

Hello Louisburg Wildcat Basketball Families!

This first year in Louisburg has been absolutely outstanding for me and my family. We have really enjoyed getting to know the community and Wildcat family. I know it seems like summer is a long time away, but it is time to start thinking about our summer basketball program. Last summer, we saw teams from 7th grade on up playing in our program. This year, we are trying to extend that program down to 5th grade. Our goal is to build interest in the Wildcat basketball program, and get them playing together early in their career. This is an opportunity for our players to build skills, develop teamwork, and provide an opportunity for all our future players the chance to get better.

My first season as the head boys basketball coach, I have been very impressed with the amount of buy in from our parents and players at the high school, and middle school levels. I am committed to help build a winning basketball program at Louisburg. In order to do that, we have developed an extensive summer basketball program for our players in the community.

First off, there have been rule changes made last year that allow me to work with the kids during the summer. I have put much thought into this and I still want the kids to be kids, but we must find a way to stay on top of the competition. We will be running a team camp this summer with the dates on the back of this sheet. I am expecting every kid who is planning on coming out for basketball to attend this camp. We will also be asking our kids to commit to 4 tournaments this summer. That is only 4 weekends that I am asking you to commit to. This gives you 7 weekends during the summer to enjoy.

I believe that we have some very good coaches in our district and I will be asking for people to help me out in coaching different teams this summer that understand how important the fundamentals are in our program. If you know someone that does not have a kid involved in the program, please let me know so I can speak with them about helping me coach over the summer months. These coaches will be responsible for practice plans and helping implement the philosophies and fundamentals vital to our program's success.

With rising fuel costs and a poor economy, I have made an effort to make our tournaments closer to home. I can also coach in open gyms, so there will be a big effort to make sure the kids are there. This will help us maintain our edge. The schedule for open gym practices are also on the back of this page.

As for the cost for this summer, I did include the 40\$ fee for team camp along with the fee for the summer tournaments. The cost will be \$300 and this covers tournament fees, gear, camp (\$40), camp t-shirt, and coaching fees. **AGAIN, WE CANNOT ADJUST THE PRICE IF YOUR CHILD CAN NOT PLAY IN ALL THE TOURNAMENTS. THEY DO NOT ADJUST OUR COST FOR THE TEAM WHEN WE ONLY HAVE ONE OR TWO PEOPLE NOT PLAYING.** If an injury occurs, we will take that into account. Also, if you have a problem with the expenses, please let me know.

The due date for teams to sign up for MAYB tournaments is May 11th, but I would like to have our teams turned in by the beginning of April. This will give me enough time to set up coaches

for each team, as well as practice times over the summer. I would also like to include that just because you play during the summer, it does not guarantee your child a spot on the team during the regular season. This is simply an opportunity for your child to work on their skills, and develop as a complete player.

Make sure you and your child talk about the commitment they are going to make over the summer. They need to understand if they sign up with a team, they have committed themselves to 4 tournaments over the summer. This will allow an extra 20+ games to improve as individuals. If I turn in a team with seven players and you tell us that you will not be there the week before the tournament, it puts us in a bind. So, please adjust your schedule accordingly. I know this is a big commitment over the summer months, but the rewards will be seen during the next couple of seasons. If individuals become better in the summer, teams become better in the winter.

Lastly, I would like to have a parent and player meeting to discuss summer tournaments, camps, and just get a chance to meet everyone at 7:00 on Wednesday, March 31st. Please try to bring the tournament information and payment that night so I can get our tournament registration mailed to MAYB before May 1st. Thanks again!

Coach Harvey

Schedule for 2010 Summer MAYB Tournaments

June 4th - 6th - Leavenworth MAYB

June 18th – 20th - Ottawa MAYB

June 25th – 27th - Olathe/Shawnee Mission MAYB

July 2nd – 4th – Bonner Springs Make up Tournament for the Freshman going on Freshman Trip.

July 9th – 11th - Lawrence MAYB

***ALL GRADES ARE ACCORDING TO THE 09-10 SCHOOL YEAR!!!**

Open Gym Practice Times: Starting June 1st at the Middle School Gym

9th – 11th Grade: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm – 8pm. (Starting June 7th @H.S)

8th Grade: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3pm – 5pm. (Starting June 7th @H.S)

7th Grade: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm – 3pm. (Starting June 7th @H.S)

5th and 6th Grade: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am – noon. (Starting June 1st at the Middle School Gym)

Camp Dates: June 7th - 11th from 9-11 AM

5th - 6th Grade Camp: 9:00 – 11:00 AM

May 31st - June 4th

9th – 11th Grade Camp: 4 pm - 6 pm

7th & 8th Grade camp 1pm - 3 pm

Vacation Time starting July 11th!!!!

Cost Breakdown:

8 players per team

\$1050 per team MAYB tournament package (no national tournament)

+\$30 per uniform = \$240

+ \$40 for camp per player = \$320

+\$500 coaching fee (Must attend all practices and games)

+\$400 Head Coach fee (Practice schedule, team maintenance, schedule arrangement)

= \$2,510.00 per team. Divide by 8 players on a team

= \$313.75 per player. We have rounded that number out to an even \$300.00 per player to play this summer and attend our camp. Please make checks payable to LHS.

Coaches I have set up at this time: (Grades according to 09-10 School year.)

5th grade team: Coach Harvey (If we don't have enough sign up, we will combine 5th and 6th and play in the 6th grade division.)

6th grade team: ?

7th grade team: Jake Storey (Pittsburg State Sophomore)

8th grade team: Ryan Reed (HS Freshman Coach)

9th-10th grade team: Brian Boeve (HS Asst. Principal)

11th-12th grade team: Doug Key (HS Athletic Director)

If we have at least 14 players signed up for a team, we will split the team into 2 teams. The split will be decided by Coach Harvey. We will only allow 10 players maximum per team. If you are interested in being a coach, please e-mail me at harveyc@usd416.org. Thanks for your commitment to our basketball program, and I look forward to working with each of your sons.



Louisburg High School Summer Tournament Sign up Form

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Player Name: _____ 09-10 Grade: _____

Please circle tournaments you know you can attend. Please remember that we cannot adjust the price of the tournaments if you can't make all four. MAYB does not adjust the price for the 4 tournament package. I need this so I have an idea of the number of players for each team.

Leavenworth/Basehor
June 4th - 6th

Ottawa
June 18th - 20st

Shawnee
June 25th - 27th

Lawrence
July 9th - 11th

Amount Due: \$300 (Please make checks out to LHS)

Waiver: I hereby authorize the Louisburg Summer Basketball Staff to act for me according to their best judgements in any emergency requiring medical attention, and I hereby waive and release the staff from any liability for any injuries or illnesses while at the tournament games or practices. I have no knowledge of any physical impairments that would be affected by the above player's participation in the summer tournaments or practices.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____