



Jim O'Connor

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Jim O'Connor began teaching and coaching in Montana in 1987. After two years in Montana, he moved to Sundance, Wyoming and began teaching and coaching in 1989. Jim has coached football, boys' basketball, cross-country and track and field, as well as being Activities Director in Sundance.

Jim has accomplished the following during his career:

- **Assistant football coach for 8 years; head basketball for 23 years; head boys track & field coach for 18 years; and Sundance Activities Director for 18 years.**
- **One State Runner-up in football.**
- **His basketball teams won 244 games, which included; six Conference Championships; Five Regional/District Championships; and One State Runner-up finish.**
- **Jim coached in the WCA All Star basketball game four times, two times as a head coach and two times as the assistant.**
- **Two Regional and State Championships in boys' track and field.**
- **28 individual State Champions in track and field; including a stretch of eight out of nine years in the girl's discus.**
- **Four athletes who were "Best of the Best"**
- **Four athletes who set class records at the State Track meet.**

Jim feels that his most memorable moments have come from the relationships he has formed with former athletes and the coaches he has worked both with and against. He would like to thank his wife Sheryl for all the support and advice she has provided as well as their kids: Kelly, Thomas, Kacie and Molly.