

Bill Hickman Coach

Bill taught junior high physical education for 36 years in District 833. He continued his coaching career for an additional 6 years. During his tenure, Bill's coaching assignments included high school wrestling and softball, and junior high cross country, basketball, and football. He also coached CGAA traveling basketball and was the junior high athletic coordinator for 10 years at both Oltman and Cottage Grove Junior Highs.

Bill coached in District 833 from 1971 to 2013. He served as a varsity assistant wrestling coach for 3 years and then as the head coach for an additional 6 years. Under his guidance as a wrestling coach, his teams won three conference championships and two section championships, finishing fourth place in the state in 1985. Bill also had several athletes earn individual awards including 32 All-Conference honors, 18 individual state entrants, 7 individual state place winners, and two state champions. Bill also coached the junior high wrestling programs for an additional 9 years and worked with youth and freestyle programs to assist all wrestlers who came through the program.

Bill served as an assistant varsity softball coach for 5 years and as a 9th grade coach for an additional 5 years. He also coached in the CGAA traveling league where his teams had several state tournament appearances including 3 state championships.

Bill and his wife, Debbie, continue to live in Cottage Grove where they raised two children, Blake and Stephanie.

