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Dear Coach,

Thank you for volunteering your time to coach Youth Basketball with the Rec Dept. Youth basketball is divided into two different divisions: A Junior division for grades 1 & 2 with possible separate boys' teams and girls' teams. And Senior divisions for grades 3, 4, & 5 which will have separate girls' teams and boys' teams. *There will need to be at least 20 girls or boys participating in each division or they will be integrated into coed teams.

As a Coach it is asked that you are at Skills Day to help with accessing players.

Skills Day - Saturday, Nov. 16
Jr 1st Grade Skills Day @ 8:00-8:55am
Jr 2nd Grade Skills Day @ 9:00-9:55am
Sr Boys Skills day @ 10:30-11:30am
Sr Girls Skills Day @ 11:30-12:30pm
At the Wells Elementary Gym

Players will be divided into small groups and go through several drills and stations so that coaches can see their ability level. Coaches will be running each station and evaluating the players. We will meet 10 minutes prior to your group's time on skills day for an informational meeting to go over station skills and scoring. Jr coaches, it would be fantastic if you could stay for both 1st & 2nd grade skills groups, however if you cannot please inform me. It is important that all coaches have input in this process to ensure even teams. The information from coaches along with practice day requests will be utilized to create teams.

Teams will be announced via email and the Rec website on Thursday, November 21

Rosters will be emailed to you and/or you can look them up online at the Rec. website www.wellsrec.org by Thursday, Nov. 21. An email will be sent to all participants with the team lists; however, I encourage you to contact your team, inform them of who you are, your team's name and color, practice days and times, so everyone has the correct information.

All teams will meet with coaches on Saturday, Nov. 23 at their designated time. Jr teams will be at either 8:00am or 9:00am. Sr teams will be at either 10:15am, 11:15am or 12:15pm. Coaches will hand out team t-shirts and game schedules, then practice with their team.

Practices will start the week of November 25. Jr teams on Tuesdays or Thursdays @ 4:00-5:00pm and Senior teams on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursdays @ 5:00-6:00pm. Coach's choice on days; please inform me of what day you would like for practice.

Junior Coaches - Juniors will be using hoops lowered to 8.5'-9', a slightly smaller intermediate size ball, and have practice on Tuesdays or Thursdays @ 4:00-5:00pm. The limited choices on practice dates are so that all the Jr. teams can practice together. I will run some ball handling and dribbling drills with all the teams at the beginning of practices; then coaches can work on other skills with their team. Games will be 4 on 4 on the side hoop courts, on Saturdays at either 8:00 or 9:00am. Saturdays in December Junior teams will warm up/practice together then play a 30-minute game. In January and February Junior teams will have 10 minutes of team warm then play 45-minute game. Please look at the enclosed team colors and college team list and let me know what you would like to be.

Senior Coaches – Senior teams use the regulation 10' hoop, a women's size ball, and play full court 5v5 games. Practices are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays @ 5:00-6:00pm (coach's choice on days). Please tell me what day you would like to hold practice on. The games will be Saturdays at 10:15am, 11:15am, 12:15pm or 1:15pm. Please look at the enclosed team colors and NBA/WNBA team list and let me know what you would like to be.

Enclosed is a coach's application, background check, coach's packet, practice schedule, and potential team color & name choices. If you have not coached for Wells Rec. within this school year, please fill out the coach's application and return it to me via email, dropping it off at the Rec office, or bring it with you on your skills day. If you are coaching with someone, please inform me prior to November 16th; if you are looking to coach with someone we will try and match you up with someone. Make sure to contact me with your choice of practice day, team color, and team name; first come first choice.

If you have any questions, please contact me either at the Rec. office 646-5826 or on my cell phone 251-8213 or email me at mwallace_rec@yahoo.com.

Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,
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