

# Aaron Pearson (BHS Head Basketball Coach) Interview

*Interview provided by Mike Hearn*

- 1. Where did you go to High School?** Rockford Lutheran (1996-200)
- 2. Where did you go to college?** Rock Valley College (2000-2001) & Graduated from Illinois State with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Education (2005)
- 3. What sports did you play in High School and/or college?** Lutheran: Golf (freshman – junior year) Basketball (all 4 years) Baseball (all 4 years)
- 4. What other schools have you coached at?** Rockford Jefferson: 2006-2007 – Head Freshman Coach 2005-2006 – Assistant Sophomore and JV Coach Bloomington Middle School (Bloomington, IL): 2004-2005 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Assistant Rockford Lutheran: 2000-2002 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade assistants
- 5. What do you, as a coach, bring to your sport?** As a basketball coach, I bring a lot to the sport and the players. I have played/coached basketball all my life and am kind of like a “basketball junky”. I love coaching/teaching and of course love the game of basketball. As a coach, I will bring excitement, enthusiasm, positive attitude, knowledge, winning attitude, time, and a fun and friendly atmosphere. I also believe that I can get the most out of each individual in basketball and life. Being younger, I can relate to the kids and get them to start believing in themselves and their goals.
- 6. What can the fans expect to see when they come and watch your team play?** When people come and watch Belvidere basketball this year, they will not be disappointed. They will see their Belvidere team hustling, diving on the floor, talking, boxing out, aggressive defense, sharing the ball - playing “As a Team”, competing, and most important they will see the kids/coach having fun. They will also see the team show good sportsmanship whether they win or lose. We will play hard all the time, do the little things, show good sportsmanship, have fun, and compete in every game.
- 7. What will be the best part of your job as a head coach?** The best part about this job is that I get to work with a great community, staff, school, and players. All my life, I’ve always wanted to play or coach basketball for a job. Now, I get my chance. I’m so excited and eager to get this chance to run a basketball program at Belvidere. With Belvidere’s sport tradition, I believe this will be a great experience for my-self and my coaching. I love the fact that I get to build a high school basketball program and experience everything that will come with it.