

# HOOPS HEADLINER

**2008-2009**

RIVER FALLS YOUTH BOYS BASKETBALL INC.

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Let's play basketball! Several exciting changes have been planned. First and Second grade boys will learn and practice the fundamentals of basketball in the **Super Saturdays Program**. Third and Fourth grade players will participate in the **Mini-NBA**. Mini-NBA teams will also play during halftime at some RFHS Wildcat and UWRF Falcons games. Fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade boys will participate in the traveling program. They will play in weekend (Saturday only) tournaments in West Central Wisconsin and Eastern Minnesota.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Mon, Nov. 3, 10, 17 & 24** – “Big Mondays” begin on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the High School with the remaining dates at Meyer Middle School (MMS) and Greenwood Elementary. See Attached Schedule for Times

**Sat, Dec. 6** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders – Skills session begins at River Falls Academy (RFA), Lower Gym.  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Graders – Mini NBA Team Assignments, Practice and Clinic for Players and Coaches at MMS. 9:00 to 11:30a.m.

**Mon, Dec. 1** - RFYBB Annual Meeting - MMS Auditorium at 6:15 p.m. Open to all to attend.  
5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Traveling Parents Meeting - MMS Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

**Sat, Dec. 13** – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Graders Mini-NBA Games Begin at the RFA, Upper Gym  
3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> Graders **Photo Day** at RFA – times TBA

**Mon, Dec. 22 to Jan. 2** – No Activities Scheduled for River Falls Youth Boys Basketball

**Sat., Jan. 24** – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Traveling Tournament and Fundraising Raffle at RFHS

**Sat., Jan. 31** – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Traveling Tournament at RFHS

**Sat., Feb. 14** – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Mini-NBA In-House Tournament at RFA

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## **SUPER SATURDAYS**

**(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) – STARTS DEC. 6**

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program teaches the fundamentals of basketball, including dribbling, passing and shooting. Sessions are held at the River Falls Academy Lower Gym on Saturday mornings starting December 6<sup>th</sup>, running through January. The 1<sup>st</sup> Grade session runs from 9:00 to 10:00 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade session runs from 10:00 to 11:00. The instruction emphasizes that the philosophy at this level is to learn, improve and to have fun!

## **BIG MONDAYS**

**(3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) – NOV. 3, 10, 17 and 24**

The Monday night instruction program will focus on fundamentals including dribbling, passing, shooting, ball handling, and defense. The first session for all grades will be at the High School on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The remaining 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sessions will be held at Greenwood Elementary and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sessions will be held at Meyer Middle School. **Carry shoes into the gym, bring a ball and be ready to play.** Please see the attached schedule for times.

## **MINI-NBA**

### **Saturday Morning Program (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade)**

In-house Mini NBA leagues for boys in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade begin with team assignments, team practice and a clinic on **Saturday, Dec. 6th at 9:00 a.m. at Meyer Middle School**. Carry shoes, bring a ball and be ready to play. This clinic includes Coach Gaulke and the boys' varsity team demonstrating their skills and practice methods. From 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. will be a Rules Clinic. Practices will be held on Monday nights at Meyer Middle School, Greenwood Elementary School or Westside Elementary School from 6:00 to 7:30 beginning Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Games are played on Saturday mornings starting Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at the River Falls Academy Upper Gym.

## **TRAVELING**

### **Traveling Basketball (5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys begin their traveling tournament schedule in January. An emphasis is placed on equal playing time for all participants.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys begin traveling basketball as soon as their school season is completed. Tournaments will start in January. Equal playing time is no longer guaranteed in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, but everyone will play in each game. More emphasis is placed on winning, but not at the expense of the other goals of the organization: to play hard, learn and to have fun.

**Parents (Grades 5-8) of traveling participants are expected to attend an informational meeting on Monday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Meyer Middle School Auditorium.**

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Open, Mini-NBA Concessions  
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### **A Message from Coach Gaulke:**

Wildcat Basketball is a program that I strongly believe in. When you believe in something you put your time and effort into it. This is what the RFYBB Association, coaches, volunteers, parents, players and many more people do – Believe in Wildcat Basketball and what it does. From Varsity level winning, to the foundation at which it starts in grade school programs. It is a model program where everyone grades 1 – 12 work together for the player and total program.

I again want to say thank you to everyone involved in Wildcat Basketball. I look forward to another great year of basketball at all levels. Enjoy your son, cherish the memories and have fun!  
WILDCAT BASKETBALL – WE LOVE IT! GO CATS!!

Yours in basketball,  
*Coach Gaulke*

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**If you have any questions about any of our programs, please call RFYBB President, Gregg Ambur @ 426-2059 or send an email to [gtambur@comcast.net](mailto:gtambur@comcast.net) .**

**RFYBB is looking for volunteers to help. Please call RFYBB President, Gregg Ambur @ 426-2059 or send an email to [gtambur@comcast.net](mailto:gtambur@comcast.net) .**