

# Thunderbird Basketball

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## Coaches Pre-Season Meeting for the 2008-2009 Season



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## *Thunderbird Board for 2008-2009*

- Bill Kroth                      President                      779-2709
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- Tim Umberger              Boys' Co-Coordinator              860-4566
- Jim Williams              Girls' Coordinator              777-7102
- Scott Whitenack              Girls' Co-Coordinator              887-2883
- Bob Leslie                      At Large                      266-6521
- Jaime Colon                      Scheduling                      860-4599
- Joe Mills                      Equipment & Uniforms              265-2303
- Tina Engel                      Web Page                      860-3552

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## *Thunderbird Charter*

- Promote boys and girls basketball in the Lakota School District area.
- Develop individual & team basketball skills in grades 3-8.
- Establish teams based on player skill assessment and formal selection process.
- Require and enforce code of conduct for coaches, parents, and players.
- Work to integrate with Lakota School System and AAU basketball programs.

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## *Player Eligibility*

- All players must reside in the Lakota School System boundaries.
- All players must complete a Thunderbird sign-up form.
- All players must attend the skills assessment.
- All players must pay the \$135 sign-up fee.
- All parents must sign player's release & parent's permission agreement.
- All players and their parents must sign a Good Sportsmanship code of conduct agreement.
- A player cannot play for more than one Thunderbird team in a season.

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## Key Dates for 2008-2009 Season

- Assessments (3rd-6th) Sat Sept 13 Liberty Jr.
  - 8:30am - 11:30am Girls
  - 11:30am - 5:00pm Boys
- Assessments (3rd-6th) Sun Sept 14 Liberty Jr.
  - 1:00pm - 2:00pm Girls
  - 2:00pm - 4:30pm Boys
- Make-up Assessments (3rd-6th) Wed Sept 17 Liberty Jr.
  - 7:00pm - 9:00pm Boys & Girls
- Coaches Clinics
  - Probably the week of Oct 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm
  - Conducted by East and West varsity coaches

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## Key Dates for 2008-2009 Season

- Equipment Handout (3rd-6th)    Sat    Oct 25    Hopewell Jr.
  - 9:00am - 12:00pm
  - **Turn in fees.** Get equipment, uniforms, & practice schedules
- Practices Start (3rd-6th)    Wed    Nov 5 (after election day)
- Assessments (7th-8th)    Sat    Nov 15    Hopewell Jr.
  - 12:00pm - 1:00pm    Girls
  - 1:00pm - 4:00pm    Boys
- Equipment Handout (7th-8th)    Sat    ~Nov 22
  - call Joe Mills 265-2303 to schedule a pickup
- Season Starts    ~Dec 1
- Team Photos    ~Jan 9,10,11    Hopewell Jr.
- Season Ends    ~Mar 1

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## Sign Ups & Skills Assessment Times for Grades 3-6

**Saturday, September 13th, at Liberty Jr.**

	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8:30 - 9:15 am	11:30 - 12:30 pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9:15 - 10:00 am	12:30 - 2:00 pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10:00 - 10:45 am	2:00 - 3:30 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	10:45 - 11:30 am	3:30 - 5:00 pm

**Sunday, September 14th, at Liberty Jr.**

<u>Girls</u>	1:00 – 2:00 pm	3-6 grade
<u>Boys</u>	2:00 – 3:00 pm	3-4 grade
	3:00 – 4:30 pm	5-6 grade

All coaches are strongly encouraged to be at the skills assessment to evaluate talent & help with sign-ups

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## Grade Coordinators

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Boys</u>		<u>Girls</u>
3	Nick Nanavati	289-6782	TBD
4	John Noyen	777-6033	Scott Canneteli 200-6006
5	Steve Nguyen	942-6181	Larry Driscoll 678-8808
6	Brian Johnston	779-4708	Andy Fishman 477-0991
7-8	Jeff Flynn	673-3838	Janet Habedank 755-9498

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## Preliminary Team Count

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10	7	
4 <sup>th</sup>	14	7	
5 <sup>th</sup>	14	7	
6 <sup>th</sup>	14	6	
7 <sup>th</sup>	6	1	
8 <sup>th</sup>	3	1	
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	<b>61</b>	<b>29</b>	= 90 teams

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## Coaching Requirements

- All head coaches & assistant coaches must fill out coach's sign-up form
- All Thunderbird coaches are requested to attend Coaches Clinics
- Looking for coaches with the following qualities
  - good track record working with children
  - basketball knowledge
  - work within the Thunderbird Charter and rules
  - be a positive role model and representative for the Tbird program

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## Team Selection Process

- 3rd grade teams drafted to ensure teams are competitive with each other
  - no 3<sup>rd</sup> grade select or athletic teams
- 4th-6th grade teams
  - Select Teams in each division will be drawn first
  - Athletic Teams in each division will be drawn next
  - Competitive teams will then be drawn and will be balanced as closely as possible
- Select, Athletic, or Competitive?
  - The goal is for each player to play at the correct level of competition.
- Try-out scores are used as a guideline to place children on team
  - We do not aim to put the top 8-10 scorers on the select team
  - Selection is based on a combination of tryout scores and observed basketball & physical skills (3 on 3 station)

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## Leagues

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teams play against other TBird teams
- 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade teams
  - TBirds will sign each team up for 1 league of their choosing
  - We cover the cost of one league, refs, and post season tourney
  - Coach pays for referee fees each game and gets reimbursed at equipment turn in
  - Your team must cover the cost of any additional league
    - You must select the “no home game” option and play all games away
  - Primary Leagues are Metro, McGee’s Courts 4 Sports, Southwestern Ohio, Kingdom, Greater Cincinnati Youth Basketball League

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## *Additional Thunderbird Functions This Year*

- Teams will play at halftime of East and West basketball games
  - Girls at Varsity games and Boys at JV games
- TBird Night @ Xavier Women's Basketball Game
  - Chartered bus available to/from the game
- Team Photos 2nd Week in January
  - all teams asked to participate

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## Fees

- Fee is \$135 per player
  - Covers entry into one league, referee fees, post-season tournament, uniforms, equipment, 1 practice/week, insurance, etc
- Budget based on 10 players / team
  - team fee is \$1,350 per team
- Exceptions
  - Maximum family fee is \$270

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## Practice Times & Game Schedules

- **ALL** gym time will be coordinated by Jaime Colon
  - 860-4599 home 374-2481 cell email: [Jxcolon@roadrunner.com](mailto:Jxcolon@roadrunner.com)
  - 1-1/2 hr practice slot per week
- Home games coordinated (but not scheduled) by Jaime
- Game conflicts which are the result of participation in multiple leagues are the responsibility of the coach/team

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## Schedule Conflicts

- Lakota Schools may preempt your practice if there is a school function.
- **Known conflict** schedule will be posted on Web page and communicated via email
- Make-up practices will be communicated via email
- **Additional conflicts will occur**
  - If conflicts occur:
    - Leave the school
    - Check with Jaime for a make-up time
- **Reminder:**
  - If for some reason there is no school on a given day, the gym is also closed
  - If school is cancelled mid-day (e.g. bad weather) the gym is closed
  - Schools are closed during Christmas break and so are the gyms

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## *Use of Lakota Schools*

- Use of Lakota Schools is a privilege
- TBirds must protect school property
- Coaches must control their teams
  - Discuss & set expectations with players & parents at start of season
  - Keep your players in the gym; supervise restroom breaks
  - No bouncing basketballs in the school lobbies or hallways
  - All visitors, especially siblings, must stay in the gym & be supervised
  - Absolutely no wandering around school facilities is permitted
- Assign a team Parent to help supervise players
- Report any problems to the Coordinator

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## Uniforms & Equipment

- Coordinator is Joe Mills    phone: 265-2303
- Uniforms ordered are based on Assessment/Sign Up data
  - We will collect player size data at sign-ups
  - It's important that every participating player try on the uniforms to ensure correct sizing
- Equipment: each coach gets:
  - 3 basketballs
  - mesh bag
  - score book
  - first aid kit

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## Misc Info

- Web Page: [www.TBirdHoops.org](http://www.TBirdHoops.org)
- Mailing Address: Lakota Thunderbird Youth Basketball  
c/o Renee Williams  
6394 Belmont Park Court  
West Chester, OH 45069

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**Good Luck & Have A Great Year!**

See you on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> for  
Assessments @ Liberty Jr.