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# Travel Team Testimonials

As a parent of a son who just verbally committed to a D1 level lacrosse college, I wanted to share with other parents what a huge part **Burning River Lacrosse** and Woody Calleri played in my son's success as a Lacrosse Goalie.

As a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, Liam began to play lacrosse for a local team. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade he attended tryouts for a travel team called **Burning River Lacrosse**. By this time he had been playing for a year and had recently changed position from attack to Goalie. With **Burning River** and the coaching expertise of Wood Calleri and his staff, Liam was able to advance over the years to his full potential as a Lacrosse goalie now in his senior year of high school. **Burning River** provided the ideal combinations of challenges and rewards to him. With hard work and expert feedback and coaching, Liam and his team each year realized many successes, and even when not successful, the team learned from its mistakes. They were taught professionalism in success and defeat, and how to demonstrate great sportsmanship.

**Burning River Lacrosse** makes you a great lacrosse player! This was always stressed, and has been proven true. "You are capable of winning this tournament, but that's not what we're here for." "We're here to play some great lacrosse against some other great teams!" (Woody Calleri), before the start of the MVP tournament 2012, which Burning River Elite went on to win as the first team from Ohio to accomplish this! They then defended and won the title again in 2013.

I as a parent have always been impressed with the way each boy is pushed to reach his full potential at whatever position he plays, and also has a great time doing it! Liam's success and character today has been in part shaped by his many years with **Burning River and Woody Calleri**. I could not be more proud of him, or of the program that helped him reach his ultimate goal of playing Lacrosse at a D1 College level!

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