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RV Screening Guidelines Approved

An RV cover that blends into the environment.



Ken McPherson

AT ITS MEETING ON MARCH 18, 2004, the Board of Directors of the ECIA approved the following set of guidelines clarifying the intent of the general requirements stated in the building and property covenants that govern all homeowners in the association. The following will constitute the basis for enforcement of the Covenant. Homeowners who need to make modifications will have six months—until September 1, 2004—to make changes.

Recreational Vehicle Screening (Article II, Section 13)

To store a Recreational Vehicle (RV) on residential lots is considered an important Eldorado Community Improvement Association, Inc. (ECIA) amenity. However, it must be recognized that many RVs, by virtue of their color, size or placement on the lot, may be inconsistent with the design requirements of the community that create our unique Eldorado living environment.

The ECIA Covenants address the RV screening issue by requiring that "Recreational Vehicles, such as motor homes, campers, camper shells, vehicle accessories, trailers, horse trailers, airplanes, boats and the like, when stored on a lot shall be located so as to minimize their visual impact on the surrounding neighborhood and roads and shall be obscured by screening in a reasonable manner, for example by the dwelling house and/or plantings or fencing." As used in this Guideline, the term "RV" shall have the same broad meaning as listed in the Covenants.

This Guideline recognizes that many screening methods are lot specific; some lots may require only one of the options listed below, while others may

require several in combination. The overall objective of this Guideline is to obscure RVs by screening to make them less conspicuous and more congruous with the environment. Obscure means to make inconspicuous or unnoticeable, or to conceal physically, hide or cover, and the following options are considered reasonable for such screening.

Homeowners are urged to contact the ECIA before installing any RV screening to determine if their plans meet these Guidelines.

Option 1—RV Garage or Carport: An RV garage or carport may be constructed, provided the structure meets ECIA Covenants and Guidelines and is approved by the Architectural Committee. Please note that a carport alone is unlikely to provide the required screening.

Option 2—Trees and/or Plantings: Evergreen trees and other similar types of plantings are an approved screening method, when sufficiently dense and/or used in conjunction with existing structures on the property. Trees and/or plantings must be sufficiently dense and numerous that the RV is obscured.

Option 3—RV Covers: An earth tone cover (as exemplified by approved architectural guideline colors) may be used to complement a visual barrier provided that the RV is located on the lot so that buildings and other visual barriers on the existing landscape are used to maximum advantage and the outline of the vehicle is least visible.

Option 4—RV Screening Fences: The Architectural Committee may approve screening fences for RVs in accordance with existing Guidelines, although additional screening methods may be needed for large vehicles.

Option 5—Berms: Earth berms may be allowed, although, berms alone will normally not be sufficient as a sole method of screening RVs. However, earth berms used with other options, such as trees and/or plantings, may provide sufficient screening. Total height of berm and fence shall not be greater than six feet above the natural grade.

—The ECIA Board

*ECIA Board
Work Study
Meeting,
Community
Center, Mon.,
April 12, 7 pm*

Share your comments with us!

For policy and
deadline, see
below

Editorial Policy

Vistas invites opinions, ideas, stories, photos, and art from the community at large. Please include contact numbers for fact checking purposes. The newsletter will not publish unsigned letters or material deemed inflammatory. Material will be printed at the discretion of the editors. Letters over 150 words will be edited for fit. Community announcements are welcome; accompanying photos are welcome, too. **Deadline:** Newsletter deadline is the 3rd day of each month. Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the ECIA office or emailed to info@eldoradocommunity.org. Please include "Attn: *Vistas*" in your message.

Mission Statement

The mission of *Vistas*, the monthly newsletter of the ECIA, is to inform the Eldorado community about issues before the ECIA Board and the membership at large. By so doing, the publication seeks to foster increased neighborhood pride and community participation in the decision making process.

Tribute to Dorothy "Dot" Shubart (1923-2004)

WINDMILLS AND DREAMS is the title of the 1997 book on our Eldorado community, and might be the mantra for **Dorothy Shubart**, 14-year resident, who passed away on February 28. Dorothy researched and wrote several parts of the book, including the Lamy-Simpson Ranch history, after conducting many hours of interviews with relatives and workers from the ranch days.

Dot designed the cover for the brochure on Eldorado's Greenbelts. It features an old windmill towering above our Eldorado homes. She spent countless hours ensuring the accuracy of the detailed map of all the roads and greenbelt access points.

Dot loved this community and was determined to live in the home she designed even after her heart surgery late last year. She was an avid writer, artist, photographer, and pianist. She worked on the Road and Security Committees and Neighborhood Watch. She volunteered at the library. Her home contained both a library and an art studio.

Every resident should own copies of the book and the greenbelt map; both are available at the ECIA office. They will be invaluable resources to you, as well as a lasting tribute to an unassuming lady who had huge talents and dreams. Next time you pass a windmill, tip your hat to Dot Shubart.

—Ed and Cary Carlson

A Writer's Club For Eldorado?

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, Eldorado is not only a beautiful place to live with arguably the most beautiful sunsets in the USA, it is truly an artist's colony. One has only to attend one of the art show open house programs held here annually to be convinced of the diversity of the artistic expression in our community. But apart from the visual arts, we don't know much about local (sometimes unpublished) writers. Rumor has it, there are even poets in the area. They are hard to spot, but if one looks closely they can be seen on occasion working at their craft in the Agora coffee

shop or courtyard.

The artists here meet regularly we know, but is there enough interest to form a writer's club here? Poets, writers of fiction and non-fiction, mysteries, children's works, short-stories and novels might wish to get together for readings of their work, to solicit suggestions from the more experienced and perhaps the published. Meetings would be evenings in the Community Center. It might be fun and perhaps be useful to get together on a regular basis.

If you are interested, let us hear from you. Email with your interest to info@eldoradocommunity.org.

—An Eldorado Resident/Writer

Pro RV Owners

I ENJOY VISTAS EVERY TIME I GET IT. My wife and I have lived in Eldorado 18+ years and have owned property a lot longer than that out here. I am writing in response to Mr. Seawalt's letter. I have worked with design engineers, architects, and contractors for over 50 years and I agree we all moved out to Eldorado all of us for our own reasons. We are not living in a trailer park!

I have owned and know a large number of Eldorado owners who own or have visitors with RVs and I have yet to find someone visiting with blaring lights, and loud music. And owners do not relocate their RVs to confuse the neighbors.

I don't see any letters pro RV and maybe this won't be printed either, but you need to know RVers are not all that bad. Thank you.

—Edward LeBow



From the ECIA Code Enforcement Officer

IN 2003, THERE WERE 45 exterior light covenant violation notices mailed to property owners for non-compliance. The covenant states that: Exterior lights are prohibited unless they are 75 watts or less and are properly shielded so as to direct light downward. The lighting of signs on a lot is prohibited.

A shielded light fixture is designed such that light rays emitted by the fixture, either directly or indirectly, are projected below a horizontal plane running through the lowest point on the fixture where light is emitted. This means all exterior lights including landscape and security lighting need shielding. Here is a quick visual test: *the bulb should not be visible on or off.*

Let's focus on some simple solutions that can be implemented to correct existing non-compliant light fixtures.

- 1) Clear or white glass fixtures can be cleaned, masked with tape on the bottom (+ 1 inch above) and painted with an earth tone paint, effectively making it opaque and directing light downward.
- 2) For the cylinder shape ("jelly jar") you can measure, cut a strip of sheet metal and then insert it inside the lens shielding the light downward.
- 3) By reducing the wattage with a 25-watt bulb you can reduce the cost and glare by a third.

Almost none of the "security type" floodlight or spotlight (PAR light) fixtures in Eldorado comply

with the lighting covenant. Some solutions for the "PAR":

- 1) Adjust the fixture angle as far downward as possible. This will reduce the light going off your property and ending up in your neighbor's bedroom window.
- 2) Adjust the light or motion sensor so that it is less sensitive to false tripping.
- 3) Adjust the timer on your lights to 2 minutes—sufficient time to get into the house.
- 4) Install a product called the Parshield® (www.parshield.com). It can be done in a few minutes. It is very affordable and fits on PAR 38 style bulbs.

Light spilled outward and upward clearly indicates the wasted energy that could be used for purposes other than lighting the clouds. New Mexico passed the "Night Sky Protection Act" in 1999 because the night sky was viewed as endangered. Please meet the covenants so that everyone can see the stars.

Websites for info on "Night Sky Protection":

- ▼ International Dark-Sky Association (www.darksky.org)
- ▼ Light Pollution Awareness Website (http://members.aol.com/ctstarwchr/)

National Dark-Sky Week is April 19-26 from 10:00 pm to 12:00 am Mountain time zone. (turn 'em off) (http://www.nationaldarkskyweek.htmlplanet.com/)

—Charles Smith, the ECIA CCR

Annual Meeting of Members

MAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER and that means the Eldorado Community Improvement Association, Inc. annual meeting of the members is upon us. Circle Monday, May 3, 2004 at 7:00 pm on your calendar and plan on coming to the meeting at the Community Center.

The major purpose of this meeting is to conduct the official business of the association, such as establishing a quorum and announcing the newly elected members of the ECIA Board. However, last year's meeting took on the atmosphere of a less formal and more open community meeting, thus allowing many members of our community to address the entire community. The board would greatly appreciate your opinions and any feedback relevant to issues within the community. Therefore, the open forum period is a valuable opportunity for you to be heard.



The highlights of the meeting will be:

- ▼ Possible appearance by Jack Sullivan, our County Commissioner
- ▼ Recognition of Committee Chairpersons and accepting their annual reports
- ▼ Recognition of departing board members
- ▼ Financial summary and results of latest CPA audit
- ▼ Announcement of new board members
- ▼ Community forum for members to speak out

I hope all members will plan on attending and participating in the discussions and the board looks forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

—ECIA Board

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MEET THE ROADRUNNERS

Eldorado Roadrunners RV club, a chapter of Good Sam Club, meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Fire Station on Vista Grande at 7:00 pm. The entrance to the meeting room is at the rear of the building. All RV owners are welcome to join us.

SPANISH ANYONE?

Quiere practicar su español? I would like to hear from folks who might be interested in starting a monthly group of people who would like to spend the evening practicing Spanish. I am only at the low intermediate level but would enjoy the opportunity to socialize in Spanish. Please call **Gail** at 466-3370 and let's discuss whether or not this is a viable idea.

ARTISTS' SHOPTALK

April's meeting is Wednesday, April 14, 10:00 am-noon, at the home of **Cary Carlson** (466-6073). Gather to meet fellow artists at different homes each month, enjoy conversation and coffee. New residents encouraged. Call if you need directions.

ELDORADO ARTS AND CRAFTS ASSOCIATION

Announcing our monthly meeting on April 28, 2004 at 7:00 pm at the Community Center. We will have a guest speaker from Artisan who will introduce their new art supply products. This is always a popular yearly event, so please don't forget to mark your calendars. Refreshments will be served.

ERA ANNUAL MEETING

On Monday, April 5, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, the Eldorado Residents Association will hold its annual meeting at the Community Center. Coffee will be from 7:00 to 7:30 pm, after which the business meeting will begin. Elections will be held to fill vacancies on the board. Candidates are **Joe Auburg, Bill Kapoun, Janet Amtmann, and Jerry Cooper**. For more information contact **Jerry Bradley** 466-4253.

ERA SPRING FLEA MARKET

The Annual Spring Flea Market hosted by the Eldorado Residents Association will be held Saturday, May 8th in the parking lot of the Community Center. This event is very popular and draws a large crowd of sellers and buyers. Start now to set aside items for the sale. Set up time begins at 7:00 am and the sale will end by 12:30 pm. Sellers are expected to bring their own tables for display and when the sale is over to take all unsold items with them. The fee is \$7.00 for



residents; \$10.00 for those living outside Eldorado and \$15.00 for commercial vendors. No reservations are necessary. It's purely first come, first served. For information call 466-4877 or 466-3256.

EACA'S 13TH ANNUAL STUDIO TOUR

This year's Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association's 13th Annual Studio Tour will be another grand event with 79 artists and 54 open studios to visit.

The tour will be May 15 and 16 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Brochures with maps to the studios will be distributed throughout Eldorado and at the Preview Gallery located at the Fire Station on Ave. Vista Grande. Each artist will have a sample of his or her work on display at the Preview Gallery which will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The Studio Tour is the largest in the state, the second oldest and open solely to residents who live west of 285 and within the three entrances to Eldorado. The Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association sponsors the tour and is very appreciative of the business community which helps support the tour through their sponsorship.

To view the 2004 artists' work, visit the website at: www.eldoradoarts.org. For more information, contact co-chairs: **Joretha Hall** 466-6245, **Toni Beldock** 466-3917 or **Janet Amtmann** 466-3256.



WORKS BY: A—JANET AMTMANN, B—RAOUL BERKE, C—CHRIS KAIN, AND D—CHRISTINA MILLER

April Events

BUCKS FOR BOOKS BASH

The Vista Grande Public Library will host a gala event, "Bucks for Books Bash," to be held at the Hotel Santa Fe on Saturday, May 22, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. The fundraiser will have a western theme and feature a live auction with auctioneer **Paul Merguson**. Tickets are \$75.00 per person. The event promises to be great fun with music, great food, and the auction. Local western authors will be celebrity guests. Some of the items auctioned will be jewelry from the Utility Shack, 2 tickets on Southwest Airlines, photo by **Barb Siler** and items for the home.

The Vista Grande Library is a non-profit 501 c (3) organization and the funds raised from this event will help purchase books and fund programs for adults and youth. For more information, contact chair **Marilyn Forbes** 466-1099.



YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

Volunteers keep the Vista Grande Public Library's doors open and services humming. There is a need now for additional volunteers to work the circulation desk, process or shelf books, participate in children's programs, and complete many other tasks. If you can contribute 2 - 3 hours weekly or biweekly, stop by the library on Avenida Torreon and fill out a volunteer application, or call **Margy Willen** at 466-6615. No experience is necessary—just a willingness to serve local readers.

Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.

Email info@eldoradocommunity.org with your meeting or event information, or bring it to the ECIA office by the 8th of the month for publication in the following month's *Vistas*. Please include "Attn: Vistas" and be sure to indicate:



1. **Type of Event**
 2. **Location**
 3. **Date & Time**
 4. **A Resource Person** (one who can answer questions both about the event and the sponsoring organization) and his/her telephone number.
- Photographs (digital or snapshots) are encouraged!

Note: All meetings are at the Community Center, unless otherwise noted.

APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS

ERA Annual Meeting Mon., Apr. 5, 7 pm in the CR and Kitchen

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Neighborhood Watch		Frank Schober	310-8593	call
Road Committee	Mon., Apr. 5, 6-7 pm	Allen Larson	466-4792	CFR
Board Work Study	Mon., Apr. 12, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
Finance Committee	Tues., Apr. 13, 10-noon	Gisela Knight		RR
Architectural Committee	Tues., Apr. 13, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708	CFR
EAW&SD*	Wed., Apr. 14, 7-9 pm	Ray Nichols		CFR
ECIA Board	Thurs., Apr. 15, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Information Committee	Wed., Apr. 21, 7-8 pm	ECIA	466-4248	
285 Coalition	Wed., Apr. 21, 7-9 pm	Kathy Pilnock	466-1598	CR
Architectural Committee	Tues., Apr. 27, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708	CFR
Stable Committee	Tues., Apr. 27, 7-9 pm			LR

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Book Club/Pot Luck	Sun., Apr. 4, 6-9 pm	Ken Fischer	466-2537	
ERA Coffee Social	Tues., Apr. 6, 10-11 am	Jerry Bradley	466-4253	F
Search & Rescue	Thurs., Apr. 8, 7-9 pm	Dave Burdett	466-9765	CR
Book Club	Sat., Apr. 10, 1:30-3 pm	Barbara Rugg	466-2559	
Library Book Club	2nd Thurs., 7-9 pm	Shelley Moore	466-9636	Lib
ERA Coffee Social	Tues., Apr. 20, 10-11 am	Jerry Bradley	466-4253	F
Arts Assoc. Program	Wed., Apr. 28, 7-9 pm	Arlene Siegel	466-3274	LR
Cub Scouts Pack 414	Call for date	Clay Williard	466-3909	

WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA	Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm			CR
AA	Thursdays, 5:45-6:45 pm			CR
AA	Saturdays, 10:45-11:45 am			CR
AA	Sundays, 5:15- 6:15 pm			CR
Bridge	1st & 3rd Mon., 1-4:30 pm			LR
Bridge	1st & 3rd Fri., 1-4:30 pm	Marjorie Segell	466-3958	CR, LR
Bridge	2nd & 4th Fri., 1-4:30 pm	Pat Lavengood	466-9765	CR, LR
Bridge	Wednesdays, 9-noon	Nancy Rost	466-2832	LR
Bridge (Men's)	Thursdays, 1-4 pm	Bill Kapoun	466-8497	LR
Boy Scouts Troop 414	Wednesdays, 7-9 pm	Paul Tuck	466-4815	
Community Band	Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm	Peg Johnson	466-1459	School
Fire & Rescue Training	Wednesdays, 7-9 pm	Fire Station Office	466-1204	Station
Fire & Rescue Work Duty	Saturdays, Call for time	Fire Station Office	466-1204	Station
Senior Lunch**	Wednesdays, 12-1 pm	Marjorie Segell	466-3958	CR
Wireless Assoc.	2nd & 4th Mon., 7-9 pm	Scott Gerber	466-9333	CR
Knitting Club	2nd & 4th Wed., 1-3 pm	Joyce Hanmer	466-3018	

*Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District

**Reservations Required

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.eldoradocommunity.org

“Home Should Be Restorative”

Christine relaxes for a moment in her shop.



ELDORADO RESIDENT, CHRISTINE KNUTH, is the new owner of Flourish (formerly Hannah's) at the Agora. Her background is varied and we wondered just who she was.

GRETTEL: Tell us a little bit about yourself.

CHRISTINE: I was born in New Jersey and raised in Connecticut. I went to college at the University of Richmond and Syracuse University where I was in the retailing program. I then switched to child/family studies. After college I was a psychotherapist.

G: What brought you to Eldorado?

C: I was living in Santa Fe when I got interested in Hannah's. I sold my house and decided I wanted to try Eldorado.

G: What will be new at Flourish?

C: The look of the store is going to change a bit. There will be more French Country, more European. I'm also going to hold monthly Sunday afternoon teas.

G: Does your love of shopping help with the store?

C: Yes, because when I'm buying or when I'm in the store just rearranging, I can put myself in the perspective of a customer. When I'm buying things I think, would I realistically want to buy this? In creating the store, I want it to be a place that I would want to walk into as a shopper and stay. I want it to be inviting, warm, interesting and beautiful.

G: Tell us about your philosophy on having beautiful surroundings.

C: Seven years ago I developed chemical sensitivities, which put me in touch with my environment and what's in my environment. I was at home a lot and my home environment became more and more important to me. I came to understand the home as sanctuary. Home should

be a place that is restorative. It should be pleasing to the senses. Beautiful surroundings and beautiful home furnishings are part of that for me.

G: Do you see it as healing?

C: Absolutely! Healing and sustaining and a way to maintain balance and health.

G: What is a good day like for you?

C: It would be getting to have both interactions with customers and have a creative experience as well. That means doing some rearranging or working on advertising for the store. I really do like the detail work too. A really good day is getting to do all of those things.

G: How will the changes in the store fit Eldorado?

C: A few ways. French Country design is an eclectic style that combines pieces that are old; pieces that are new. It's very earthy, authentic. They use a lot of warm colors and natural products. In those ways it crosses over with Eldorado and Santa Fe style. Another aspect is that because of my chemical sensitivities I'm going to carry spa and body products and candles that are naturally scented. I know that there are a lot of people in Eldorado who are chemically sensitive, so I think that will be serving the community as well.

G: What is your favorite item in the store?

C: It is a line of sheets called Legna made from a wood pulp product. They are very silky and luxurious and wonderful to sleep on.

G: What do you like to do when you are not working?

C: Right now I'm never not working. I have two dogs whom I love to be with. I love to go hiking. I love to watch movies. I love being at home and creating my own sanctuary there. It is very nurturing for me.

—Gretel Underwood

Your Government is Here to Help

THE ELDORADO/SOUTH 285 AREA has done well in the 2004 regular session of the State Legislature. With the help of **Representative Max Coll** (who recently announced his intention to retire) and **State Senator Roman Maes**, the house and senate passed two measures benefiting the larger community. Governor Richardson signed them after the end of the session.

Most prominent will be a Senior Center, planned to serve southeast Santa Fe County, from the area of the I-25/285 junction south to Glorietta and Galisteo. The Legislature appropriated a total of \$585,000 for construction and furnishing of the Center, which will be located next to the Vista Grande Library, and near the El Dorado Elementary School on land already owned by the county. This is in addition to funds approved in 2002 for the design of the Center, which has been four or more years in the planning. **Don Dayton** has worked with the state legislature over that time for funding.

The Senior Center will serve an estimated 2,000 seniors in the entire area, and will be a collaboration between Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe. The County, under Program Manager **Rudy**

Garcia, will administer the construction and furnishing of the Center, and the City Department of Senior Services under **Rita Maes** and **Ron Vialpando**, will administer operation of the Center.

The Center is planned to provide meals and nutrition services (principally weekday lunches and meals-on-wheels) and home support for housekeeping and companionship assistance. The facilities will be a considerable improvement over those currently used at the ECIA Community Center—which have been strained at times to host just one lunch a week for 25-30. An existing van transportation program will be expanded to carry seniors to and from the new Center.

The second area improvement will be a school zone sign and flashing light to protect the El Dorado Elementary School entrance off of Avenida Torreon, for which the legislature appropriated \$10,000. A flashing light has long warned motorists at a crosswalk near the school on Avenida Vista Grande, but with the paving of Torreon and expansion of the elementary school the main entrance has for several years been off of Torreon.

—*Dan Drobnis*

Life Without Piñons

GREETINGS! OUR LANDSCAPE HAS gone through a year of major change. The piñon die-off, which will continue this year, has forced us to look at our ecosystem in a whole new light. It's obvious now how we relate to the piñon forest not only biologically, but emotionally as well. The best chance of saving selected specimen piñons is thorough watering—all year round. Obviously, we can't save them all, so concentrate on your favorites.

As Eldorado residents interested in gardening and nature, we now must reconsider two aspects: wildlife and plants. Piñons provided both food and shelter to wildlife. Our birds and rodents, including the rabbits, relied on the piñon nut, yet the succession of piñons over time pushed other food sources out. We now have the opportunity to diversify our ecosystem, benefiting all.

Begin by planting grass seed—those wild, native ones! Plants of the Southwest is a wonderful source for information and seed mixes. Grasses and wildflowers will hold the soil, feed the insects who feed the birds...and we all win. It's best to get the grasses established first, so the wildflowers have more protection and stability for germination.

Before the piñon-juniper woodland became dominant, the Santa Fe area was grassland with intermittent grand-daddy piñons. Eldorado itself is a relative healthy grassland ecosystem, thanks to grazing when it was an active ranch and to periodic fast, cool fires.

The other plants that have largely disappeared are the native shrubs. Like piñons, shrubs provide shelter and food, but they also increase diversity. New Mexico privet, three-leaf sumac, Apache plume and mountain mahogany are just a few of the many shrubs that thrive in our high desert, using little water once established. Shrubs also help reduce the impact of wind and add lots of color and texture to our beautiful New Mexican landscape.

All of the plant nurseries in town now sell native shrubs due to water limitations, economics, and the "new light" with which we view our ecosystem.

—*Michael Clark*,
Tropic of Capricorn



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The "A" Team



RUTH RANSDSELL

Standing left to right are: Carlos Saldivar, Mario Rodriguez, Luke Kaplan, Zach Grace, Gio Coppola, Philip Apodaca, Dyami Clement, Ryan Winklemaier, Assistant Coach Ty Ransdell, Head Coach Gene Waterman. Sitting left to right are: Assistant Coach Bob Turnbough, Aaron Ransdell, Dylan Marshall, Josh Lochner, Jon Ulbrich, Joel Upston, Bobby Turnbough and Devin Kelley. Not pictured: Team Manager, Logan Ransdell.

Basketball coach **Gene Waterman** has coached most of these boys since they were 3rd graders and on the D Squad. Now they are the 6th grade El Dorado Dust Devil A Squad basketball team. This year the team's assistant coaches were **Ty Ransdell** and **Bob Turnbough**.

The boys play basketball under the Santa Fe Youth Independent Boys Basketball league. They practice at their respective public schools and play games at the schools, but technically are not a school team.