

Thunderbird Basketball



Coaches Pre-Season Meeting

for the

2010-2011 Season

23 Years of Community Service



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| • Tina Engel | Web Page | 860-3552 |
| • Bob Leslie | At Large | 266-6521 |
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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.
- Place teams in quality leagues and facilities to provide a successful experience for the players & coaches
- Support Lakota school sports 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.
- Players are not permitted to play concurrently on any other basketball team in the same league(s) as their Thunderbird Team.

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Key Dates for 2010-2011 Season

- Assessments (3rd-6th) Sat Sept 11 Liberty Jr.
 - 8:30am - 11:30am Girls
 - 11:30am - 5:00pm Boys
- Assessments (3rd-6th) Sun Sept 12 Liberty Jr.
 - 1:00pm - 2:00pm Girls
 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm Boys
- Make-up Assessments (3rd-6th) Wed Sept 15 Hopewell Jr.
 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm Boys & Girls
- Tentative team draw dates (coaches must be in attendance to draw teams)
 - 3rd grade: Sept 25-26
 - 4th-6th grade girls: Oct 2-3
 - 4th-6th grade boys: Oct 9-10

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- Coaches contact players to confirm participation
 - Must notify Jamie Colon of any drops. Next available player will be added to your team. In order to assure correct uniform, must provide data no later than:
 - 3rd grade: Oct 3rd
 - 4th-6th grade girls: Oct 10th
 - 4th-6th grade boys: Oct 17th
- Coaches hold team meeting Oct 11-23rd
 - Collect \$135 signup fee
 - Discuss practice, tournament and game plans

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Key Dates for 2010-2011 Season

- Coaches Clinics - Details to be confirmed - Tentative
 - Girls Tuesday Oct 12 7-9pm Location TBD
 - Boys Wednesday Oct 13 7-9pm Location TBD
 - Conducted by East and West varsity coaches

- Equipment pickup Oct 30 9-12 noon Hopewell Jr High
 - Turn in money, signed codes of conduct
 - Pickup uniforms, equipment, final roster, final practice schedule, conflict schedule

- Practices start Nov 3rd (day after election day)

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Sign Ups & Skills Assessment Times for Grades 3-6

Saturday, September 11th, at Liberty Jr.

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

Sunday, September 12th, at Liberty Jr.

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| <u>Girls</u> | 1:00 – 2:00 pm | 3-6 grade |
| <u>Boys</u> | 2:00 – 3:00 pm | 3-4 grade |
| | 3:00 – 4:00 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 | Kevin Martin | 509-5597 | Brian Johnston | 779-4708 |
| 4 | Mike Goldman | 759-0536 | Jim Williams | 777-7102 |
| 5 | Matt Lykins | 777-8931 | Brian Johnston | 779-4708 |
| 6 | John Noyen | 777-6033 | Jim Williams | 777-7102 |
| 7-8 | Mike Goldman | 607-9152 | Janet Habedank | 755-9498 |

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Preliminary Team Count

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Boys</u> | <u>Girls</u> | |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| 3 rd | 10 | 6 | |
| 4 th | 14 | 6 | |
| 5 th | 14 | 6 | |
| 6 th | 14 | 6 | |
| 7 th | 8 | 1 | |
| 8 th | 6 | 1 | |
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| | 64 | 26 | = 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 3rd 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

- 3rd grade Boys, in-house league vs other TBird teams
- 3rd grade Girls, expanded league with Kings
- 4th-6th 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
 - Recommended Leagues are Metro, Courts 4 Sports, Southwestern Ohio, Kingdom, Cincinnati Area Youth Basketball League, Sports Plus

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Additional Thunderbird Functions This Year

- Teams will play at halftime of East and West basketball games
 - Girls at Varsity & JV games, Boys at JV games
- Team Photos 2nd Week in January at Hopewell Jr. High
 - Mandatory team participation
 - Pam Naber will contact you to arrange a photo time

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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
- Ref fees
 - are paid by the coach at each game during the year
 - are refunded at the end of the year when you turn in your eqpt

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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
 - 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
- All communications with League officials is to be through Jaime (ie, complaints, protests, etc.)

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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
- 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 11th for
Assessments @ Liberty Jr.