



Polk County High School  
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October 21, 2025

Regarding: Elizabeth Barry Wrestling Tournament

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of three overnight trips for which Mark Emory, Chase Emory, James Hodge, Jerry Cox, and Mason Jackson along with up to 15-20 members of the PCHS Wrestling Team will travel to Mallard Creek High school in Charlotte, NC on December 19-20, 2025. This experience will be valuable to each student attending.

I offer my full support for Mark Emory, Chase Emory, James Hodge, Jerry Cox, Mason Jackson, and the PCHS Wrestling Team in this application process and would eagerly field any further questions you may have as to their eligibility for this request.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Bean', is written over a faint, circular blue stamp.

Michelle Bean  
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Principal



## **WRESTLING**

**TRIP PROPOSAL  
For Approval**

**The Polk County High School Wrestling Team  
15-20 Students  
4 Coaches**

**Polk County High School Wrestling  
Trip to  
Elizabeth Barry Wrestling Tournament  
Mallard Creek High School  
3825 Johnston Oehler Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269**

**Submitted to:  
Michelle Bean, Principal**

**Submitted by:  
Mark Emory**

**October 21, 2025**

**TRIP OVERVIEW:**

The Elizabeth Barry Invitational Tournament will be held at Mallard Creek High School, December 19th and 20th

**15-20 students** will be representing Polk County High School in the Varsity Men's and Varsity Women's Divisions of the tournament.

**COST:****Expenses:**

- The tournament will be paid for through the athletic budget given to PCHS Wrestling for the individual tournament.

**FUNDRAISING:**

- No additional fundraising is needed.
- If, by chance, additional funds are needed, our Wolverine Duals profit will be used, and/or the Wolverine Wrestling Club will provide support through their boston butt fundraiser.

**BALANCE DUE:**

\$250-

**LODGING:**

NCFFA Camping Center  
1247 NC-53  
Elizabethtown, NC 28337

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Polk County Schools

**ITINERARY OVERVIEW:****December 19**

12:00 am- Dismissal from school  
1:30 pm- Arrive at Hotel, check in & prepare for the night.  
3:00 pm- arrive at Mallard Creek High School, weigh in  
3:00 pm- Until- wrestling at Mallard Creek  
9:30-11:00est- Arrive back at hotel

**December 20**

6:30 am- First wake-up call  
7:00 am- Leave the hotel  
7:30 am- Weigh-ins  
9:00 am- Until- Wrestling at Mallard Creek High School  
6:30-9:00 pm- leave Mallard Creek High School

- We will stop at a convenient, fast-food establishment upon the conclusion of the tournament.

9:00-11:00- arrival back at Polk County High School

**CHAPERONES:**

Mark Emory  
Chase Emory  
Mason Jackson  
James Hodge  
Jerry Cox

**SUPERVISION & SAFETY PROTOCOL:**

Students will be supervised throughout the trip by the chaperones mentioned above. All school rules and expected behavior will be followed. Any violation of school rules will result in disciplinary actions and/or early return at the parents' expense.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT PLAN:**

In case of emergency, parents/guardians will be contacted using the information provided on the athlete's medical forms. Coaches will have access to this information throughout the duration of this event.

**STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM:**

It is the responsibility of the student and parents to provide any updated information in reference to student health/medical situations. If any changes have occurred since filling out the form in June, please note the changes on the attached form (initialed by the parent) and return it to Mark Emory before the trip.