

HOOPS HEADLINER

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RIVER FALLS YOUTH BOYS BASKETBALL INC.

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Let's play basketball! There are a couple of big changes this year. We will mix in some A & B tournaments at the 7th & 8th grade levels. Also our traveling teams will only participate in Great Northwest and MYAS sanctioned tournaments this year. There will be no "independent" tournaments. This will step up the quality of play for our traveling teams. 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. 2, 9, 16 & 23 – "Big Mondays" begin on Nov. 2nd at the High School with the remaining dates at Meyer Middle School (MMS) and Greenwood Elementary. See Attached Schedule for Times
Sat, Dec. 5 – 1st & 2nd Graders – Skills session begins at River Falls Academy (RFA), Lower Gym.
3rd & 4th Graders – Mini NBA Team Assignments, Practice and Clinic for Players and Coaches at MMS. 9:00 to 11:30a.m.

Mon, Nov. 30- RFYBB Annual Meeting - MMS Gym at 6:15 p.m. Open to all to attend.
5th – 8th Grade Traveling Parents Meeting - MMS Gym at 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Dec. 12 – 3rd & 4th Graders Mini-NBA Games Begin at the RFA, Upper Gym
3rd thru 8th Graders **Photo Day** at RFA – times TBA

Mon, Dec. 23 to Jan. 3 – No Activities Scheduled for River Falls Youth Boys Basketball. Individual traveling coaches may have optional practices TBD.

Sat., Jan. 23 – 7th & 8th Grade Boys' Traveling Tournament and Fundraising Raffle at RFHS

Sat., Jan. 30 – 5th & 6th Grade Boys' Traveling Tournament at RFHS

Sat., Feb. 13 – 3rd & 4th Grade Mini-NBA In-House Tournament at RFA

SUPER SATURDAYS

(1st & 2nd Grade) – STARTS DEC. 5

The 1st & 2nd 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 5th, running through February. The 1st Grade session runs from 9:00 to 10:00 and the 2nd 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

(3rd - 6th Grade) – NOV. 2, 9, 16 and 23

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. 2nd. The remaining 3rd @ 6-7PM & 4th @ 7-8PM Sessions will be held at Greenwood Elementary and 5th @ 6-7:15PM & 6th @ 7:15-8:30PM 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 (3rd & 4th grade)

In-house Mini NBA leagues for boys in 3rd & 4th grade begin with team assignments, team practice and a clinic on **Saturday, Dec. 5th 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 Academy School from 6:00 to 7:30 beginning Dec. 7th. Games are played on Saturday mornings starting Dec. 12th at the River Falls Academy Upper Gym.

TRAVELING

Traveling Basketball (5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grade)

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

The 7th and 8th 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 7th and 8th 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, Nov. 30th at 6:30 p.m. at Meyer Middle School Gym.

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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

If you have any questions about any of our programs or would like to volunteer, please call RFYBB President, Hal Gakeler @ 381-8372 or send an email to Hal.Gakeler@analog.com