



BUFFALO SKYWALKERS YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Warm Springs Community Wellness Center
541-553-3243



October 11, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in our 3rd year of Buffalo Skywalker. We are working hard to bring you and your child(ren) the highest quality program that we can. In our initial meeting our Buffalo Skywalker planning committee did a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis of last year's program and identified a number of objectives for this year's program.

This year's objectives for coaches and practices:

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| 1) Shooting – Form and lay-ups | 4) Defense – Learning proper man-to-man |
| 2) Ball Handling – No double dribbles or travels | 5) Basic plays – Give & Go, Pick & Roll, Back door cuts and in bounds |
| 3) Passing – Proper passing technique | 6) Basketball Conditioning |

Practices will run from November 13, 2017 – December 14 and the practice schedule will go as follows:

Grades 2 – 4 (All-Stars)	Mon.-Wed.	3:40 PM – 5:00 PM
Grades 5-7 (MVP)	Mon.-Wed.	4:40 PM – 6:00 PM
Grades K-1 (Rookies)	Mon.-Wed.	5:40 PM – 7:00 PM

There will be a basketball camp during Thanksgiving break (Nov. 20-22, 2017). Throughout this month we will have scrimmage days on Thursdays. Scrimmage times will go as follows:

Grades 2 – 4 (All-Stars)	Thursday	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Grades 5-7 (MVP)	Thursday	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Grades K-1 (Rookies)	Thursday	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

There will also be a ball handling basketball camp December 26-28th during Christmas break. After Christmas break, we will resume practice January 3rd and

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regularly scheduled games will start January 8. **Games will be every other week.** During weeks where there are no games, we will still do practices Monday-Wednesday at the same times and age group break downs described above.

Rookies will play on Mondays, All-Stars on Tuesdays, MVP's on Wednesdays and 8th grade and up will play on Thursdays. **Game schedules will come out at the end of December** when we find out how many teams we have.

Blazer Game: Last year's Blazer game trip was a huge success but unfortunately, we cannot depend on that funding to buy our tickets this year (but **we are** still trying to work on it). However, we plan and having two fundraisers between now and March 2018 to raise money so we can take the kids who participate in the program to another Blazer game in April or May. **Parent chaperones this year will be limited to those parents who volunteer to coach.** We have been able to pull off the last two years without volunteer coaches but in order for this program to grow, **we need more parent participation.**

We are planning to support coaches as much as can this year, so if you have never coached, do not be afraid to volunteer. We plan on doing weekly goals and objectives for coaches to help guide their teams based on our 6 skill objectives.

Plan on seeing a more organized program this year, but remember, we can still use your help. It is difficult to run this program for free, where most places charge fees for programs like this. We don't just need coaching volunteers, so if you are interested in signing up to be any kind of volunteer this season contact Tatum, Joe or Satch at the Community Wellness Center at 541-553-3243.

Registration available at the Community Wellness Center, please turn in to Edna at the Center no later than November 10, 2017.

We will also be holding a **parent meeting/mass registration event on Wednesday, October 18, 2017** at 5:15 pm for K-4th grade and 6:00 for 5th-12th graders in the Social Hall at the Community Wellness Center. Parents with children in more than one grade can attend either meeting. Thank you!

Buffalo Skywalker Staff