

BECOME A PART OF AUSTIN WILDCATS BASKETBALL!

The Spring/Summer 2010 Select Basketball season is approaching and the Austin Wildcats Basketball Organization is seeking talented and hardworking players from the Austin, Hays, Dripping Springs and Lake Travis areas. We are looking forward to another amazing season!

JUNIOR TRYOUTS:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH and 13TH

6th Grade Boys: 1:00 to 3:00 at Covington MS

4th and 5th Grade Boys: 3:30 to 5:30 at Covington MS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH and 23RD

4th to 6th Grade Girls: 8:00 to 10:00 at Covington MS

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRYOUTS:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH and 23RD

7th and 8th Grade Girls: 10:00 to 12:30 at Covington MS

7th Grade Boys: 12:30 to 2:00 at Covington MS

8th Grade Boys: 2:00 to 4:30 at Covington MS

COACHES:

Although the primary functions of our Organization is run by volunteers, we also employ student intern coaches from the University of Texas and Texas State as well as some amazing professional coaches.



AUSTIN WILDCAT PROGRAMS:

- Fundamental Academy 4th and 5th
- Preparatory Academy 6th, 7th, and 8th
- Extreme Academy 5th to 11th
- Elite Academy 7th and 8th
- Select Teams Grades 5th to Varsity
- Invitational Basketball Leagues
- Summer Mini-Camps

TRYOUT COST:

The cost is \$25.00 due at the first tryout session. Cost includes both sessions

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MISSION STATEMENT:

To prepare kids to play competitive basketball in Middle and High School and to compete in life after basketball.



ABOUT US:

The Austin Wildcat Basketball Organization was started in the Spring of 1999 by a handful of parents to give our kids and the children of Austin an alternative to select basketball, but still ensuring that all participants have the skills to play basketball competitively in Middle and High School. The Wildcats is a preparatory program with a focus on player development and not tournament victories. Currently, the program includes kids from a wide range of public and private schools in the greater Austin and surrounding area.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: Does the Wildcat Program only take the best and most athletic players? **A:** No, the Austin Wildcats Organization is built on giving kids opportunities and has developed Academy Programs for kids at all levels. We do not cut kids! Tryouts are for program and team placement and not for player exclusion.

Q: Who gets to play on the Austin Wildcat Select teams? **A:** It is our goal to provide the opportunity for as many children as possible to participate in select tournaments. This year, we would like to form 2 or 3 teams at each age/gender level. Those not chosen to play on one of the tournament teams will be given the opportunity to develop in our Academy Programs.

Q: What are the costs to participate in Wildcats? **A:** One of our primary goals as an organization is to keep program cost manageable for parents. You will find that our fees are similar or even much less than those for other basketball programs or select sports. Financial assistance is available for those in need.

Q: If my child is chosen to participate on a select team, how many tournaments will he/she play in and how much travel is involved? **A:** The number of tournaments a team will play is exclusively up to the availability of the players on the team. In past years, some teams have participated in up to 12 tournaments and others a few as 3 or 4. Most teams will play local tournaments in the central Texas area; Cedar Park, Georgetown, Austin, San Marcos and San Antonio.



Q: If my child is not chosen to play select, what opportunities are available for him/her? **A:** Those not chosen to play select will be invited to participate in the Academy program that we believe is the best fit. As players develop they are moved up in programs or on to select teams. The Academy coaches take pride in moving kids up and seeing them reach their goals.

Q: What if my child wants to play other sports? **A:** We do not believe that kids should have to choose “a sport” before they are ready to do so themselves. Kids who play other select sports are more than welcome to participate in our Academy Programs and on our Select teams, if invited. The size of the Wildcat Program allows us to have the flexibility other programs do not have.

Q: What if my child wants to play on another select basketball team at the same time? **A:** We have a simple rule about this: When a conflict comes up (and it will), we must be your first choice...If not, your child may practice, but will be considered an alternate and will only play when a team is short players.

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For Additional Questions, please email: AustinWildcats@gmail.com
