

STARZZ Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of STARZZ Basketball is to provide an opportunity for our young people to develop and improve their basketball skills, as well as their personal development. Through basketball, our young people will learn valuable lessons about teamwork, discipline, respect, hard work and the value of making good decisions through participation in competitive sports.



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19 DAYS!

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CORRECTION: In the February 15, 2010 issue of the STARZZ Newsletter, on page 3, in the 12U Lady STARZZ team photo, Dejhana Butler's name was misspelled as Dejjama Butler.



From The Program Director

In nineteen days, STARZZ Basketball, the 2010 girls edition, will begin season play at the Austin Lady Magic Invitational Tournament in Round Rock, Texas. The boys team will follow a couple of weeks later in Austin. This is what most of our players have been waiting for since we concluded Season One in July of last year.

This year, there will be many changes, mostly in the number of teams and participants. Most notable will be the addition of several new girls teams. Two fifth grade girls teams have been added to the original sixth grade team. We have also added a girls 7th grade team, allowing last year's 6th graders to play at the 7th grade level. We will also have several 6th graders playing on this team who were 5th graders on last year's very successful 6th grade team.

Changes in the boys side will be the addition of a boys 5th and 6th grade team or a combine 5th/6th grade team. We did not have a 6th grade boys team last year. On Tuesday, we will have tryouts for a 7th/8th grade boys team. Lastly, we are hoping our returning 8th graders from last year are ready to join a new 9th-10th grade JV team. In just one year, our program and number of participants will have doubled.

To all of our returning players, parents, volunteers, and supporters from last year, you can be proud of the program which you helped to create. Sadly to say, we have players and parents who chose not to return to our program this year, we wish them well.

Welcome to all of our new players, parents, volunteers, and supporters to STARZZ Basketball and thank you for putting your trust in our program. This promises to be a very exciting season. We have a lot work to do this year. The next six months will be filled with practices, games, long weekends, illnesses and injuries, conflicting schedules, school work, fundraisers, and other outside commitments. These are not showstoppers, just distractions that are to be expected ... we will work through them and have a very successful season.



In other news, Mrs. Phyllis Milner, for the second straight year, showed her generous support for STARZZ Basketball with a monetary donating of \$350. These donation will be used to purchase new uniforms for our new 5th and 6th grade girls teams. It is through the generosity of individuals such as Mrs. Milner that enables us to accomplish our goals.

A tentative schedule is located on page 4. Remember, this is only tentative, and I can assure you that there will be some changes.

7th Grade Girls Tryouts Held On February 26



On Friday, February 26, tryouts for the 7th and 8th grade girls teams were conducted at the Copperas Cove YMCA. Several new STARZZ will be combined with the returnees from last years 6th grade team. We hope, as with all our teams, a great season for this group of girls.

Lady STARZZ 10U ... Perfect 10-0



Front Row: Coach Charles Lyons Back Row: Victoria Troy, Courtney Woodburn, Oni Boodoo, Jenna Ramos, Jasmin Lyons, Kaitlyn Reiland, Alexica Johnson, Zamira Triplett, Trina Canion

DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN 10-0

The Lady STARZZ 10U girls team finished the regular season at 10-0 in the Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation League. The Lady STARZZ went 8-0 during the regular season and 2-0 in the end-of-season tournament. The Lady STARZZ were coached by Charles Lyons and assisted by Jasmin Lyons.

Lady STARZZ 12U ... Take 2d Place



REGULAR SEASON AND END-OF-SEASON RUNNERUPS

The Lady STARZZ 12U girls basketball team finished the regular season at 6-3 in the Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation League. The Lady STARZZ went 5-2 during the regular season and 1-1 in the end-of-season tournament. The Lady STARZZ 12U were coached by Dorothy Lyons and assisted by Jasmin Lyons.

Lady STARZZ Basketball

We're Back!

2010 SCHEDULE

Tentative and subject to change!

- Mar 27-28** Austin Lady Magic Tournament
Round Rock, Texas (Girls Only)
- Apr 10-11** MAYB – Tournament
Georgetown, Texas (All)
- Apr 17-18** CYSS – Month of Military Child
Fort Hood, Texas (All)
- May 1-2** Cen-Tex Basketball Championships
Copperas Cove – Texas (All)
- May 15-16** MAYB/ATX Slamma Jamma
Austin, Texas (All)
- Jun 5-6** MAYB – Liberty Hill
Liberty Hill, Texas (All)
- Jun 25-26** Howard Davis Tournament
Big Spring, Texas (Girls)
- Central Texas Shootout
Burnet, Texas (Boys)
- Jul 9-11** Battle on the Brazos (NCAA Live)
Waco, Texas (HS Boys)
- Jul 10-11** Tournament TBA
Location TBA (All HS Boys)
- Jul 23-25** MAYB State Tournament
San Antonio, Texas (All)
- Aug 5-8** MAYB Nationals
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (Girls)
Wichita, Kansas (Boys)

This is a tentative schedule and changes could occur as additional tournament opportunities become available.



The nucleus of our 6th grade girls team from last year will be returning for their second season. This team won six tournaments last year and were runner-ups in two. Pictured on the bottom row is Pria Johnson, Twillea Shipman, and Alexis Dukes. Second row is Jalynn Bonner, Rachelle Allen, and Lapraisjah Johnson. The team was coached last year by Debbie Hicks and Dorothy Lyons.

New STARZZ!

Welcome ... New Lady STARZZ!



WEBSITES

These are two very good websites filled with very valuable information pertaining to youth basketball. The information includes training videos and other interactive training materials. Also, there is a wealth of information for the parents. Take a moment to visit these websites and make them part of your basketball routine.



<http://www.weplay.com/youth-basketball>



<http://www.ihoops.com>



STARZZ Basketball is on FACEBOOK at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/STARZZ-Basketball/110231492669?v=wall&viewas=10000140591471>. You can also go to the FACEBOOK page from the MENU on the website. Please join FACEBOOK and enjoy STARZZ Basketball updates and networking.



STARZZ Basketball pictures are on FLICKR at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ccstarzz09>. You can also go to the FLICKR page from the MENU on the website.



PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Remember the Golden Rule

Always treat your teammates, coaches, opponents and officials the way you would like to be treated. That means respect, dignity, and sportsmanship at all times.

2. Be a Good Support

Play fair. Be a leader. Set the example. Rise above poor behavior. Have fun.

3. Practice the Fundamentals

Master the basketball basics. Practice each of the fundamentals – dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding and defense.

4. Listen to Your Coach

Coaches volunteer their own time to work with your team. Don't waste that time. If you're on the team, your job is to listen attentively to the coach.

5. Be Patient with Your Teammates

Every player has strengths and weaknesses. Be patient with your teammates as they improve their games. Basketball is a team sport. Success can only come when the entire team plays well together.

6. Learn The Rules

Read the rule book. You can't claim to "know the game" if you don't know the rules.

7. Never Question an Official

Officials do not care who wins and they have no favorite players. Officials want nothing more than a game that is fair and safe. And that's no easy job. Make it easier by not talking back to an official.

8. Play Hard

Hustle never goes out of style. Coaches love players who try a little harder on defense, jump a little higher for rebounds, and dive a little more for those loose balls.

9. Include Your Parents

Your parents want to see you succeed. Let them into your basketball world, but remind them there are ups and downs and your goal is to have fun.

10. Have Fun

It's a simple concept. Win or lose, try to enjoy every moment on the court.

Upcoming Events



7th – 8th Boys Tryouts **Camp Triumph Gym**

March 10, 2010 6:00 – 8:00 pm
1203 Pecan Cove (Behind Skateworld)
Copperas Cove, Texas



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Lady Magic Invitational
March 27 – 28, 2010
Round Rock, Texas



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Central Texas Basketball
Championships
May 1-2, 2010
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MAYB/ATX Slamma Jamma IV
May 15-16, 2010
Copperas Cove, Texas

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second and fourth Friday
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STARZZ Basketball Magazine Fundraiser **Up to 80% Savings**



STARZZ Basketball's online fundraising store has over 650 of the most popular magazine titles at up to 85% off newsstands prices. Purchase or renew your favorite magazine subscriptions and 40% of your purchase will go directly to our cause!

Get exceptional savings on magazines and the opportunity to support a great cause! Here's how you can help:

1. Click on "Access Our Team Magazine Store" on the STARZZ Basketball website at www.leaguelineup.com/starzz to visit the STARZZ Online Magazine Store. You will be able to select from a variety of over 650 of the most popular magazine titles at savings of up to 85% off newsstand prices.
2. You can renew your favorite magazine subscriptions, subscribe to new magazines, or give gift subscriptions to friends, relatives, and/or business associates.
3. 40% of your purchases will benefit STARZZ Basketball!
4. You can also help by inviting others whom you think would be interested in helping our cause by purchasing magazine subscriptions online at great savings. Simply go to the "Invite Friends and Family" box at the bottom of the Home page.

Thank you .. STARZZ Basketball