

Destination Wrestling

Different Destinations in Wrestling

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Ponderosa has many excelling athletes affiliated with its many athletic programs. Only a select few get the amazing opportunity to travel to different venues to perform and represent their school colors. Ponderosa's wrestling team is a part of that small group that gets to compete in tournaments around the country. Wrestling takes part in a different level of traveling, which sometimes has the athletes waking up when it is still dark, showing up at a tournament, and having to wait until your weight class is called. Being a very individualized team sport, there is nothing quite like it. As a wrestler in a competition, one will compete against another athlete in the same weight class. As a winner, an athlete will earn points and those points get added to the team's overall score. The final scores from each school determine each final placement.

Senior Karter Johnson, currently ranked number one in his weight class in Colorado and a two time state qualifier for the Mustangs, has provided The Mustang Express with all the destinations he will be attending as a varsity wrestler. Starting on the west coast of California, Ponderosa's varsity wrestling team will be on their way to dominate their opponent. Skip one state to the east and you'll find Ponderosa's next destination of Reno, Nevada, and next, they stop in the desert to rep their school and state in Arizona. Last, but certainly not least, Ponderosa will compete in one of the most prestigious tournaments in the wrestling world...Ironman. The Ironman is stationed in Ohio and home to many state champions, collegiate athletes, coaches, and hundreds of potential prospects. Mustang senior and Bucknell University commit, Murphy Menke, placed fourth in Ironman this year, quite an accomplishment. Ponderosa wrestlers truly do have amazing opportunities to be able to enhance their status and athletic ability in the world of wrestling by traveling across the states to compete against high levels of competition to prove to everyone what it means to be a Mustang. Photo credit to Wrestlersarewarriors.com

