion Community College and a long-time Expo director, will be the camp director. Coach McDonald took teams to the Minnesota state tournament 23 years in a row and is the son of Bob McDonald, who is the winningest boys' coach in Minnesota history with 1000+ wins. Paul also played on Minnesota high school state championship teams in 1973 and 1975 and played college basketball at the University of Nebraska and South Dakota State.

The camp staff will feature other current or former college coaches and former top college players, so the player-coach ratio and college-prep instruction will be excellent.

Players will be guided through the coaches' program designed to teach the most important skills to prepare players for college basketball. Players will also be given repetitions and competition to help them warm up for the Expo - without making the program too physically draining.

Players attending the College Prep Camp and the Top 100 Expo Showcase will be on their own between the end of the College Prep Camp at 5:00 p.m. Monday and the beginning of the Top 100 Expo at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday. Parents should plan independent housing, meals, and supervision accordingly. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Kelly Inn in St. Cloud. Call 320-253-0606 and ask for the Pacesetter block rate of \$139/night

Fees:

College Prep Camp only: \$110 (includes lunch)

Top 100 Expo Showcase only: \$160 (includes lunch & jersey)

College Prep camp and Top 100 Expo: \$265 (includes lunch both days & jersey)

Parents and families

Parents and families are invited and encouraged to attend all sessions of both the College Prep Camp and the Top 100 Expo Showcase. Seating will be available at each court.

Contact Information

In case of an emergency, parents may call Jeff McCarron at (cell) 320-290-3497 or (office) 320-243-7460. The general phone number for The College of St. Benedict is 320-363-5011.