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After its attendance by more than 60 elementary and high school basketball players, it appears Chase County Schools will be bringing back The “Chute” shooting camp.

Head Longhorn Girls Coach Marc Mroczek, who coordinated Monday and Tuesday’s camp, said he’s already making plans to work with camp founder Jody Maske to find a date for next summer.

He hopes to make the camp an annual one here.

Mroczek and other local coaches liked the “chute” system a lot. So much so that Chase County Schools has purchased six chutes for use in the high school, junior high and youth programs.

During the camp, athletes worked on their shooting form with the help of “chutes” that forced them to hold their shooting arms in correct positions.

They were also run through a number of other basketball dribble, handling and shooting drills. Twenty-eight from high school and another 34 in grades 4-8 attended separate sessions in the mornings and afternoons.

Youths attended from Imperial, Grant and Wauneta/Palisade.

Coach Maske wasn’t in Imperial for Imperial’s camp, but three of his staff were, including Harold Oliver, a high school coach from Kansas, and two former college players.



Oliver is head girls’ basketball coach at Riley County High School in Kansas, where he’s had three state championship teams and over 40 career wins.

Kelsey Nelson is a Riley County High School grad. She played basketball for two years at Cloud County Junior College, then played her final two years at Kansas State University. There, she was a member of the Big 12 women’s championship team in 2008. She’s a 2009 KSU graduate.

Erin Oliver attended Erie High School in Kansas, played two years at Cowley County Junior College and two years at Baker University in Baldwin, Kan. She’s also a 2009 college graduate.